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# **Training like we fight**





# Unconditional commitment without hesitation

**By Col. Mark Vijums** 934th Airlift Wing vice commander

I was walking through the airport one day when I noticed two young sisters at the drinking fountain. The oldest finished getting a drink and started to walk away when the younger sister approached the fountain and realized she was just a little too short to get a drink.

Obviously frustrated and disappointed, she yelled for her older sister to stop and help her up to get a drink. The next event is what caught my attention. Instead of being bothered by the request, the older sister immediately turned around and went over to her sister and lifted her up so she could get a drink. As she did this, the younger girl was wiggling with joy as she took a drink. It was a wonderful thing to witness, but what struck me most was the unconditional commitment she extended to her little sister without hesitation. I see that a lot in this world, but more so from those who serve this great country.

We just finished our "Wingman

Day" this UTA and I couldn't help thinking about the two sisters I saw in the airport. Much like the lead and wingman of an aircraft formation, one was more experienced per se (in this case, physically capable), and the youngest relied heavily on her sister's capabilities to attain the goal and together they succeeded.

Turn it around some day in the future and the younger would unquestionably help her older sister or similarly aid someone else in the same predicament. No matter the circumstances, past experience has taught Air Force people to rely heavily on each other for mutual support.

Whether it's coming under fire during a bombing run or providing a listening ear to someone going through a divorce, without a wingman at our side we become a much more vulnerable target. This is where the phrase, "unconditional commitment without hesitation," plays so well into the wingman concept. Knowing you have a committed wingman at your side enhances your chances for survival during difficult times. I challenge you to take this to heart and truly embrace the wingman concept. The many before us have proven that having a wingman is what it takes to be the greatest Air Force in the world.

"The wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the wingman. The wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you. That the defensive part. Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The wingman knows what his responsibilities are, and knows what mine are. Wars are not won by individuals. They're won by teams."

— Lt. Col. Francis S. "Gabby" Gabreski, USAF, 28 victories in WWII and 6.5 MiGs over Korea.



### **Range ready**

From left, Master Sgt. Tony Gamboni, 934th Security Forces Squadron, gives a tour of the new firing range to Col. Eric Brandes, 934th Maintenance Group commander, and Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander. The facility is now open and features heated firing stations and steel bullet traps with automated scavenging systems to recover spent ammunition. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

# iPod winner!

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## On the cover

The 934th Civil Engineer and Services Squadron conduct a retreat ceremony at their October Bivouac. See story on page 6. (Air Force Photo/ Staff Sgt. Michael Edmond)



Chief Master Sgt. Mike Dressen and his wife, Michiko, are given a final tribute by 27th Aerial Port Squadron members following his retirement ceremony Oct. 4. The chief retired with 34 years of service. (Air Force Photo/ Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett)



Tech. Sgt. Suzzanne Harwood, (left) 934th Airlift Wing NCO of the Year, and Senior Airman Roger Falnes, (third from left) 934 AW Airman of the Year, received a C-130 incentive ride flown by Lt. Col. Paul Peterson (second from left) pilot, and 2nd Lt. Dan Schei, navigator, 96th Airlift Squadron. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Radford, 934th Maintenance Squadron, receives his retirement plaque from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander. Oct. 4. Sergeant Radford retires with 34 years service. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



The newest members of the 934th Airlift Wing stand with Col. Tim Tarchick (left) and the 934 AW recruiting staff after taking the oath of enlistment in a ceremony Oct. 4. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett)



Senior Master Sgt. Gino Marchetti, 934th Airlift Wing, receives his retirement plaque from Colonel Tarchick Oct. 5. Sergeant Marchetti retired with 21 years of service. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

# First joint command post operational



Col. Tim Tarchick (left) and Col. Greg Haase cut the ceremonial ribbon at the new Joint Command Post as Master Sgt. Traci Guse, command post controller, looks on. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

### By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams 934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Pilots for the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard flying squadrons may hear new voices in their headsets now that the command posts for the Air Force Reserve's 934th Airlift Wing and the Minnesota Air National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing, both C-130 units, merged Oct. 1.

