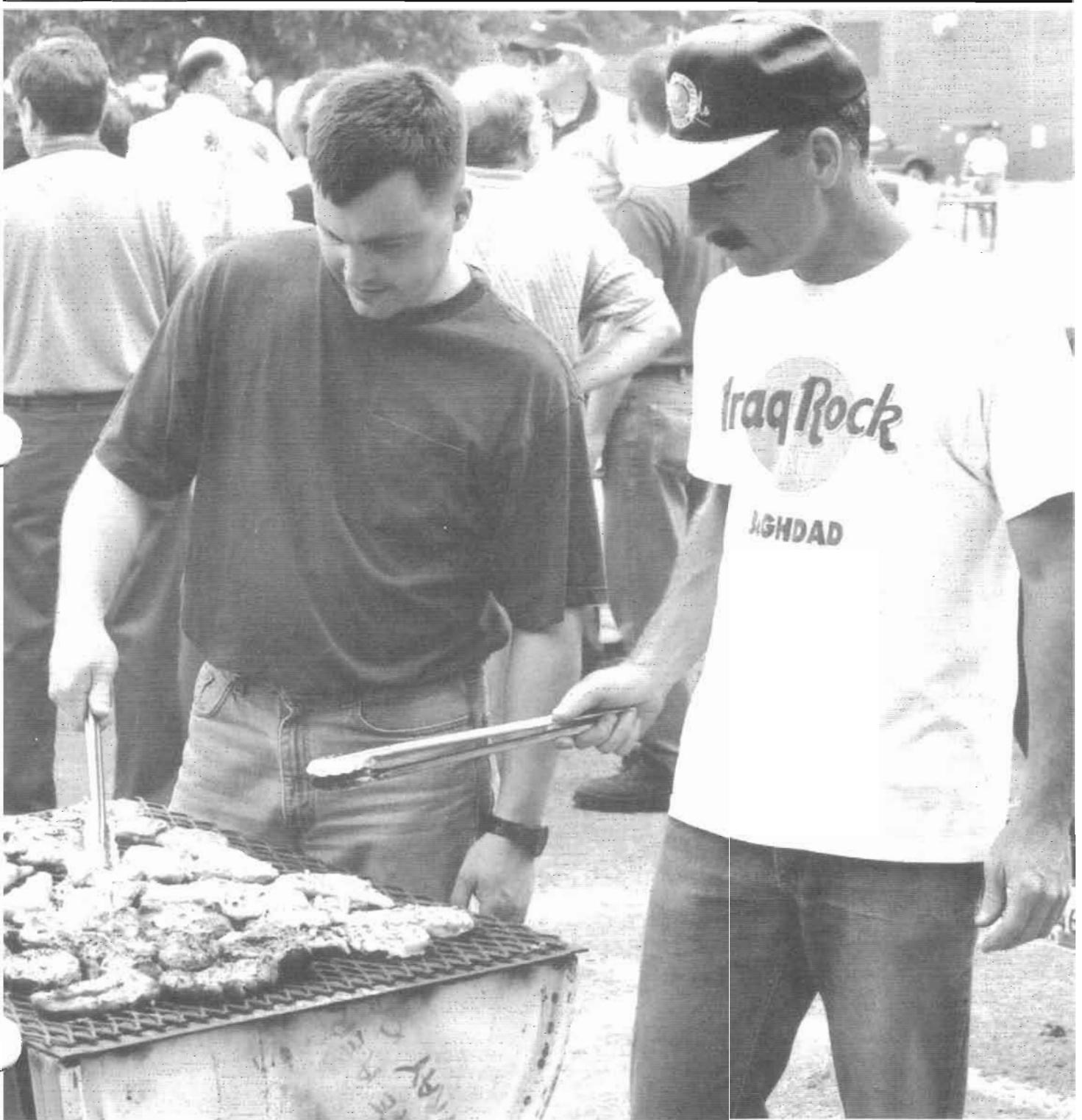


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AFRC commander gets promotion to Lt. Gen.

The chief of Air Force Reserve, who also is commander of Air Force Reserve Command, received his third star during a ceremony June 5 at the Pentagon.

This is not only a promotion for Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, it is also an elevation to a newly created lieutenant general billet for the dual-hatted position he holds as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC.

