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**ORI 2008:  
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# Safety, positive attitudes and proper preparation keys to successful ORI

*Editors note: Col. Tim Tarchick was interviewed shortly after returning from the ORI by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch from the 934th Public Affairs Office. Following is a transcript of that interview.*

**Q. COLONEL TARCHICK, FOR THE ENTIRE 934TH AND 910TH AIRLIFT WINGS, THE ORI BECAME SOMEWHAT OF AN ALL CONSUMING EVENT. LOOKING BACK, HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS THE PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR AND GOING THROUGH THE INSPECTION?**

**A.** I am very pleased with the Youngstown and Minneapolis partnership over the past eighteen months. We share the same work ethic, same airframe and the same determination to win. Some Wings went to an ORI paired up with an active-duty or Air National Guard Wing with different airframes. They had one arm tied behind their back before they even got there.

We were like-minded from day one. It truly was a force multiplier. I am very thankful to the 910 AW and the leadership of Colonel McGregor. We were truly parallel the entire journey. It wasn't A shift and B shift. It was the 922nd AEW.

From the beginning of the ORI planning process, I wanted all of us to have some fun. It is important to take the ORI seriously but, in the grand scheme of life, it is not the most important thing. We kicked off the ORI with a high energy, upbeat Commanders' Call. I wanted it to be different from the usual 'This is what we have to do' Commanders Calls. People had fun with the music, lights and high-fiving.

**Q. THE WING PREPARED FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME. DID IT TURN OUT TO BE ENOUGH; TOO MUCH?**

**A.** In the words of others, this ORI, overall, was less difficult than the ORE. We were well-prepared. It could be argued that we over-prepared. But by being as well prepared as we could be, it paid off. As I have said before, a football

team doesn't train to win a game three to nothing. They train and prepare to dominate the game.

The 'Just in Time' training was great. I knew it was important, but

I didn't realize just how important until I spoke to people during the inspection. Folks said they were quizzed about certain procedures by the IG and were very happy they had that last-minute refresher. That training really paid off.

**Q. WERE THERE ANY SURPRISES DURING THE INSPECTION?**

**A.** When the inspectors arrived, they could see that we were ready to go. They knew this is a much-awarded wing so the expectations were high. Then "Murphy" hit, big time. In all of our eighteen months of planning, how do you plan to overcome a blizzard on the last day of March? You don't. It's called the "Fog of War." Everybody's attitude was terrific. We got through it safely. On day one, in a blinding snowstorm, going through three de-icing trucks, we launched ten airplanes. It was phenomenal.

**Q. WHAT PLEASED YOU THE MOST ABOUT THE ORI?**

**A.** I am most pleased about SPA. Safety, positive attitude. You never know how people are going to react to working twelve to fifteen hours per day, being in chem gear for hours, not getting their sleep and it's 78 degrees outside.

I never heard anything about bad attitudes on either shift. Although I am not surprised, I am happy that everyone



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# ARPC now sending U.S. flags to retiring reservists

By Master Sgt. J.C. Woodring  
Air Reserve Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

(AFPN) Honoring retiring reservists with an American flag just got easier through a centralized process at the Air Reserve Personnel Center here.

ARPC officials now purchase and distribute the flags for all reservists who request one for their retirement.

Flags used to cost units nearly \$20 each and took between three and six months to get, but through the new process, the cost drops to \$12 and will be sent with retirement orders, which is projected to save the Air Force Reserve about \$60,000 annually.

The initial shipment of flags arrived here Apr. 4 allowing a backlog of 1,400-plus reservists to have their flags sent to them.

"It took us a bit longer than we anticipated to get the purchasing started and the initial shipment to arrive," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Beaudry, noncommissioned officer in charge of outbound support at ARPC, but "the flags are on their way."

Each of the more than 8,000 reservists approved for retirement since the virtual Personnel Center - Guard and Reserve retirement program was launched in July 2006 has been provided an opportunity to request one.

Before January, ARPC would provide flags only to Airmen in the individual mobilization augmentee, participating individual ready reserve and nonparticipating reserve categories. The flags were sent to a Colorado senator in Washington who would send them directly to the Airmen. Sometimes it would

not make it to reservists before their retirement ceremonies, Sergeant Beaudry said.

Through the new process, Airmen will receive their flags well before their scheduled ceremony, he said.

"Everyone deserves to have their flag on time," he said.

The flags are sent in a package that includes a letter from the Lt. Gen. John Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, certificates, retirement lapel pin, an informal letter to provide information regarding retirement and the ever important retirement orders. The retirement order is e-mailed when it's complete, and a hard copy is sent in the complete package.

While the team was waiting for the first shipment of flags to arrive, they continued to send the orders and other documents as they became available and kept the reservists' names on a list to send them a flag as soon as they arrived.

"Now that the backlog is taken care of, we will be able to send the flags out in the retirement package as soon as we get the approval notification," Sergeant Beaudry said.

All Airmen are entitled to receive a flag in honor of their retirement. To request a flag be sent from ARPC, Airmen simply must select "yes" on the "Would you like a U.S. Flag?" question within the vPC-GR retirement application.

Once the retirement is approved, Sergeant Beaudry and his team now automatically process the package.

For more information, call the Air Reserve Contact Center at 800-525-0102.



