

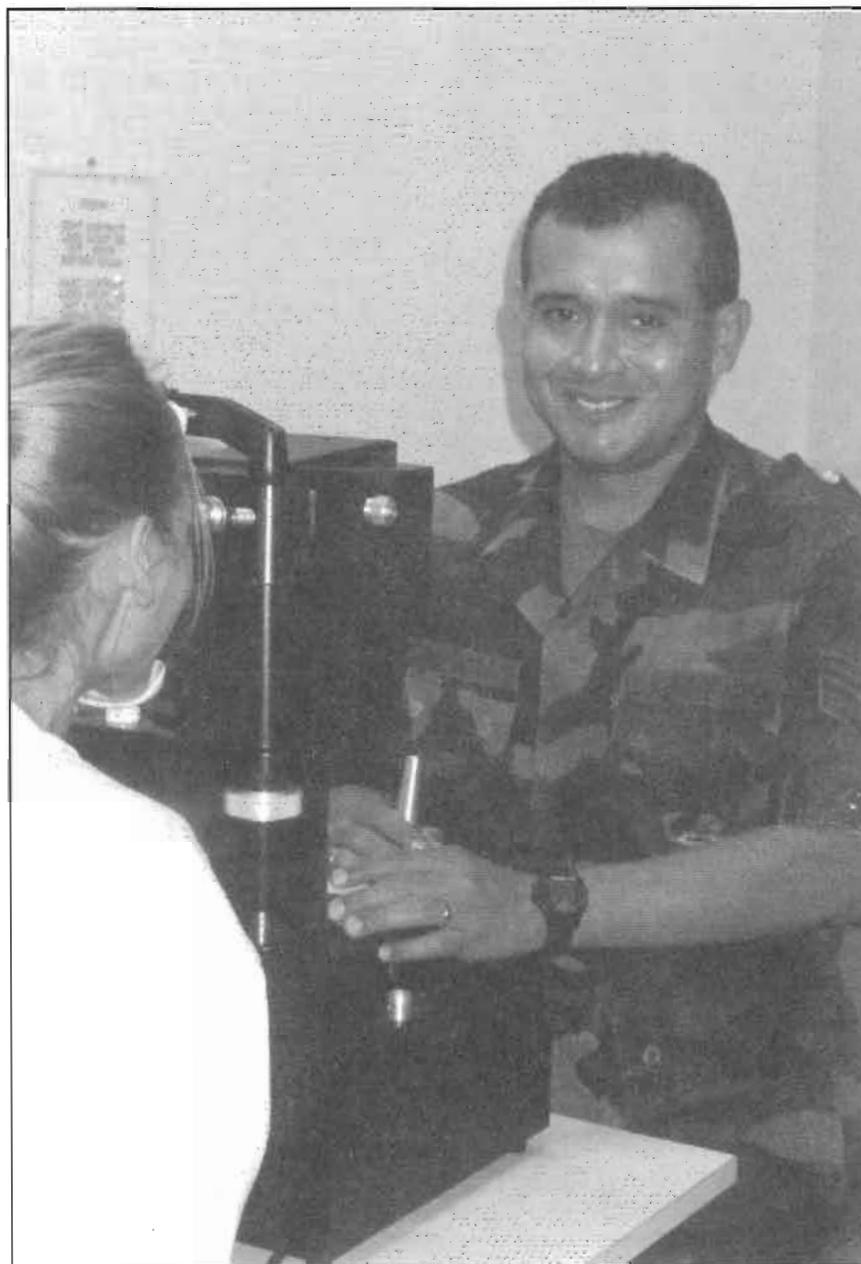


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Staff Sgt. Max Sornoza, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron optometry technician, served alongside his active duty colleagues in Germany recently. For stories on the deployment, see Pages 8-11.



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UTA schedule

1998:	1999:
August 1-2*	Jan. 9-10
Sept. 12-13	▶ UTA pay
Oct. 3-4	should be
Nov. 7-8	deposited by:
Dec. 5-6	July 22.

*Unit Compliance Inspection

Commentary

More challenges lie ahead

Reserves continue stellar performance under stress

Col. Richard Moss
Commander

Welcome back from the



Moss

Fourth of July holiday. I hope everyone enjoyed the time with family and friends as you celebrated the founding of our great nation. We need to take every opportunity to spend time with those who support us and to express our appreciation for their help and assistance as we continue our support of our nation.

Demands on reserves

As demands of national security in a changing world culture evolve, the active Air Force continues to "right-size" to meet those demands by decreasing the numbers of active duty members and relocating forces from overseas bases. In return, the reliance on reserve forces to meet these increased challenges of rapid global mobility will grow.

We in the 934th Airlift Wing have seen this first hand as we have deployed to numerous overseas locations to augment the active duty. Aircrews have supported numerous missions throughout the world. In the past months, we have had aerial port members deploy to Germany and Korea. We are just completing a successful one-month rotation to Southwest Asia supporting Operation Southern Watch. In the future, we have rotations to Panama. We have accomplished this by relying on reservists either volunteering to participate in the

contingencies or by using annual tour resources.

In each case, we have shown we are there whenever needed and trained and ready to "hack the mission." However, the stress this has caused reserve members with their families and employers has not gone unnoticed.

Gen. Walter Kross, U.S. Transportation Command commander in chief and Air Mobility Command commander, commented in a recent speech that "we are overtaxing the Guard and Reserve and have stretched them very, very thin. Guard and Reserve force operations tempo is historically unsustainable."

Future success factors

The mission of the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve is not going to change in the near future. We are still going to be needed to augment the active duty throughout the world for future contingencies and day-to-day support.

Our future success in meeting the increased operations tempo relies on several factors:

▶ First, you, the reservist, continuing the spirit of volunteerism you have shown so well in the past.

▶ Second, we must maintain the support of family members and our employers by never failing to let them know how much their support is appreciated.

▶ Third, we must take advantage of our limited training time to keep our current high state of readiness.

You can be proud of what you have accomplished. You have performed magnificently in the past and I am confident you will in the future. Thank you for your continued support. □

World

'Must run' notices announced

Air Force News Service issued "must run" designations on the following items:

▶ **Selection process begins:** The active duty's command screening board begins Oct. 19 at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The board provides an opportunity for active-duty colonels and colonel selectees to volunteer to compete for command positions.

▶ **Space "A" lodging for civilians:** Department of Defense civilians and their family members on ordinary leave or environmental morale leave are authorized to stay in Air Force lodging, on a space available basis, starting July 1. Space A guests may make reservations at Air Force lodging facilities up to 24 hours in advance of arrival, for up to a three-night stay, space permitting. Reservations for stateside facilities can be made by calling (888) AF-LODGE. Phone numbers are available on the Air Force Services home page at: <http://www-sv.afsv.af.mil/Lodging/LodgingList.asp>

Junior officer course scheduled

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command's Professional Development Center seeks candidates to participate in the Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar II. The course will be held Oct. 8-11 at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

The opportunity is offered to all Reserve junior officers, second lieutenant through captain. Wing commanders must nominate their candidates by Aug. 14.

☉For more information, call **Deborah Reddish**, DSN 497-0261 or (800) 223-1784, Ext. 7-0261. For current information, check out the web site at: <http://www.afres.af.mil/~qi/qijolds.htm> (AFRC News Service)

Brief briefs ...