The process began nearly 18 months ago when an Air Force level directive ordered individual command posts to combine through the "One Command Post" initiative. Shortly after the directive was received, Tech. Sgt. John Brown, controller, coordinated efforts between his counterparts in the guard wing and AFRC headquarters. That led to further coordination between the commanders of the two wings to work on goals and policies between the senior leadership.

"We will literally be one team, one fight," said Lt. Col. Donald Kom, 934th Command Post officer-in-charge. "It works real well that we are both C-130 units. We are at an advantage that we have full time Air Reserve Technicians here as the guard doesn't have any full time controllers."

The main command post will be located at the 934th Airlift Wing, with the Air National Guard's current location will be used as backup, Colonel Kom said. "The benefits of the integration overall is that it gives us more resources for managing all of our assets, and builds a stronger bond between the two wings. The sharing of responsibilities and workload between the two units has been great throughout the process."

"A big advantage to the joint command post is the syn-

ergy that is created by combining resources," said Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander. "It is efficient and it makes sense to have one base and one command post."

While the integration may not necessarily be "seamless," the cooperation between the two wings has gone a long way to smooth out any rough patches, Master Sgt. Traci Guse, command post NCOIC, said.

"The primary obstacle that we have had to address is in manning," she said. "We are now responsible for double the flying capacity with the same three full time positions that we had before. We were hoping to have additional full time people in but we haven't received the authorization for any yet."

Still, the sergeant said other challenges in facilities, technology and systems checks still have yet to be met due to the on-going nature of the process.

"We're able to look at their programs and use what's best. They'll look at ours and use what's best and we will be seamlessly integrated when the process is complete. Having a bigger pool of manpower to choose from for scheduling and for annual tours doesn't hurt either," Sergeant Guse said.

As for any rivalry that may exist between the wings, Lt. Col. Kom assured that wasn't an issue. "The attitude of a rivalry was never prevalent here at all," the colonel said. Our commander and the 133rd Air National Guard commander were both on board right away. I think it's a challenge for the guard folks to work here and do their ancillary training back at their wing, but it will be an adjustment. So far it's been really good. We're meshing very well."

He said having similar training plans, checklists and both being Air Mobility Command C-130 units only helped pull this merger together. "Adding reporting contacts was the only major difference as the procedures were the same. Now we are all one," he said.

Master Sergeant David Peterson, 133rd command post training NCOIC, explained some of the details that went into the planning.

"The process was pretty extensive since we were merging every process we own from training, operating instructions, quick reaction checklists and how to handle in-flight emergencies. It took a lot of work to smooth that out," he said.

Lt. Col. Kom said, "We have the first combined Guard and Reserve command post in the Air Force. Other units who are in similar situations are benchmarking off of us. That's something to be proud of."

"The simple fact that we are working together in many areas makes a pretty big statement," said Col. Greg Haase, 133rd Airlift Wing commander. "In today's ever changing landscape of the Air Force, Guard and Reserve we will constantly create innovative, creative ways to move forward and create efficiencies in the way we work."

# **BIYOUAC** Civil Engineers, Services sp



Firefighters rescue a "victim" during a disaster response exercise. Story and photos By Staff Sgt. Michael Edmond 934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

On a cold October morning, approximately 180 Airmen from the Civil Engineering and Services Squadrons crawled out of bed, their joints aching from the chill of the previous night. It wasn't supposed to be this frigid yet. It was still fall. The Airmen had to shake the frost off of their tents that Saturday morn. Those who didn't want to brave the sub-freezing temperatures or the coyote-filled glen at night, waited until the sun came up that day before relieving themselves in the port-a-johns at the far end of tent city. One NCO who had ventured out in the dark, retreated back into her plastic potty palace until the prowling coyotes ran away probing the brush for other prey.