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Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

## **On the cover**

**Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, high fives SMSgt. Dale Place, 27 APS, upon the sergeant's return from the Operational Readiness Inspection.**

## **THIS JUST IN!**

**The IG inspection results have been announced and the 934th has been declared combat ready!**

**The ORI is over, we are not going back.**



# SFS learns new self-defense techniques

**Story and photo by  
Senior Airman Josh Moshier  
Staff Writer**

As new and unique threats emerge in the world today, gone are the days where officers of the law could be relatively certain the techniques they were taught in academies will be sufficient in defending themselves against any aggressor they encounter.

The 934th Security Forces Squadron answered that concern by offering its members training in the self-defense discipline known as Krav Maga, that emphasizes improvised, intuitive strikes in realistic scenarios one could encounter while being attacked.

The brain-child of Imi Lichtenfeld, a soldier who fought to create the independent state of Israel during the World War II era, Krav Maga is the official art of self-defense for the Israeli government. It has developed a niche in the culture of United States law enforcement over the past two decades.

"You just never know what skills someone is going to have when you have to defend yourself," said Staff Sgt. Paul

Keyes, 934 SFS officer. "Krav Maga is just one more thing we can use to protect ourselves in those situations."

Eleven squadron members took part in an extensive seven-hour seminar at the fitness center Feb. 27. Avi Moyal, one of only four expert level Krav Maga trainers in the world, lectured and demonstrated self-defense practices to the group covering situations ranging from crowd control to facing an aggressor who has a weapon. The training proved to be eye-opening and educational for those in attendance.

"These aren't exact techniques," said Master Sgt. Michael Bier, 934 SFS quality control. "It was more about how to react to certain situations you may encounter and to help us understand different ways to do things so we're more able to react to those situations."

Master Sgt. Michael Ross, 934 SFS training manager, said the origins of Krav Maga gave that type of training and lecture more credibility than other defense and martial arts many officers may have tried or considered.

"These are techniques that were developed from real-life experiences on the battlefield," Sergeant Ross said. "Israel has been in an almost constant state of war, and as their soldiers would react to situations differently on the battlefield, they would report their effectiveness when they returned."

Armed with that knowledge, Sergeant Ross said that's what makes Krav Maga so compatible with the responsibilities asked of Air Force security forces members.

"Whether you're sitting on gate duty here or dealing with any of the stuff going on over in Iraq, you might find yourself in a situation

you've never encountered where you're going to have to be able to react quickly to defend yourself," he said. "If someone at the gate gets angry and wants to hurt you, the first thing you need to do is protect yourself. Krav Maga is a practice of what's worked in similar situations in the past."

Moving forward, Sergeant Ross said that though funding such training is an issue, he'll continue to look for more like opportunities to train the 934 SFS to make them a more complete, and safe, defense force for the 934th Airlift Wing. For those who attended the Krav Maga training, future opportunities are welcomed and anticipated.

## **KRAV-MAGA: A HISTORY**

Literally translated, Krav Maga means "contact fighting" in Hebrew. Its roots are part sport and part street-fighting, though its purpose is purely self-defense.

The technique was created by Imi Lichtenfeld, a champion gymnast, boxer and wrestler from Bratislava, Slovakia. Lichtenfeld honed his skills in the 1930s while defending himself and Jewish friends from anti-Semitic groups then terrorizing the city. These confrontations helped define the difference between sport and street-fighting for Lichtenfeld and gave birth to the principles of Krav Maga.

When Nazi Germany overtook Lichtenfeld's homeland in 1940, he fled to join a paramilitary organization known as Haganah, which fought to create the country now known as Israel. During this time, Lichtenfeld began sharing his knowledge with soldiers. When Israel became an independent state in 1948, he was asked to develop an official self-defense system, which soon came to be known as Krav Maga.

Lichtenfeld refined the techniques of Krav Maga from experience on the battlefield. After retiring from military duty, he continued to adjust Krav Maga to apply it to self-defense in day-to-day life.



**Master Sgt. Michael Ross, 934th SFS training manager, demonstrates on a fellow Airman.**



# From Vietnam to Iraq:

## Senior Chaplain to retire, joined wing in September 1995

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams  
Staff Writer

A career that spanned four decades, two wars, numerous deployments and resulted in changed lives of military members across the globe, will end when Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Perry, 934th Airlift Wing senior wing chaplain, retires May 4.

Chaplain Perry entered basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in January 1969 and was assigned as an F-100 aircraft crew chief at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., until his deployment to the 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Phan Rang Air Base, Vietnam in June 1970 where he was promoted to Sergeant. Having been Airman of the Month, Safety Man of the Month and Crew Chief of the Month, he was nominated for Airman of the Year for Pacific Air Forces.

Upon returning from Vietnam in June 1971, Sergeant Perry was assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., where he set up an aircraft records section for the first A-7D Corsairs delivered to the Air Force.

"I worked hard and it paid off," Chaplain Perry said. "I had a tough childhood and wanted to feel like I was somebody. When I joined the Air Force, for once in my life I felt accepted and had a chance to feel like I had value. The Air Force rewards you for your performance. I was performance orientated and I thrived on that."

His first Air Force career ended when his enlistment expired in January 1973 after four years of active duty.

"I got out thinking life would be even better on the outside, but found it not to be so. After a little over six months, I tried to get back on active duty, but couldn't get back in, because I had passed the six month time period allowed to re-enter. I was told that I could go into the guard or the reserve but was

not interested at that time."

As a civilian, he managed a baseball batting cage in Coney Island, N.Y., worked on the Alaska pipeline and worked as an electrician in Alaska. In 1978, while living in Alaska, a head-on collision with a pickup truck dramatically helped turn his life around.

"Standing on the highway that

was a new man and would never be the same again."