This change helps lessen the rank disparity between the position, in the role of commander of AFRC, and other major command commanders.

It also affords the position, in the role of chief of Air Force Reserve, coequal status with other deputy chiefs of staff on the Air Staff,

of which he is a statutory member.

"This elevation to a third star is recognition of the demonstrated potential for greater service and capability of the men and women of the Air Force Reserve — that's what this is all about," Sherrard said.

"In reality, it's what we have already been doing, so evident in the day-to-day activities providing services and experience that are crucial to the Air Force's ability to meet its worldwide commitments."

"I receive this promotion as a representative of all the men and women of our United States Air Force Reserve," he said. "They make me proud to serve — above and beyond."



Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff (left), and Marsha Sherrard pin a third star on newly promoted Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve and Air Force Reserve Command June 5 during a ceremony at the Pentagon. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

Sherrard speaks to Senate about Reserve's concerns

by Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
chief of Air Force Reserve and commander
of Air Force Reserve Command

In an effort to retain our best and brightest, we need to reward our people through compensation and promotion and ensure they know their efforts are appreciated.

We need to look after their families while they are deployed and reach out to their employers with our thanks for their support.

We need to ensure that there is open dialogue among reservists as well as communication with reservists and myself so we can do our job the best it can be done. More than ever, we need to continue to partner with Congress to ensure we maintain the strongest air force in the world.

In the Air Force Reserve Command, we put people first, emphasize readiness, and continue to seek balanced, time-phased modernization and infrastructure programs.

We are aggressively pursuing ways to better leverage the time of Air Force reservists.

We are building a telecommuting program, restructuring our inspections program and reviewing ancillary training requirements.

Finally, we continue to pursue the quality of life issues that are important to reservists.

Our focus is on entitlements, improved lodging facilities, family services, reducing personnel turbulence and parity of benefits,

regardless of length of orders.

While pay is only one reason people join the Reserve, it isn't why they stay.

A number of intangibles, characterized as quality of life issues, are part of the decision process. Advances in Reserve quality of life are the result of congressional interest.

A number of recent initiatives have lightened the burden a reservist carries.

In 1999, medical care for members who are injured while on inactive duty was clarified and extended in the fiscal year 2000 authorization bill.

Coverage under dental plans was expanded, and the secretary of Defense was

given the authority to waive TRICARE deductibles for dependents of members called to active duty for less than one year.

The positive effect these measures has on the Air Force Reserve is enormous. It provides peace of mind to our members to know they and their families will have access to health care when they need it most.

This past year demonstrated that the health care provided for our reservists has cleared some major hurdles, but still has a few to go.

I know that health care issues have been the subject of several hearings this year. We appreciate the Congress continued interest in the welfare of our members.

Ceremony welcomes new Air Force secretary

WASHINGTON — Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force, pledged to serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world — with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence.

He made this pledge during a welcoming ceremony honoring him last month at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, was host of the 40-minute ceremony.

The ceremony featured 102 people from the Air Force Honor Guard and the 22 musicians in the Air Force Ceremonial Brass Band.

Besides unfurling the secretary's flag, the ceremony included an inspection of the troops by Roche, and a pass in review in honor of the secretary.

Roche was sworn in as the Air Force's 20th secretary June 1.



Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force (right), and his host, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff (left), inspect the troops during a full honors review and welcome ceremony for the new secretary. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

Letter to the force

Editor's Note: This is a message from the Honorable James G. Roche, Air Force secretary, to the men and women of the Air Force.

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

I was recently sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty airmen, guardsmen, reservists, and civilian employees.

You have earned the admiration of our nation, the respect of the world, and the promise of a bright future.

I already can tell you that you should be enormously proud of your achievements, from combat operations over Iraq and the Balkans to your recent validation of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept. In the realm of aerospace power, you fly the best, train the best, and maintain the best.

As you put it: "No One Comes Close."

We must now turn our focus to the journey ahead, and be responsive to this new century's emerging security environment.

I look forward to piloting that journey with you.

My focus is on developing new strategies for military aerospace power in this new millennium; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership and development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and developing our acquisition policies and processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base over the long haul.

My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as your admired past: undeniable and global reconnaissance and strike superiority.