With dawn came the smell of eggs, coffee and a hot breakfast that had the power to lift the spirits of Scrooge himself. Indeed, after sipping the steaming caffeinated bean brew, Airmen were laughing about the prior evening's events and joking about how some curled up to keep warm, even though the tents had heaters. The incessant yipping of the coyotes the prior eve only added to the excitement of the morning conversations.

The 934 CES and Services squadrons spent three days and two nights camping and training at the Arden Hills Army Training Site. For CES, it's an annual requirement, said Lt. Col. John Fitter, the CE commander. One of the reasons for the annual training is so Airmen will get a better appreciation for living in the field, he said.

"The attitude you have to have is you have to get the job done," he added.

Before they 'deployed' to AHATS on Friday, Oct. 3, the Airmen spent all day Thursday, Oct. 2, going through classroom training. But classroom training is just preparation for hands-on training. You can only learn so much by reading about how to put up a tent, said Airmen 1st Class Kim Kazle, a first-timer at the AHATS/Bivouac site. To commit it to muscle memory, you have to actually do it, she added. She said she really liked assembling tents and helped set up four of them Friday.

Airmen Kazle, a University of Minnesota Duluth student, came with an attitude ready for anything.

"I like the training," said Airmen Kazle. "There is more combat stuff than in Basic. I like more combat stuff. I like crawling in the woods."

At the Bivouac site, the Airmen received all sorts of training, some of which included chemical biological recon sweeps and fire extinguisher training.

"We did warrior skills, weapons training and convoy training," said Colonel Fitter. "We convoyed in 28 to 30 vehicles. We simulated IED attacks. I was killed," he added with a chuckle. "It was quite an impressive convoy coming in," he added. Some of the vehicles they used were Marine and Army vehicles and it was a big coordination effort.

AHATS provided plenty of room for the Airmen to try not getting lost while practicing navigation techniques. The training went well and they all found their points, said Capt. Joshua Ligday with the CES.



From left, Airman 1st Class Michael Berish, Sgt. Kevin Egan and Tech Sergeant Carl Lebro

# pend weekend in the wild

There was also ample space for the CE fire fighters to practice fire protection techniques. Though they were unable to burn down one of the practice sites, they were able to practice entering, victim rescue and they got plenty of practice dousing the building using their high-powered hoses.

For Services, it's not an annual requirement to go out camping at the AHATS, but they like to go when they can to build their relationship with CE, said Lt. Col. Neal Landeen, the Services commander.

"Services used to be under CE," he said. "There is still a lot of camaraderie and connections there."

Performing training in a deployed environment provides unique opportunities not available on base.

"It's a chance for us to get out into the field and set up our SPEK kitchen. That's what we're here for," said Colonel Landeen.

The Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen goes on one large pallet enabling Services to bring it anywhere and get it set up quickly. Day One on site they can set up the kitchen getting it ready to provide 550 meals twice a day to the deployed Airmen.

"We can get them hot food by day two," said Colonel Landeen. Bringing hot meals is a great way to raise the moral of the Airmen, he added.

But it's not all work and no play. Dur-



Staff Sgt. John Barrett, Staff oke set up the SPEK kitchen.



From left, Staff Sgt. Ryan Whitacre, Senior Airman Kevin Carter and Staff Sgt. Aaron Locke, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron, set up an engine driven pump in the field.



A firefighter puts his equipment to the test.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Sutton gives instructions to Senior Airman Curtis Thilges (in chem gear) on using the chemical agent moitor he is holding.

ing breaks and at the end of the day, the Airmen broke out the footballs and tossed them around, and later exchanged stories.

Colonel Landeen likes to see this type of team building going on. They don't play football together back at the base, he said. "On base you can still go home or go to appointments. Here you have a captive audience. They don't have distractions, and they're focused on training."

Even though at times it was cold, and even though there may have been coyotes running around and snakes slithering through the grass, the moral was high and the attitudes were great.

"Any adversity brings people together," said Colonel Landeen. "I love this stuff. **Staff Sgt. John Barrett, Staff** I'm still doing it after thirty-one years."

