SEASON’S GREETINGS!
First things first, my name is Brett Newman and I am the Maintenance Group Commander. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given my family and me. We feel a true sense of family here at the 934th Airlift Wing.

That being said, I would like to share with you a portion of my change of command comments. I talked about the three “P’s” (not to be confused with “P3’s” for you Navy types).

The three “P’s” are: people, planes and processes.

In a nutshell, what I am talking about is that if we take care of the people who take care of the planes, and continuously improve our processes, we all succeed! I would like to focus on the people right now.

I think it is fair to say we have had successful year here at the 934th AW. We have seen a boatload of construction completed. We passed a communications inspection with flying colors and we blazed a trail for all others to follow at the AOR.

Congratulations to you all! However, our Air Force family has also been met with unexpected tragedy this year as well. With this being the Year of the Air Force Family and the holiday season just around the corner, I would like to ask you all to take a moment and be sure to check on one another. Especially remember to check on those families in need. In this time of an unstable economy, things can get and be difficult.

I said at the beginning, my family feels the sense of “family” here. They are involved with the Key Family Member Program (aka Key Spouse Program) to aid in taking care of our AF family. My family will do all that they can to help take care of you and your families.

So, from my family to your family, have a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!
Bienniel fitness testing starts Jan. 1

Standards change in July
By Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—Maintaining peak combat readiness begins and ends with healthy, motivated and well-trained Airmen.

On Nov. 19, the Air Force’s deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel announced the new Air Force fitness standards will officially begin July 1, 2010. Biannual physical fitness testing will begin Jan. 1 using current fitness standards.

Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III said the services top leaders sought feedback from commanders and senior NCO leaders throughout the Air Force when deciding to execute the updated program that will test Airmen twice during calendar year 2010 once under the current program and once under the new program.

“Based on feedback from the field, we are implementing the July start date so Airmen have the opportunity to excel,” General Newton said. “This implementation strategy will allow for a smoother transition of the new Air Force Instruction and afford commanders adequate time to establish installation fitness assessment cells to include adequate. manning for the FACs.”

According to General Newton, a new AFI detailing the new fitness standards is due out within the next few weeks. This fitness AFI is the first to cover the total force of active duty, Guard and Reserve.

The general added that the July start date will provide commanders and Airmen plenty of time to be prepared and in compliance with the new AFI.

“We want to do this right,” General Newton said. “It’s about readiness and our continued commitment to ensure we have a Fit Force, ready to perform its global mission.”

Units with FACs will use them to conduct fitness assessments. Units without FACs will continue to use their physical training leaders, or PTLs, to assess Airmen. Enlisted and officer performance reports will reflect fitness training scores based upon their reports close out dates, General Newton added.

According to the change, during the Jan. 1 to June 30 testing phase, unit PTLs will provide two scores one for the current system and one for the new standard so Airmen can gauge their performance. Starting July 1, Airmen will officially test under new requirements with the new scoring. Scores will be annotated on EPRs and OPRs accordingly.

Under the new standards, the aerobic run will count for 60 percent of the test. Body composition will count for 20 percent. Under the current standard, they count for 50 and 30 percent, respectively. The sit-up and push-ups remain at 10 percent each. The new standards have differently valued waist measurements and 15 seconds, rather than 30, separating run scores.

Passing the test will require a composite score of 75 while also meeting a minimum level for each component. The new physical fitness test will place Airmen in one of five age groups: less than 30, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. Results will fall into one of three categories: 90 and above, excellent; 75-90, satisfactory; and under 75, unsatisfactory.

Information on the Air Force fitness program is online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp.

Logistics Readiness unveils squadron emblem
By Lt. Col. Brian Peterson
934th LRS commander

The staff of the 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron, formed in 2003, is proud to introduce the first and only official 934 LRS squadron emblem.

Headquarters Air Force approved the emblem which is now part of a proud heritage.

Thanks to several members of the LRS family who committed a lot of time and effort to develop the emblem and to coordinate all of the required approvals. It was truly a team effort.

Special thanks to Master Sgt. Brian Iverson (recently retired) for his initial idea, design, and description of the emblem. He laid the foundation for this emblem to become a reality.

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe represents the unit’s worldwide capabilities. The helmet signifies the unit’s warrior heritage. The nautical star always leads in the right direction. Nine rivets on the helmet represent the nine Air Force Specialty Codes in LRS.

Wi Fi now live at North Country Lodge

Wireless internet access is now enabled at the North Country Lodge. It is now possible to use your wireless internet devices anywhere within the lodging facility.
2009 newspaper, website survey

Each year, the 934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs staff asks members of the 934th AW family (military members, retirees, Veterans, family members, civilian employees) to provide vital feedback on PA products, namely the base newspaper and the public website. Surveys can be sent through the base’s distribution system, hand-delivered to the 934th AW headquarters building or via:

- E-mail to 934aw.pa@minneapolis.af.mil
- Fax to (612) 713-1229
- Mail to 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450

Where do you primarily get your base/unit news?

- Commander’s call
- Word of mouth
- E-newsletter
- From your boss
- Viking Flyer
- Airman & Family Readiness
- Services Courier
- Other

What would you like to see more of in the VF?

- Air Force/AF Reserve News
- Unit news
- Photos
- Human interest stories
- Commentaries
- Other

What would you like to see less of in the VF?

- Air Force/AF Reserve News
- Unit news
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- Other

Would you rather read the VF entirely online? Yes  No  Not sure

What would you change about the VF? _________________________________

About the 934th AW public website (not intranet)

How often do you log onto the 934th AW public website?