That decision eventually led to the ministry, and a return to the military as a chaplain. After earning bachelor's degrees in Christian education and bible from Northwest Bible College in Minot, N.D., he earned his Master's of Divinity from the School of Theology in Cleveland, Tenn.

"I needed to go back into the military," he said. "I remembered how messed up I had been and also knew there were others as messed up as I was. I wanted to help. That was 30 years ago, April 1978."

He reentered the military as an Army Reserve chaplain in 1988 and transferred to the 934th Airlift Wing in September 1995.

He was at Wing Chaplain School at Maxwell AFB, Miss., on Sept. 11, 2001 when he received word of the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

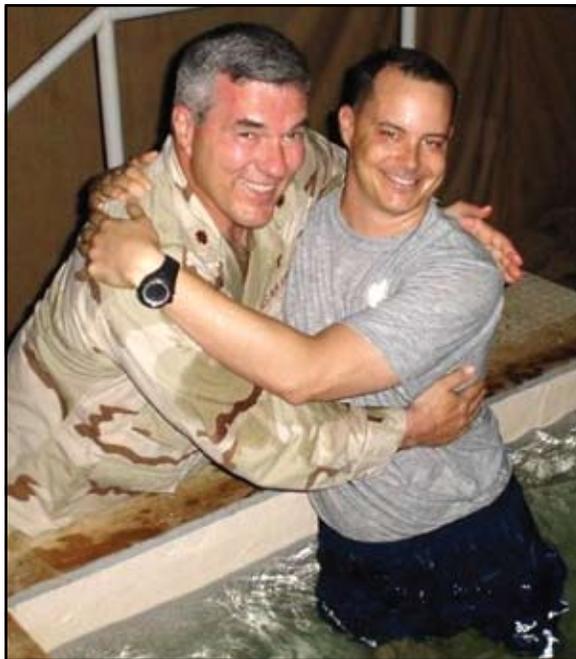
"We were on a retreat. Our instructor told us to spend time in the rose garden with God. When they rang the bell, we were to return to the building and share our reflections together," he said.

"We were out only a short time when the bell rang. It was then when they told us what happened. I was the only one there who wept when I heard the news that so many lives were lost."

He finished the course the following week and returned home. The Ravens from the Security Forces Squadron were called up at the same time and Chaplain Perry was asked to report to the unit to offer them support.

"I told Col. Mark Arnold, 'Anywhere you want me and at any time, just call. I'll be there,'" the chaplain said. "Shortly after, Col. Gary Cook, our wing commander, put me on orders

**See Chaplain page 11**



Courtesy photo

**Chaplain Charles Perry with an Airman at Ali Base, Iraq following a baptism ceremony in 2005.**

day, I promised God that I would go to church the next time I was asked," Chaplain Perry said. "A few weeks later, I was invited to the North Kenia Assembly of God church. The pastor preached on how God could change my life and I could have a new start."

"Nearly all of my life, I felt lonely and unloved; like there was something wrong with me," he continued. "Growing up, I felt empty inside and hurting. I knew that I needed what this pastor was offering. I gave God control of my life and asked him to change me. After I did that, I knew I

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Perry  
934th AW Senior Wing Chaplain**

You may have heard me say that serving our troops in Iraq has been the greatest ministry experience in my life. It truly has been.

Sometimes I liken the experience to fishing - when you've been fishing all day and only get a few nibbles. In Iraq, it was like the fish were jumping into the boat.

After a few rockets came in and some very close calls, our young troops were suddenly faced with their own mortality and the reality that they were in a hostile environment. These influences working together cause one to question

where they stand in their relationship with God and serve as motivators to get that relationship right as soon as possible. They jump into the boat, ask God for forgiveness and receive Christ as their Savior.

One day I had a young troop come to me that had heard of the many lives being changed and asked me, "Chaplain, can God change my life?"

My reply was, "Yes He can. If He can change my life He can change any life." The truth is, there is no life that He can not change and no one is out of the reach of His love.

In finishing the call of God on my

life to the military, please, with all sincerity, let me make my last appeal to you out of love, and tell you that no matter who you are, or what you have done, God loves you. If you call out to Him, he will answer and change your life forever.

John 1:12 says, "But to all who be-lieved him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

Romans 10:13 tells us, "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." It is time for you to jump into the boat.

God bless you in your walk with the Lord and thank you for the privilege of serving as your chaplain.

## Airmen share 'Tales of the ORI'

### The Great Imposter

As the ORI quickly started rolling, the Frag Breaking meeting convened quickly after the initial Air Mobility Tasking Order dropped. The IG was there to observe the process and make sure everyone was there who should be there. As the role was called, each representative sounded off as their organization was called. All organizations were there except one. However, they all sounded off as present. The quick thinking Master Sgt. John Kline had chimed in with his best voice disguise to fill in for the absent member and the meeting continued smoothly to its conclusion.

### Dancing with the stars

Staff Sgt. Cassie Carter didn't think she would be going to Gulfport. She was sent to fill a shortfall with two days notice. Not only that, she would also be filling positions on the PAR team and Quick Response Team. "I was posted in the hallway outside the ICC and EOC to protect the leadership. We were in FPCON Delta and I heard two explosions. My weapon was loaded and ready to go when I heard a squeak from the door. I had positioned myself under a table so the bad guys couldn't see me as they approached. I saw this person coming with no identification so I shouted 'halt', but they just kept strolling toward me. I yelled halt again, and still, he didn't stop. I said, 'advance to be recognized' and he still did not stop. I then rolled out from under the table doing

my best jelly roll and locked and loaded my weapon on him and hollered 'halt' again. This time he stopped and realized he didn't have his ID badge where it was supposed to be. He rapidly began fumbling with his uniform trying to locate his ID while saying, 'It's o.k., I'm IG.' "He was looking kind of scared at this point and then while he was wrestling with his uniform I saw the stars on his collar. At that point, I was scared too and we both went kind of pale. I thought, oh no, it's the general and he does have an ID. They are going to ship me out of here on the short bus."