### **VIKING VOICES**

# What are you looking forward to this winter?



Chief Master Sgt. Randy Polansky 934th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Hockey, Hockey, Hockey. I also like getting on the 4-wheeler with the plow, and anonymously plowing my neighbors driveways."



Airman Rick Rivera 934th Services Squadron "I play indoor baseball

in a huge indoor gym in Chicago. I am also looking forward to playing lots of video games this winter."



Capt. Dan Johnson 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"I am looking forward to sledding with my nine and three year old kids. I am also looking forward to winter camping with my son for the Boy Scouts."



Senior Airman Renee Colsch 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

"I am due to have a baby on Thanksgiving, but I hope to be snowmobiling by January."

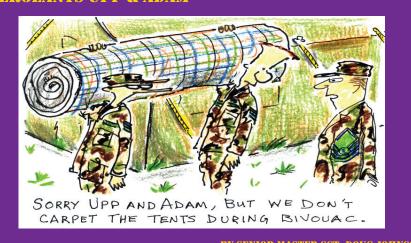
# Chief calls on SABC training at accident scene

### By Chief Master Sgt. Richard Karpinski 934th Maintenance Group

Of all the times I sat through self aid and buddy care, I never thought I would have the need to practice it. On the morning of Aug. 9 my wife Sue and I were going to the golf course to get an early nine holes in. On our way to the golf course we came upon a one car accident with a few cars stopped alongside the road without an emergency vehicle in sight. As we neared the accident we noticed somebody was lying in the ditch.

Since Sue and I are first aid qualified, we decided we better stop to offer assistance. As we approached the person lying in the grass we had found out that 911 had been called and that nobody else had any first aid training. Sue and I

### SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. DOUG JOHNSON

quickly assessed that the person lying in the grass to have been thrown from the car as it rolled. The lady could not speak very good English which made communicating difficult. We found that her right leg had been broken up pretty bad and she could not be moved.

There wasn't any external bleeding so we thought it would be best to keep her as stable as possible. We immediately put others to work and had them go to our car for a blanket. We covered the lady and tried to make her comfortable without having her move her head or neck. We sent others to direct traffic and someone to simply block the sun from the lady's eyes. Sue had immediately taken her wrist and kept tabs on her pulse which was racing quite fast. The lady kept wanting to move her legs which we would not allow her to do until the emergency people arrived. As we

> were trying to keep her mind off of her legs, Sue had told me that her pulse was starting to drop rapidly.

> I proceeded to ask the lady questions to keep her thinking and conscious. We were able to keep her conscious until the ambulance arrived. We told the EMTs what we had assessed and what we had did so far. Once the EMTs got all the information we got out of their way and let them do their job.

We did not exactly have a stellar game of golf that day, but we still smiled knowing that the time we had spent in class rooms learning first aid had prepared us for this day and possibly saved somebody's life.

# Civic leader tour leaves lasting impression

#### By Shannon Score 934th Civic Leader Tour participant

What an honor and privilege it was for us all to participate in this year's 934th Airlift Wing, Civic Leader Tour to Patrick Air force Base, Fla. and Kennedy Space Center. Everyone, from Colonel Tim Tarchick on down made this trip great and the relationships that were developed were many. It was the most enjoyable whirlwind I've ever been in.

Meeting the personnel of the 934th Airlift Wing and the 920th Rescue Wing was one of the highlights of the trip. Recognizing the importance of each and every one of the personnel's duties, to the successful outcome of their various missions became very obvious as we watched and listened to them interact amongst themselves, and share some of the highlights from a few of their more

recent missions during hurricane's Katrina and Ike, as well as, in Afghanistan. They showed great respect and camaraderie for one another and they are very well organized, each knowing exactly what they are responsible for. They all welcomed us with that same honor, enthusiasm and camaraderie making our trip extra special.