- Never  Weekly  Monthly  Occasionally

Is the site easily navigated? Yes  No  I don’t visit the site

Is the site interesting/useful? Yes  No  I don’t visit the site

What would you change about the public website? _________________________________

About the 934th AW FaceBook group page

How often do you visit the 934th AW FaceBook group page?

- Never  Weekly  Monthly  Occasionally

Is the FaceBook page interesting/useful? Yes  No  I am not a member

What would you change about the FaceBook page? _________________________________

About the 934th AW commander’s e-Newsletter

How often do you receive the 934th AW commander’s e-newsletter?

- Every month  Sometimes  He has an e-newsletter

Is the e-newsletter interesting/useful? Yes  No  I do not receive it

What would you change about the e-newsletter? _________________________________

Official Air Force lithographs available

Air Force lithograph sets are available at the Public Affairs office during normal duty hours and UTA weekends. As inspiring as these unframed lithographs are, they can only be displayed in government offices (e.g. unit cubicles, ROTC detachments, services facilities, etc.) and may not be displayed at home or in civilian offices.
Wing selected for Jet-A testing

By Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP Air Reserve Station is one of four Air Force bases selected to begin a demonstration this month for commercial jet fuel, known as Jet A, as a replacement for JP-8, a military specification fuel.

As part of the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century program, Air Force officials estimate a fuel savings of $40 million per year if the program is fully implemented.

The station’s primary role in the demonstration will be the delivery-truck injection system where additives are added when aircraft are being refueled.

Master Sgt. William Frederick, 934th Airlift Wing fuels superintendent, thinks it is a great idea.

“It’s an initiative to help save the government money and I think it will be a great thing if it pans out right,” Sergeant Frederick said. “It will be neat to be able to say that we were part of the transition when it is all complete.”

He said there are a couple of additional things that the Airmen in his department need to incorporate in their daily operation like taking a daily sample from the bulk fuel storage tank and analyzing the sample for the freeze point.

Currently, the Air Force uses JP-8 fuel, which is similar to the Jet A fuel used in commercial aviation. JP-8 differs from Jet A through the addition of an icing inhibitor, corrosion inhibitor, lubricants and anti-static agents. Jet A has been approved for use in the C-130, C-5 and C-17 airframes. Aircraft manufacturers Lockheed and Boeing have both stated that there are no impediments to making Jet A the primary fuel on those airframes.

“JP-8 and Jet A are very similar, with the main difference being the fuel freezing point. We will be making sure the jet fuel is above the -40 degrees celsius standard,” Sergeant Frederick said.

“Anytime these airplanes go cross-country and they stop at municipal airports, that’s all they are getting is straight Jet A,” David Hunter, 934th AW fuels manager, said. “The manufacturers of these engines have already approved Jet A for use and it’s in the technical orders.”

According to the Air Force Petroleum Agency, the Air Force is the largest consumer of jet fuel in the Department of Defense. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Air Force purchased $7 billion of the $9 billion in fuel purchased by the DoD, and consumed more than two billion gallons of the three billion gallons purchased that year. AFPA believes that small savings per gallon add up to a large fleet-wide savings.

“The fluctuation in oil prices can mean big bills for the Air Force and Department of Defense,” said Jack Lavin, recently retired AFPA deputy director. “A one-penny increase in the standard price per gallon for fuel can translate to a fuel cost increase in millions of dollars.”

Master Sgt. Danny Walker, AFPA Jet A initiative program manager said that commercial Jet A is more readily available in the continental U.S., gallon-for-gallon, than JP-8. Increased competition for U.S. government fuel contracts and lower transportation costs will save money following the Jet A transition across the United States.

“Right now there are only a few refineries that deal with JP-8 and they have the market cornered. The Defense Energy Support Center, which owns all of the fuel for the DoD make the contracts with the different refineries,” said Hunter. “Local refineries that already make Jet A could bid on the contracts and we wouldn’t have to truck it in from other states like we do now. If they get enough local refineries to bid on it [Jet A] then we will save more money.”

The Minnesota demonstration is a joint Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard effort. The 934th AW owns the fuel storage tanks, and the Air National Guard’s 133rd Airlift Wing uses the facility to fill the refueling trucks.

“Since the fuel tanks belong to us, the Guard will also be a part of the demonstration,” said Hunter.

Dover Air Force Base, Del.; Little Rock AFB, Ark. and McChord AFB, Wash., are the other demonstration sites. The demonstrations are slated to run for 12 months, at which point DESC officials will review the data and determine future action.

Portions of this article were taken from the AFNEWS story by Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs.
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By Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

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For more information, on ART career opportunities read the online story at http://www.grissom.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-091030-004.pdf or contact Sergeant Garnto at (618) 593-1526 or via e-mail at gary.garnto-02@scott.af.mil.

ART recruiter on duty
Full time positions available

Master Sgt. Gary Garnto is the Air Reserve Technician recruiter for the Midwest area. ART positions are full time jobs that have a Federal Civil Service and Air Force Reserve component within the position. Currently, the following ART positions are available at the 934th Airlift Wing:

- ART recruiter on duty
- Full time positions available

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Comm triple play

Splish splash
Lt. Col. Mike Johnson, 96th Airlift Squadron, gets a ceremonial bath after his final C-130 flight Nov. 5. Colonel Johnson retired with more than 36 years service. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

Turkey time

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A wing and a prayer

Master Sgt. Shannon Moerke (left) 96th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, talks with Pastor Jeffrey Mittelstadt during the 934th Airlift Wing’s Clergy Day orientation flight Oct. 27. The annual event allows clergy members to fly aboard a C-130 to learn about the 934th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach).