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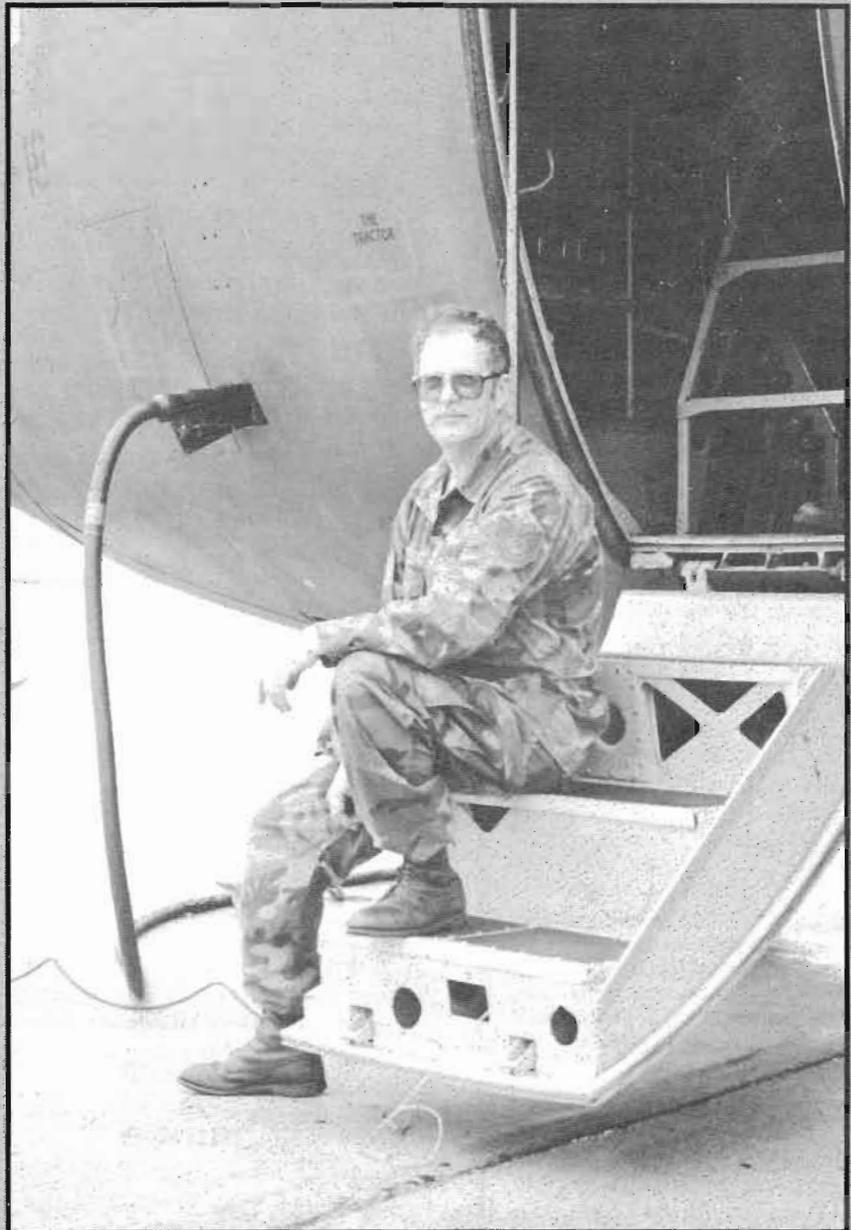
VIKING FLYER

934th Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

PCS for 'Tractor'

One of the wing's last
'mean, green' C-130s
transfers east for a
permanent change
of station —
make that *far east*

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(U.S. Air Force Photo)

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Tech. Sgt. Bruce Moin, crew chief for aircraft 62-1834, bids farewell to the old work-horse as it leaves for a new "mission" in Japan. See story, Pages 12-13.



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Commentary

Cleaning up our act

It takes everyone's efforts to boost recycling

by Col. Michael Gjede
wing commander

The first week in May, we celebrate Earth Week. It's really a celebration of our concern for our environment. Cutting to the chase, we are trying to improve the elements around us.

This leads me into my real message: **recycling**. On this installation, we need to do much better. The broad term is solid waste management. For most of us, this translates to recycling.

We're talking office paper, magazines, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum cans, and plastic/glass bottles. I can walk into virtually any office on

base on any given day, especially UTAs, and find the aforementioned items in trash cans.

We have to change our attitudes on this. It requires the base to provide appropriate containers. It requires the base to advertise the program. But it requires you, the individuals who work here, both full time and traditional reservist, to make the program work. You do it at home, and you need to do it here.

Let's use Earth Week '97 to make a conscious effort to change our attitude on recycling, and get with the recycling program. It takes the efforts of each and every one of us to make this a better environment for future generations. □

Safety remains top concern

by Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
chief, Air Force Reserve
Command, commander,
Headquarters AFRC

Since the beginning of fiscal year 1997, Air Force Reserve Command has suffered a number of unfortunate accidents resulting in the destruction of aircraft and tragic loss of life. Although the causes of most are still under investigation, we owe it to ourselves and the American public to ensure that we are doing everything we can to make our operations safe and efficient.

I'm sure you have all heard the saying that there is no peacetime mission important enough to compromise safety. It's still true today.

The solution is the same as it always been: dedicated commanders, supervisors and workers who understand the mission, know how to employ the limited resources we have available, and are empowered to do so. We are all empowered to make logical, fact-based decisions that enhance safety and promote mission accomplishment. We are accountable for those decisions; it goes with the territory. Decisions based on valid safety concerns will not be criticized. I truly believe there is not a more professional group in the world than the AFRC.

I need each of you, from the commander to the newest airman, to be ever vigilant in your duties and to stay involved in monitoring and improving our processes on a daily basis. It's the right thing to do. It's the professional thing to do. It's the only way to discharge our obligations to our fellow crewmembers and the taxpayers of the United States.

Working together as a team, we will succeed in providing America's world class combat force! □

UTA schedule

June 7-8	*(Family	► May UTA
July 12-13	Day,	pay should be
Aug. 23-24	Sept. 7)	deposited by:
Sept. 6-7*		May 15.

See fiscal year 1998 schedule, Page 4.

World

C-130 crashes in Honduras

Three reservists died April 1 in the crash of their C-130 aircraft near Toncontin International Airport in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Seven survivors were transported by a U.S. Air Force medical evacuation aircraft to military hospitals in San Antonio, Texas.

The aircraft and crew were assigned to the 440th Airlift Wing, General Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis. The citizen airmen killed were: **Senior Master Sgt. Leland Rassmussen, Staff Sgt. Vicki Clifton and Senior Airman Samuel Keene.**

Survivors are: **Cpts. Robert Woodard, Michael Butler and Ian Kincaid; Master Sgt. Steven Hilger; Tech. Sgts. Danny Formanski and Joseph Martynski; and Staff Sgt. Dean Ackmann.**

The crew was on a scheduled mission as part of a Coronet Oak deployment, enroute from Howard Air Force Base, Panama, to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.

A memorial service will be held at the 440th on May 3. A fund has been established for the families, and contributions may be sent to: 440th Family Support Fund, c/o Wauwatosa Savings Bank, 6560 South 27th Street, Oak Creek WI 53154.

A board of officers will investigate the accident. (AFRCNS)

Releases to inactive duty status delayed

To protect the fiscal year 1997 end strength, members who request and receive approval for reassignment from the unit program to Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center will see a delay in their release.

Affected members will be projected for reassignment to HQ ARPC no earlier than Oct. 1, 1997, and no later than 180 days from the date the commander approved the request.

These procedures do not apply to involuntary reassignments for unsatisfactory participation or any other involuntary reassignments, transfers or retirements. Even though the member may no longer be participating between the date of reassignment approval and the date of reassignment, they will be tracked in the military pay system and excused from participation. Unless the member discontinues their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, they will incur a debt for those charges.

For more information, call 934th Military Personnel Flight's customer service, Ext. 1507. (934th MSF)

Enlisted performance reports return

The frequency of enlisted performance reports for unit assigned and statutory tour staff sergeants and above has changed.

The requirement for an EPR for unit-assigned reservists is now every two years, with annual reports required for those on statutory tours. Previously, EPRs were due only when there was a change of station or at the direction of the commander.

The first biennial reports for unit reservists are due in September. Phasing in the new requirement over a two-year period should lessen the impact on military personnel flights.

"We've broken down the requirements based on the month an individual arrived on station and the last digit of their social security number," said **Billy Carroll**, chief, reserve promotions, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "Roughly, if their last digit is less than five, they will probably have an EPR due sometime between September 1997 and August 1998."