# Congratulations to recent promotees

Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Stenberg ASTS		
Chief Master Sgt. Dale Klossner	CES	
Chief Master Sgt. Dale Place	APS	
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Schroeder	MXS	
Staff Sgt. David Rausch	APS	
Staff Sgt. Vida Protacio	OSF	
Staff Sgt. Daphnee Powellbills	OSF	
Staff Sgt. Travis Mortenson	ASTS	
Staff Sgt. Kevin McGough	OSF	
Staff Sgt. John Kupka	LRS	
Staff Sgt. Mauicio Basurto	APS	



Civic Leader Tour members get a close up view of an 920th Rescue Wing HH-60 G Pave Hawk helicopter during their tour of Patrick air Force base, Fla., Sept 24-25.(Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

It's hard to explain all the thoughts and feelings that ran through my head throughout the tour, and I'm sure I'm not alone, but one thing stood out to me regarding the service these brave men and women make to our great nation and it can be summed up in the PJ's (Pararescue team) motto, "These things we do...that others may live".

So, on behalf of the men and women from the 2008, Civic Leaders Tour, to all of you, we say, "salute".

## Goals set for Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign is the Federal Government's single, comprehensive charity drive. This year the campaign is called the Northern Lights CFC.

The campaign will run from Oct. 1 through Nov. 25 with the goal of raising \$1.2 million dollars Federally (\$15,000 locally).

To donate to the CFC, log onto www.northernlightscfc.org. There are more than 2,400 charities to choose from.

Last year, more than \$1 million dollars was raised to help these charities. That was a feat in itself since reports show that less than 20 percent of the Reserves participated in the campaign.

For more information, contact Capt. John Drain at ext. 1332 or (612) 290-1204.

### VIKING FLYER/November 2008

### **Civil Engineers**

By Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson, Unit Public Affairs Respresentative Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Dale Klossner on his promotion to chief master sergeant.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Carlos Varela on his promotion to technical sergeant.

The Civil Engineer Squadron performed their annual bivouac at Arden Hills Army Training Site Oct. 3-5. See story on page 6. Thank you to Capt. Leo Moreno, 934th Security Forces Squadron, who provided expert instruction during the various troop movement sessions and to Cols. Mark Vijums and Nancy Brooks, who visited the site Saturday to see how the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron trains and prepares for war.

### **Communications Flight**

Provided by Tech. Sgt. Chritian Krug, Unit Public Affairs Respresentative

Welcome back to Master Sgt. Richard Loesch who returned from his third TDY to Rose Barracks, Germany.

Welcome home to Tech. Sgt. Cory Demuth who returned from a 120-day AEF with the 386th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.

Keep up the good work Staff Sgt. Scott Haynes. He is is currently working at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to complete seasonal training for his respective communications career field.

Welcome back to Tech. Sgt. Dana Moog who attended A+ Computer course at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Charles Schuppan who was awarded the AF Meritorious Service Medal.

The flight welcomed newcomer Airman 1st Class Emmanuel Vega, who recently graduated from 3-level school in Keesler AFB, Miss.

### Maintenance

By Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Bystedt and Master Sgt. Eric Johnson Unit Public Affairs Respresentatives

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Ron Welp and Tech.

Sgt. Bill Muller who were selected as the squadron senior NCO and NCOs of the quarter respectively.

Congrats to Tech. Sgt Dan Kraft for his 100 percent fitness score.

Farewell to Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Radford after 37 years of dedicated service to the Air Force.

### **Logistic Readiness**

Provided by Tech. Sgt. Mark Oldenburg, Unit Public Affairs Respresentative

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Jon Schmidt on completing the First Sergeant Academy and now is the official First Sergeant for the squadron.

Congratulations on getting promoted go to Staff Sgt. John Kupka and Airman Alfredo Arroyo.

Welcome to Senior Airman Laura Cowley from the Army and Airman 1st Class Jessica Lachman from Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Lara Gallegos for receiving a letter of appreciation for administrative support with the Air Force Reserve Safety Conference.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. David Hanson-Best who was the Distinguished Graduate in the Logistic Plan Apprentice Course achieving 97 on the final exam.

### **Security Forces Squadron**

Provided by Staff Sgt. Christopher Dobson, Unit Public Affairs Respresentative

The 934 SFS welcomes new member Airman 1st Class Ryan Smith.