My pledge to you is that I will serve the way you do every day, worldwide — with integrity, selflessness and

in earnest pursuit of excellence.

In 1963, President Kennedy said of military service:

"I can imagine no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

That sentiment rings very true for me.

As you know, I am deeply proud of my Navy career.

But, today we are in a new century, with new opportunities, new challenges, new capabilities, and vastly different threats to the security of our great nation.

In this century, men and women can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I serve in the United States Air Force."

And now, I am proud to be able to say that too.

Viking Flyer

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UTA schedule

Aug. 4-5	Feb. 2-3
Sept. 8-9	Mar. 2-3
Oct. 13-14	Apr. 6-7
Nov. 3-4	May 4-5
Dec. 1-2	June 1-2
Jan. 5-6	July 13-14

This year's Military Expo promises to be bigger event

by Col. Dean Despinoy
934th Airlift Wing commander

We are having the Fifth Annual Military Expo Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, an event which has gotten bigger and better every year.

This year promises to be something that people in the area will talk about for some time.

Although we are loosely linked with the Army reserve for this event, they seem to be scaling down while our program is really taking flight.

An event such as this one takes the efforts and planning of many people, but my hat is off to two individuals who have been involved from the early stages of this project.

Lt. Col. Larry Snyder made initial contact with many units and Mr. "Airshow Al" Eakle from 934th Public Affairs really got the ball rolling which resulted in an incredible display of military aircraft.

Lessons learned from the other Expos has taught us that if it isn't on the flightline people will not come to it.

Therefore, all of our food booths and displays will be either in the hangars or on the flightline.

With the number of confirmed aircraft, the flightline is going to be tight and maintenance is designing a parking plan that will be pure poetry when executed.

We have kept the same hours as last year, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

However, a big change from last year is our separate advertising of the event from the Army and using the 934th main gate and the new

parking lot across from the new Navy building behind the BX. This change will mean that people can come directly to the base without having to take the bus from the Army instillation.

At the time of the writing of this article the confirmed list of aircraft include; B-1 Lancer and B-52 Stratofortress bombers, F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon fighters, a Navy F-14 Tomcat, the T-37 Tweet trainer, several World War II-era aircraft from the Confederate Air Force, and of course our very own C-130.

In addition, I am delighted that the Navy band from Great Lakes will be entertaining us on Saturday.

Squadron booths are being coordinated through Services to insure that we have a good variety of food and drink to offer the public. We are also offering beer this year in addition to soft drinks and water.

Thanks go out to everyone who has volunteered to work a booth. There will be some last minute planning required, of course, but I really sense that the members of the 934th are behind this project and are really getting excited about it.

With so many guests on



base I ask everyone to help watch to make sure the public stays safe and only goes to authorized areas.

I think that there is a good chance the base we still be in Threatcon Alpha during the Expo. If this proves to be true, then security forces will need the help of all of the members of the 934th to help keep an eye on our guests.

So as you are enjoying the events with your family keep a watchful eye on the crowd and immediately notify security force or someone in uniform of any concern you may have.

Most of the display aircraft will be arriving on Friday.

That late afternoon/evening, the 934th is having a casual social for the aircrews of the static displays at the NCO Club.

I highly recommend that you stop by the NCO Club to welcome the crews and enjoy a beer or soft drink.

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the Expo. It is a great time for them to see where you work and a little about what you do.

At the same time they have an opportunity to see some great military aircraft. I hope to see all of you and your families. Come prepared to have a great day.

Commander's hotline

Individuals who have a question they feel needs a personal response from the 934th Airlift Wing commander can call his hotline at 713-4685.

Questions are recorded and individuals may leave their name or remain anonymous.

Questions of general interest will be answered in the *Viking Flyer*.

Person on the street

Why should we open the base up to the public one day a year?



Maj. Mike Maza, 934th Military Personnel Flight:
 "Because there is no real presence in Minnesota, this is their only exposure."



Tech. Sgt. Clarence Summers, 934th Logistics Support Squadron:
 "Most of the people don't know why we're here – it's a chance to inform the public so we can get support."



Staff Sgt. Brian Wollak, 934th Security Forces Squadron:
 "We're hidden away, so it gives the taxpayers a chance to see who we are and how their tax dollars are spent. It's good for marketing and exposure."