▶ **Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.**, became Schriever AFB June 5 in honor of retired Gen. Bernard Schriever, who pioneered the development of the nation's ballistic missile programs.

▶ **New identification cards** made a debut last month in Germany for some Department of Defense employees and sponsored individuals. The tan-colored cards have computer-readable bar codes, making them compatible with identification cards used by the active duty and reserve forces. The cards will be phased in worldwide over the next five years. (AFNS)

Local

Fund raiser set for June 6

The 934th Logistics Group military ball committee has extended the bid deadline for its fund raiser, "Egg in Your Face," to Saturday, July 11. Money raised will lower the price of military ball tickets for technical sergeants and below. The schedule follows:

9 a.m., **July 11:** Bids may be made to egg the face of a wing member by calling the individual's first sergeant.

2 p.m.: Individuals to be egged may buy down their bid tally at the same cost associated with their rank.

3 p.m.: Bidding closes and votes are tallied.

4 p.m.: The top three winners are announced from the wing and aeromedical staging squadron; and support, operations and logistics groups.

The public egging will occur at noon on Sunday, July 12, behind base supply, Bldg. 801.

Military Expo set for next weekend

The second annual Minnesota Military Expo takes place July 18-19, with activities scheduled at various locations in the Fort Snelling area, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

☉For more information, call public affairs, Ext. 1217.

Paint-A-Thon needs volunteers

The wing needs volunteers for the annual Metro Paint-A-Thon. Preparation will be done after work on Monday, Aug. 3, and painting, after work on Thursday, Aug. 6. Volunteers paint the exterior of a local elderly or disabled person's house.

The official date of the event is Saturday, Aug. 8, but the wing team elected to volunteer after work instead of on a "valuable summer weekend," said **Master Sgt. David Hammer**, wing historian. Work each day should last no longer than three hours.

☉To sign up or get more information, call Hammer, Ext. 1240, or **Senior Master Sgt. David Cormier**, 934th Maintenance Squadron, Ext. 1354.

Home buyer seminar set for July 11

A Veterans Administration Home Buyers Seminar is set for Saturday, July 11, 4:45-5:45 p.m., at the 934th's Joint Family Readiness Center. **Reservations are required by noon on Saturday, July 11.** The workshop will be cancelled unless a minimum number of reservations are received.

☉Call Ext. 1516 for more information or to make a reservation.

Academy application deadline nears

Applications are being accepted for the next fiscal year's Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy classes. Class dates are: Nov. 3-Dec. 16; Jan. 20-March 3, 1999; and March 18-April 28, 1999.

Application package requirements include a full-length photo and a current record review with appropriate signatures. The board meets the week of Aug. 24, and the local deadline for application is Aug. 10.

☉For information on package requirements, call base training, Ext. 3542, or check the SNCOA web site: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/cepme/sncoa>

Dining hall limits menu this month

The 934th Airlift Wing dining hall will have a limited menu during the July drill due to unit members deploying overseas. There will be one entree and one short-order item selection for each meal. The to-go window will be open. □

News bytes

Inspection team arrives soon

For many wing reservists, the July unit training assembly offers the last opportunity for polishing plans and programs prior to the Unit Compliance Inspection, July 31-Aug. 3.

According to **Capt. Doug Kveene**, wing executive officer, the team of approximately 30 people arrives July 30.

"Units need to update and/or close any open Form 14s," said Kveene, referencing forms used to document findings during crossfeed/crosstell inspections. "This includes making a monthly annotation answering who, what, when and why a Form 14 is still open and what is being done to close it."

He said a new, improved UCI checklist is located on the shared G-drive under the "UCI98" directory.

"Keep in mind that even if the IG team doesn't include an inspector for your area, that doesn't mean you won't be inspected," said Kveene. "Make sure your critical programs are meeting the standards, including training, safety, security and resource management."

Combat arms building completed

Tech. Sgt. Randy Matthews

Unit Public Affairs Representative, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 934th Civil Engineer Squadron completed the new combat arms training simulator facility June 26. The unique project came in under budget at just under \$200,000 and could serve as a benchmark for the Air Force Reserve Command.

"This is the first time Air Force Reserve units have been assigned the construction tasks for a capital project," said **Capt. Les Canarr**, project manager. A capital project is one that adds value to the base, but is not a repair or maintenance project. "Fulfilling this project has taken a lot of hard work, communication and teamwork."

Original cost estimates hit \$480,000, which would have delayed construction a year or more, so the squadron gained permission to take on the project for training purposes. Seven civil engineering teams, including three local and four Reserve teams from Alabama and New York, have been working on the project since February.

"The CATS facility project has been an excellent demonstration of how well reservists can perform," said

Canarr. "It has allowed the Reserve to provide training to three civil engineering squadrons, while at the same time upgrading the infrastructure at one of its own bases."

Local specialists enjoyed the unique training opportunities the project provided. "On annual tours, you don't always get to stay in your trade," said **Tech. Sgt. Dennis Billadeau**, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning specialist. "On this project, we got the chance to work in our trade the whole tour ... I don't work in the HVAC trade in my civilian life, so this training was very beneficial to me."

Other reservists, such as **Staff Sgt. Jeff Jacobs**, a structures specialist, gained new skills. "This was the first opportunity we ever had to work on a steel structure," he said. "It was beneficial to see the project move through all of the construction phases, from blueprint to completion."

The 60-by-70 foot indoor laser firing range, located behind and west of the headquarters building, should host its first classes as early as August, said Canarr.

Southwest Asia tour winds down

Five weeks of service on rotation in Southwest Asia comes to an end this weekend as deployed wing aircraft and the last group of wing members are scheduled to return on Sunday, July 12.

Two C-130s, three aircrews and approximately 24 support people departed for the desert during the June drill for a two week rotation. The aircraft remained in place, with a second rotation heading to the area on June 23 for a three-week tour.

Other deployed wings were the 913th Airlift Wing, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., which also served as the lead unit; and the 403rd Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Medical skills lab goes regional

Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly

Public Affairs

When the medical skills lab opened in Bldg. 853 a little more than six months ago, a much needed training space was created. Since then, the tiny brick building has been named one of three Air Force Reserve Command training centers, to be used for medical training of military members throughout the region.

Members of the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron will serve on a committee helping other units establish their own labs, so eventually there will be more than three.

"We're meeting to establish a template for establishing skills labs," said **1st Lt. Gordon Sigi**, officer in charge of the skills lab and an AES flight nurse.

"It's by no means meant to be a cloning," said **Maj. David Rezutko**, ASTS assistant chief nurse and committee member. "These are the things we learned. This is what has worked for us."

Previously, units were supplied with lists of training requirements and each unit had to create their own training, testing and tracking systems.

"The most important thing that has come out of this skills lab process is that headquarters came to understand we needed a standardized mechanism for training our people, not just standardized requirements," said Sigl. "Why have each unit recreate the wheel?"

As part of the information sharing, wing medical units are working together as well.

"There has been awesome cooperation between the two units," said Rezutko. "Right now, we're using the lab on a shared basis, but in fiscal year 1999, we plan on sharing teaching events for training, too."