Congratulations to Airman Jonathan Echevarria on his promotion to airman 1st class.

Congratulations to Capt. Vince Fonte, Master Sergeant Bradley Weiss and Tech. Sergeant Patrick Garvey on their retirements.

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December	6-7	6-7	6-7	13-14
January 2009	10-11	TBA	10-11	10-11
February 2009	7-8	TBA	7-8	21-22
March 2009	7-8	TBA	7-8	14-15
April 2009	4-5	TBA	4-5	18-19
May 2009	2-3	TBA	2-3	16-17
June 2009	6-7	TBA	6-7	13-14
July 2009	11-12	TBA	TBA	18-19



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### November 2008/VIKING FLYER

**AROUND THE WING/10** 



# Surveillance: Enemy eyes are watching

#### By Special Agent Nicole Goodwin 934th Office of Special Investigations

Only you know who or what belongs – or doesn't belong – in your building, neighborhood or work center. Recognition of this fact is behind one of the Air Force antiterrorism initiatives, a program known as "Eagle Eyes." The Air Force Office of Special Investigations sponsors the Eagle Eyes program, a program with characteristics typical of a neighborhood watch program. Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service's antiterrorism strategy.

Activity that should be reported can be classified into seven broad categories: elicitation, tests of security, acquiring supplies, suspicious persons out of place, dry runs, deploying assets and surveillance.

In our second installment of the Eagle Eyes series we spotlight surveillance, which is simply defined as close observation of a group or a person. Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report. Terrorist acts don't just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many times in advance. Criminals and criminal organizations operate in much the same way.

Two areas should be considered for potential surveillance. The first is "physical surveillance," or recording and monitoring locations, activities and people. This can be accomplished very simply via low-tech means such as note taking, drawing diagrams, writing on maps, or using binoculars. High-tech monitoring consists of devices such as cameras (both still and video), vision enhancing devices (such as night vision goggles), surveillance aircraft and even satellites. The second area is "surveillance of the cyber world," or recording and monitoring websites, cell phones, phone/fax lines, e-mails and IP addresses. This is easily done by observing someone at a public place, such as a library, internet café, or at work. For example, in a recent news piece widely circulated in the US, it was revealed that al-Oa'ida conducts extensive online intelligence gathering online to assess targets. And, of course, there are many high-tech methods employed by hackers and technology experts.

The enemy is interested in watching us any time; however, you should be aware that our activities are of more interest during political unrest, world conflicts or war ... To read the complete story, visit the 934th Airlift Wing public website at www.minneapolis.afrc.af.mil

# VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Veteran's Day, originally called Armistice Day, was first celebrated Nov. 11 at 11:11 a.m. in 1921 when the United States, France and England each buried an unknown soldier in honor of those who died in World War I. This began the annual Armistice Day holiday with the time and day being picked because fighting ceased in WWI on that same date and time in 1918. However, it wasn't until 1954 that President Eisenhower changed it to what we now call "Veteran's Day" to honor all who served and died from all wars. To honor veterans and those currently serving, listed here are few of the community events scheduled:

• Oct. 23-27 – Vietnam Moving Wall will be at Little Falls Cemetery, Minn. The cemetery is located at 15550 Highway 115, Little Falls, Minn. and sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post #46 in Little Falls.

• Nov. 8, 11 a.m. -- 45th Annual Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade and Day of Honor. Call (414) 273-5533 for more information.

• Nov. 9, 11 a.m. – Veteran's Day celebration and memorial dedication at Purgatory Creek Park in Eden Prairie.

• Nov. 11 -- Milwaukee War Memorial Center's Veterans Day Banquet. For more information, call (414) 273-5533



### **Case study**

Tech. Sgt. Robert Losey, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, directs Staff Sgt. Caleb Nelson, 27 APS as he moves cases of coffee in preparation for the Commissary case lot sale Oct. 3-4. The sale offered commissary eligible shoppers the opportunity to purchase case lots of food and supplies at Air Force Commissary prices. (Air Force photo/ Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

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