The general reportedly later had some laughs over the incident, but made sure his ID was visible, especially around Sergeant Carter.

### Walking wounded

"It's a clean break," was the news Master Sgt. Jody Knight received about her ankle after returning from the ORI on Saturday morning. The thing is, she actually broke it the Monday before while running to a bunker during a bugout drill. Sergeant Knight was apparently so focused on the ORI that she just kept pushing through it without complaining about her sore ankle. A true ORI warrior.

### Razzle dazzle

An IG inspector, wanted to evaluate Tech. Sgt. Todd Rice on field stripping the M-16. Like evaluations at Gulfport, this was done while in MOPP-4.

"He knew I was prior service in the Army and he figured this would be an easy task for me," the Sergeant said.

"OK," said the IG. "Dazzle me."

"I've spent a lot of time carrying, cleaning, and disassembling the M-16 in the Army and the Air Force. I took it apart and put it back together in a few minutes. Master Sergeant Clark, the IG, helped me with the retaining pin because taking it out was nearly impossible with the rubber gloves on. Otherwise, this task evaluation was not a problem."

"OK wiseguy," said Sergeant Clark. "Now do it with your eyes closed."

"He was joking, but I thought I would give it a try. So I closed my eyes and disassembled the weapon. The gloves added some difficulty to the task, and he again assisted with the retaining pin."

"Not bad," he said. "Now I'll be really impressed if you can re-assemble it."

"So I closed my eyes again and re-assembled the weapon. It took me a little longer, and it wasn't pretty, but it was a good feeling to snap the upper and lower receivers together and lay the assembled weapon down on the table."

"The inspector was impressed. He asked some really tough ATSO questions earlier, so I was happy just to get something right. We trained hard for this inspection, and this proves there are many tasks we can perform competently with our eyes closed. It was fun to demonstrate that (literally) to the IG."



# Around the Pattern



Courtesy photo

**Mary Lou Squires received her retirement certificate from Col. Nancy Brooks, 934th Mission Support Group commander. After 25 years with the 934th Airlift Wing, Ms. Squires retired Feb. 28.**



Courtesy photo

**Senior Master Sgt. Bradly Goard, command post, receives an Air Force Commendation medal from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander.**



Photo by MSgt. Paul Zadach

**Maj. Kelly Warren, 934th Mission Support Flight commander (left) and Col. Nancy Brooks, 934th Mission Support Group commander, pin on Andrew Williams 1st Lieutenant bars.**



Photo by TSgt. Bob Sommer

**Master Sgt. Robert LaFreniere holds a container of coffee donated by his daughter, Krysta Flower (center). Vicki Lokken, Airman and Family Readiness office director, accepted the donation on behalf of the wing.**



Courtesy photo

**A 934th Airlift Wing Airman reviews the Airman's Manual while in MOPP-4 during the Operational Readiness Inspection in Gulfport, Miss., last month. After 18 months of training, the wing was put to the test. See page 3 for ORI results.**



# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED:



Photo by TSgt. Bob Sommer

*A final reminder to not overlook the weather in ORI preparation.*



Courtesy photo

*Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Ditter, AMG IG, examines a prepared litter.*



Photo by MSgt. Bryan Ripple

*Going through the processing lines at the Gulfport CTCR.*



*Senior Airman Lindsay Rosenow, 934th Aero Tarchick, wing commander, upon their return.*



Courtesy photo

*On guard at the perimeter.*

# After 18 months of planning, wing performs ORI



Photo by MSgt. Kerry Bartlett

omedical Evacuation Squadron, poses for a photo with Col. Tim  
n from the Operational Readiness Inspection Apr. 5.

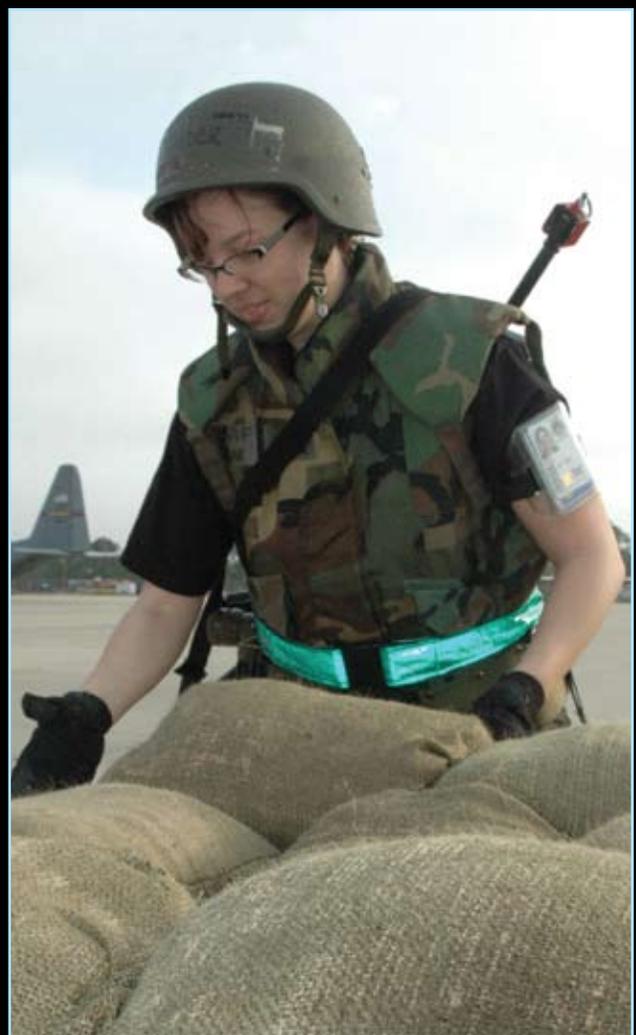


Photo by TSgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Sandbag bunkers are a necessary part of the ORI.