Area code split affects base

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has ordered an area code split to follow municipal boundaries, starting July 12.

Though the Air Force Reserve station remains in the 612 area code, many surrounding locations will have the new 651 area code. For a six-month transition period, calls may be completed using either area code, and by dialing either seven or 10 digits. On Jan. 10, 1999, the new area code will be mandatory.

Base officials report that calls between the two area codes will remain local calls, but 10 digits will have to be dialed. "Do not dial '1' or the call will be considered long distance," said **Bill Fauver**, telephone systems administrator at Rothe Communications. "As for here on base, you do not have to dial '44' to call between the two area codes. Dial a '9,' the new area code and the seven digit number."

For more information, see your telephone control officer.

Reservist excels at recruiting

Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs

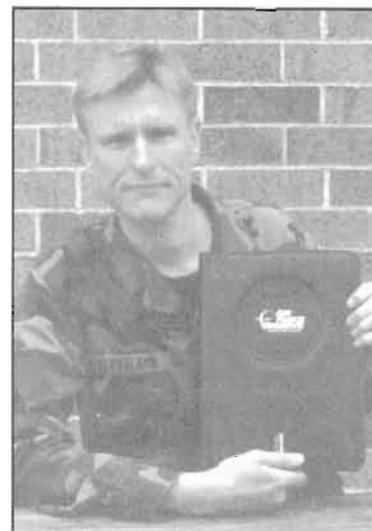
Need another troop to help meet your manning requirements? **Staff Sgt. Ray Cleveland**, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, can teach you how to "Get One."

Cleveland recently landed an award through recruiting's revitalized Get One program for recruiting a civilian co-worker to join the aerial port. **Staff Sgt. Tracy Batt**, a former Army reservist, joined the unit in January and just returned from his first annual tour at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Cleveland has been recruiting friends and co-workers to consider joining the unit for more than a year, knowing his unit was undermanned.

"I've talked to a number of people from my civilian job with the Minnesota Department of Revenue about joining the Air

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Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

▶ Cleveland with recruiting's newest incentive gift, a portfolio with calculator

Viking Search:

Information manager

Clip this for a colleague or family member and assist recruiters in their search for new reservists.

Specialty code/unit: 3AOX1; openings throughout the wing.

Job description: Integrating information technology with information

requirements — creation, access, use, collection, dissemination, maintenance and disposal of information. Responsibilities may include work group administration/management, desktop/

◀ **Airman Basic Brian Hill** prepares an identification card for a military member.

network applications such as use of web pages and management of their development, and basic hardware and software installation.

Civilian job equivalent:

Administrative assistant, information systems technician, secretary.

Training: Eight weeks, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

What's great about the job:

▶ Stable, predictable work load great for people with demanding civilian jobs or heavy school schedules.

▶ Great opportunities to achieve similar civilian employment by gaining experience in a variety of computer programs.

▶ Plenty of opportunities to travel or perform additional duty.

▶ Most positions provide fairly flexible scheduling of drill days/annual tours.

Contact: 934th Recruiting Office, (612) 713-1456. □



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

News bytes

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Force Reserve," he said. "The people I've talked to are normally those who have separated from active duty, the Guard or other Reserve units, and who are still eligible to join."

Cleveland takes advantage of every opportunity to talk about his work in the Reserve. "When someone is interested in hearing about what I do with the 27th, I'll often ask them if they think they're really done for good with the military or, if the circumstances were right, if they would consider joining again."

He added he loves telling those interested in his Reserve job about the great opportunities he has serving with the 27th. "I believe our unit has the best assortment of annual tour opportunities of any unit on base," he said. "You could go to Japan, Italy, Germany or just about any place in the world. I've seen more of the world as a reservist than I had through nine years with active duty." He has served with the unit for six years.

When individuals have heard what the base offers, Cleveland invites potential recruits to see what the unit does on a Saturday during unit training assembly. "I've had a few people out as guests, and two others are still deciding whether or not they'd like to join."

His recruiting push started before the latest Get One program was announced. "I didn't start looking for people because of the program," he said. "It's nice that it was there, but I started talking to people because our unit really needed more good people."

To recognize his recruiting success, Cleveland received a Get One portfolio with a built-in calculator. The program also allows unit commanders to award a four-hour paid UTA period to those successful at bringing a new member into the wing.

"The awards are nice, but I really feel more satisfaction in knowing we have another good member added to the team," Cleveland said, "and we're that much closer to getting unit manning up to where it should be."

For information about the Get One program, call recruiting, Ext. 1456.

Wing donates excess computers

Mark Davidson
Public Affairs

The wing donated 14 old computers recently to a south Minneapolis elementary school, thanks to a chance encounter at a neighborhood meeting last year.

"I was at a Nokomis East Neighborhood Association meeting last November, because I live in that part of Minneapolis," said **Capt. Doug Kveene**, wing executive officer. "The principal of Wenonah Elementary School, **Belinda Williams**, introduced herself at the meeting and said her school was in need of computers."

Kveene talked to Williams after the meeting and said there

was a possibility of the 934th donating some old computers. He then got Rothe Development, the wing's contract communications organization, involved to satisfy Air Force requirements.

According to **Glenn Groskreutz**, Rothe's assistant contract manager and base network control center manager, computers have to be entered into a Department of Defense database for a set amount of time prior to donation, allowing other agencies to review the items available for possible use at other DOD sites. "Up to this point, we have never had computers requested by other commands or agencies," Groskreutz said.

The first 12 computers were delivered to the school in May, and another two were delivered in early June during a visit to the school by **Col. Richard Moss**, wing commander, and other base officials.

DSN capacity increases on base

The number of Digital Switched Network lines on base increased 37 percent when a transition to new circuitry was completed June 24, according to **Bill Fauver**, telephone systems administrator.

"DSN service was awarded to a new contractor, so all sites across the country, starting with the east coast and working west, had to be transitioned to the new circuitry," he said.

Contractors installed the circuitry on June 24 starting at 5 p.m., with Fauver and **Charlie Carriger**, telephone maintenance specialist, programming the base telephone system and rewiring equipment. The transition was completed in three hours.

Approximately 3,800 telephone users are serviced by the base telephone system, according to Fauver. "During peak hours, not everyone will be able to get an outside line," he said. "Try to make your calls during non-peak hours. It appears that around lunchtime — 10 a.m. to noon — and around the close of business — 3-4:30 p.m. — are the busiest times."

Earlier this year, Federal Telephone System long distance service became accessible only by personal identification numbers. PINs are assigned by unit/office telephone control officers upon authorization by the unit commander.

Chaplain walks away from crash

Master Sgt. Tim Turner
Public Affairs

Chaplain (1st Lt.) John Echert III's car accident earlier this year was, in the words of the on-scene physician, the worst he'd ever seen without ambulances on hand.

Both Echert's mini-pickup and the other driver's sedan were wrecked so badly that firefighters hosed down the area for fear both vehicles would catch fire.

Ten minutes after the accident, Echert was teaching class at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.



Echert

"I owe it all to my air bag," he said. "I'm here to tell you they really do work. Even with all the careful driving in the world, you can't always avoid an accident. Which is all the more reason for air bags."