Anyone with questions should call military personnel customer service, Ext. 1507. (AFRCNS)

New reservist status starts this fall

Air Force Reserve Command is adding a new category of reservists to meet new mission requirements. The first members of the unit support Active Guard Reserve Program, commonly known as AGRs, come on board in October.

AGR status is similar to the statutory tour program, which brings reservists back into active-duty status. The primary difference is statutory tour members usually support headquarters functions. The primary function of AGRs is training reservists. They participate with their units during Unit Training Assemblies, annual tours, deployments, exercises and special projects.

The largest career field slated for AGR conversion is security police, with more than 200 positions. (AFRCNS)

Brief briefs ...

Changes are on the way concerning the way the Air Force conducts **assessments and validations**, as a result of the Corona South '97 meeting of senior leadership. Though details should be available soon, one of the major decisions involved ceasing the requirement for Quality Air Force Assessments as of Dec. 31, 1997. Requirements and resourcing options for a Unit Self Assessment and Validation were to be developed at the major command level by April 30. (Air Combat Command message)

The Air Force Reserve Command, nearing its own 50th anniversary on April 14, 1998, has opened a **contest to design a commemorative logo**. Entries may be submitted in any media, from pencil to computer-generated graphic. Mail entries to: HQ AFRC/PAB, 155 2nd Street, Robins AFB GA 31098-1635. (AFRCNS)

The **F-22 Raptor**, the Air Force's new air superiority fighter, was unveiled April 9 at Lockheed Martin's final assembly plant in Marietta, Ga. The first F-22 to be built under a current development contract, it is regarded as the most advanced tactical fighter in the world and will replace the aging F-15C fleet. (AFNS)

Two **F-16 fighters** flying out of Homestead Air Reserve

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Briefs in Blue

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Station, Fla., collided March 18 off the west coast of Florida. One aircraft crashed into the water, the pilot ejecting safely. The other aircraft landed uneventfully with minimal damage at Homestead, its passenger a reporter from an Australian news magazine. A board of officers will investigate. (AFRCNS)

▸ Budget restraints and technology upgrades are changing the way the **American Red Cross** will support troops in the 21st century. Though the Red Cross will no longer fund emergency loans and financial grants, it will upgrade technology and consolidate services over the next three years. The organization will continue providing emergency communications and crisis assistance to service members. (AFNS)

Local

'98 UTA schedule announced

The 934th Airlift Wing's fiscal year 1998 Unit Training Assembly schedule was approved April 1:

Oct. 4-5, 1997	April 4-5
Nov. 1-2	May 2-3
Dec. 6-7	June 6-7
Jan. 10-11, 1998	July 11-12
Feb. 7-8	Aug. 1-2
March 7-8	Sept. 12-13

Deadline set for Employers' Day forms

The annual Employers' Day and orientation flight will be held Saturday, June 7. Nomination forms, available in unit orderly rooms, must be in by **Monday, May 5**. Reservists are welcome to hand-carry their nomination forms to public affairs, Bldg. 760, Room 210, this UTA to ensure timely receipt. Bosses should receive their invitations by Memorial Day.

The agenda should include an 8 a.m. show time for employers at the NCO Club for a continental breakfast and briefings, followed by a two-hour flight. Takeoff time should be 10 a.m. Reservists are encouraged to greet their employers

at check-in at the club and meet them after the flight for lunch or personal tours, guests' time permitting.

☎For more details, call public affairs, Ext. 1217.

Family readiness programs planned

▸ In observance of Spouse Appreciation Day, the 934th Family Readiness Program will be visiting units to sell spring bouquets during May UTA. Also, the annual spouse orientation flight takes place at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 3, for spouses of members in designated Air Force specialties.

▸ Anyone with any last-minute recipes may still turn them in to the family readiness office or public affairs by the end of the May UTA.

▸ The Spring Festival and teddy bear auction will take place Saturday, June 7, 4:30-6 p.m., at the NCO Club.

▸ The grand opening of the new FRP building, located across from the Base Exchange, will be Sunday, June 8, 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

☎For information on any of these programs or volunteer opportunities available, call the FRP, Ext. 1516.

Photo lab lists service schedule

The 934th Photo Lab is now located in Bldg. 865, 934th Communications Flight. Anyone requiring photographic support should check with their orderly room for an Air Force Form 833, Visual Information Work Order. UTA hours are:

▸ **Saturday:** 8-10:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., official photos (call for appointment, Ext. 1620)

▸ **Sunday:** 8-10:30 a.m., passport photos (no appointment needed)

Videotape available for unit sign-out

"Innovations for the Future," a 23-minute videotape highlighting the 1996 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Team Excellence Award champions, is available for sign-out from the public affairs office.

☎Call Ext. 1217 to reserve the tape. □

Viking Victors:

Major Randy Hoscheid

New Position: Commander, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron, April 1.

Education: Bachelor's in civil engineering, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.; registered professional engineer; registered professional land surveyor.

Hobbies: Hunting, restoration of old automobiles.

Civilian occupation: President, Pierce and Harris Engineering Co., Huron, S.D.

Goals: "To constantly improve and always try new things."

Family: Significant other, **Robin Roberts**; her children, **Paul** (11), **Titus** (9) and **Peter** (6); live in Huron.

Comments: "It's truly exciting to be part of an outstanding unit. The positive attitudes, vast experience and talent of the men and women of this squadron make this position exciting and rewarding. I'm looking forward to an interesting and rewarding experience." □



Service before self

Air Force places premium on uncommon commitment

(This is the second installment of a nine-part series on core values/competencies.)

The men and women who make up the Air Force are part of a profession that requires uncommon commitment to serve the nation. Airmen are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. They deploy to the far corners of the globe on a moment's notice and are called on to willingly risk their lives to defend America's security interests.

The core value of "service before self" sums up this aspect of serving in the Air Force. It joins "integrity first" and "excellence in all we do" as the three fundamental core values of the service that senior leaders reaffirmed in the Air Force's new strategic vision document: "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force."

Air Force Chief of Staff **Gen. Ronald Fogleman** has said, "We are not engaged in just another job. We are entrusted with the security of our nation, the protection of its citizens and the preservation of our democratic way of life. By its very nature, our military profession requires us to place the needs of our service and the country before personal interests."

Secretary of the Air Force **Sheila Widnall** has emphasized that "the Air Force requires a high level of professional skill; a 24-hour a day commitment; and a willingness to make personal sacrifices. Air Force leaders must exemplify this value."

"A leader who is unwilling to sacrifice individual goals for the good of the unit cannot convince his or her subordinates to do so," she said. "Then, the mission suffers and the ripple effects can be devastating."

"Service before self is a crucial core value," the chief of staff said, "because it reminds military members of their duty to put the mission, the troops and the nation before personal desires." He

further emphasized that "there is no room for personal agendas at the expense of the institution or the nation."

"Instead," the general stated, "we need professionals who strive to do the very best in the job they're in and pursue individual advancement through the success of their unit. Air Force leaders must step forward and set the example for others to follow."

In addition to setting standards, Widnall stressed that true leaders place the good of their troops before personal concerns. Moreover, she said, discipline and self-control are essential. That means, she explained, military professionals must not indulge in self-pity, discouragement, anger, frustration or defeatism.

"They have a fundamental moral obligation to the people they lead to strike a tone of confidence and forward-looking optimism," the secretary said.

"In the end," Fogleman said, "the core value of service before self reflects the fact that when we take the enlistment or commissioning oath, we sign up to what British **Gen. Sir John Hackett** has called the 'unlimited liability clause.' That means we are willing to lay down our lives in defending our nation, its citizens and its values."

The chief of staff went on to say, "While we hope that the clause will never be invoked, we must realize it's an inherent part of our military profession, and it applies equally across the ranks and functional specialties — as was so graphically depicted in the tragic deaths and injuries suffered in the Airborne Warning and Control System crash in 1995 and the Khobar Towers bombing last June."

On core values as a whole, Widnall said, "They are the values that anchor resolve in the most difficult situations. They are the values that buttress mental and physical courage when we enter combat. They are the values that secure victory for our nation." (AFNS, "Must Run") □

What does 'service before self' mean to you?

“To any person outside of the military, this phrase would mean you were off the deep end. Six years ago, if someone told me that one day I'd be put in a position to put myself second to the military, I would have laughed at them. Now my views have somewhat changed. I look at the phrase 'service before self' and see how



Neitzel

important it really is. It's followed by a sense of pride, knowing you're a crucial part of a team that protects our nation. There are sacrifices we must make, such as knowing that any day we could be deployed to an unknown location for an indefinite amount of time. However, there is a fine line we must draw between our personal priorities and service commitments. We have to find a balance in our lives so we don't put too much emphasis on one part of our life, whether it's military or personal. Finding that balance will not only increase our attitude and work output, but it will also make us more-rounded individuals who in turn strengthen our total force.