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plain (Capt.) Steve Svoboda, 934th Airlift Wing chaplain,  
s medical attention during a buddy care scenario.



Photo by MSgt. Paul Zadach

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Vosen, 934th Airlift Wing safety  
office, talks with two Airmen during a routine safety visit.

# Wing Roundup

## LRS

Congratulations to Senior Airman Cheryl Melchert for receiving an 86% on her EOC 5-skill level for Vehicle and Equipment Journeyman.

Master Sergeant Barbara Arwood was deservedly promoted to the ranks of the Top 3.

Master Sergeant Charles Colstrom committed to an additional 2 year reenlistment.

LRS would like to welcome Senior Airman Ann Zornes to the Supply section. Senior Airman Zornes is prior active duty Navy.

A1C Donald Raby also received his 5-skill level in his AFSC 2T357. Staff Sergeant Brian Link completed his on-line course for 7-level Vehicle Operations.

Technical Sergeant Len Haagenon has become the proud father of newborn Anna Grace, born on March 21, 2008.

Master Sergeant Charles Colstrom and Senior Airman Matthew Countryman received Letters of Appreciation for their outstanding support and contribution during Coronet Oak in January 2008.

Thanks to all of the LRS troops for their hard work, dedication and commitment during the ORI in both Gulfport and at home.

## Communication Flight

Senior Airman Stephanie Warner received honor graduate from the Ground Radio tech school.

Deployed members were in Mississippi and Germany.

## Security Forces Squadron

Security Forces welcomes new members Staff Sgts. John Cavallero and James Schneider; and Airman Donald Armstrong.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Scott Frazer and Staff Sgt. Kyle Umentum on their selection as 934th Security Forces Members of the Quarter.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Laura Ritt on her promotion to Staff Sergeant.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Ted and Lori Hemmah who welcomed the arrival of twins in March.

## Aeromedical Evacuation

No rest for the AES this month. After deploying 31 members to the ORI, the unit now prepares for a large deployment that will scatter us all over the globe.

This month the 934th AES is officially taking over the Integrated CONUS Medical Operations Plan (ICMOP). We will be deploying a command cell to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., that consists of our commander, Col. Cherie Roberts, who will be Commander for the entire ICMOP. Accompanying her is our squadron Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Chris Knowles. We are sending two full AE crews as well as an administrative and ground crew package to Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C.

Those members are Lt. Col. Carol Freerks, Maj. Gordon Wix, Capt. DeeForest Schlosser, Capt. Mary Dones, Capt. Rick Weiss, Capt. Jennifer Aasland, Senior Master Sgt. Shane Lohman, Master Sgt. Dale Cody, Master Sgt. Penny Billings, Master Sgt. Bill Anderson, Master Sgt. Zachary Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Bill Lohse, Tech. Sgt. Brandon Bergeron, Senior Airman Bethany Welsh, Staff Sgt. Jeanne Zellmer, Senior Airman Racheal Snook, and Senior Airman Keith Beyer.

The squadron is also sending an augmented aeromedical evacuation crew to Ramstein, Germany in support of operation OIF/OEF. An augmented AE crew consists of three nurses and four aeromedical technicians. Those

members are Lt. Col. Patricia Rautiola, Maj. Jill Cudnoski, Capt. Matt Grimes, Master Sgt. Timothy Evavold, Tech Sgt. Winter Shaler, Senior Airman Racheal Husser and Senior Airman Jolene Koch. Good luck to all of our deployers.

The Squadron now has a full bird colonel walking our halls. Col. Cherie Roberts received her promotion to Colonel effective Apr. 1. Way to go!

With mixed emotions we congratulate Tech. Sgt. Amanda Piersack on her recent promotion to Tech Sgt. and her recent marriage. Unfortunately, this was her last UTA as an enlisted member. We hope to see her again real soon when she comes back to the unit as 2nd Lt. Piersack, the newest addition to our Nurse Corps.

We would also like to congratulate our other new Tech. Sgts: Winter Shaler and Brandon Bergeron who received their promotions in the midst of the ORI.

Congratulations also to Senior Master Sgt. Shane Lohman, and Staff Sgt. Jeanne Zellmer on their recent promotions.

Welcome to our three new members, Senior Airman Meaghan McCann, Airman Nicholas Muller, and Airman Gabrielle Cohrs.

Maj. Michael Mackovich and 2nd Lt. Jennifer Larson are still away. They will be completing SERE school at Fairchild AFB, and then heading to San Antonio for Flight Nurse school. Good Luck, and keep up the good work. We can't wait to hear your

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## SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson



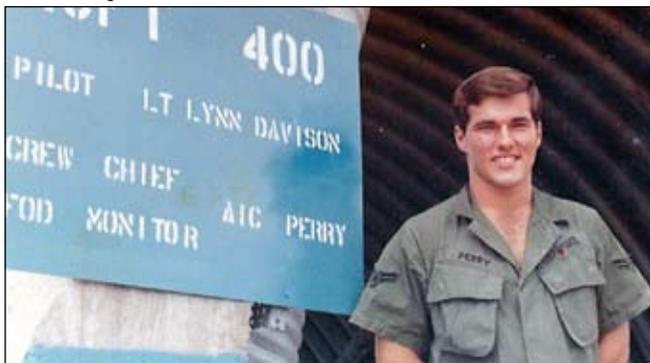
**Chaplain**  
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to support the activated troops.”