Echert was heading to St. Thomas to teach his 9:30 theology class after celebrating early morning Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral, a few miles away. As always, he buckled his seat belt and strapped on his shoulder harness before starting the engine.

"I was driving through an intersection by St. Thomas to park my truck," he recalled. "All of a sudden I hear this horrible, crunching, metal sound, and I watch my air bag mysteriously inflate.

"It all happened so fast," Echert continued. "I remember thinking: 'Why am I staring at my air bag? Why is my air bag sticking in my chest?' It was like being punched in the face."

The sedan had broadsided the driver's side of Echert's pickup. The other driver, a 27-year-old man with a revoked license and no auto insurance, ran two red lights before slamming into Echert's truck with a full head of steam. "He was lucky, considering he didn't have air bags," Echert said. "All he suffered was a few minor facial injuries."

After the accident, Echert maneuvered around the air bag and crawled out of his demolished truck. Then, foregoing immediate medical attention, he talked to the police, waited until his vehicle was towed away and walked to class.

"I'm sure some people in the crowd thought I was crazy not going to the hospital," Echert recalled. "But except for a jammed finger where the air bag opened and some minor chest pain, I was fine." As a precaution, Echert saw the St. Thomas campus doctor immediately after teaching his class.

"I'm sure some people in my class thought I was nuts, too, teaching right after a bad car accident," Echert said. "When I told my students about it, I jokingly said I didn't want to hear any excuses about skipping my class. I mean, if I could be teaching 10 minutes after surviving that mess, then they could sure make it to my class. Amazingly, attendance has been great ever since.

"Seriously, though, I'm convinced now of the value of air bags," Echert continued. "Because that air bag worked, I walked away. If my truck didn't have air bags, I don't know that wearing my seat belt and shoulder harness alone would have stopped me from being badly injured ... I probably wouldn't be here today talking to you about this story."

(Editor's note: In June, two months to the day of his accident, Echert had another accident, this time in New Hope, Minn., in his new truck. "I was stopped at a red light when I was rear-ended by a woman doing 30 mph," he said. "My truck was seriously damaged, but I walked away from the accident.")

Quadruplets challenge couple

Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs

For ten years, Staff Sgt. Mike Eastridge and his wife, Jody, had hoped to build a family but were unsuccessful in luring the stork to their Iowa home.

But today, thanks to patience and participation in the in vitro

fertilization program through the University of Iowa hospital where his wife works, they are now the proud parents of four children. Helping the Eastridge's make up for lost time, the quadruplets were born April 9 and all are home and healthy. Eastridge is a reservist with the 934th Maintenance Squadron.

What was his first reaction? "Insanity!" he laughed. "Not really — it was very good and a bit overwhelming at times, but we now have the children we had hoped for."

Eastridge noted that four children is plenty for the young couple. They share the feedings, changings and luxury of about an hour or two of sleep a night between the children's meals.

He explained the in vitro process as a 60- to 70-day shot series, and then the hospital fertilizes the mother's egg and lets the baby, or in this case babies, form for two days before they are placed in the mother's womb.

"Before they were born, I was a basket case," he said. "Normally, mothers only carry quadruplets for 26 weeks, but my wife went 33 weeks before they performed a C-section. It was really quick. All four were born within five minutes, and my son Chad was the first. He was followed by his three sisters, Amanda, Katie and Emily."

Eastridge said it was a long time to carry so many babies. "Before delivery, Jody was only three inches away from being as wide as she is tall, and she is 5 feet 8 inches," he laughed.

Eastridge said they learned they were having quadruplets when his wife was two weeks pregnant. From that point on, his wife had one appointment a week for checkups and monthly ultrasounds to track the babies' progress.

The close watch of the Eastridge's doctor paid off as all four

babies were born without complications and are now home keeping the proud parents flying with feedings every three to four hours, diaper changes and those squeaks, coos and wails that only a parent can love. □

◀ Mike and Jody Eastridge with Chad, Amanda, Katie and Emily



Courtesy photo

Medical mirror force

**Reservists blend in with
active-duty medical staff in
Germany, easing heavy work load
plus honing skills**

Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
Public Affairs

Standing side-by-side with their active-duty counterparts, 43 reservists demonstrated the spirit and practice of the 'mirror-force' concept recently.

Doctors, nurses, physical therapists, public health technicians, administration specialists and medical, dental and pharmacy technicians from the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, May 4-15.

The mirror-force concept shows "that the Air Force can place a reservist next to their active-duty counterpart and not tell the difference," explained **Lt. Col. James Harris**, ASTS psychiatric nurse.

Caring for patients, participating in a mass-casualty exercise, meeting training requirements and sharing ideas and practices with active-duty medical people, the reservists "accelerated their training in areas that are limited in Minneapolis," according to **Lt. Col. Mary Hanson**, ASTS commander and a civilian nurse anesthetist, "and proved we can seamlessly integrate into the active-duty force."

By mixing the active-duty and reserve forces, "We gain immeasurable experience," commented **Maj. Donna Lake**, chief nurse for the 86th Medical Operations Squadron at Ramstein. "The reserve folks are helping in areas where we presently need assistance."

Visitors and patients to various clinics never knew their



Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch

▲ Capt. Jerin McRath, nurse anesthetist with the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, worked alongside active-duty surgeons while serving in Germany.

health care providers were in Germany for only two weeks of sustainment training – training keeping medical skills current.

"It's great to work in an active-duty environment," said **Master Sgt. Dave Pogatchnik**, ASTS pharmacy technician and civilian registered pharmacist at a Veterans Affairs hospital. According to Pogatchnik, the pharmacy at Ramstein ran at a steady pace, but "not too busy that I can't see the entire picture and learn the local policies and procedures," he said. "That's needed to be able to fit into an active-duty environment at a moment's notice."

Senior Airman James Wriedt, 86th MOS pharmacy apprentice, agreed. "Having an extra pharmacy technician is good, and one who's a registered pharmacist is even better,"



Senior Airman Aaron Allmon

▲ **Staff Sgt. Angie House, dental services journeyman (left), and an active-duty member work on dental records.**

he said. "We're able to ask a lot of questions and learn how pharmaceutical procedures are done in the civilian world, especially at a VA pharmacy."

Blending into each unit, especially at the medical center, was relatively easy, said **Capt. Jerin McRath**, nurse anesthetist. "I've participated in a number of surgical procedures, and the Army folks have been super," she said.

Caring for retirees and family members increases the number of patients to care for at the medical center, and staff members reported they were seeing the highest number of patients in many months. Reservists helped with bedside care as well as in the emergency room, operating room, radiology, inpatient psychiatry clinic and many other areas.

Air Force Reserve Command's choosing of Ramstein as an ideal training facility for the 934th's requirements involved more than tossing a dart on a map. Evaluating sustainment and upgrade training requirements for reservists and matching them with available bases and resources is a process of elimination, according to **Maj. Wiley Roberts**, ASTS officer in charge of VA hospital training and a civilian operating nurse.

"Only when we've exhausted other modes of training, such as classroom, skills lab and VA hospital training in Minnesota and other stateside active-duty bases does AFRC look for facilities such as Ramstein to keep our skills current," he explained.