Senior Master Sgt. Bernadette Blackwell, 96th Airlift Squadron:
 "For community awareness – so they understand what the military is here for."



Tech. Sgt. Mike Finstrom, 934th Airlift Wing
 "It's only fair to let taxpayers see what they're paying for."



Senior Amn. Jim Dreyling, 27th Aerial Port Squadron:
 "So they understand that we have a nice facility and are here for their benefit."



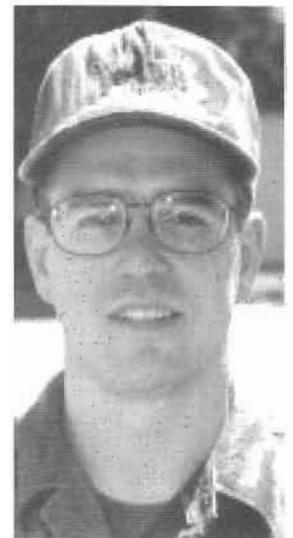
Master Sgt. David Hunter, 934th Logistics Support Squadron:
 "To let them know what we are doing because, after all, they are paying for it. It lets them see how we do our job."



Airman 1st Class Debi Dahlberg, Military Personnel Flight:
 "So they can see and feel why they should support us. We do need the community support."



Staff Sgt. Mike Story, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron:
 "We shouldn't. They don't belong on a military base – any other day we have security guards at the gate. It's not that I don't like the public, they just don't belong here."



Tech. Sgt. Casey Keller, 934th Logistic Support Squadron:
 "Why wouldn't we? If we don't have the local community supporting us, we can show them why we should be here. If people know who we are, we can start building trust."

Civilian Welfare Council holds annual Spring Fling

The Civilian Welfare Council held their annual Spring Fling in last month.

Volunteers feed more than 200 base employees during the three-hour event.

They collected food, money and clothing which was donated to the Trinity Mission. (Photos by Al Eakle)



On the cover

Dave Cormier and Chuck Keller barbecue steaks and chicken. They, along with several other volunteers, barbecued enough food to feed more than 200 people.



Capt Jay Smeltzer, 934th Maintenance Squadron maintenance officer, and Doug Wold, logistics support division chief, toss a water balloon.



John Bruns from transportation (left), Dianne Greeman from recruiting (center) and Roger Hanson from logistics (right) were among the more than 200 people who attended the Civilian Welfare Council's annual Spring Fling.



Randy Knish from civil engineering tries his luck at putting the golf ball as close to a ring as possible during one of the games at the annual Spring Fling.

934th AES named best unit with 22nd AF with C-130 mission

by Senior Amn. Nicholas Olson
Staff Reporter

The 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was recently named 22nd Air Force's Outstanding AES with less than 100 people and the C-130 mission for calendar year 2000.

"We've had more deployments in the last twelve months than in this unit's entire history," said Maj. Dan Anderson, the 934th AES Director of Operations. "The main thing is our volunteering spirit. Our people are willing to serve."

During the award period the 934th AES was involved in several exercises, and was the lead medical unit in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) exercise J-REX 2000.

During J-REX 2000 they coordinated with local disaster agencies, Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Civil Air Patrol organizations. They provided medical crews, ground support and coordinated all airlift support for three of the missions. Throughout the exercise they were able to move more than 100 patients to six locations ranging from Duluth, to Tulsa, Okla.

Unit personnel also served nearly 1,000 duty days in the United States as well as three foreign countries. This includes 600 duty days performed by 59 personnel in joint and service specific field exercises, as well as a total of 108 duty days, performed by eight unit personnel, at Ramstein AB, Germany in support of the 86th AES.

While returning from



Medics from the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron carry a stretcher patient to an awaiting C-130 hercules during a recent exercise.

Ramstein AB, two 934th AES personnel were called upon to perform in an emergency situation.

During the flight, a cardiac patient complained of chest pains. Acting as augmenters to the aircrew, Capt. Wanda Lorsung, a critical care nurse, noticed the patient was showing signs of a heart attack and declared a medical emergency. The aircraft was then diverted to RAF Lakenheath, U.K. With assistance from Master Sgt. Rich Dunne, Lorsung administered care and was able to treat the patient until the airplane could land.