He was on orders for two years and created a program that delivered coffee and doughnuts to the activated security forces. Arriving early in the morning, he tried to visit the troops on the perimeter before and after the shift change, and counseled Airmen on an as-need basis.

Chaplain Perry deployed to St. Kitt’s in the West Indies in Spring 2003 to help build a clinic and daycare facility. While there, he discovered an orphanage needed cleaning and repair. Working with the Red Horse squadron he was assigned to, he organized volunteers to make the much needed repairs during the cleaning.

In September 2003, he was sent to Masirah Island,



Courtesy photo

**A1C Charles Perry, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron crew chief, at Phan Rang Air Base,**

Oman, to visit deployed Wing members.

“Being with the guys over there was great,” he said. “I met with the troops and brought two cases of Bibles to chapel at the chaplain’s request. I got a chance to help cook brats and hamburgers during the barbeque we had. It was a very memorable experience.”

Hungering for more, he volunteered for a 90-day tour at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

“At Diego Garcia, there were so many needs. There were divorces and family member deaths that I had to deal with. It was a great experience, but I knew I had to do more. I had to request another deployment.”

In 2005 and 2006, he spent two tours at Ali Base, Iraq spending time with the deployed Airmen, baptizing over 60 of them who gave their lives to Christ. Even his group commander and the Presidential Airlift Command commander said their lives would never be the same as a result of his ministry there.

“I got attached to a lot of people over there. To see the lives turned around over there is just really incredible. There were so many lives that had been changed. It’s wonderful and I thank God for the opportunity.”

He has mixed feelings regarding his upcoming retirement. “My career has been like running a marathon and I can now see the finish line. That part feels good,” the chaplain said. “When I see how far I have come and how much God has done in people’s lives, it hurts to think about leaving. In a way, I don’t want it to end. I am so grateful to God for calling me to be a military chaplain and using me like he has.”

Asked whether he was ready for retirement, he said, “I’m going to miss it a lot, but I’m ready to move on to the next phase of life with the veterans at the Vet’s Home where I work. I’m ready to call it quits.”

“When I look back on my life, this will always be the most significant part of it. I love our troops and it’s been great to be here at the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. I’ve seen lives changed here and I will always remember where I came from,” he concluded.

**ORI WRAP UP from Page 2**



kept an upbeat attitude in a challenging situation.

**Q. YOUR’VE BEEN THROUGH FOUR ORIs BEFORE. HOW DOES THIS ONE COMPARE TO THE OTHERS?**

**A.** For me, the level of difficulty of this ORI was probably the same as others past. Every ORI is a little different. They are designed to be very challenging. What was different about this ORI was the level of preparation. When you know what’s coming, the execution is easier. So, had we not prepared for it the way we did, it would have felt much more difficult.

**Q. NOW THAT THE ORI IS OVER, WHAT’S IN STORE FOR THE 934TH?**

**A.** All the major inspections are behind us. The first six months of my tenure at the 934<sup>th</sup> was occupied with seven major administrative inspections. While we were accomplishing those, we were preparing for this ORI. We were at Volk Field in May, Gulfport in November, we just did the ORI. The 934<sup>th</sup> will be very busy during the next year plus. Swapping planes with Niagara Falls, a couple AEF’s coming up, a Security Forces mobilization this fall, various administrative SAV’s early next year. This is a good time for the Wing to settle in, re-stabilize and accomplish our day to day mission. We have the big rock, the ORI, off our back now.

**Q. EVERYONE IN THE 934TH HAS PUT A LOT OF WORK IN TO THE ORI. AS A FINAL THOUGHT, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THEM TO KNOW?**

I hope people don’t think that I am saying this because they think I have to. I am very grateful to the men and women of this wing. They really do make my job easy. I want to thank them. This truly is a volunteer in and volunteer out Air Force Reserve. They don’t have to do this. They could be doing something else, making more money somewhere else, spending more time with their family. What makes people do this? It is what’s under the left breast pocket. It’s about heart, character, duty, service, honor, country. They really make me proud to be a part of this organization. I just want to thank all the members of the 934th. I want everyone to enjoy the approaching summer months and “relax.” We won’t have a July UTA, which will help people spend some more quality time with their families. Remember; SPA, baby, SPA! T2





# Viking Vibes



## Mother's Day

Treat that special person in your life to a delicious brunch at the Officers' Club. Seating is on the hour from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$21.00 for members, \$23.00 non-members. Children ages 8-12 are \$10.00, ages 5-7 \$8.00 and ages 4 and under free. Reservations required! Call 612-767-1960 extension 201.

## Texas Hold 'Em

The Services Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament May 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. No registration required. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. No money played; chips only.

## Mongolian BBQ

The Officers' Club will offer a Mongolian BBQ dinner on May 22. Pick your choice of meat, veggies and sauces and a chef will prepare your meal. Price is by weight. Hours are 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

## Asian-Pacific Heritage

Come for lunch and feast on scrumptious Asian fare at the Services Club. \$6.95 per person. Hours from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Martial Arts

Experience the ancient art of Ju Jitsu martial arts instruction at the Fitness Center. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m.. Call 612-713-1496 for more info.