Staff Sgt. Chris Neitzel
Employment personnel technician
934th Mission Support Flight □

Reading for success

Professional reading program ensures 'intellectual readiness'

Air Force Chief of Staff **Gen. Ronald Fogleman** strongly believes that professional reading is one of the most important things Air Force people can do for personal development. He tasked the Air Force History Office to create a professional reading program for officers, enlisted people and civilians.

Last summer, the Air Force History Office began developing the chief of staff's professional reading program. It initially focused on officers to provide the baseline for the overall program. As a result, the officer portion now has been implemented.

Meanwhile, the history office is working with the **Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken** to craft an appropriate program for enlisted members. Once that effort is under way, the historians will focus on readings for civilians.

Fogleman anticipates this professional reading program will help foster the growth of a unifying air and space culture throughout the Air Force. He said, "Implementing the reading program alongside other initiatives coming out of our long-range planning effort will help produce Air Force members who understand what we are about as the nation's air and space force.

"As a result," he continued, "they will be better able to capitalize on the enormous potential of our air and space forces to achieve U.S. objectives in independent, joint and coalition operations."

In developing the officer reading list, the history office considered selections from the chief's personal library as well as other books recommended by Air University, the Air Force Academy, Air Force historians and other interested people.

Fogleman eventually approved a list for officers consisting of 34 books on the subjects of military strategy, air and space power history, doctrine, combat in the 20th century, joint and coalition operations and leadership.

The list is divided into three sections to provide readings appropriate for officers at different periods in their career.

Basic list

- ▶ Sun Tzu, *"The Art of War,"* William Morrow & Co.
- ▶ Phillip Meilinger, *"10 Propositions,"* Air Force History and Museums
- ▶ James Stokesbury, *"A Short History of Air Power,"* William Morrow & Co.
- ▶ Donald Phillips, *"Lincoln on Leadership,"* Warner Books
- ▶ Tom Wolfe, *"The Right Stuff,"* Bantam Books
- ▶ James Hudson, *"Hostile Skies,"* Syracuse University Press
- ▶ DeWitt Copp, *"A Few Great Captains,"* Air Force Historical Foundation
- ▶ Geoffrey Perret, *"Winged Victory,"* Random House
- ▶ John Sherwood, *"Officers in Flight Suits,"* NYU Press
- ▶ T.R. Fehrenbach, *"This Kind of War,"* Brassey's
- ▶ Jack Broughton, *"Thud Ridge,"* Imagination Transportation, Inc.

- ▶ Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway, *"We Were Soldiers Once and Young,"* Harper Collins
- ▶ Richard Reynolds, *"Heart of the Storm,"* Air University Press

Intermediate List

- ▶ Peter Paret, *"Makers of Modern Strategy,"* Princeton University Press
- ▶ Tony Mason, *"Air Power: A Centennial Appraisal,"* Brassey's
- ▶ George C. Kenney, *"General Kenney Reports,"* Air Force History and Museums
- ▶ Donald Stayton, *"Deke!,"* Forge Books
- ▶ Lee Kennett, *"The First Air War,"* Smithsonian Institution Press
- ▶ Thomas Hughes, *"Over Lord,"* Free Press
- ▶ Frank Futrell, *"USAF in Korea,"* Air Force History and Museums
- ▶ Mark Clodfelter, *"The Limits of Airpower,"* Free Press
- ▶ Richard Hallion, *"Storm Over Iraq,"* Smithsonian Institution Press

Advanced list

- ▶ Carl von Clausewitz, *"On War,"* Princeton University Press
- ▶ I.B. Holley, *"Ideas and Weapons,"* Air Force History and Museums
- ▶ James Belasco and Ralph Stayer, *"Flight of the Buffalo,"* Warner Books (available for sign out, 934th Mission Enhancement Office)
- ▶ Walter McDougall, *"The Heavens and the Earth,"* Johns Hopkins University Press
- ▶ Ray Fredette, *"The Sky on Fire,"* Smithsonian Institution Press
- ▶ R.J. Overy, *"Why the Allies Won,"* Norton
- ▶ Phillip Meilinger, *"Hoyt Vandenberg,"* Indiana University Press
- ▶ Ulysses Sharp, *"Strategy for Defeat,"* Presidio Press
- ▶ James Winnefeld and Dana Johnson, *"Joint Air Operations,"* Naval Institute Press
- ▶ Roger Beaumont, *"Joint Military Operations,"* Greenwood
- ▶ Michael Gordon and Bernard Trainor, *"The Generals' War,"* Little Brown & Company
- ▶ John Warden, *"The Air Campaign,"* Brassey's

Professional journal to be read by officers of all grades:

- ▶ *Airpower Journal (AFNS)*

Local suggested reading list

The following are available for sign out from the 934th Mission Enhancement Office:

- ▶ William Lacey, *"America Samurai,"* New Win
 - ▶ James Belasco, *"Teaching Elephants to Dance,"* Crown
 - ▶ Dr. W. Edwards Deming, *"Out of the Crisis,"* Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Advanced Engineering Study
 - ▶ Jae Batten, *"Tough Minded Leadership,"* American Management Association
 - ▶ Stephen R. Covey, *"The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People,"* Simon & Schuster
 - ▶ Philip B. Crosby, *"Quality Without Tears,"* Plume
 - ▶ Peter M. Senge, *"The Fifth Discipline,"* Doubleday
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Salute to Earth Day

Air Force welcomes year-round challenge to protect Earth's resources

by Sheila E. Widnall, secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Ronald Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff

Earth Day gives us the unique opportunity to recognize the gifts of nature we enjoy and rededicate ourselves to preserving our precious resources.

Part of the Air Force's mission of safeguarding America involves maintaining our environment for future generations. Taking that aspect of our duty to heart, the Air Force has proclaimed the theme of this year's Earth Day as, "Security for the Earth: The Military and the Environment."

During our first 50 years, the Air Force has endeavored to be a good neighbor in communities large and small, and a good tenant overseas. We continue to work closely with civilian groups and agencies in the United States and around the world. We want to make sure we leave a golden legacy of environmental achievement for tomorrow's warfighter to look back upon with pride. (AFNS)□

Time to smell the roses

Base passes muster in first Reserve-Guard environmental inspection

by Cherie Huntington
public affairs

Success smelled sweet to members of both the 934th Airlift Wing and the 133rd Airlift Wing, Air National Guard, after their first joint inspection of the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program, or ECAMP, April 7-11.

In the past, each organization was inspected separately.

"This was the lowest number of findings for both the Reserve and Guard since this program started," said **Doug Yocum**, environmental scientist and project officer for the ECAMP. "They really had to dig to find the things they came up with."

A small number of major findings were listed. Major findings are described as those that could possibly pose a future threat to human health, safety, the environment or the ability to accomplish

the base mission.

The team spokesman, **George White**, explained that any findings solved by the base before the report is issued in approximately three months are listed as closed.

Also, three positive findings were listed, including one for the **Viking Flyer** for publicizing base environmental concerns and achievements. The other two positive findings were for the Guard's oil reclamation and recycling programs.

An 11-person team from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and Science and Engineering Associates, Inc., conducted the inspection. Their purpose was to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations. A headquarters inspection is held every two years.

The ECAMP considered 13 major environmental compliance protocols. Those include management of air emissions; cultural resources; hazardous waste and materials; natural resources; pesticides; petroleum, oils and lubricants; solid waste; storage tanks; toxic substances; wastewater and water quality; plus other environmental issues.□

Earth Week: special activities

The 934th Airlift Wing will celebrate Earth Week, May 5-9. Actually, Earth Week falls on April 21-25, with Earth Day on April 22, but local activities were moved for various reasons, such as warmer weather, better soil conditions for planting and an environmental inspection in April (see story, this page).

The international theme is, "Save our Earth Habitat - Security for the Earth: The Military and the Environment." The 934th's theme is, "It's not too late."

"Our goal is to provide education and awareness to base employees," said **Joanne Bentley**, base environmental engineer.