Civilian experience can be used to satisfy certain training requirements if they meet or exceed military standards, but "we must be able to demonstrate advanced skill concepts to perform our duties and a hospital environment is not available at our base in Minnesota," Roberts said.

This deployment also was an opportunity to test part of a new training documentation process developed by the ASTS for possible adoption by the command for all medical units. The automated training program allows trainees, supervisors and commanders to track each reservist in their training plan



Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch

▲ **Staff Sgt. Cory Stapelmann, medical laboratory journeyman, worked in the medical center's busy lab.**

at any given moment, according to Roberts.

"For our people to work one weekend per month and two weeks each year with the Reserve and keep their skills current is a real accomplishment," he said. "Our integration into the total force must be seamless and that means involvement with the active-duty forces is critical."

Others became involved in ongoing projects. "We're learning quite a bit about the reconfigured air transportable hospital," commented **1st Lt. Ronald Ross**, deployment officer. A 2,000-hour project, the reconfiguration reduces the size and increases capabilities of the portable hospital. "This smaller, lighter, more deployable hospital will give the Air Force the ability to place limited medical assistance into a theater quickly," he said.

Sharing ideas and methods with active-duty members "has been extremely helpful, according to **Master Sgt. Brandy Fulton**, dental clinic supervisor. "I get to use equipment that I don't have back in Minneapolis," she explained, "and we discover better ways to implement safety procedures. This proves 'mirror image' works."

Tech. Sgt. Ken Treadwell, 86th dental clinic supervisor, agreed. "I think it's great," he said. "We each have a common base of experience but she teaches us from her perspective and she learns from ours. Plus, any help we get is very appreciated." □

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Master Sgt. David Pogachnik, pharmacy craftsman, dispenses medicine in the hospital pharmacy.



Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch

Employers play role in successful tour

Plenty of advance notice paves way for smooth boss-employee relations

Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
Public Affairs

Planning, scheduling and coordinating your annual tour can be a daunting task. Dotting the "i's" and crossing the "t's" won't guarantee that you'll be on your way unless "notify employer ASAP" appears on your "to-do" checklist.

"Having orders in one hand and a suitcase in the other is not the way to approach the boss about time off," explained **Staff Sgt. Ken Stang**, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical lab technician and production specialist at Hutchinson Technology. "I let my employer know about annual tour, mandays and any extra time I'll need as soon as I know," he said. "They knew about our trip to Germany last January. They've been very supportive."

Senior Airman Mandy DeForrest, health service management technician and Target employee, not only gave advance warning of her temporary duty but also submitted "all my training requirements for 1998 last February. That way, they know what to expect."

Scheduling employee vacations and time off can be very involved for any company, and by giving plenty of advance notice, reservists usually can avoid misunderstandings and hard feelings. **Tech. Sgt. Rick Olson**, radiology technologist for both ASTS and Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center, LaCrosse, Wis., notifies his supervisor one year in advance. "Even if the dates aren't locked in," he explained, "I let them know what's happening as soon as possible, including my UTAs [unit training assemblies]. I haven't had a problem."

Master Sgt. Brandy Fulton, ASTS dental clinic supervisor and office coordinator at Metro Dental Care, Blaine, Minn., said

her employer "has been very supportive. I gave my employer plenty of advance notice for the Germany TDY [temporary duty]. They even gave me extra time off to be part of the advance cadre."

Inviting the boss to Employers' Day definitely helped, according to **Senior Airman Ronald Holbeck**, squadron diet therapist and FluoroWare employee. "I invited my supervisor to see where I work and even though he didn't come, he knew he was welcome. Plus, I give him my schedule for each year as soon as I get it."

Even employers not familiar with the mission of the wing have been supportive of their reservists, according to **Maj. Wiley Roberts**, squadron officer in charge of Veterans Affairs hospital training, and operating nurse and supervisor at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. "By letting my superiors know as early as possible about my weekend and TDY obligations," he explained, "they're much more agreeable to granting the time off."

Just mentioning that she has Reserve duty is enough at Our Lady of the Angels Extended Care Facility in Chicago, where **Capt. Edie Langenfeld**, OIC of the skills lab, is a clinical nurse. "They've always been good about letting people in the military do their duty," she said. Understanding and respecting your employer's requirements, according to Langenfeld, is the first step to having a smooth trip. "I let them know last November about this May TDY," she added. "Plenty of advance notice is definitely the key."

Not everyone has to consider the boss when planning a TDY. "I've never had a problem getting time off," said **Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Murzyn**, ASTS dentist. "Of course, owning my own practice in Chicago helps." □

A sight to see

After a grueling trip and long hours on duty, what better way to relax

Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
Public Affairs

What do you do after traveling around the globe via car, bus and plane for a day, working the next with no sleep in between and wondering how you'll ever get over the jet lag?

Hop aboard the nearest bus, car or train to see the sights, of course.

Temporary duty is not just about training and work; what time is left is filled with enjoying the local sights, sounds and food. According to **Capt. Jerin McRath**, nurse

Save over the Atlantic

A plane full of medical specialists proves good place for emergency

Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
Public Affairs

The young man collapsed in-flight. When we got to him, he was slumped over in his seat, cutting off his supply of air. His family didn't realize that he couldn't breathe. The situation could have become life threatening very quickly."

Thus **Dr. (Lt. Col.) Jorge Llambes**, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron flight surgeon, described a drama developing at 7,200 feet over the Atlantic Ocean when he was alerted by flight attendants. Luckily for the young patient, Llambes and 42 other ASTS members were aboard the aircraft traveling to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for their annual tour.

The 12-year-old boy was unresponsive when **Tech. Sgt. Sherry Lada**, medical technician, first assessed his condition. According to **2nd Lt. David Shogren**, clinical nurse, who also

attended the boy, "Tech. Sgt. Lada did a wonderful job with the patient, helping to monitor the young man and evaluate what needed to be done. When the doctor was called, he was well briefed on the situation."

The boy was traveling with his family to Kazakhstan, a republic of the former Soviet Union and now part of the Commonwealth of Independent States, where his father would be conducting business for an extended period of time.

After first getting the boy in a prone position to help his breathing, Llambes, Lada and Shogren treated the patient for shock and monitored his blood oxygen content. "We were lucky the airline had a monitor," Llambes said. "American airliners are notorious for not having full medical equipment on board, unlike their European counterparts."

The boy suffered low blood oxygen and "had low fluids, low blood sugar and was really run down," said Shogren. Moving the patient to first-class seating

for more room, the trio stabilized and monitored his condition.

"The aircraft captain was ready to divert to London," explained Llambes, "but the boy's condition improved. The captain also dropped altitude from 7,200 feet to 6,000 feet. That helped tremendously with the cabin pressure, which was compounding the situation. I advised the captain and family that the child would be fine until we reached Frankfurt. I also tried to convince the family that it was a bad idea to continue to Kazakhstan without a medical evaluation in Germany. They agreed."

Members of a medical squadron flying far from home brought under control what had been developing into a life-threatening situation far from any medical facility.

According to Llambes, his assistants did a fantastic job. "They helped to ease the tension, evaluate and treat the patient and calm the family," he said. "That's what good medicine is all about." □

anesthetist, the best part of Germany was something she does at home, too. "Some friends and I went to the little towns around Ramstein Air Base and enjoyed the restaurants. But the best part was shopping," she said.