## Food delivery

The Services Club's pizzeria delivers pizzas, pasta, salads, sandwiches and more anywhere on base, including lodging, Tuesdays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (612) 713-1672.

## DJ Night

Get ready to rock-n-roll with a night of music at the Services Club on May 3. No charge. Starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Fitness classes

The fitness center offers spinning, yoga and group PT classes every week. All classes are free and one hour long. For more information, call (612) 713-1496 or visit the fitness center for a schedule.

## Personal training

Get in shape in '08 with the help of one of the certified personal trainers at the fitness center. Various packages are available. Call (612) 713-1496 for details.

## Massage

Relax and try a Swedish, sports or rehabilitative massage with a certified massage therapist at the fitness center. Rates vary. Pick up a brochure at the fitness center. Gift certificates are available. Call (612) 713-1496.

## Rentals

Rent sports equipment, party tents, tables, chairs, camping gear and much more at the base Outdoor Recreation Center at Bldg. 778. Club members receive a 10 percent discount. Military units get a 20 percent discount. Call (612) 919-5134.

## Aviation Camp

The 2008 Air Force Teen Aviation Camp will be held May 31 to June 5 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The camp is open to children of active-duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force base, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

High school sophomores or juniors in the 2008-2009 school year can apply. Participants of the 2007 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible.

Submit completed application package to Services at Bldg. 852, Room 214, by Mar. 5. See [www.afyouthprogram.com](http://www.afyouthprogram.com) for forms and requirements. For ad-

ditional details, call (612) 713-1119.

## Teen Leadership Summit

The first ever Teen Leadership Summit is scheduled for July 14-18 at the Wahsega 4-H Center in the north Georgia mountains of Dahlonega, Georgia, for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard teens ages 14-18 years.

Teens will learn valuable leadership skills. They will also participate in high adventure fun such as white-water rafting and a ropes course! **Camp is limited to 100 teens and all camp and transportation costs are covered.** Contact Stacey Young for more information. [Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil](mailto:Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil) DSN: 497-0971 Comm: 1-800-223-1784 x70971

## Health Is Wealth Program

Invest in yourself and have fun by participating in the Health is Wealth program. The program starts in May and there will be golf tournaments, bike rides, fun runs and more throughout the year. Check with the Fitness Center for more info.

## Lodging shuttle

North Country Lodge offers a shuttle service to and from lodging to the Mall of America, VA Hospital, Humphrey Terminal, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Officers' Club, Light Rail Station, 88th Regional Readiness Center and 133rd Air National Guard Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per person one way and is available to anyone on base.

Lodging guests can make arrangements at the front desk. Those not staying at lodging can call (612) 726-9440.

## New Yoga Instructor

Shana Andersen is the new yoga and fitness instructor at the Fitness Center. She will challenge you to be your best! Classes are every Monday at 4 p.m. Please bring your own mat and towel.





**Employer Support of the Guard  
and Reserve and the 934th Airlift  
Wing invite your boss to**

# **Employers Day August 2, 2008**



934th Airlift Wing reservists with civilian employers can thank their bosses for their support during the past year through a special event. **Employers' Day 2008 will be held Aug 2. Activities start at 8 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. They include briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials and a C-130 orientation flight. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.** We are currently working a program to provide an orientation flight for employers from the Milwaukee and Chicago area. More details will be announced. Nominating their employers for Employers' Day is one way reservists can say thanks to those who help support their military career. It is also an opportunity to introduce their employer to the Air Force Reserve. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to employers who participate in this event.

Space is limited. Reservists who want to nominate their employer should complete a nomination form. **Completed forms must be received by the Public Affairs office by July 1.** Please print clearly using black ink. Forms can also be mailed to the 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2100 or faxed to (612) 713-1229.

Nominees will receive an official invitation and additional information. Please provide the correct spelling for all names and official titles. Each reservist may submit **ONLY ONE** employer or supervisor. Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. Reservists may not nominate family members, even if they are legitimate employers, or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason.

Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Duty Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Home email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian workphone \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*SSAN \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer's Information**

Employer's full name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's job title/position \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*SSAN \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Name/relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I am responsible for notifying my military supervisor if my employer will attend and I will be on duty status Aug 2. In addition, I certify that my employer has not participated in any other Employers Day.

Reservist Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: INFORMATION REQUESTED IS AFFECTED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974. AUTHORITY FOR REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION FROM YOU IS TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 8012 (SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, POWERS AND DUTIES DELEGATED) AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 9397 (NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL ACCOUNTS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS). THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO MANIFEST PASSENGERS FOR THE C-130 FLIGHT. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS USED TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT. DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DENIED BOARDING FOR THE FLIGHT WITHOUT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.