Officials credited Lorsung and Dunne's quick response and experience saving the individual's life.

"Our participation in

these exercises has been a valuable learning experience," said Captain Rob Levy, an AES Operations Officer. "It's a good opportunity to see what our duty involves."

The 934th AES not only supports the active duty side, but has also become more involved in other real world missions.

"This past year, starting in March, our C-130's picked up operational patient movements from the active duty Air Force," said Levy. "The assignment, which we took over for the C-141 unit from Andrews AFB, involves moving patients from Andrews to the Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba."

Officials attributed the unit's commitment to excel-

lence to the efforts put forth by their people.

"We have a lot of good people who are overachievers," said Senior Master Sgt. Ken Plummer, superintendent of operations for the squadron. "They want very much to improve how they do things and are continually trying to improve their processes."

"When you are dealing with people's lives, the job has to be done right," explained Plummer. "That goes for all processes. They are going to work to make it better."

News in brief

Local

HYT extensions available; must be in by Aug. 31

Reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between June 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2002, may request an extension of their enlistment in the Selected Reserve.

Unit reservists have until Aug. 31, to obtain their wing commander's recommendation.

Air Force Reserve Command is offering the temporary exception to policy so it can attain mission and end-strength objectives, said military personnel officials at command headquarters.

Reservists with a previous extension may request an additional two years not to exceed a combined total of five years, or age 60. People requesting an extension for the first time may ask for up to three years if the extension does not take them past their 60th birthday.

If the reservist filled a position before June 1, because of an anticipated vacancy created by a HYT date, the replacement and the reservist eligible for the extension can occupy the same position during the extension period.

The replacement is not eligible for promotion until the promotion cycle after the extended reservist actually leaves the position. The extended reservist, who is considered an overage, is not eligible for promotion.

When evaluating unit mission needs, commanders have the option of requesting the return to the Selected Reserve of reservists who retired because of a HYT date between October and May.

The same terms apply to returning retirees — their combined HYT extension cannot be for more than five years, and they cannot be extended beyond age 59.

Air reserve technicians who decide to retire from civil service will have their HYT extension terminated when they leave their civil service position.

The Reserve began phasing in its HYT program Jan. 1, 1989. The program limits participation in the

Reserve to 33 years of total federal military service for all enlisted reservists unless they are selected for an extension beyond the HYT.

The Reserve started the program to improve grade ratios, ensure sustained promotion opportunity for lower-grade enlisted people and increase readiness with a more fit force.

Before 1989, reservists could conceivably stay in the service more than 40 years, depending on when they enlisted.

For example, reservists who joined the service at age 18 and did not take a break in service, could serve for 42 years before reaching mandatory separation at age 60.

Military personnel flights have more information about HYT extensions. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Local

Commander's calls set for Sunday of Aug. UTA

The 934th Airlift Wing commander will be conducting commander's calls during the August UTA. All commander's calls will be held in the NCO

Club at the following times for the following units:

- 9:30 a.m. for the 934th Airlift Wing and 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron;
- 10:30 a.m. for the 934th Support Group;
- 2 p.m. for the 934th Operations Group;
- 3 p.m. for the 934th Logistics Group.

No Viking Flyer in August

Because of the closeness of the July and August UTA dates, there will be no Viking Flyer published in August.

The next newspaper will be published during the Sept. UTA. The deadline for that issue is Aug. 24

Photo Lab offers picture services

The base photo lab will be available to take portrait, full-length and passport photos on a walk-in basis, beginning with the July UTA.

Portrait photos will be shot

between 8:30 a.m. and noon Saturday. Full-length photos will be shot from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday during the UTA.

Passport photos will be shot between 8:30 a.m. and noon Sunday during the UTA.

All requests for photo support must be accompanied by a completed AF Form 833.

While appointments are not required, individuals can call the photo lab at (612) 713-1620 to make an appointment and avoid a wait.

Photos to accompany a story for the *Viking Flyer* are scheduled through the Public Affairs Office at (612) 713-1213.

Wing hosts Military Ball Sept. 8

The 934th Airlift Wing will host its annual military ball Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul.

The guest speaker for the formal event will be Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

Activities planned for the event include performances by the Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team and the Air Force Heartland of America rock band.

Attendees will have their choice of chicken breast or sirloin steak.

The event is open to reservists, retirees and civilian employees. Costs are \$30 for airmen basic through senior airman; \$40 for staff sergeants through chiefs; and \$45 for officers, retirees and civilians.

Tickets are available from unit first sergeants. Retirees may contact either Roger Hanson at Ext. 1091 or Al Eakle at Ext. 1213.

Two barbers available on Tuesday, Friday

The base exchange barber shop now has two barbers on Tuesday and Friday, which should cut waiting times down on these days to about 10 minutes or less.

The barber shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Bradley Binion, 934th Operations Group

Master Sergeant

Robert J. Arkulary, 96th Airlift Squadron

Michael R. Leary, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Christopher Reese, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Bradley D. Rogers, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Richard Rogozinski, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Mark E. Stodola, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Technical Sergeant

Patrick G. Donahue, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Leonard J. Hubbard, 934th Airlift Wing

Edward J. Kusterbeck, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Thomas E. Olson, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Ryan R. Pomeroy, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Thomas R. Robelia, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Orion W. Walther, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sergeant

Jason T. Blanchard, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Thomas G. Letts, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Shannon R. Moerke, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Shirley J. Rhea, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Christina Strantz, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman

David M. Barrett, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Shannon L. Bauer,

934th Airlift Wing

Reenlistments

Master Sgt. Robert C. Senst, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Penny Billings, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Raymond R. Cleveland, 934th Operations Group

Tech. Sgt. Alan C. Hogenson, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Brian G. Iverson, 934th Logistics Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Martin M. Maher, 934th Logistics Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Timothy M. Soby, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Eric A. Drexler, 934th Logistics Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Debra J. Hanson, 934th Services Squadron

Staff Sgt. Randall J. Husser, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. John M. Sadlovsky, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Clinton D. Wittlief, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Amn. Joseph W. Neisen, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Commander's Coins

Maj. Rob Ross, 934th Operational Support Flight

Capt. Don Brock, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Capt. Les Canarr, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Capt. Bill Short, 934th Airlift Wing Plans Office

Senior Master Sgt. David Cormier, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Hartman, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Geraldine. Garoutte, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Master Sgt. Rebecca Hanson, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Master Sgt. Barry Haukoss, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Larry Schyma, 934th Airlift Wing Plans Office

Master Sgt. David Sowers, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kniesz, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mike McNally, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mark Pierson, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mark Stodola, 934th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jeff Williams, 934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

Staff Sgt. Dennis Ziebart, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Mrs. Judy Molm, 934th Support Group

Kudo

To **Staff Sgt. Douglas L. Swanson**, who scored a 92 percent on his Career Development Course.

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Michael S. Johnson, 96th Airlift Squadron

Master Sgt. Ronald J. Knutson, 934th Services Squadron

Master Sgt. Brian C. Lloyd, 934th Services Squadron

Robert G. Jacobson, 934th Mission Support Flight

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Michael P. Burns, 934th Airlift Wing (first oak leaf cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Lisa K. Hedman, 934th Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery J. Sonsalla, 934th Communications Flight

Air Force Achievement Medal

Tech. Sgt. Wayne M. Stierlen, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron (second oak leaf cluster)

Wing roundup

934th CF

Ten members of the unit, along with personnel from the 172nd Communications Squadron, set up and trained on the Mobile Initial Communications Kit in preparation for the upcoming IGX.

Members of the flight are currently in California and Florida.

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Sonsalla received the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Tech. Sgt. Becky Bean recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from the National American University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Management.

Submitted by Senior Amn. Chris Krug, unit public affairs representative, (612)-713-1626.

27th APS

The squadron received high marks during their recent EORI at Travis AFB, Calif.

Much of what was learned from experiences gained during the EORI will translate into revised training plans.

Scenarios will focus more on the core task training requirements of the air transportation career field.

Members of the squadron are in Georgia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Senior Amn. Patrick Sommer, and his wife **Brenda**, welcomed a 7-lb, 11 oz. daughter, **Piper Kay**, born Apr. 14.

Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Mark Pierson, unit public affairs representative, (612) 713-1136/37

934th CES

Tech. Sgt. Patti Amos successfully graduated from the Senior NCO Leadership Development Course at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

Chief Master Sgt. David Angerman and **Senior Master Sgt. Clarence Super** recently provided ceremonial honors at a funeral for the first time when they augmented the Grand Forks AFB Honor Guard at Camp Ripley.

Chief Angerman also attended the Enlisted Symposium and Order of

the Sword in Ogden, Utah last month.

Tech. Sgt. Mike Cleveland of the HVAC shop was selected as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the four-plex (old Navy building) project. The project involves the interior demolition of the old building, with installing new equipment and modernizing the interior. Civil engineering shops involved in the project include structures, HVAC, power pro, electrical and utilities. The project is currently 15 percent complete and is expected to be finished in Aug. 2002.

The squadron welcomed **Airman 1st Class Timothy Paskett**.

The engineering shop conducted site surveys at Camp Katherine Parsons in Watertown in June.

The HVAC shop worked on the installation of a Liebert air conditioning unit in the communications building, and continued work on the four-plex project.

The fire department sent three people to support Coronet Oak in Puerto Rico. Ten firefighters supported the RAV at Volk Field. Five firefighters successfully completed fire instructor courses.

The utilities shop spent the month cleaning weapons and continued work on the four-plex project.

Members of the squadron are deployed to Puerto Rico, Texas and Utah.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Schutz of the utilities shop, and **Staff Sgt. Daniel Fitzmaurice** of the structures shop received high marks for their career development courses.

Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Mike McGuire, unit public affairs representative, (612) 713-1281.

934th SVS

Nearly half of the unit will deploy for several weeks to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany in June.

Submitted by Senior Amn. Melissa Putnam, unit public affairs representative, (612) 713-1496.

96th AS

The vast majority of the unit members were finishing up physicals and the three-mile run.

There were also a couple of local flights to round off the weekend.

The squadron held a farewell party after sign-out for **Lt. Col. Steve Chapman**, as the June UTA was his last with the 934th Airlift Wing. We wish him well in his next assignment and during his stay at the National War College.

Newcomers

Andrew Anderson, 934th Airlift Wing plans

Maj. Lori A. Boyle, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Airman 1st Class Kayla A. Bultinck, 27th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Daniel A. Dlugiewicz, 934th ASTS

James Erickson, 934th

Logistics Group

Senior Amn. Scott J. Flaherty, 934th Security Forces Squadron

William Federick, 934th LG

Clarence Garrison, Civilian Personnel

Staff Sgt. Michael G. Johnson, 27th APS

Latricia Kadrliek, 934th AW Command Section

Kathie King, 934th CF

Airman 1st Class Jennifer M. Klitchko, 934th ASTS

Keily M. Lund, 934th ASTS

Staff Sgt. Aaron L. Lande, 934th

Logistics Support Squadron

Brian Lundeby, 934th SFS

Senior Amn. Daniel J. Moldenhauer, 934th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Amn. Joseph W. Neisen, 934th MXS

Airman 1st Class Timothy M. Paskett, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Robin Rushing, 934th CF

Senior Amn. Christopher B. Stotler, 934th SFS

Tech. Sgt. Gwen K. Swiech-Coffman, 934th ATST

Ty Sharp, 934th SFS

Senior Amn. Scott L. Tapper, 934th LSS

Jessica Tuttle, 934th Military Personnel Flight

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Officers Club

Lunch: Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: Tuesday-Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Lounge: Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Sundays: Closed (except May 13 for buffet).

Mondays: Dining room closed. Lounge opens at 4 p.m.

Tuesdays: Fresh catch is the special in the dining room.

Wednesdays: Daily special in the dining room.

Thursdays: Daily special in the dining room.

Fridays: Prime rib or lobster special in the dining room.

Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.

NCO Club

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

Lunch: Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Lounge: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3-10 p.m.; Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday: Closed (except for June 3 and 17; July 15)

Monday: Chefs special for lunch in the dining room

Tuesday: Different specials for lunch

in the dining room

Wednesday: Different specials for lunch in the dining room

Thursday: Buffet for lunch in the dining room

Friday: Different specials for lunch in the dining room; prime rib is the special in the dining room

Saturdays: Different specials for lunch in the dining room

July 14: Disco entertainment from 8 p.m. to midnight

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center has several new outdoor recreation items for rent. These items include a supercooker towable gas grill, two new EZ-UP party canopies, and a 14-foot Starcraft boat, with a 25 hp motor and trailer. The electric-start boat is decked out with a live well, storage for fishing equipment, lights and a steering console.

The Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. UTA Saturday's from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and UTA Sunday's from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lodging

The North Country Inn has changed its operating hours. Lodging is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and closed on federal holidays.

People planning a wedding, birthday, anniversary, shopping weekend or even a gathering of friends for an evening of fun at either of the clubs don't need to worry about

the drive home.

Eligible club members can stay at the North Country Lodge relatively inexpensively. Guest rooms and suites run from \$14.50 to \$21 per night, depending on the type of room.

For more information, contact the lodge at (612) 713-1983 or 1984.

ATWIND

The Air Mobility Command wants you to "Get Into It" with this year's ATWIND 2001, the Around The World In Ninety Days annual promotion.

The program, which began June 1, rewards those who choose to participate in base-sponsored events as well as utilizing training such as DANTES testing, the CLEP tests, or attending and completing the Leadership Development Program.

For every event in the virtual adventure, the players earn travel miles towards five destinations.

Once they reach the destination, the player is entered in the drawing for various prizes as well as that location's grand prize. Some of these prizes include a Ford Focus automobile as well as vacation trips.

Each player must register to play and must log their miles. Contestants can call the toll-free number at 1-888-597-9960 or use the official website at www.atwind.com.

Once registered, players earn game pieces by participating in events such as buying tickets for the Military Ball or completing their SATE training. The focus for the program is to get service members, as well as civilians, involved in summer activities.

Last year the ATWIND program distributed over \$250,000 worth of prizes to over 22,000 participants. Many of the game pieces can be acquired through the base Fitness Center, which offers events such as a golf tournament, local event tickets for the Minnesota Twins and Valleyfair, and equipment rental.

The program offers game pieces for outside volunteer efforts that not only gives the chance to win but gets you involved with unique situations where you can help your community.

The ATWIND program runs through Aug. 31. For more information, contact Margo Leslie, Chief of Services at (612) 713-1119.

Viking Flyer Online subscription

As a service to our readers the Viking Flyer staff is beginning an online subscription service. The service will begin in May. Advantages to the service include earlier-than normal delivery, plus color photos. To begin a subscription, simply complete the following information and mail this coupon to: **934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100.**

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I AM: reservist retiree

Signature _____

Special day allows reservists to thank their bosses

It's that time again—time for reservists to thank their boss for all the support given during the past year.

Employer's Day is Saturday, Aug. 4.

Events planned for the day include breakfast and briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials, orientation flight in a C-130 Hercules, lunch with and a tour of their reservist's work area.

Activities begin at 8 a.m. and finish up around 2 p.m.

Reservists in the 934th Airlift

Wing will have the opportunity to show their boss or supervisor how much they appreciate the support they have been given as they finish another year of demanding Reserve duty.

Employer's Day isn't just a "reward" for those who have gone out of their way to support an individual's military career.

It's also an opportunity for reservists to introduce their employer to today's Air Force Reserve.

Reservists who wish nominate their employer for an orientation should complete the form below;

Completed forms must be received by Public Affairs, Building 760, Room 250C, by the close of business on **Sunday, July 15.**

Forms may be mailed to: 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100; faxed to (612) 713-1229; or hand-delivered.

Leaving the form in the unit at the last minute can be risky so to be sure, hand deliver on the UTA or call to verify receipt at (612) 713-1217. Bosses nominated for the flight will receive a letter of invitation.

Employer's Day Saturday, Aug. 4

Invite your boss for an orientation flight with the 934th Airlift Wing. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT VERY CLEARLY. Also, be careful to get the correct name spelling and official title.

Reservist's Rank/Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reservist's Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ UTA Phone: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____



GROUND RULES: Each reservist may submit ONLY ONE employer or supervisor --no exceptions! Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. You may not nominate family members (even when they are legitimate employers) or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason in the past. Nominations will be screened. There can be no substitutions once a name has been submitted, even if the person nominated cannot attend.

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