Others found delight in sampling the local cuisine. "Food, food, food," answered **Capt. Edie Langenfeld**, clinical nurse. "I really enjoyed the little restaurants," she said. Although language difficulties sometimes became a barrier to ordering, Langenfeld found that "knowing a few words of each other's language made ordering more fun."

Sightseeing was high on others list of things to do. "We drove to France and Luxembourg over the weekend," said **2nd Lt. Gail Gregor**, medical administration officer. "The countryside is beautiful and the wine tasting tours are great!"

Exercising at the base gym, walking in the countryside and riding the commuter trains to small towns "for a cup of coffee" was relaxing for **2nd Lt. David Shogren**, clinical nurse. "Seeing the countryside and meeting people is very important," he said.

Many reservists chose a weekend bus tour to

Amsterdam. Visiting cheese factories, tulip gardens and a boat tour was "very enjoyable," said **Staff Sgt. Mary Ann Polenik**, medical technician. "We saw the actual diary that Anne Frank wrote during World War II got in plenty of shopping and visited a diamond factory. I even had a Turkish kabob in Holland!"

One reservist decided to fulfill a lifelong ambition and strike out alone. **Staff Sgt. Max Sornoza**, optometry technician, left Kaiserslautern, Germany, on a westbound train for Paris. Striking up a conversation with a man on the train, Sornoza discovered his fellow traveler spoke fluent

Spanish, and many discussions followed.

Arriving in Paris, Sornoza discovered no available rooms. His new acquaintance invited him to stay with him and his wife.

"They gave me a place to sleep, fed me breakfast and supper and told me where the best places to visit were," he said. "It was a great adventure and the highlight of my trip. Besides seeing Paris at my own pace, I've made some good friends and, through e-mail, we are keeping in touch."

Others, like **1st Lt. Bob Schulte**, physical therapist, had one word for their leisure time activities, "Golf!" □

Artistic license

While not banning its people from wearing body art, the Air Force is setting forth guidelines on tattoos, branding and body piercing in an interim change to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

In essence, tattoos or brands should not be excessive, and those with inflammatory, obscene, racist, sexist or similar content are strictly prohibited. Examples of those that could be considered excessive would include images or brands that cover more than one-fourth of an exposed body limb or are visible above the collarbone in an open-collar uniform.

Brief review of new rules

The piercing guidelines state that **males**:

- ▶ On base, in or out of uniform, on or off duty, cannot wear earrings or any other visible body piercings.
- ▶ Off base, in or out of uniform, on official duty, cannot wear earrings or any other visible body piercings. Official duty while not in uniform includes jobs that require the wear of civilian attire, participation in sporting events, traveling in civilian attire on temporary duty orders or when representing the Air Force at civilian functions.

Likewise, the piercing guidelines state that **females**:

- ▶ On base, in uniform, may wear a single, small, spherical, matching earring in each earlobe.
- ▶ On base, off duty, in civilian clothes, earrings should be conservative and kept within sensible limits. Commanders and first sergeants make the final determination on what is extreme or excessive. No other body piercings should be visible.
- ▶ Off base, on duty, in civilian clothes, may wear a single, small, spherical, matching earring in each earlobe. No other body piercings should be visible. (See above for definition of "official duty.")

Body art popularity

"Basically, we've recognized the increasing popularity of body art and have adjusted personal appearance policy to set appropriate guidelines for such practices," said **Lt. Col. Whit Taylor**, chief of the Air Force Quality of Life Office, which is responsible for uniforms and personal appearance policy.

"The Air Force has long had dress and personal appearance standards, and they are not stagnant," he said. "They are evolutionary and will continue to serve as minimum standards, leaving much discretionary judgment to commanders to determine appropriate appearance and

Air Force clarifies policies governing tattoos, piercings

safety requirements for their mission profiles."

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric Benken said the Air Force has a long-standing policy prohibiting people with excessive or offensive tattoos from joining the Air Force,

but has not had a policy restricting the display of tattoos, brands and body piercing on active duty. As with other issues, he explained, presenting a proper military image at all times is paramount, piercing and body art are not exceptions.

"We've tried to provide commanders, first sergeants and supervisors clear guidance on what is acceptable," Benken said. "They have the latitude to look at the size and extent of the tattoo and determine what is acceptable ... I think the guidance is fair, reasonable and necessary."

Benken said most people now wearing tattoos are within the boundaries of the new policy. "This policy will not affect the vast majority of people," Benken said. "The new rules are for those who have taken body art to the extreme."

Health concerns

Benken said that because of the Air Force's global mission, airmen should be cautious about personal hygiene and other health-related issues that arise from wearing items on the body.

Air Force doctors back up the chief's position. Their medical opinion is that, in terms of tattooing, piercing and scarification – cutting into the skin with a sharp instrument – the most serious potential medical complications include blood-borne infections such as HIV, hepatitis B and C and syphilis, as well as staph and strep infections. Secondary infections might also occur during healing.

Benken added that the Air Force is also concerned about body art on people serving overseas where there are host nation sensitivities. In all these instances, he said, people must take care to present a proper military image as well as look out for their own safety.

Air Force officials sum up the new policy in simple terms: Airmen should refrain from obtaining tattoos and brands or from piercing their bodies because of health risks and the faddish image they present. Air Force members must be accountable and portray the highest standards of appearance.

For more information on this policy, contact your first sergeant, commander or military personnel flight, Ext. 1085. Complete copies of the policy in fact sheet format have been distributed to units by the public affairs office. (Air Force News Service) □

Looking back on 50 years

Months in history see Reserve involvement around the world

The Directorate of Historical Services, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command,

prepared the following historical chronology, which will continue throughout this anniversary year.

July

► **July 10, 1966:** In response to an airline strike, **President Lyndon Johnson**

instituted Operation Combat Leave, an effort to provide transportation to military people stranded by the strike. Air Force Reserve C-124s, along with active-duty and Air National Guard aircraft, flew transcontinental routes, while Reserve C-119s flew feeder routes to the major hubs. The operation continued until Sept. 10, 1966.

► **July 4, 1973:** An HU-16 of the 301st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron established a new altitude record of 32,833 feet for amphibious aircraft. This aircraft is currently on display at the Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

► **July 15, 1976:** **2nd Lt. Kathleen Rambo** of the 514th Military Airlift Wing, Associate, became the first female Air Force reservist to undergo military pilot training as she entered the undergraduate pilot training program. She completed training Sept. 2, 1977.

► **July 15, 1992:** A Reserve C-130 and two aircrews from the 934th Airlift Group, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Minn., joined active-duty and Air National Guard aircraft and aircrews at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, to support

Operation Provide Promise, airlifting supplies and food into Sarajevo, Bosnia and Zagreb, Croatia.

► **July 10, 1993:** Reserve units and

people began supporting flood relief efforts in the Midwest. Reserve C-5s moved water purification equipment to Des Moines, Iowa, while other units moved sandbags and other relief supplies to communities along the Mississippi and its tributaries.



1948-1998

August

► **Aug. 1, 1968:** The Air Force established Headquarters Air Force Reserve, a separate operating agency, to replace the Continental Air Command as the agency responsible for the Reserve unit program. **Maj. Gen. Rollin Moore Jr.** took office as the first commander of the Reserve.