Activities for the week include:

- ▶ Monday, May 5, plant trees.
 - ▶ Tuesday, spring cleanup day, 59 minutes allowed.
 - ▶ Wednesday, environmental presentations in Bldg. 760 all-purpose room during lunch.
 - ▶ Thursday, environmental tours/"The Garbology Challenge: How to Protect Your Environment at Home and at Work." Workshops staggered with tours during lunch break, 59 minutes allowed.
 - ▶ Friday, award presentations for base solid waste reductions.
- All week, there will be environmental poster board displays in the all-purpose room in Bldg. 760.□

Lessons from decades past

Environmental damage bears no 'sweeping under rug'

compiled by Mark Davidson
public affairs

An occasional accident such as spilling some gasoline while filling up a government vehicle probably seemed trivial to an airman in 1958.

Yet no matter how long ago or how small the incident, environmental errors always seem to come home to haunt.

There are 13 Installation Restoration Program sites identified on 934th Airlift Wing property. Some date as far back as 55 years ago; some are closed and others remain under observation.

Why review such cases perhaps best considered as good riddance? Could a current, routine process, unscrutinized today, become environmental concerns for future generations of base people? Who might look back 50 years from now and shake their heads at our innocence, our carelessness — just as we do while repairing harm done in our distant past?

Consider the following summaries of the 13 established sites on base.

Site One: Small Arms Range Landfill
South of Fort Snelling Officers Club where Highway 5 East meets 494 West by Minnesota River.

▶ **Notoriety:** Only "Superfund" site, listed in 1987 on Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List, or NPL. Special funding, "Superfund," set aside by the U.S. Congress to clean up these sites.

▶ **When/what:** 1963 to 1972; general base refuse, industrial wastes, paint sludge, paint filters, leaded aviation gasoline sludge.

▶ **Action:** Access restriction; natural attenuation of contaminants through biological, chemical and physical degradation, absorption and dispersion.

▶ **Status:** Site delisted from NPL in late 1996; final review summer of 1997.

Site 2: Temporary Landfill

East of Site 1 by Minnesota River.

▶ **When/what:** One month in 1965, used due to flooding of the Site 1 landfill; general refuse and demolition debris.

▶ **Action:** No contaminants of concern, 321 cubic yards of exposed, debris moved to certified landfill in 1992.

▶ **Status:** Restored to original condition.

Site 3: JP-4 Fuel Spill

Air National Guard location by fuel tank farm.

▶ **When/what:** 1977, estimated 143,000 gallons of JP-4 fuel accidentally discharged into diked area of tank farm; fuel pumped out and recovery was believed to be complete.

▶ **Action:** Soil/ground water samplings in 1981 detected petroleum presence; vapor extraction system installed.

▶ **Status:** Tests in 1984, 1985 and 1992 detected successful cleanup.

Sites 4 & 5: Fuel Spills

Guard location, northeast side of base.

▶ **When/what:** Site 4, 600 gallons of motorized vehicle gas in 1958 or 1959; Site 5, spills from 7,500-gallon railroad tank, date unknown.

▶ **Action:** Natural processes, effectiveness monitored.

▶ **Status:** Closed.

Site 6: Aviation Gasoline Sludge Pit

Guard location, north of Bldg. 659, "StarBase," across from museum.

▶ **When/what:** 1971, 150 gallons of aviation fuel tank sludge reportedly buried, exact location undetermined.

▶ **Action:** 1989, "no further action" agreement between Reserve and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

▶ **Status:** Closed.

Site 7: Aviation Gas Spills

West of NCO Club.

▶ **When/what:** 1942-70,

around 5,000 gallons of aviation gas lost in small spills.

▶ **Action:** Groundwater pump and treatment system and free-product recovery system installed 1988.

Approximately 30 million gallons of contaminated water pumped out/treated, more than 5,000 gallons of free product recovered. System modifications, 1996.

▶ **Status:** Site expected to close in the next two years.

Site 8: Hazardous Waste Storage Area

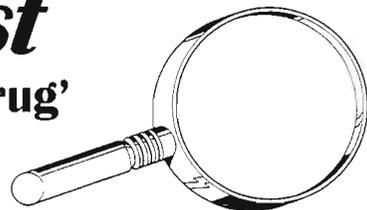
Northeast side of base, 4th Street where the road "up on the hill" curves north towards Crosstown Highway 62.

▶ **When/what:** 1981-82, hazardous waste drums stored outdoors within former hazardous waste storage area noted to be bulging, in poor condition.

▶ **Action:** Investigations showed no contamination present as a result of past cleanup activities.

▶ **Status:** Closed.

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Dumpster spot check:

March

Building	Area	Items Found
395	Officers Club	Cardboard, paper
710	Aerial port	Paper, cans
711	Lodging	Paper, cans
716	Lodging	Cardboard
744	Civil engineers	Cans (steel, aluminum)
745	Transportation	None
750	Security police	Paper
755	Base Exchange	Cardboard, paper
760/761/852	HQ area	Paper (radio manuals)
801	Supply	Cardboard, glass
807	NCO/Dining hall	Cardboard, paper
812	Boiler plant	Paper
821	Hangar, east end	Cardboard, cans
821	Hangar, west end	None
822	Maintenance	None
830	Life support	None
840	Medical	Cardboard
	Fuel site	None
	Rifle range	Shell casings

Winning tradition

Environmental honors, recognition based on solid performance

by Doug Yocum
environmental scientist

Within the Air Force Reserve Command, the 934th Airlift Wing has a growing reputation of sound environmental management. This reputation is earned through the commitment of all base members — reservists, air reserve technicians and civilians — under variety of programs.

The success identified in the following categories during 1995-96 contributed to making the 934th an award-winning, recognized leader.

Implementing environmental protection plans: newly completed to meet Air Force requirements

- ▶ Solid waste management plan
- ▶ Qualified recycling plan
- ▶ Pollution prevention management plan
- ▶ Integrated natural resource management plan

Eliminating environmental violations and identifying and correcting program deficiencies

- ▶ No new enforcement actions by environmental regulators occurred in last six years
- ▶ No violations during 1996 county inspection; inspector commended installation as "the best military facility" he has seen

▶ During 1995 Environmental Compliance and Management Program audit by Headquarters AFRC, 934th achieved lowest number of findings for an AFRC installation for third consecutive cycle, or six years

Cleaning up contaminated sites

▶ Remedial actions at base's National Priorities List site were completed and site was subsequently removed from regulatory list

Minimizing hazardous waste, preventing pollution and encouraging recycling

▶ Significant reductions occurred in

Environmental Protection Agency-17 chemicals purchases, ozone-depleting substance purchases and hazardous waste disposal

▶ New, improved recycling initiatives brought about tremendous increases in tonnage recycled

▶ The corrosion control shop implemented a bicarbonate of soda system to strip paint, resulting in a nonhazardous waste and reduced paint waste through implementation of electrostatic paint spray system

▶ The metals technology shop designed and constructed a mobile collection system to protect land and water resources from hazardous compressor wash discharge

▶ 934th Base Supply spearheaded implementation of hazardous material pharmacy program

Enhancing the environment

▶ Deicing pad constructed to improve glycol collection, protect water resources from degradation

▶ Lead control system installed to ensure safe drinking water supply for base population

▶ State-of-the-art storm water management units installed at three outfalls to prevent discharge of oils and sediment

▶ New bullet trap system designed for rifle range renovation, which will enhance protection of Minnesota River

▶ Central heating plant was converted to burner cleaner JP-8 fuel rather than No. 2 fuel oil

Establishing good working relationships with other agencies and the local community

▶ Participated on Airport Deicing Task Force with commercial airlines, private industry, state and local government agencies

▶ Streamlined sanitary sewer discharge approval process by requesting sewer commission review on a basewide program rather than case by case.

▶ Voluntarily submitted to stringent well code requirements to ensure environmental protection

Conducting environmental training

and awareness programs

▶ Environmental orientation is provided to all new people

▶ The Air Force hazardous waste interactive computer-based training program implemented to improve new members' training on hazardous waste management responsibilities

▶ Staff trained to provide in-house capability for asbestos abatement under State of Minnesota licensing requirements □

Base Civil Engineering Environmental Engineering Staff



John Marchetti
Supervisor



Joanne Bentley
Engineer



Larry Nowak
Engineer



Dianne Welsh
Assistant



Jeff Wiles
Technician



Doug Yocum
Scientist

Check your base environmental savvy

compiled by Joanne Bentley
environmental engineer

See how much you know about the base's environmental programs and concerns. For more information, plan to visit Earth Week displays, May 5-9 (see listing, Page 7.)



Q. How many Superfund cleanup sites are on the installation?

A. One Federal Superfund site, located near the firing range, was considered closed as of Nov. 8, 1996. We were the first Air Force installation to be removed from the National Priorities List of environmental cleanups. There were an additional 12 sites on the Minnesota Superfund cleanup list, nine of which are closed.

