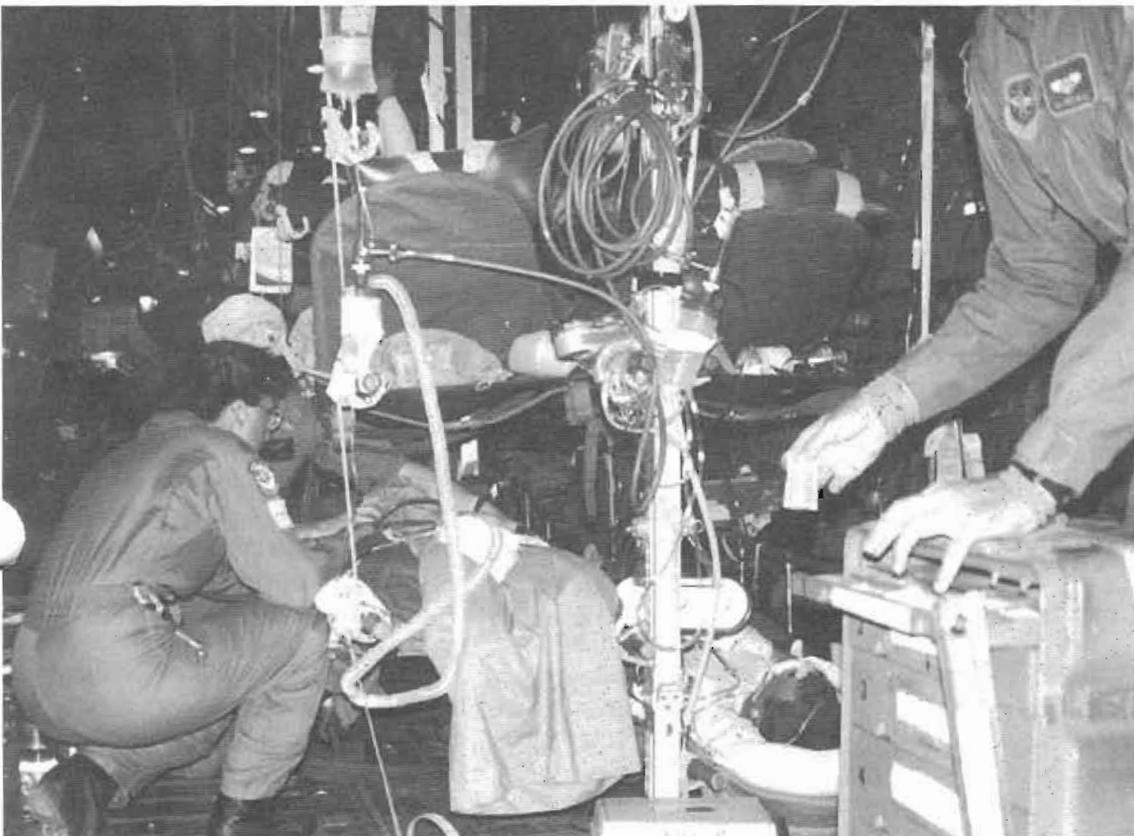


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*Anniversary special*



## Treating a wounded soldier

*During an aeromedical evacuation mission from Saudi Arabia to Germany in March 1991, then-1st Lt. Phyllis Price, a flight nurse with the 1611th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (Provisional), cares for a soldier with face injuries from a mine blast. Now Maj. Phyllis Lawver, assigned to the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, she was one of the many 934th Airlift Wing members deployed to the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield over 10 years ago.*

## Operations Desert Storm; Desert Shield

February marks 10th anniversary of desert victory; people share experiences

By Al Eakle  
Editor, **Viking Flyer**

For many it's hard to believe that it's been more than 10 years ago when the world sat transfixed to their television sets watching news of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and how this event, and subsequent world reaction, would affect their lives in the months and years to come.

Feb. 28 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the air and ground campaign that liberated Kuwait.

A number of then 934<sup>th</sup> Tactical

Airlift Group reservists volunteered for recall, and served at a variety of locations throughout the U.S. and overseas, replacing people in the active force who were then deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations.

A number of present-day 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing people had experiences related to Operations Desert Shield and Storm as well.

"I was a young, three-level airman first class on active duty at Barksdale AFB, La.," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Sanford, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical

Staging Squadron. "My wife and our two kids had just returned from visiting my in-laws when my supervisor called me in off of leave."

He was told to go home, pack his bags because he was being deployed.

"When am I going?" he asked.

"Can't say," his supervisor responded.

"Where am I going?" he asked.

"Can't say," again his supervisor

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## Anniversary

# Airman says goodbyes over a period of days, deploys

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responded.

Over a period of days, he was told to say his goodbyes and he'd be deploying later that day, only to go home and have to return the next day, thinking that would be the day he'd leave. After a period of several days, he finally deployed.

"I was an electronic warfare technician," said Sanford. "A lot of our information was classified so they told us we would be informed of our destination when the plane was in the air. I knew it had to be the Middle East because of Desert Shield/Storm.

"The most frightening thing I remember is when I was on the plane heading over, and, looking at my orders for a return time, they said 'Indefinite'.

About that same time his troop commander gave everyone two Atropine injectors. He said where they were going they may need them. "I was horrified thinking I may never see my wife or my kids again."

He said he put all his fears aside and did the best he possibly could. "I was an inexperienced three-level and had to learn my job while at war."

On the day that the bombings started, it was full throttle ahead. "We worked like we never worked before, twelve hour shifts, seven days a week for about a month straight," said Sanford. He worked on B-52s, which would leave in cells of three to six,

loaded with bombs.

A member of the 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron saw the war from a different perspective, as a soldier in the Army on the ground.

"I was a generator mechanic assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery, based in Friedberg, Germany," said Staff Sgt. Dana Money. "We deployed from Germany out into the desert, ultimately going through Iraq and Kuwait as a part of V Corp. He said his unit, equipped with 155mm self-propelled howitzers, moved up into Iraq, fought the Republican Guard there, and then moved into Kuwait.

Deploying from January through mid-June, they provided artillery support for the infantry. "I maintained generators for the headquarters company, and drove a wrecker to pick up wheeled vehicles.

In his area, Money said they had close to 3,000 Iraqi soldiers surrender. "We guarded them until we turned them over to the MPs (military police)."

A then-first lieutenant now assigned to the 934<sup>th</sup> ASTS flew 10 live-patient missions during her five-month stay in the region.

"I deployed with the 65th (349th) Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to Saudi (Arabia), said Maj. Maria Kwiatkowski. "I was a young 1st Lt, in fact the youngest officer in our group"

During her time in the Area of Responsibility she flew 10 live patient

missions.

"We were often alerted about 10 p.m. for our mission, said Kwiatkowski, "and always there were delays." Because of these delays she said she would be watching the sun rise as they took off. The flight time was about eight hours, then the off loading of patients and equipment.

She said they would get to billeting about early evening.

"I was more exhausted than I ever experienced," said Kwiatkowski, "but I work with some amazing people who made the experience better.

One member of the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing finance office supported Operations Desert Shield and Storm from an island in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

"I was on active duty during the invasion of Kuwait in August 1990," said Tech. Sgt. Michael W. Finstrom. Within two weeks, he was deployed from Plattsburgh AFB, NY with a nine-person Prime Ribs team to Loring AFB, ME.

"We were moved forward to Diego Garcia with the folks from Loring to support their B-52's that were staged for Desert Shield." For the next five months he watched the population of the small island build up in preparation for a possible conflict.

"When it was apparent that war was about to take place," said Finstrom, "I saw all B-52 aircraft and tanker support all lined up and waiting for a signal to launch. I watched this from our cantonment area near the end of the flightline.

Then, as if on a signal, all aircraft launched the second they were lined up to take off. After the tankers had launched, they headed to bed, knowing the next day was going to be very eventful.

"Sure enough," he said, "when we arrived at work the next morning, our co-workers from the night shift were taking in the reports that were flooding in over televised news."

He said everyone on the island was anxiously waiting to see which

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### Sequence of events

**Aug. 2-** Iraq invades Kuwait at 1 a.m. local time. President George Bush declared a national emergency.

**Aug. 7-** F-15s from Langley AFB, VA, depart for Saudi Arabia.

**Aug. 8-** C-141 carrying airlift control element arrives in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

**Aug. 11-** Reserve-guard volunteers and aircraft add to capabilities of Military Airlift and Strategic Air Commands.

**Aug. 22-** President Bush issues an executive order, invoking the authority to activate up to 200,000 reservists. He announces mobilizations of 40,000 reservists in all branches of the armed forces, including 14,000 air reservists.

**Aug. 29-** C-5, flown by Air Force Reserve volunteer crew, crashes at Ramstein AB, Germany.

**Sept. 20-** Reserve, guard maintenance people called

from units and assigned to MAC to cover surge to wartime sortie rates.

**Oct. 30-** MAC launches Desert Express, overnight airlift to the Gulf of critical items.

**Nov. 13-** President Bush issues executive order extending the active duty period by 90 days of those called up.

**Jan. 17-** Desert Storm launched by coalition air forces at 3 a.m. local time.

**Jan. 19-** President Bush signs executive order extending call up period of reservists from six months to two years.

**Feb. 6-** Air Force Reserve Capt. Robert Swain shoots down an Iraqi helicopter in first-ever aerial victory by an A-10.

**Feb. 24-** 100-hour ground campaign begins.

**Feb. 28-** Fighting stops

**Mar. 19-** Redeployment of troops begins.

**Apr. 11-** Gulf War official ends at 10 a.m. E.S.T.



Staff Sgt. Dana Money, sits atop a destroyed Iraqi tracked vehicle turret when he was a soldier serving in the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Storm. Money is now assigned to the 934th Maintenance Squadron.

## Bombers, tankers lined up awaiting launch signal

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ews and aircraft were going to return. They were grateful all returned after successfully hitting their assigned targets.

The next day brought more surprises, Finstrom added, when one of the unit's B-52s took a hit. It successfully diverted to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for some battle damage repair and returned to the island the next day.