► **Aug. 2, 1990:** Iraqi armed forces invaded and overran Kuwait. On Aug. 7, **President George Bush** ordered American combat forces to Saudi Arabia. American forces began their deployment to the Persian Gulf on Aug. 9, and Operation Desert Shield began. Many reservists, especially those assigned to strategic airlift units, supported the operation as volunteers.

► **Aug. 23, 1990:** President Bush authorized the secretary of defense to mobilize a maximum of 50,000 reservists in support of Middle East contingencies. The partial call-up of specific units included those units with airlift, food and water handling, surface transportation, cargo handling, medical services, construction and intelligence capabilities.

► **Aug. 21, 1992:** Operation Provide Relief, a massive airlift of food and medical supplies, was launched to help save lives and alleviate the suffering of millions of starving Somalis.

► **Aug. 24, 1992:** Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida, including Homestead AFB. In the immediate

aftermath of the storm, HH-60 helicopters and crews of the 301st Rescue Squadron and the 304th RQS, Portland International Airport, Ore., saved more than 100 lives, operating from temporary facilities at Kendall Tamiami Airport. Many Reserve units provided extensive assistance following the disaster, and reservists from across the nation donated more than \$40,000 to aid fellow reservists.

September

► **Sept. 1, 1960:** Active-duty gaining major commands assumed responsibility for supervising, training and inspecting Reserve units.

► **Sept. 1, 1965:** The Air Reserve Records Center in Denver, Colo., became the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

► **Sept. 14, 1989:** Beginning with weather reconnaissance missions Sept. 14 through the final insect spray missions Nov. 20, Reserve units conducted missions for the Air Force and other federal agencies as the result of Hurricane Hugo.

► **September 1992:** Crews and aircraft from the 445th Airlift Wing, Norton AFB, Calif., moved medical people, equipment and supplies to Hawaii after Hurricane Iniki.

► **September 1992:** Reserve aircraft from the 913th AG, Willow Grove, Pa.; 914th AG, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.; and 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., flew humanitarian cargo to Mombassa Kenya, the staging point for relief shipments into Somalia.

► **September 1994:** Reservists supported Operation Uphold Democracy, the multinational peacekeeping effort in Haiti. Reservists came from C-130, C-5, C-141, KC-135 and KC-10 units as well as medical, airlift support, aerial port and communications organizations. By Sept. 20, more than 1,100 volunteers supported Uphold Democracy. □

People

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Michael Burns, MSF (retired)
 Lt. Col. Paul Groskreutz, SPTG, one oak leaf cluster
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Harnish, SFS (retired)
 Tech. Sgt. Bruce Moin, MXS (retired)
 Senior Master Sgt. Sheldon Sandmann, AW (retired)
 Senior Master Sgt. Philip Winkels, CES (retired)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Craig Benson, AW, two OLCs
 Tech. Sgt. Mark Williamson, LSS
 Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Wright, CES

Air Force Achievement Medal

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Geyen, CES, one OLC

Newcomers

(Previous base/status listed)
 Senior Airman Regina Brown, ASTS, Air Reserve Personnel Center
 Senior Airman Alan Ebbert, LSS, ARPC
 Senior Airman Charles Fowler, CF, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
 Senior Airman Christopher Fry, SFS, Hill AFB, Utah
 Senior Airman Sterling Holmes, LSS, ARPC
 Staff Sgt. Randall Husser, MXS, Cannon AFB, N.M.
 Senior Airman Robert Larson, ASTS, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Senior Airman Amie Lind, MSF, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

Staff Sgt. Tyrone McGee, ASTS, Naval Reserve

Staff Sgt. Michael McGuire, CES, Minnesota ANG

(recruited by Master Sgt. Tim McGuire, AW)

Senior Airman Donald O'Bert, OSF, Minot AFB, N.D.

Senior Airman Vincent Radaker, SFS, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Scham, MXS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Eric Schraeder, AS, Naval Reserve **(recruited by Staff Sgt. Andrew Banke, APS)**

Senior Airman Trevor Seidel, MXS, ARPC

Senior Airman Jay Sitzmann, SFS, ARPC

Senior Airman Jason Sprosty, MXS, McClellan AFB, Calif.

Capt. Jay Steffenhagen, AW, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Senior Airman Paul Wentler, CES, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Colo.

Air reserve technicians

Capt. Linda Boyda, AW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hutchinson, MXS, March AFB, Calif.

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Lenkowski III, MXS, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

Honors

► The following individuals have been selected in the "Recruit the Recruiter" program for recruiting duty with the Air Force Reserve Command and begin their training this month at Lackland AFB, Texas:
 Tech. Sgt. David Anderson, ASTS
 Staff Sgt. Scott Terpening, SFS

► **Lt. Col. John Lawver**, AES, was selected as an

umpire for the aeromedical evacuation competition of Rodeo '98, June 20-27, McChord AFB, Wash. He was also the only 22nd Air Force AE representative in the planning process. Rodeo is an international airlift-tanker competition, testing the flight and ground skills of special tactics, security forces, aerial porters, aeromedical evacuation and maintenance members.

► Recruiting certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following organizations for their outstanding support of recruiting:
 934th Military Personnel Flight
 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

► **Belinda Jensen**, KARE-weather forecaster, recently presented a certificate signed by **Gov. Arne Carlson** to **Col. Richard Moss**, wing commander, for the Department of Defense Security Forces' contributions in measuring snow levels. The measuring gauge is located behind civil engineering near the front gate.

► **Jake Dodge**, son of **Tech. Sgt. Denny Dodge**, MSF, was selected to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes All-Region and the National Christian College Athletic Association All-District and All-American baseball teams. He also made the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference All-Conference team and is a three-year letter winner at Northwestern College, a four-year Christian liberal

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Recycling review:

June

Note: There have been instances of items brought from off-base locations and discarded into trash dumpsters or contractor's construction dumpsters on base. The base does not provide a disposal service, and such illicit dumping of unwanted items is taken very seriously. **Do not bring trash or unwanted items from any off-base location.**

Building	Area	Recyclable items found in trash
395	Officers Club	None
710	Aerial port	Paper (small amounts)
711	Lodging	None
716	Lodging	Newspapers, glass, plastic bottles (assumed to be from guests' cars)
744	Civil engineers	Cans
745	Transportation	None
750	Security forces	Plastic bottles
755	Base Exchange	Cans
760/761/852	HQ area	None
801	Supply/Services	Paper (supply documents)
807	NCO/Dining hall	None
812	Boiler plant	Cans, plastic bottles
821	Hangar, east end	Cardboard boxes, sheet metal duct pieces
821	Hangar, west end	None
822	Maintenance	Paper (numerous wing deployment manuals and combating terrorism pamphlets)
830	Life support	Cardboard
840	Medical	Cardboard boxes, paper, plastic bottles
	Fuel site	None
	Rifle range	None

Viking Victors:

Lt. Col. Mark Arnold



Cherie Huntington

New position: Commander, 934th Operations Support Flight.

Education: Bachelor's in business administration, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; master's in business administration, North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.

Hobbies: Tennis, skating, chess.