Q. What installation property requires archeological evaluation prior to digging?

A. Area D, which contains the Air national Guard, is considered to have a high potential for cultural artifacts due to its proximity to the former Fort Snelling compound.

Q. Of the 700 aluminum cans included in the November 1996 Operational Readiness Inspection lunches for deployment, approximately how many were recycled?

A. Only 35 cans were recycled in convenient containers during the ORI deployment. The cans not recycled contributed to an overall increase in the base solid waste disposal.

Q. What is the purpose of the prairie restoration project?

A. The idea of the prairie restoration came from the suggestion program in 1990. The establishment of the prairie relieves the base of mowing and herbicide requirements in this large area and is consistent with the state's "Return to Nature" program.

Q. Of the 850 hybrid hazelnut trees planted behind the Base Exchange for University of Minnesota research in 1994, how many survived?

A. A cooperative agreement with the University of Minnesota and Badgersett Research Farms brought 850 hybrid hazelnuts to the installation three years ago. A combination of poor planting conditions, drought and hungry hares resulted in the death of all but three of the trees.

Q. How many plans are required for base environmental compliance?

A. Twenty compliance plans are currently tracked by the installation Environmental Protection Committee to ensure all federal, state and local laws and regulations are met.

Q. What is the annual compliance budget?

A. The base operates environmental compliance programs with a budget of \$850,000 annually.

Q. What phone number do you call in the event of an environmental disaster?

A. In all instances, Ext. 1911 is the most appropriate first call. The Department of Defense Security Police maintains a list of protocols to follow for each type of emergency.

Q. How much rain is required to obtain a storm water compliance sample?

A. Each time it rains continuously for a period of four hours, the base is required to sample the outgoing storm water to ensure pollution criteria are met.

Q. How many findings were noted in the 1995 external Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program for the 934th as a stand-alone organization?

A. Seven environmental findings were noted during the last ECAMP evaluation for the 934th on its own. This represented the lowest number of findings for an Air Force Reserve Command for the third consecutive cycle. (For results of April's joint ECAMP, see Page 7.) □

Engineers head to sunnier climates ...

... keeping busy on base in Florida

by Master Sgt. Tim Tamlyn
CES Unit Public Affairs
Representative

This year, 88 members of the 934th Civil Engineer Squadron had a chance to get away from the cold for annual tour. The squadron deployed to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in two teams: Feb. 9-23 and Feb. 22-March 8.

The following summarizes the teams' main efforts in Florida.

The **pavements and equipment shop** was tasked with preparing the foundation base and pouring concrete for six 20' x 40' maintenance storage building slabs. The slabs consisted of footings with steel reinforcement bars for added strength.

Air conditioning, of course, is critical in this part of the United States, so the **heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration shop** had the chance to receive vital hands-on training.

Team members repaired numerous air conditioning units around the base, in addition to replacing a 35-ton, split-system air handling unit for a maintenance hangar. This project required the new compressor to be lifted by crane over part of the hangar.



(Photo by Master Sgt. Tim Tamlyn)

Tech. Sgt. Scott LeClair connects an air conditioning unit at Eglin.

"This was a great opportunity to work on some equipment we can't work on at home station," said **Master Sgt. Dave Angerman**, HVAC/R supervisor.

Several members of both tours were able to work in the various base civil engineer shops. Numerous work orders were completed, such as a project at the barrier maintenance building where a

new sink and counter were installed, plus a ventilation fan replacement at the bowling alley.

"CES was treated as equals with our active-duty counterparts," said **Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Emberland**, engineering manager. "We were supported very well in all areas to make the duty a first-class experience."

The **structures shop** was tasked with several reroofing projects. One involved replacing a sheet-metal roof of a large maintenance building at a remote site on the gulf coast that was damaged in a recent hurricane.

Disaster preparedness, another part of civil engineering, experienced a basewide nuclear response exercise during the second tour. Section members filled critical positions in the exercise.

Finally, members of Team 2 participated in an event to raise money for a local charity, raising nearly \$300.

"The Eglin AFB leadership was very impressed with our capabilities," said **Maj. J.D. Larson**, Team 2 commander, "and often remarked on how well our troops worked, both side-by-side with their members and on projects assigned only to us. It was an excellent example of total force operations in action." □

... and working short-fused project in Caribbean

by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Super Jr.
CES technician

The 934th Civil Engineer Squadron's recent deployment to the Caribbean involved both a total effort for the wing and a short-fused completion requirement, March 20-30.

The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, or the "Hurricane Hunters," needed a new home, and the 934th CES stepped up to the challenge. The 53rd had to move from the island of Antigua to an airport warehouse on the U.S.

Virgin Island of St. Croix.

The warehouse had only the barest of necessities: a water line, electric circuit breaker box and one outside bulb. Still needed was a 1,200-square foot operations office strong enough to withstand hurricane winds and rain in case the warehouse roof blew off.

CES created a design and ordered all materials for transport via C-130. More than 32,000 pounds and material and equipment were squeezed on five pallets, creating a logistical challenge for 934th Base Supply, 27th Aerial Port Squadron and the 96th Airlift Squadron.

The team constructed a steel-framed building with a weather-resistant metal roof and siding. Electrical, plumbing and air conditioning service were then installed. The facility is now fully equipped with administrative stations, flight briefing section, maintenance office, kitchenette, lounge area and bathrooms.

"We constructed the entire facility, from start to finish, in only eight days, and it's ready for occupancy," said **Maj. Randy Hoschied**, project officer in charge and new squadron commander. "It was a total base effort to get this project done on time." □



Tractor, Tail 62-1834: A Face Only a Crew Chief Could Love?

Putting 'Tractor' out to pasture

After 35 years of service around the world, this aircraft will continue working — even without wings

by Master Sgt. Tim Turner
public affairs

If C-130s have guardian angels, then the cherub assigned to watch over the Tractor had his work cut out for him.

But last month, the Tractor, one of the wing's last European-camouflage C-130Es, officially identified as tail number 62-1834, hung up its wings for good — literally. It took its twilight flight to Yokota Air Base, Japan, to be a ground trainer, leaving behind reminiscences from 11 years of mission escapades here, and 35 years of total service.

What's in a name

"The Tractor's name really has two meanings," explained Tech. Sgt. Bruce Moin, crew chief. "I was raised on a farm. Since I was the crew chief, it just seemed to fit. The other reason is the tractor has been around. It has probably hauled more cargo to more interesting places than any other plane here."

Staff Sgt. Randy Kenowski, assistant crew chief, said the nickname stuck following a mission in Peru during a Coronet Oak rotation.

"The aircraft landed on a field in Peru and taxied in to off-load humanitarian supplies," he explained. "It taxied through mud that came up six to eight inches on the tires, but it kept going and got out of that mess."



(Photo by Mark Davidson)

Crew chiefs Staff Sgt. Randy Kenowski (left) and Tech. Sgt. Bruce Moin posed by the tail, or vertical stabilizer, for parting shots before the plane left the hangar to head for Japan.

Battle scars from Bosnia

While unloading flour at Sarajevo during Operation Provide Promise, the plane was hit over the left aileron by flying debris from an airfield attack. "We didn't know if the blast came from a mortar or a rocket, and we really didn't care," recalled crew chief Staff Sgt. Dave Fisher, who was on board. "The pilot radioed back telling us to get that last pallet off as quickly as possible; then we hauled butt back to [Aviano Air Base] Italy.

"She handled just fine all the way there," Fisher continued. "I spent a lot of time working on the Tractor. I've always said she'll get you where you want to go and get you back – she's that kind of plane."

One "scar" still remained after repairs at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. The replaced aileron was a different shade of green from the rest of the plane.

'Make sure your seat belts are securely fastened'

The Tractor also had other adventures during Provide Promise. On one mission, one of its engines shut down enroute from Sarajevo to Zagreb. "C-130 engine shutdowns aren't that unusual," said **Lt. Col. Rich Huntington**, 934th Safety Division director and pilot for that flight.

But what made this flight unique was the Muslim leader of Bosnia and his small entourage was on board. "He's a state official who was on national news during the war there," Huntington explained. "The last time you want anything at all to go wrong on the plane is during a diplomatic mission." Fortunately, the Tractor and its special guest touched down safely in Zagreb on three engines.

Wicked roller coaster ride

Returning from an aircrew proficiency exercise in Alaska in the mid '80s, the Tractor hit an air pocket, plunging hundreds of feet in seconds. "The aircrew thought the wings were going to fall off," explained Moin.

As it turned out, the damage was serious enough to ground the plane for seven months until new wings could be hung on its fuselage.

Worldwide ambassador

The Tractor has touched its "toes" in the desert during rotations to Saudi Arabia for Operation Southern Watch support and "shivered" in the Alaskan tundra. It has landed in the South American jungles, on dirt runways slick with mud from tropical downpours.

The plane came here in 1986 from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., as that base converted to C-141s. By C-130E standards, the aircraft had an average number of flying hours before retiring – about 22,000. "That might even be lower than average," Moin admitted.

So why put the Tractor out to pasture?

"Money," said **Master Sgt. Jerry Halvorson**, flightline supervisor.

He explained that the Tractor was the next 934th plane to be "depot'd" – sent to the depot for a major overhaul performed every six years. "It's very expensive," Halvorson indicated. "The whole C-130 is taken apart and checked for cracks, corrosion, and wear and tear. We're budgeted



The Tractor's name stuck after it proved its mudpuppy talents, taxiing easily through deep mud in Peru.

for eight planes, but we had nine. We didn't want to depot the Tractor if we could give it to someone else and continue our support of the other eight assigned aircraft."

Then opportunity knocked, or came via the wires.

About the time the Tractor was due for its depot overhaul, Yokota Air Base sent an e-mail message to Air Force Reserve Command saying they were looking for a ground trainer. "When word got to the 934th, we told Yokota we had their dream plane," Halvorson continued. "It was the perfect deal: they needed a plane and we needed to remove one."

During the April UTA, an aircrew from Yokota came here to bring the Tractor to its new home. Moin was on the flightline to see his plane off. As a final gesture, he gave the aircrew all the momentos he'd saved about the plane over the past 11 years.

Peaceful retirement

The aircraft's future as a trainer should be peaceful and flight-free. "They'll remove the wings and tail and use it to train loadmasters, aeromedics and aerial port crews," Moin explained.

"It will have the same mission tail number 2368 has here," said Halvorson. The fuselage of that plane sits behind the aerial port building.

Kenowski said the wing is losing one of its better planes. "834 has been very reliable, and I'm disappointed to see such a good aircraft leave," he commented.

Moin also admitted he'll miss the workhorse plane. "It's like getting rid of a car," he said. "You get to know how it operates, its personality. Even though it's a piece of machinery, it becomes a part of you – you can depend on it. There was a saying I always had about the Tractor: 'It don't look pretty, but it works.'" □

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***It don't look
pretty, but it
works.***
— Moin
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'We're the peacekeepers'

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron radio operator returns from Tuzla, Bosnia

by Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly
public affairs

In contingency operations, aeromedical squadrons rely on their radio operators to coordinate patient movement. Without this vital radio link to arrange airlift, the squadron cannot achieve its mission.

The mission in Tuzla, Bosnia, to airlift patients to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was coordinated in part by **Staff Sgt. Don Schlinsog**, radio operator for the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, who completed a 120-day tour recently as part of Operation Joint Endeavor/Operation Joint Guard.

"We had to coordinate patient evacuation at least twice a week, more often if needed," said Schlinsog. "I would send an 'alpha' message to Ramstein that we had patients. They arrange airlift, a medical crew and equipment, and send us a 'bravo' message with the flight information."

The patients are transported to the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility, where they are briefed and made comfortable for the flight.

"We traveled in a convoy to the MASF," he explained. "Due to the threat factor, we had to have a minimum of four vehicles in the convoy."

Anytime he traveled off base, Schlinsog wore a flak vest, ammunition and a helmet, and he carried a loaded M-16. "We would hear about attacks on the convoys," he said. "A hand grenade was thrown, and several people were injured. We didn't encounter any



Schlinsog



Schlinsog, ready for convoy

problems when I was on convoy."

Schlinsog volunteered for convoy duty so he would have the opportunity to see the country and get off base for a while.

"You really saw the countryside and the way of life," he said. "You'd see people walking, horse-drawn carts, kids waving or saluting us, and convoys of other foreign nationals. There was a lot of farming in the area near Tuzla.

"It's beautiful country," he continued. "It's sad to see so much mili-

tary presence there. I think our presence is needed. I had several people thank us for being there."

"We're peacekeepers, yes, but we can't hold people's hands," Schlinsog said. "With us, their people had a chance to return to their homes and try to rebuild. But after a day of working on their home, they might come back the next day and find it destroyed. Some would become discouraged, but some would build again.

"There's a lot of dislike and hate," he continued. "It's neighbor against neighbor."

Despite the animosity, life goes on as normally as possible, he said.

"On one convoy, we went to get wood-burning stoves for a grade school," Schlinsog said. "The kids were outside playing. They spoke pretty good English. Their favorite statement was 'You're the man!' They seemed really appreciative about the stoves." □

Lessons ...

(Continued from Page 8)

Site 9: Battery Shop Leaching Pit
Guard location, believed to have been located south of Bldg. 614.

▸ **When/what:** Prior to 1977, used for disposal of neutralized battery acid from lead batteries.

▸ **Action:** Investigations found no hazardous material.

▸ **Status:** Closed.

Site 10: Transformer Storage Area
Between Bldgs. 720, 721.

▸ **When/what:** 1982, small spill from a transformer stored between the buildings.

▸ **Action:** Investigations found no contamination in soil samples.

▸ **Status:** Closed.

Site 13: Former Rifle Range
Northeast of Site 1.

▸ **When/what:** Prior to 1967, dumping plus leaded munitions in soil berm around and behind target area.

▸ **Action:** Foot of soil placed on site.

▸ **Status:** Closed.

Site 14: Solvent and Waste Oil Spill Site
Guard location, beside museum.

▸ **When/what:** 1993, petroleum releases discovered after removal of two, 50,000 gallon underground storage tanks; also prior disposal of used aircraft engine oil for road dust control, plus other solvent releases.

▸ **Action:** Soil stockpiled/treated, groundwater study accomplished.

▸ **Status:** Open.

Site 15: Battery Leaching Pit and Pesticide Storage

Former Bldg. 810, site of vehicle maintenance battery shop.

▸ **When/what:** 1971-87, battery acid was reportedly released into a pit.

▸ **Action:** Soil borings revealed no contaminants.

▸ **Status:** Closed.

(Sites 11-12 are closed sites located nearby Naval Air Reserve Center property.) □

Bringing realism to simulated war

Mouflage team earns honors for work in Operational Readiness Inspection

by Maj. Steve Hatcher
public affairs

"B us crash, take one!" When scenes like this took place in November's Operational Readiness Inspection, "take one" was the only take. And though wing reservists may not be card-carrying, union actors, they earned "Oscar" honors.

Since any war or conflict usually results in casualties, inspections and exercises require a measure of reality provided by what is called the mouflage team. Team members produced simulated injuries with Hollywood magic — and then played victims to test the skills of fellow reservists. For their outstanding efforts in the ORI, mouflage team members were selected as a Superior Performance team.

Seven 934th members served on the team:

Staff Sgt. August Funaro, 934th Security Police Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Grabinski, SPS

Tech. Sgt. Ann Hawkins, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jan Johnson, 934th Airlift Wing Chapel

Senior Airman Peter Klempay, SPS

Staff Sgt. Scott Terpening, SPS

Senior Airman Raymond Whitehead, SPS

The team was not graded, but inspectors noted the members's "outstanding support and enhanced realism to casualty care scenarios," lauding the team's positive attitude and enthusiasm.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Walz)

Tech. Sgt. Ann Hawkins prepares Senior Airman Peter Klempay for an ORI scenario.

Casualties during conflict can come from many types of circumstances, whether from attack or an accident when no fighting is taking place. Wounds can range from minor injuries to major wounds from bullets, bombs or fire. Treating the injured and getting them to a safe place can be a

complicated task in a hostile environment.

During a three-day period, eight simulations were conducted, ranging from a simulated fire to a bus accident. The patients had to put on a "Hollywood face," acting the part with realism. Helping them act the part came in the preparation of wounds.

"We had to put make-up on that would give us the appearance of a real-life injury," said Johnson. "The inspectors would set the stage for the exercise, and we would have to get our make-up applied — then go play the part of the victim."

"We used clay, paint and assorted other products to make the wounds look as real as possible," said Hawkins. "A couple of times, the make-up job we did looked almost too real." □

Family readiness selects volunteer of the month

by Patricia Botkins
family readiness program director

Our Family Readiness Program volunteer of the month is **Kim Farris**, wife of the deputy commander for the 934th Operations Group, **Lt. Col. Wade Farris**.