For the next two weeks he said they felt invincible when every crew and aircraft were returned successfully.

Then, one B-52 had to ditch 15 miles from the island, with half of the crew lost with the aircraft. That was the only time the unit had to handle any fatalities during that war.

"The loss kind of put us into shock and we no longer felt as cocky as we had before," said Finstrom. "From that time we all concentrated on our duties. We were very fortunate that no more crews were lost."

The wing officer at Westover AFB, MA saw a dramatic increase in hotline activities when the base became a C-5 staging base for Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

"We had just finished our annual

airshow," said Lt. Col. Cam Lablanc, 934th Logistic Group commander, then a captain and maintenance control officer at the base. "all of our aircraft deployed with volunteer crew."

As a staging base, they had a little over three hours to swap crew, gas the aircraft and get them airborne. "We started with an ART (air reserve technician) workforce, with reserve volunteers and a few civilians. We then went from a two-shift to a 24-hour operation."

Staffing went from 400 to 1,200 people to maintain the C-5s, plus handle any transients. Some of those people came from the 934th TAG.

"The biggest thing that stands out in my mind," said Lablanc, is the coordination and choreograph between everyone to make all this happen within the allotted time. Everyone got together and worked together. More than 350 aircraft went through there in one month."

He said they maintained a high operations tempo for several months after hostilities ceased. "It was a good experience professionally," he added, "and it showed we could do what we train for."

Not all support came from those in

uniform either. The lodging manager for the 934th Support Group was the wife of an Army first sergeant stationed in Germany, helping out in a number of ways.

"Most of my friends' husbands were deployed and I helped their wives as best I could," said Tammy Davis. "Some of these wives weren't on checking accounts, nor could they drive. My sister and I helped as best we could, oftentimes driving these wives wherever they needed to go."

A huge "tent city" was set up at Rhein Main AB, Germany for Army soldiers transiening the base on their way to the gulf. "we handed out books, videos and other donated items to the troops, and saw they were comfortable during their short stay at the base.

One thing she remembered specifically was the night President George Bush announced the start of the air campaign on television.

"It was the middle of the night in Germany," she said. "I remember looking outside and all the lights were on in the stairwell. Everyone was up. It was a surreal moment."

# SWA commander reflects on area then; now

Reservists from the 934th Airlift Wing are among the thousands of airmen supporting coalition forces in the Persian Gulf region.

Some 10 years after Desert Storm, Lt. Gen. Charles F. Wald reflected on the evolution of the mission during a recent visit to Southwest Asia.

As the commander of U.S. Central Command Air Forces, the general is responsible for developing contingency plans and conducting air operations in a 20-nation area of responsibility, stretching from Kenya in eastern Africa, southward to the Seychelles Islands, and across the Arabian Peninsula and Southwest Asia to Pakistan.

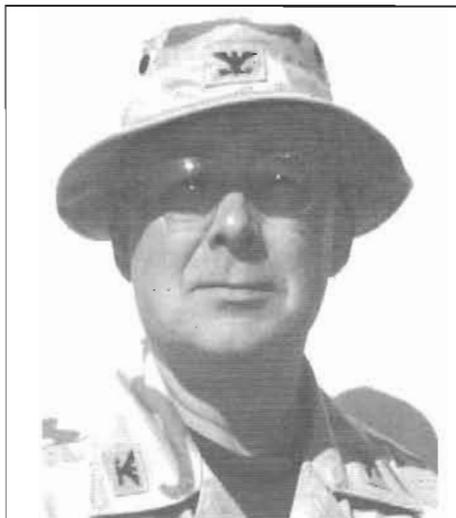
"Since the war, the mission here has evolved over time," Wald said. The mission began with Joint Task Force Southwest Asia in August 1992. The current JTF-SWA mission is enforcing United Nations Security Council resolutions which dictate the no-fly, no-drive zone in southern Iraq.

The general said the original reason for being here was to protect the Shi'ite Muslims in southern Iraq from being attacked by Saddam Hussein's forces.

"We have done that with air power," Wald said. "We have made great progress in the south by taking away his sophisticated defense systems. And we have decreased (the amount of) strategic surface-to-air missiles. We have the right rules of engagement in place to respond to his threats."

The evolution of air power over the past decade has played a significant role in carrying out the mission. This adaptation has taken place in Air Force weapon systems, how its people are trained and how the Air Force deploys as a whole, the general said, pointing out the effectiveness of precision munitions, the importance of space systems, the quality of Air Force personnel and the flexibility of the Air Expeditionary Force.

In Desert Storm, Americans saw a



*Col. Paul Groskreutz, 934th Support Group commander, is one of the 934th Airlift Wing volunteers who have served in the Persian Gulf region.*

televised high-tech air war. Wald said that since then, the Air Force has improved its technology.

"The only aircraft that dropped precision munitions in the war were the F-117, the F-111s and a handful of F-15Es," he said. "Today, virtually all of the aircraft we fly here use precision munitions."

Other advances to combat capabilities include the use of the Global Positioning System of location-tracking satellites.

"During the war we didn't have a GPS system in place; now, every aircraft we fly here has that capability," Wald said.