Civilian career: First officer,

MD-11 aircraft, World Airways, Los Angeles, Calif.

Professional organizations: Reserve Officers Association, Air Force Association, Teamsters Union/Airline Division.

Goals: "Start and operate my own business in the future, and get my children through college!"

Family: Wife, **Diane**; children, **Andrea** (17) and **Andrew** (14); live in Apple Valley, Minn. □

arts college in Roseville, Minn.

Junior majoring in physical education, Jake is the starting second baseman, leading the team with a .388 batting average.

He led the team with 11 doubles and 41 runs scored, and he was second on the team with six home runs and 29 RBIs.

► **Tina Trimble** was selected as employee of the quarter for October through December 1997 by Rothe Development Inc. Employee of the quarter January through March was **David John**.

Reenlistments

Staff Sgt. Kraig Berger, CES
Staff Sgt. Tamera Besser, CF
Senior Airman Jeffery Honkert, MXS
Senior Airman Gregory Herzik, APS



Jake Dodge

Staff Sgt. Franklin Hicks, MSF
Chief Master Sgt. Donald Hohn, AES
Senior Airman Neal Koenig, APS
Airman 1st Class Michael Larsen, MXS
Staff Sgt. Tyrone McGee, ASTS

Master Sgt. Timothy McGuire, AW
Staff Sgt. Michael Morth, SVS
Tech. Sgt. David Nyberg, LSS
Senior Airman Alicia Oja, LG
Senior Airman Bryan Platz, SFS

Staff Sgt. Robert Rodriguez, CF
Staff Sgt. Eric Schraeder, AS
Airman 1st Class Patrick Sommer, APS
Staff Sgt. Randall Trepanier, CES

Education

► The following individuals recently completed their Community College of the Air Force associate's degrees:
Master Sgt. Clark Johnson,

CES, information systems technology

Staff Sgt. Helen Meldrum, AES, allied health sciences

► The following members completed formal training courses, **May 16-June 15**. Also, completions not reported earlier and corrections are also listed for previous months:

Staff Sgt. Susan Askevold, APS; transportation proficiency; Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; April 12-24.

Senior Airman Jonathan Bradley, APS; transportation proficiency; Dobbins; May 11-22.

Staff Sgt. Charles Brynteson, AS; basic loadmaster; Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.; April 20-May 26.

Staff Sgt. Randall Chesick, SFS; security forces craftsman; Lackland AFB, Texas; May 11-22.

Staff Sgt. Eric Decamp, AS; basic loadmaster; Little Rock; May 8-June 12.

Master Sgt. Charles Epps III, CF; information network systems evaluation; Keesler AFB, Miss.; March 30-May 22.

Staff Sgt. Charles Klinkner, LSS; supply craftsman; Lackland; May 11-22.

Staff Sgt. Keeton Lawson, ASTS; medical service apprentice phase I; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Feb. 24-May 28.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Manchester, ASTS; medical service apprentice phase I; Sheppard; Feb. 24-May 28.
Airman Basic Shirley Meisner, MXS; aerospace maintenance; Sheppard.; Jan. 29-June 3.

Senior Airman Thomas Murphy, MXS; aerospace maintenance; Sheppard; Jan. 29-June 3.

Tech. Sgt. Dave Nelson, CES; bare base structures; Barksdale AFB, La.; April 21-24.

1st Lt. David Ordahl, CES; air base combat engineering; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; May 11-22.

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People

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Senior Airman Ryan

Pomeroy, AS; water survival; Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.; May 19-22.

Staff Sgt. Scott Rian, AES; medical service craftsman; Sheppard; May 18-June 1.

Tech. Sgt. David Roach, AS; loadmaster initial qualification; Little Rock; April 4-June 1.

Maj. Scott Russell, SFS; Air Command and Staff College; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Aug. 13, 1997-June 1, 1998.

Staff Sgt. Michael

Thrasher, AES; aeromedical evacuation technician; Brooks AFB, Texas; May 18-22.

Airman 1st Class Robben Todd, AS; loadmaster initial qualification; Little Rock; April 24-June 10.

Airman Basic Barry Torseth, CF; telephone systems; Sheppard; Feb. 23-June 1.

Staff Sgt. Gary Vick, MXS; propulsion craftsman; Sheppard; May 11-22.

Retirements

Master Sgt. Timothy Duscher, CES, 21 years

Tech. Sgt. Michael Harnish, SFS, 22

Lt. Col. Thomas Kiefaber, AS, 21

Cyril McFadden, BCE, 24 1/2

Tech. Sgt. Bruce Moin, MXS, 31 (air reserve technician)

Taps

Retired **Col. Everett**

"Dick" Roth, Minnetonka Beach, Minn., the 934th's deputy commander of operations in the early '70s, passed away at home after a short illness on June 20. A World War II veteran, he retired from the 934th with 43 years of service. As a civilian, he retired after 30 years as a pilot with North Central and Republic Airlines. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Patricia**; five children; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two sisters. He was interred at Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery, Mound, Minn. □

Family readiness selects volunteer of the quarter

Patricia Botkins

Director, Family Readiness Program

The joint service family readiness volunteer of the quarter is **Rosemarie Steiner**, wife of **Maj. Gen. George Steiner**, retired commander of the 88th Readiness Support Command, Army Reserve.

She has lead the way in making the joint service volunteer program a reality in the Twin Cities. She has supported sharing of limited resources by inviting members from all services to attend the Army Family Academies she organized.

Rosemarie recruited several Army Reserve volunteers for family readiness, including her husband. She has worked with "Safe Haven" families evacuated from Malaysia and parents of military members stationed in Bosnia and Somalia. She has also made valuable suggestions on training volunteers. She has been a family readiness volunteer for nine years for the Army Reserve and a joint service volunteer for more than a year.

"One of my best experiences in family readiness has been working with **Patricia Botkins** and other branches of the military in the joint forces family readiness center," she said. "There is so much to share with each other and so many resources when we join together. It can truly help families of our military. We see volunteerism as crucial to the support of the military and its mission." □



Rosemarie Steiner

Services Briefs

NCO Club News

▶ **The "DC Drifters,"** a country and southern rock band, will perform at the NCO Club on drill weekend on Saturday, July 11, starting at 8:30 p.m.

▶ **July's National Blueberry Month** will see the NCO Club offering a breakfast special of blueberry pancakes and muffins throughout the month. Breakfast is served from 7-9:30 a.m. on weekdays.

▶ **The NCO Club's outdoor patio** is available to hold an event, meeting or small gathering. Call Ext. 1655 to make a reservation.

Officers Club News

▶ **Family Night** at the Officers Club is every Tuesday in July, featuring seafood menu favorites.

▶ **The annual membership picnic** will be on Sunday, July 12, from noon to 5 p.m., featuring games and prizes for children. Admission for members is free, and for guests, prices are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

Recreation services

▶ **The tennis courts** have been resurfaced and are available for use through the fitness center. Also, a variety of sports equipment is available for rental year round.

▶ **Valleyfair** tickets for adults purchased at recreation services provide a discount of \$4.20 off the regular price of \$24.95. Children's tickets remain \$6.95.

▶ To contribute suggestions for the 934th Services Division, call **Melissa Blasier**, marketing director, Ext. 1155. □