Kim joined our volunteer program in July 1995 and has always made time to support each major exercise we have had. She offered a helping hand to make coffee and bring in homemade cookies for the first "Welcome Back Get-together," the Readiness Assistance Visit, the Operational Readiness Exercise and the Operational Readiness Inspec-



Farris

"My experience as a volunteer has been rewarding and fun ..."

tion. At each event, she helped greet our reservists with mini American flags and a big smile.

Kim organized the first Spouse Appreciation C-130 Flight sponsored by the FRP last May. More than 30 spouses enjoyed their first C-130 flight, and now this is an annual event.

During the last three years, Kim has

started her own fashion business, which involves a lot of travel. We truly appreciate the time she has contributed to our community, as her leadership helped establish the FRP volunteer program.

"My experience as a volunteer has been rewarding and fun," said Kim. "I've appreciated the flexibility of the role, allowing me to contribute personal time and effort based on my availability and interest."

We will miss Kim and her husband as they move to Alabama in June, where the colonel will attend Air War College. We thank you both for your support and wish you a wonderful adventure into the active duty military world for the next year. □

Up in smoke

Two base members' lives cross paths during tragic fire

by Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly
public affairs

When Brenda Keefer's 15 year-old daughter told her she heard a crackling, sparking noise coming from a utility room in their Eagan home recently, Keefer checked and saw a fire starting to spread along the basement rafters and quickly called 911.

"What do you do? You can't panic. You don't have time," said Keefer, who ran out of the house wearing one black sandal, one orange tennis shoe, cutoffs and a T-shirt.

Moments later, when the fire trucks arrived, Keefer, military pay technician, was amazed at the efficiency of the firefighting team. She later learned that a 934th reservist, **Master Sgt.**

Dave Hammer, was one of the all-volunteer squad who responded to the call.

"I felt a sense of security when I was told there was a reservist on the firefighting team because I knew they'd be well trained," said Keefer, who didn't meet Hammer, wing historian, until the April UTA, several weeks after the fire.

"I saw you guys in action, and that's what impressed me," Keefer told Hammer. "I was amazed how

everyone responded as a team, each one with a specific job to do. They did a marvelous job."

For Hammer, who has seen all types of fires in the 10 years he has been a volunteer, it's still difficult to imagine the effects of a fire such as Keefer experienced.

"I can't imagine having to go through all you've been through," said Hammer.

"We salvaged six large trash bags of stuff — that's what we have left," said Keefer. "Make sure you have insurance coverage. We were covered, but I was one of those people who thought, 'It's never going to happen to me.' You never know, it can happen to anyone."

Keefer, along with daughters **Heather** (17) and **Hillary** (17), are living in an apartment while their home is rebuilt.

In a crisis, family and friends are a first resource, but this time the 934th community played that role.

"Everyone on base has been very, very supportive," she said. "I'm originally from Alabama, so I don't have family here. It was the 934th as family — everyone wanted to help out."

As a result of her experience, Keefer would like to put her psychology degree to work and help out others who are making a new beginning after a difficult experience.

"I wouldn't call it a crisis center, but a new beginning, a place to help," she explained. "It's especially hard for the kids. They talked to the school psychologist, but that's all that's available, really. Someplace you could go afterward and talk, I'd like to do that. Before the fire I could sympathize, but now I can empathize." □



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly)

Brenda Keefer (left) and Master Sgt. Dave Hammer, volunteer fireman and reservist, met April UTA after he helped fight the fire at her home.

Flying Victors:

Civil Servants of the Year 1996

Rebecca Ogden

Unit: 934th Airlift Wing.

Position: Wing commander's administrative technician (master sergeant, air reserve technician position).

Job responsibilities: Train reservists, provide administrative support and assistance to the wing commander.

Hobbies: Golf, flying, fishing.

Professional organizations: Air

Force Sergeants' Association.

Goals: "I'm presently enrolled in Course 8, Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy. It's a challenge and a goal just keeping up with all the everyday changes in the Air Force! My immediate goals include doing the best job possible every day and to go home feeling like I have helped at least one person."

Family: Husband, **Dwaine**; adult son, **Trevor**, daughter-in-law, **Heidi**, and "two wonderful grandchildren," **Kailee** (4) and **Nicholas** (1). Three

homes: Minneapolis; Bemidji, Minn.; and Morson, Ontario, Canada. "I put thousands of miles on my car every year!"

Comments: "There's no other job I'd rather have. I believe totally in the Air Force Reserve Command and its mission. I work with a bunch of hard-working, dedicated people -- what more could I ask for?" □



Ogden



Ogden's grandchildren: Kailee (left) and Nicholas.

John Quinlan

Unit: 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Position: Aircraft inspection technician, isochronal inspection section. (technical sergeant, air reserve technician position).

Job responsibilities: Inspection and repair of aircraft.

Education: Bachelor's in industrial technology, University of Wisconsin, Stout, Wis.; associate's in aircraft maintenance technology, Community College of the Air Force.

Hobbies: "Hockey dad," camping, reading and gun collecting.

Professional organizations: Air Force Sergeants Association.

Goals: "To complete Course 8, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy."

Family: Wife, **Kim**; sons **Jack** (11) and **Brad** (8); live in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Comments: "There are a lot of outstanding people on this base and in this squadron, and I feel very fortunate to be chosen for this award. I am honored to be included among those of this base who have been previously selected." □



Quinlan



From back, Quinlan and his wife, Kim, with their sons, Brad (left) and Jack.

People

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. James Alexander, AS
Senior Master Sgt. Charles Cunningham Jr., LSS

Aerial Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Joseph Brinza, AES
Tech. Sgt. Karen Carlen, AES
Staff Sgt. Steven Hanson, AES
1st Lt. Michael Johnson, AES
Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Lake, AES
Tech. Sgt. Gene Olsen, AS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Leann Clarke
(2 Oak Leaf Clusters), MSF
Tech. Sgt. Sandra Dudley (3 OLC), MSF
Staff Sgt. Robert Finnegan Jr.
(Retired), CES
Master Sgt. Gordon Murphy (Retired), CES

Accelerated promotions

The following are Promotion Enhancement Program promotions:

Master Sgt. Joseph Bystedt, MXS
Senior Master Sgt. David Cormier, MXS
Tech. Sgt. Dennis Forbush, MXS
Tech. Sgt. Lisa Hedman, AW
Tech. Sgt. Timothy McCullum, MXS
Master Sgt. John Watts, AS

Promotions

Staff Sgt. Bradley Bergman, SPS
Staff Sgt. Paul Chadha, MSF
Staff Sgt. Charles Colstrom, LSS
Tech. Sgt. Michael Doffing, AS
Tech. Sgt. Curtis Henke, AS
Master Sgt. James Jansen, AW
Staff Sgt. John Jarel, SVF
Senior Airman Shaun Kleinheksel, MXS
Master Sgt. Dale Klossner, CES
Tech. Sgt. Donald Miller, MXS
Tech. Sgt. Scott Novak, CES
Staff Sgt. Robert Rice, CES
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Smith, CES
Airman 1st Class Shana Strozewski, AES

Honors

► The new wing volunteer coordinator for the 934th Family Readiness Program is **Sonya Link**, marketing director for 934th Services and wife of **Capt. Mark Link**, 934th Airlift Squadron. The new

assistant coordinator is **Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Williams**, 934th Mission Support Flight.

► **Staff Sgt. Shannon Armitage**, 934th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate's Office, has been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in the Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol Viking Squadron, Flying Cloud Municipal Airport, Eden Prairie, Minn.

► **Capt. Doug Kveene** has been selected as the new wing executive officer. He was formerly commander of the 934th Communications Flight and administrator for Rothe Development, Inc.



S. Link



Armitage



Kveene

Newcomers

Lt. Col. Gerald Biala, ASTS
Tech. Sgt. Naomi Bourgeois, AS
Senior Airman Paul Ellingworth, ASTS
William Ellis, SP
Airman 1st Class Roger Frye Jr., CES
Airman 1st Class Kelley Hammersla, AES
Staff Sgt. Colm Heneghan, AES
Senior Airman Eugene Kinard, AW
Senior Airman Lucius Landing, ASTS
Senior Airman Tracy Meyers, LSS
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Mount, CES
Maj. Michael Nathan, ASTS
Staff Sgt. Christopher Neitzel, MSF
Senior Airman Harold Nesje, APS
Staff Sgt. Cherie Penn, APS
Senior Airman Kevin Plank, SPS
Staff Sgt. Zane Ranum, APS
Senior Airman Bobby Reece, LSS
Mary Schoenleber, OG
Tech. Sgt. Randy Stevens, AES
Senior Airman Clinton Witleif, MXS

Retirements

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Cunningham Jr., LSS
Marilyn Olson, OG
Master Sgt. Melvin Rhines, MSF
Maj. Paul Beasley, AS□

In memoriam

Richard James Singer
Feb. 6, 1949 -
April 14, 1997

(Richard "Rick" Singer, 48, expeditor with 934th Base Civil Engineering, died of a heart attack April 14. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.)