Despite the advances in technology, the Air Force wouldn't be the lethal force it is today without the people who drive it. The general commented on the highly trained people of today's Air Force.

"At the beginning of the Gulf War, there was some concern that we would run out of combat-experienced troops," he said. "There is never a good reason to have a war, but despite the tragedy of the experience, there are benefits from being here. Today, almost everybody

that is in a combat weapon system has had a chance to fly combat, either over Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Bosnia or Kosovo. The Air Force has a highly trained, combat-experienced force."

Another positive change to the organization of the Air Force is how those trained forces deploy. The general said that the AEF has done a great deal to improve morale.

"The AEF has contributed towards retention, but, more importantly, it makes us a better Air Force in how we deploy," he explained. "We have put stability and predictability back into the force, which makes for better morale and happier families."

The general said that the Air Force currently has more than 90,000 people in the expeditionary combat support pool, and in the next year or two those numbers will rise toward 150,000.

"This AEF is going to capture more people in support categories who don't normally deploy. This will spread the wealth [of deployment experience] to more commands. This also makes it easier on home stations where people have to pick up the slack."

Looking into the future, the CENTAF commander's goal is to continue the Southern Watch mission safely and successfully by providing force protection for aircrews and support teams on the ground and in the air.

"Things have changed dramatically," Wald said. "The Air Force is much more capable, and we have better doctrine, tactics, (and) weapons and better-trained people. Those people who have come here to execute the mission can be extremely proud of what they have done. From a military perspective, and that includes all services and our coalition partners, we can look back and say that we were successful. We have done the military mission in a professional and successful way over the past 10 years." (Senior Amn. Marnee Carls from the 320th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs contributed to this story)

# Wing team pays final honors to local veterans

By SSgt Suzanne Runtsch  
934th AW Public Affairs Office

The strains of Taps float across the air as a lone bugler respectfully plays the last heart rendering yet beautiful notes of this honorific bugle call.

With elite precision the vibrant red, white and blue of our American flag is folded and presented to a veteran's family.

From the flag draped casket to the 21-gun salute, military funeral honors render the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country.

Funeral honors have become one of the military's most challenging missions. While the number of military personnel has been significantly downsized, the number of requests for military funeral honors is rising.

According to the Veterans Administration, 9.3 million American veterans are age 65 or older. Five million of them are veterans of World War II, by 2015 eight million Vietnam veterans will be age 65 or older.

The military has a long tradition of providing military honor.

In January 2000, a new law

mandated this practice. The legislation requires a minimum of at least two members of the armed forces to attend

the funeral. At least one member of the detail must be from the same service as the deceased.

Military honors include folding and presenting the flag, and playing Taps.

Buglers are in such short supply that the Department of Defense now distributes a high quality recording of a bugler performing at Arlington National Cemetery. Noting that the bugler at a military funeral traditionally plays Taps from a distance, veterans groups feel the essence of honor still emanates.

Senior Master Sgt. Becky Ogden, a member of the 934th honor guard team, responded to the bugler shortage by volunteering to learn to play the trumpet.

Ten months ago, Ogden began taking private music lessons.

"I discovered I really like it. I even went out and bought my own trumpet," Ogden said. "Even when I retire from the unit, I still want to be the bugler for the honor guard team."

The honor guard team, flag draped coffin, and playing of Taps are poignant reminders of the patriotism, honor, courage and sacrifice veterans give in the name of freedom.

Maj. Kirby Bauer, 934th Communications Flight commander, also commands the base honor guard team, which also handles color guard duties at local events.

At a recent convention at the Target Center, color guard members were saluted with a 10-minute standing ovation upon presentation of the colors, "It made me very proud to be wearing this uniform," said Master Sgt. Ed Johnson.

"I joined the honor guard team as a way of giving back to those who have served before me—to show respect for the uniform. I'm proud to be a part of something so important," Senior Amn. Dan Mellesmoen said.

Anyone interested in joining the honor guard team should contact contact Major Bauer at Ext. 1628.



Senior Master Sgt. Becky Ogden plays taps during a dress rehearsal at the local veterans cemetery.



Maj. Kirby Bauer watches members of the 934th honor guard practice folding the flag during a full dress rehearsal.

Photos by Staff. Sgt. Stephanie Robinson

## News briefs

### **Air Force surgeon general: One suicide is one too many**

by Leigh Anne Bierstine

**Air Force Surgeon General Public  
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**Air Force**

#### WASHINGTON

(AFPN) — One Air Force suicide is one suicide too many, according to Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Air Force surgeon general.

The surgeon general is trying to combat suicides by instilling in every Air Force member that it is a community problem. That philosophy is the basis for the Air Force's community approach to suicide prevention.

"We have to stop thinking of suicide prevention as something only mental health professionals do," Carlton said.

"All of us have a responsibility to our fellow airmen and co-workers," he explained. "Recognizing when a person is having problems and actively encouraging that person to seek help is a vital part of suicide prevention.

"We lose too many airmen to suicide in the Air Force, and it is preventable," he said. "Whatever the numbers are, we can never stop being proactive and declare victory. Instead we must continue our efforts."