# VIKING VOICES

*What was your most rewarding experience during the Operational Readiness Inspection?*



Staff Sgt. Jeanne Zellmer, Aeromedical Staging Squadron

**“Each group I was part of had their own morale booster codes.”**



Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Svoboda, Air-lift Wing

**“Coming out of MOPP 4.”**



Maj. Reese Phillips, 934th Air Wing deputy staff judge advocate

**“Advising on the rules of engagement made me feel real involved in helping make operational decisions and giving good input to leadership.”**



Senior Airman Jolene Koch, Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron

**“Getting better acquainted with my Airman’s Manual.”**



Chief Master Sgt. Jan Dalton, 934th AW command chief

**“Watching the enlisted force and our Airmen succeed; seeing them execute and show what they can do.”**

## Promotions (to)

Senior Master Sgt.	Shane Lohmann	934 AES
Master Sgt.	Barbara Arwood	934 LRS
Master Sgt.	Traci Guse	934 AW
Master Sgt.	Kristen Maloney	934 SVS
Tech. Sgt.	Brandon Bergeron	934 AES
Tech. Sgt.	Chantel Haider	934 AMXS
Tech. Sgt.	Joel Harrington	934 SVS
Tech. Sgt.	William Heikkila	934 MXS
Tech. Sgt.	Zachary Nelson	934 AMXS
Tech. Sgt.	Troy Novak	934 ASTS
Tech. Sgt.	Stacy Parker	934 ASTS
Tech. Sgt.	Amanda Piersak	934 AES
Tech. Sgt.	Andreas Regal	934 SVS
Tech. Sgt.	Winter Shaler	934 AES
Staff Sgt.	Angela Bissonnette	934 ASTS
Staff Sgt.	Roger Falnes	27 APS
Staff Sgt.	Emily Miller	934 AMXS
Staff Sgt.	Kristen Smith	934 ASTS
Staff Sgt.	Jeanne Zelmer	934 AES
Senior Airman	Isaac Helget	934 ASTS
Senior Airman	Eric Koski	934 MXS
Senior Airman	Kurt Larson	934 AMXS
Senior Airman	Matthew Mikelson	934 MXS
Senior Airman	Adam Morgan	934 MXS
Senior Airman	Jana Schmidt	934 ASTS
Senior Airman	Mickey Semantel	934 SFS
Senior Airman	Randy Williams Jr.	934 SVS
Airman	Christopher Graybill	27 APS
Airman	Kimberly Kazle	934 CES

## UTA Dates

Month	934th	133rd	88th	Navy/Marines
May	3-4, 17-18	17-18	17-18	10-11
Jun	7-8, 21-22	21-22	7-8	14-15
Jul	NA	NA	12-13	19-20
Aug	2-3, 16-17	14-17	2-3	9-10
Sep	6-7, 20-21	20-21	6-7	13-14



## New clinic hours announced

M-Th 9 a.m - 11 a.m. - By Appointment Only

M-Th 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Walk-in Hours

M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Sick Call

Closed Fridays except before a UTA

The following services will be provided during the above hours: Immunizations, lab by appointment only, ordering gas mask inserts, processing, first aid kits, TRI-CARE support, worldwide duty determination support, waiver support including AF1042, and profile support. All other medical needs must be conducted during the UTA or during the special times set-up quarterly on a Friday before a UTA.



# Calendar

Time	Activity	Location	POC
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
0800 to 1200	AFOQT/AFCT Testing	Bldg 852, room 206	SMSgt 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, 16330
845 to 1115	Hearing Exams	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
0900 to 1000	Deployment working group meeting	Bldg 862	
0900 to 1000	Documenting TQT	Bldg 760 room 130	SMSgt. Johnson x1934
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	TSgt Rice, x1788
0930 to 1130	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg 840	SMSgt Goetz, x1642
1215 to 1615	Certifying HAZMAT	Bldg 862	TSgt Rice, x1788
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 Labatory Draws (HIV only)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
1300 to 1600	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0830 to 1130	AF testing Appt. Only	Bldg 852 Rm 206	Gary Hayda, x1515
0830 to 0930	HRDC Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Col. DeWerff x 1204
0900 to 0930	Protestant Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
1000 to 1100	Chief's Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton x 1211
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
1215 to 1615	Increment Manager Training	Bldg 862	TSgt. Rice x1788
1300 to 1400	LOD Review Meeting	Bldg 760, CC Conf Room	SMSgt Atchley x1607
1500 to 1530	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226

## Wing Roundup from Page 10

survival school stories.

This was the final UTA for much beloved First Sergeant Christopher Sayre who is now headed back to his home country of Utah in pursuit of love.

There he will also assume First Sergeant duties for a Security Forces Squadron at Hill AFB. Good luck, and take care!

Finally, good luck Chief McGraw! Keep up the hard work, and we hope to see you real soon.

## 27th Aerial Port Squadron

The 27th APS would like to send out jubilant congratulations to its recent promotees. Master Sgt. Tracy Batt, Master Sgt. Dave LaBeause, Tech. Sgt. Eric Fisher, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fischer, Tech. Sgt. Lisa Gonsalves, and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lillevold.

A round of applause goes out to Master Sgt. Dave LaBeause for graduating from NCO Academy at Lackland AFB, Texas.

During the month Staff Sgt. Jessica Studeman was married, a congratulations from the Port to you.

The APS would also like to identify all the porters who have been recently tasked to help augment the BOS team, and those who deployed to Gulfport for the ORI.

Your dedication and determination do not go unnoticed and please thank your families for allowing you to participate in our inspection.

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# Happy Mother's Day

## Mother's Day Brunch At the Officers' Club

*An assortment of fabulous fare to treat that special person!*

- Cinnamon Rolls
- Assorted Muffins, Croissants & Bagels
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon, Sausage & Hash Browns
- Breakfast Casserole & Quiche
- Apple Pecan Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Vegetable Lasagna
- Wild Rice & Roasted Red Potatoes
- Carving Station w/Ham & Prime Rib
- Waffle Station w/Berries & Whipped Cream

### May 11, 2008

\$21.00 Members

\$23.00 Non-member

\$10.00 Children ages 8-12

\$ 8.00 Children ages 5-7

Children under 4—free!

*Seating on the hour  
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

*Reservations required!  
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