Singer

Rick proudly served in Vietnam before beginning his 20-year career with the federal government. He began his work with the 934th in information management in the reprographics section, long before the current "high tech" copy machine. He then enjoyed many years working in base supply. Next he went to BCE where he worked roads and grounds, always hoping for lots of snow to plow. He ended his career in the material control section of BCE.

Rick enjoyed bowling, "Monday Night Football"; professional wrestling; fishing; sitting by a campfire under the stars; the Moody Blues; state fair parking in his yard; "Taco Tuesday"; NASCAR races; Old Golds and Michelobs; his cowboy hat; spending time with his family — his beautiful children: **Wendy, Katie and Philip**; and his many good friends.

He will be missed by us all.

Mary Jo Henseler
military personnel□

Recreation Equipment List

▶ Camping Equipment	Daily	Weekend	Weekly
Tent—6 person, cabin	\$10.00	15.00	35.00
Tent—4 person, dome	5.00	10.00	25.00
Tent—2 person	3.00	6.00	20.00
Cot	1.50	3.00	10.00
Stove	1.50	3.00	10.00
Backpack	1.50	3.00	10.00
Lantern	1.50	3.00	10.00
Sleeping bag	1.50	3.00	10.00
Ice chest	1.50	3.00	10.00
Cookware	1.00	1.00	5.00
Sleeping pad	1.00	2.00	5.00
Ax/shovel/saw	Free of charge		

▶ Boating			
Fishing boat	35.00	45.00	125.00
14' with 25 hp motor	(\$100 deposit required)		
Canoe	15.00	25.00	75.00
7' and 9' (\$50 deposit)			
Fishing rod	1.00	2.00	5.00
Life vests	Free of charge		

▶ Sports and leisure			
Party canopy 20 x 20	60.00	100.00	175.00
	(\$50 deposit required)		
Camcorder	10.00	20.00	50.00
"Yolf" lawn game	2.00	5.00	15.00
Golf clubs	3.00	5.00	15.00
Mountain bike	5.00	10.00	25.00
Pitching machine	3.00	5.00	10.00
Volleyball set	3.00	5.00	10.00
Beverage cooler	1.50	3.00	5.00

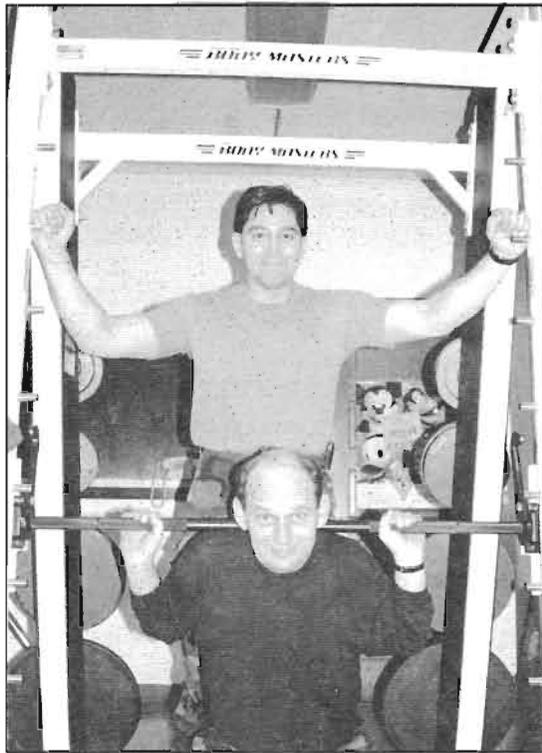
▶ Other equipment, free of charge	
Backgammon	Frisbee
Badminton	Horseshoes
Basketball	Softball bat
Bocce ball	Softball glove
Checkers	Soccer ball
Chess	Tennis racquet
Croquet	Tug-of-war rope
Football	Volleyball

All equipment is available to active duty, reservists, retired military, dependents 18 years and older, and civilian employees. A valid ID must be presented at time of check-out. Recreation services, located upstairs in Bldg. 802, is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and on UTAs, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Helping you get fit

Recreation Services doesn't just rent equipment, they offer other fitness options, including:

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(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly)

934th
Recreation
Services
reservists
Tech. Sgt.
Bob Dittel
(top) and
Staff Sgt.
Dave
Jeanson
"vogue"
for the
camera
with the
fitness
center's
weight
equipment.

934th Recreation Services can help your summer fun budget with reasonable rentals

Summer, here we come

compiled by Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly
public affairs

May is Air Force Fitness and Sports Month. Now that spring is finally here, it's time to start a fitness program, or gradually resume the fitness routine you let lapse over the winter.

The 934th Recreation Services staff can equip you for just about any outing. The recreation equipment is available for rental, and some items, such as the boats, canoes, bikes and the party canopy, can be reserved 30 days in advance with a security deposit.

Peace of Mind

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► Base Fitness Center

Stationary and recumbent bikes, abdominal exerciser, rowing machine, cross country ski machine, treadmills, stair-steppers, free weights and weight machines are just some of the equipment available in the base fitness center. Shower and towels are available. Located in Bldg. 802, often called the "fire barn," hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

► Microfit

See how your fitness level measures up against Microfit. This computerized fitness evaluation system measures heart rate, blood pressure, body weight, bicep strength, flexibility, body fat and aerobic fitness. By appointment only, call Ext. 1665.

► Jazzercise

Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. - noon. Call 713-1128 to enroll. Cost: \$20 per month.

Leisure bargains, too

Recreation Services also offers discount tickets to:
Valleyfair Family Amusement Park, Shakopee, Minn.
Available April through September
Adult tickets, \$19.95 instead of \$23.95
Children's tickets, no discount

Magic Kingdom Club

Reduced admission prices for theme parks
Discounts for resorts
Merchandise discounts
Vacation plans □

Feet, don't fail me now

Air Force offers fitness jump start



Air Force Fitness and Sports Month is May, and special incentives have been added this year to help get those feet moving.

A free drawing, sponsored by SATO Travel, Gatorade and StairMaster Products, L.P., will be held for such items as a home exerciser, a weekend getaway and more. Any base member who participates in a May fitness event (see box at right) receives an entry form to fill out, which will be forwarded by 934th Recreation Services for entry in the drawing. Call Ext. 1128 for details. □

SERVICES BRIEFS

Club news

Both clubs will be closed on Memorial Day.

► Officers Club

Comedy Night is set for Thursday, May 8, from 8-10 p.m.

The joint-club

Mother's Day Brunch will be held Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a kids's menu, and those under age 6 eat free. Reservations required.

☉For Officers Club reservations, call 713-1667.

► NCO Club

On Friday, May 2, and every Friday, the **Ivory Keys Band** will play, 8-11 p.m.

On Saturday, May 3, the country-western band **D.C. Drifters** will be featured, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

☉For NCO Club dinner reservations, call 713-1655.

Recreation services

► May fitness month

May 3-4 Unit Training Assembly activities include:

Open volleyball, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday/Sunday, by Bldg. 716.

Fourth Annual Herk Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk, 5 p.m. Saturday, start at ballfields.

Bench press tournament, 6 p.m. Saturday, fitness center,

male/female categories for weight/age.

► Softball

Softball league play kicks off this UTA. Game schedules include:

Coed-Recreational

MSF Wingers vs. AS Flying Vikings, 5 p.m., Field 1.

LSS Bud Bunch vs. APS Ramp Raiders, 5 p.m., Air Guard field.

Men's

CES vs Avionics, 6 p.m., Air Guard field.

► Wednesday Walks

start in June for lunch-break walkers. Watch for fliers this month listing exact start date and incentives.

► Martial arts

A four-week martial arts class will be offered soon at the U.S. Naval Reserve hangar.

► Golf outing

A golf event is scheduled for the July UTA at Highland Golf Course, St. Paul, Minn. There is a limit of 14 teams, and sign-up is on May and June UTAs. Cost is \$100 per team or \$25 per person.

► Air Force marathon

The 934th will have a team in the premier U.S. Air Force Marathon, Sept. 20, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

☉Marathon entry forms are available from Lt. Col. Larry Snider, Ext. 1729. □

☉ **934th Recreation Services**
Bldg. 802, Ext. 1128 or 1665