Today, the Air Force is using a prevention team called the integrated delivery system that includes chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy, all working together and taking responsibility for enhancing community health and well-being.

To date, suicide prevention efforts include an emphasis on involving and training Air Force leadership, and on buddy care and annual suicide prevention training for all military and civilians. The Air Force also maintains a database that tracks not only suicides but also suicide attempts.

The Air Force is not alone in its battle against suicide. David Satcher,

surgeon general of the United States, described suicide as a "serious public health problem." Nearly 31,000 people commit suicide annually in the United States. Twenty-one active-duty Air Force people committed suicide in 2000, according to the casualty services branch of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Raising suicide awareness is not enough, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who leads the Air Force's suicide prevention team.

"Our pilots are responsible for early signs of problems with their jet engines, so mechanics can intervene before engine failure occurs," Talcott said. "In the same way, we expect our commanders, first sergeants and supervisors at every level to be responsible for their co-workers and watch for early signs of problems so we can intervene early."

"The subject of suicide is very discomfoting for many people, but the first step toward preventing suicide is getting people to talk about it," Talcott said.

Talcott suggest people be alert for the following warning signs that may signal suicide intent:

- Preoccupied with death and dying
- Talk about committing suicide
- Make final arrangements for death
- Trouble eating or sleeping
- Drastic changes in behavior
- Withdrawal from friends or social activities
- Loss of interest in work, school, etc.
- Give away prized possessions
- Take unnecessary risks
- Loss of interest in personal appearance
- Increased use of alcohol and drugs

For more information on what to do if a member encounters someone with these signs, immediately contact an appropriate integrated delivery system representative: the chaplain's

office, family support center, behavioral health clinic, family advocacy, or health and wellness center.

### **AFRC commander selects command chief master sgt.**

**Reserve**

WASHINGTON — The commander of Force Reserve Command has selected a new command chief master sergeant. as the new Jan. 22.

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command and chief of Air Force Reserve, selected

Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Denise Adams from among 12 nominees for the position.

"I was immediately impressed with Chief Adams. She is a very dynamic person, who I know will take care of my enlisted force," said Sherrard. "I have every confidence that she is the person for the job."

The job of command chief for this major command, which is a three-year controlled tour, involves advising the commander on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare and effective use of more than 74,000 reservists and active-duty members. Adams was previously the command chief for the 932<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

She succeeds Chief Master Sgt. Billy Blackburn, who was selected as the Superintendent of the Air Force's only enlisted basic military training facility. He is the first Reservist to ever hold this position.

Adams also attains a first-ever in her selection as command chief for Air Force Reserve Command. She is the first African-American female to hold the title of command chief on active-duty since the title changed from senior enlisted advisor, and with her selection she will be the first African-American



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female to be a command chief for a major command.

After enlisting in the Air Force Reserve in Oct. 1977, Adams attended the Medical Service Specialist School at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Following an active duty training tour at the Scott Medical Center, she returned to fulfill her Reserve commitment with the former 52nd Medical Services Squadron, now the 932nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, in August 1978.

Her career progression with the 932 ASTS included assignments as staff technician, section supervisor and Superintendent of Nursing Services. In 1991, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, she served as facility nursing superintendent at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

"I am very excited about the challenge and opportunity to continue contributing to the Air Force Reserve," Adams said. "The Air Force Reserve is such a major part of my life."

Adams will assume her new job of command chief of Air Force Reserve Command Feb. 15. (AFRC News Service)

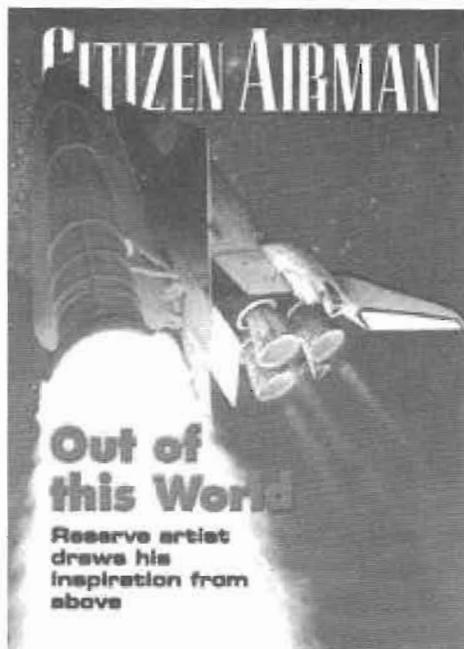
## ***Citizen Airman focuses on support to researchers***

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — The latest issue of Citizen Airman magazine focuses on the support Air Force Reserve has provided to National Science Foundation researchers operating in the harsh environment of Antarctica.

Air Force Reservists have provided this support for nearly 40 years, and the latest unit to get involved in flying these supply missions is the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. In October, members of the 452nd flew one of their C-141s to the polar ice cap for the first time.

Also in this issue, learn about a force structure announcement that impacts Reserve pararescue units in Portland, Ore., and at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Other stories in the magazine include:



an individual reservist who is gaining worldwide recognition for his artwork, which is based on aerospace themes;

government travelers are receiving a new charge card;

a self-proclaimed "tinkerer" helps restore a teacher's ability to play the trumpet;

the Reserve band joins with the Band of the Pacific and Nashville stars to entertain troops in the Far East;

a trauma surgeon joins a team that travels with the president;

and a reservist establishes a special bond with a Marine killed in Vietnam.

## ***VA says all Vietnam vets exposed to defoliant***

### **Local**

Any of the 2.6 million women and men who served in Vietnam between 1964 and 1975 now may be eligible for compensation and health care for certain diseases associated with Agent Orange.

It is the defoliant used during the war years to reveal enemy hiding in the jungles of

the South East Asia country.

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs presumes that all military personnel

who served in Vietnam were exposed to Agent Orange, and federal law presumes that certain illnesses are a result of that exposure. The "presumptive policy" eases the claims process for these illnesses by foregoing the normal requirements of proving that an illness began or was worsened during military service.

As many as 10 diseases are on the USDVA Agent Orange list of presumptive disabilities, based on clinical research.

Spina bifida and certain birth defects afflicting Vietnam vets' offspring are also cited in the recent USDVA ruling.

Vietnam vets also are eligible for a complete physical exam, with free medical care to follow, if they are found to have a disorder linked to Agent Orange. All vets examined are enrolled in the Agent Orange Registry and receive updates from the USDVA on the latest Agent Orange studies and care policy revisions offered by the federal agency.

Vietnam veterans who feel they are affected by the USDVA "presumptive policy" are urged to contact the agency at 1-800-827-1000 for assistance.

## ***W-2 in the mail***

All calendar year 2000 W-2 forms were scheduled to be mailed beginning Jan. 15, according to the 934th Airlift Wing's comptroller's office. They were mailed to an employees address of record. If undeliverable as addressed, the postal service will forward the W-2 to the forwarding address provided by the employee if available, or sent to the finance office. Individuals who have not received their W-2 by Feb. 7, or if it is incorrect, should contact the finance office for assistance.

## ***Salute to Hospitalized Vets***

The annual National Salute to

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## New briefs

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Hospitalized Veterans is Feb. 11-18, and syndicated columnist Ann Landers is calling for children and adults to visit U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs hospitals Feb. 14, with Valentine's Day greetings for their patients.

According to acting USDVA secretary Hershel Gober, last year 750,000 valentines were delivered to VA hospitals, and more than 79,000 patients had visitors.

### Airmen get improved deployment tools

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The U.S. Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center here wants to ensure all expeditionary airmen have the best possible source of deployment information available.

With the second cycle of AEF rotations under way, Air Force officials have greatly improved the tools available to commanders and Air Force people deploying with an AEF.

The "AEF Commanders' Playbook" is designed to give airmen up-to-date information on all deployment issues. The playbook will

help commanders prepare airmen for AEF rotations.

As part of a continuing effort to better educate deploying forces, it contains detailed information commanders and deploying peoples need. The quick-reference checklist, which highlights the key issues and lists the relevant sections of the playbook, is designed to be easily carried by commanders.

"The AEF Commanders' Playbook is one way to ensure all Air Force commanders, deploying members and even those who remain at the home station are all on the same sheet of music," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen, commander of the center.

The playbook answers questions about how the AEF impacts a squadron, and what commanders should be doing to better support the Expeditionary Aerospace Force/AEF, Larsen said.

It also includes critical items such as AEF key rules, commanders' guidance, available deployment tools and even a user tutorial. Commanders can access the playbook and quick-reference checklist from a .mil or .gov computer on the "EAF Online" Web site at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/>.

[aefcenter.acc.af.mil/](https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/).

Another big improvement made for the second AEF cycle is an upgraded "EAF Online." Airmen can access individualized training templates on the Web site for detailed information about their deployed job description, mission and even the equipment they will be using in the area of responsibility.

The templates identify both required and desirable training needed before deployment. They also offer other information including specific concerns, lessons learned in the past, specific functional-area information and links to other helpful sites. Templates are available for all steady-state, non-flying positions.

If deploying airmen get the training they need, they will reduce the time to get ready in the AOR and the turmoil that can be generated during AEF transitions, AEF officials said.

"We are constantly expanding and improving EAF Online to make it a one-stop shop for commanders and individuals," Larsen said. "We have also made substantial improvements to ensure the Commanders' Playbook is user-friendly."

## Fun & Leisure

### Officer's Club

Feb. 1-18: Closed for renovations

Feb. 19: Dining room closed. Bar opens at 5 p.m.

Feb. 20-24: Dinner specials daily

Feb. 25: Closed

Feb. 26: Dining room closed. Bar opens at 5 p.m.

Feb. 27-Mar. 2: Dinner specials daily.

Mar. 4- Four-star brunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 for adults, and \$5.95 for children.

Mar. 5- Flower and Garden Club

chili contest

The Officers Club is celebrating St. Patricks Day Friday, Mar. 17 from 7:30-11 p.m..

The celebration begins with a green clover salad, choice of roast sirloin or baked irish stuff flounder, poundie potatoes and braised carrots.

CK's Four Piece Band will be performing on the ballroom stage.

The cost for dinner and music is \$19.95 per person. For those wishing to listen to the band or dance only, a \$5 per person cover is being charged.

All club members are invited to attend. For reservations, call (612) 713-3670

### NCO Club

Breakfast: Monday-Friday from 6:30-9:30 a.m.

Lunch: Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: Friday-Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Feb. 6- Two-for-one sirloin.

Feb. 14- Special Valentines

Day dinner includes choice of either chicken or baked lemon walleye, twice-baked potato, green beans and special cheesecake. The cost is \$29.95 per couple. For reservations, call (612) 713-1655.

## Wing Roundup

### 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Randy Matthews

Unit Public Affairs Representative

Power production people and firefighters went to March ARB, CA for three days of contingency training. Power production people trained on MEP-12a 750 kw mobility generators and mobile aircraft arresting barriers. Firefighters performed live fire training exercises and trained on the mobile aircraft arresting barriers.

People in the Equipment Shop were busy performing snow removal duties.

The squadron spent time preparing and outfitting people for March's operational readiness exercise in Saudi Arabia.

The squadron conducted mobility document inspections.

### 934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight

Senior Amn. Chris Krug

Unit Public Affairs Representative

Unit is preparing for participation Government on Display during February's Unit Training Activity.

Flight members performed personal computer maintenance for scheduled turn-ins.

Flight welcomed Staff Sgt. Steve Bender, who was prior-service Army.

### 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

No report

### 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight

No report

### 934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight

No report

## Commander's coins

Commander's coins are presented by the 934th Airlift Wing commander to reservists and civilian employees following recommendation by unit commanders or staff agency chiefs.

The coins recognize outstanding professionalism and dedication.

Individuals recognized in January include:

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Donnay, 934th AW/FM.

Tech. Sgt. Clarence Summers, 934th LSS

Senior Master Sgt. Dave Brownlee, 934th AW/LGQ

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Robinson, 934th CF/SCB

## Medals

### Meritorious Service Medal

Capt. Eric D. Stutcliffe;

Senior Master Sgt. Karen M. Wilson;

Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Niedzielski;

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Troy P. Puckett (3<sup>rd</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Master Sgt. Charles E. Nelson (2<sup>nd</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Tech. Sgt. David D. Bugni (1<sup>st</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Tech. Sgt. Daniel C. Knox (1<sup>st</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Tech. Sgt. Darrell L. Knox (1<sup>st</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Lee (1<sup>st</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Tech. Sgt. Mark C. Quinlan (1<sup>st</sup> oak leaf cluster);

Master Sgt. James M. Canniff;

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Capt. James E. Frame;

Capt. Caleb F. Merriman;

Staff Sgt. Alvin L. Greener

## Newcomers

Senior Amn. Jeffrey V. Anderson, 934<sup>th</sup> AES;

Amn. 1<sup>st</sup> Class David M. Barrett, 934 MXS;

Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Bartkey, 27 APS;

Staff Sgt. Steven J. Bender, 934 CF;

Lt. Col. Gary W. Chambers, 934 AW;

Todd A. Christensen, FMF

Tech. Sgt. Gary W. Dorr, 934<sup>th</sup> AW;

Staff Sgt. Natalee S. Fox, 934 AW;

Senior Amn. Jason A. Greiner; 934<sup>th</sup> MXS;

Senior Amn. Michele Johnson, 934<sup>th</sup> MXS;

Staff Sgt. William R. Justin, 934 CES;

Staff Sgt. Anthony R. Kanugh, 934<sup>th</sup> MXS;

Staff Sgt. Laurence M. Koland, 96<sup>th</sup> AS;

Staff Sgt. Colleen A. Kramp, 934<sup>th</sup> LSS;

Amn. Basic mark E. Krause, 934<sup>th</sup> MXS;

Staff Sgt. Mark A. Ledkins, 934 SFS;

Staff Sgt. Alisa M. Malszycki, 27 APS;

Staff Sgt. Dean L. Marshall, 27 APS;  
Staff Sgt. Paul T. McNamee, 934 MXS;  
Tech. Sgt. Christina F. McNamee, 934 CES;

Daniel M. Misgen, 934<sup>th</sup> SFS;

David E. Olafson, IN;

Senior Amn. David M. Olson, 27 APS;

Staff Sgt. Daniel Ramos, 934 AW;

Shirley J. Rhea, 934<sup>th</sup> MXS;

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Ross, 934 SFS;

Capt. Theodore S. Ruminsky, 934 SFS;

Tech. Sgt. Jon Schmidt, 934<sup>th</sup> CF;

Master Sgt. Daniel L. Shaddrick, 934<sup>th</sup> SVS

Amn. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Trisha L. Singleton, 934<sup>th</sup> ASTS;

Amn. Basic Robert L. Stubbs, 934<sup>th</sup> SFS;

Staff Sgt. Thomas G. Wiese, 96<sup>th</sup> AS

## 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Airman of the Year Nominees

Senior Amn. Shawn Conway, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Senior Amn. Jonathan Berry, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Amn. Daniel Mellesmoen, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

## 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing NCO of the Year Nominees

Tech. Sgt. Mark Anderson, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Knowles, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Tech. Sgt. William William Liberatore, 934<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Dale Place, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Olson, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Olson, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

## 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Year Nominees

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Donnay, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

Senior Master Sgt. David Angerman, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Master Sgt. John Peterson, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Larry O'Connell, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

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## 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing First Sergeant of the Year Nominees

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Anderson, 934<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Tamlyn, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Master Sgt. Joseph Brinza, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

# UTA news in brief

## MPF has moved

The Military Personnel Flight has moved to Bldg 852. Identification cards are done on the first floor and they now have handicap accessibility for those in need of it.

The MPF Training and Personnel Systems sections are on the second floor.

## Newcomer's Orientation

Newcomer's Orientation is held every Saturday of the Unit Training Activity at 8 a.m. in the NCO Club. Units should ensure that their newcomers have a sponsor to take them to the club, return them to the unit, familiarize them with the base and especially make them feel welcome!

## Education and training

G.I. Bill Kicker AFSCs for FY 2001- Kicker AFSCs for FY 2001 will remain the same as when the program came online in June 2000. They are:

### Hours of operation

#### Military Personnel Flight

UTA Saturday- 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
UTA Sunday- 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
UTA ID cards- 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat.& Sun

#### Immunization Clinic

Saturday: 8:45-11:30 a.m.; 12:30-3 p.m.  
1-2 p.m. (yellow fever)  
Sunday: closed

#### Fitness Center

UTA Saturday- 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
UTA Sunday- 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Officers Club

Closed for renovation

#### NCO Club

UTA Saturday breakfast- 6:30.-9:30 a.m.  
UTA Saturday lunch- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
UTA Saturday lounge- 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
UTA Saturday dinner-5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Feb. 2 (UTA) DJ and dance  
Mar. 3 (UTA) "The Drifters" and dance

#### Chapel services

Catholic Confession- 7:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass- 8 a.m.  
Protestant Service- 9 a.m.  
All services in Bldg. 865

1N, 1T, 2A, 2F, 2T, 2W, 3E, 8D, 1A, & 4N.

Reservists who are in good standing, eligible for either the active duty or selected reserve G.I. Bill, and have six years retainability on their current enlistment are eligible for this supplemental benefit of up to \$350 per month in educational assistance.

## Career Enhancement

Bonus AFSCs have been approved. Enlisted Incentive Program Bonus AFSC Listing from Jan. 1 though June 30, 2001:

AFSC	AFSC TITLE
X1AX1C	Loadmaster
1C0X2	Operations Resource Management
1N0X1	Intelligence Applications
2A1X7	Electronic Warfare Systems
2A551J	Aircraft Maintenance (2A531B)
2A6X1B	Aerospace Propulsion
2A6X4	Aircraft Fuel Systems
2A6X6	Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems
2F0X1	Fuels
2T0X1	Traffic Management
2T1X1	Vehicle Operations
2T2X1	Air Cargo
2T3X5	Vehicle Body Maintenance
2W0X1	Munitions Systems
3M0XX	Services
4A1X1	Medical Material
4F0X1	Aeromedical
4N0X1	Medical Services
X4N0X1	Flying Medical Services

## Officer, enlisted duty titles

Duty titles for officer and enlisted personnel should reflect what the individual actually does, and not the career field description. If a duty title needs to be changed, orderly room staff can make the change through the PC III System.

## Readiness

This year will be extremely busy year for the 934th Airlift Wing, with personnel fulfilling many Aerospace Expeditionary Force and other deployment commitments overseas.

It is critical that reservists

ensure their military personnel records are always current and accurate. Reservists play a very important role by assisting their unit deployment manager by ensuring their personnel items are always up-to-date. The following items should be reviewed at least quarterly prior to deploying anywhere, and should be promptly updated when changes occur:

DD Form 93 - Record of Emergency Data

Personal ID Tag - Full-name, SSN, Blood type and Religious Preference

Military Green ID Card - Mandatory. Update if within 90 days of ETS

SGLI - Serviceman's Group Life Insurance Coverage for Dependents  
Line badges, if applicable  
Force Protection, SATE - Security Awareness Training

## Meetings

Stand-up- Saturday at 9 a.m. in building 760 (conference room).

Enlisted Advisory Council- Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Building 760 (conference room).

Career Advisor- Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Building 760 (room 194).

First sergeants meeting- Saturday at 2 p.m. in Building 760 (conference room)

Chiefs Breakfast- Sunday at 6:30 a.m. in the NCO Club.

NCO Club Advisory Council- Sunday at 10 a.m. in the NCO Club.

Honor guard- Sunday at 10 a.m. in Building 760 (conference room)

## Videos available in lodging

Video rental is now available for lodging guests in Bldg 711. Videos may be rented for \$1.50/day. Additional daily rental fees will apply if video(s) are not returned on time. There will be a \$20.00 fee for videos not returned or returned damaged. Guests must have a credit card on file to rent a video.

Microwaves are available in all guest rooms in Bldg 711.