

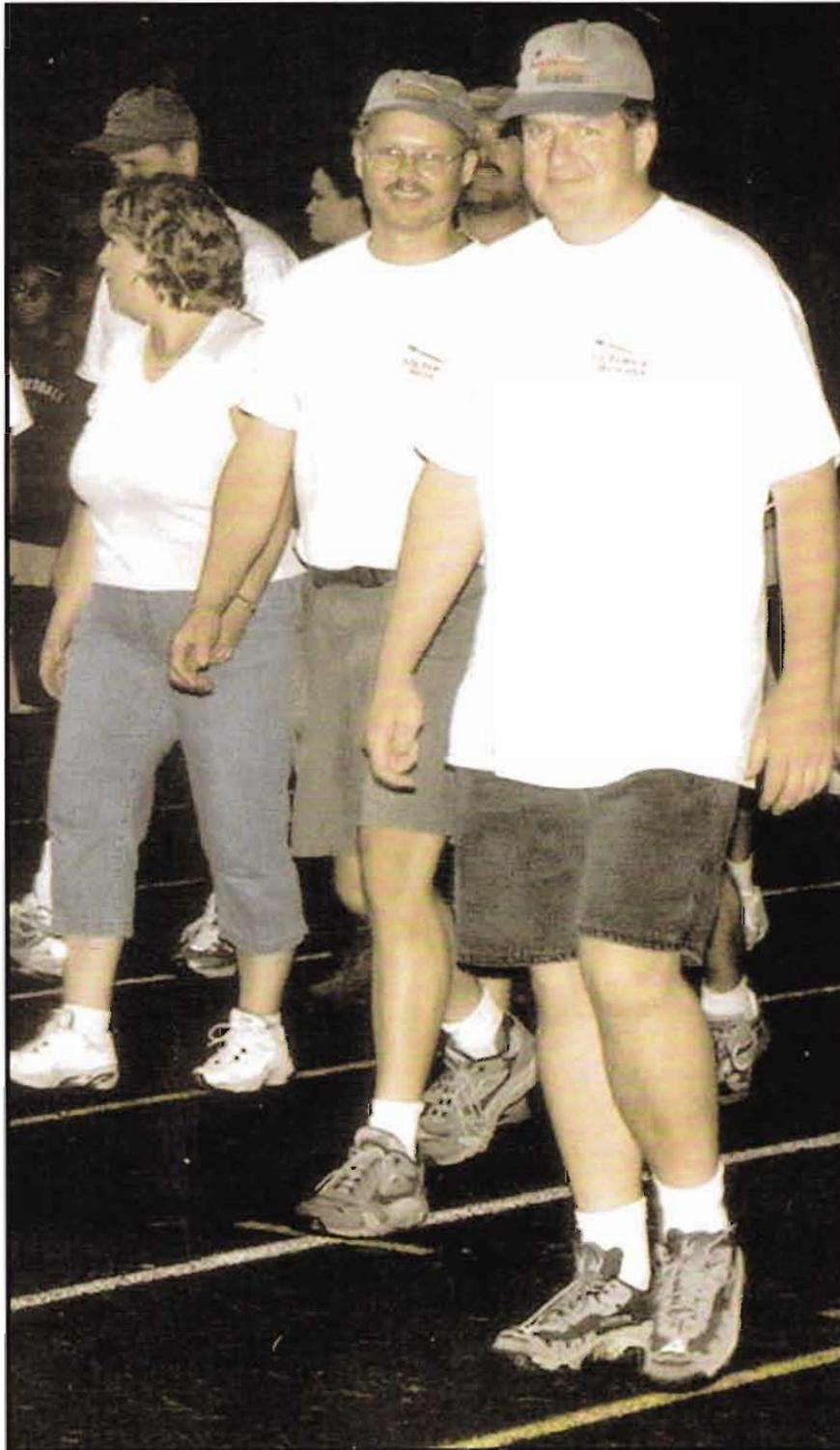


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After 38 years of federal civil service, Rosemary O'Neal retired on Jul. 3.

For the story, including highlights of her career with the 934th Airlift Wing, see Page 4.



Tech. Sgt. Shane Lohmann, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, gives a flight safety briefing to patients aboard an aircraft while deployed overseas.

To learn more about the unit's six month adventures in the Pacific and Indian ocean regions, see the story and photos on Page 8.



On the cover

Two teams of 934th Airlift Wing members raised \$2640 in the fight against cancer during the "Relay for Life" event in Lakeville, Minn.

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Reserve seeks volunteers to fill longer AEF tours

by Staff Sgt. Sean P. Houlihan
Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

Despite an increase in the number of 90-day air and space expeditionary force deployments, Air Force Reserve Command's policy of seeking volunteers first to satisfy these requirements remains unchanged.

"The policy of the Air Force Reserve Command's preference to use volunteers has not changed since 1999 when (Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC commander) made the commitment that AEF was job one, even in light of the events of Sept. 11," said Tony Tassone, AEF Cell director at Headquarters AFRC.

However, Tassone acknowledged, since the United States initiated its war on worldwide terrorism, Reserve AEF commitments to Operation Enduring Freedom and the enforcement of no-fly zones over Iraq have evolved beyond limiting these deployments to two weeks.

Tassone said that with the new theaters of operations, including homeland defense, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper's decision to meet commitments within these theaters using the AEF framework, the process has changed to include combinations of tour lengths for reservists.

During the current AEF cycle (March 1, 2002, to May 31, 2003), the

command must fill more than 800 support taskings with reservists doing two-week rotations and numerous aviation taskings with people serving various tour lengths. The cycle includes about 1,500 taskings that require 90-day commitments with no intermediate rotations.

Several factors are responsible for the 90-day tour lengths, Tassone said. These factors include the opening of new bases and theater commanders in chief requiring longer tours. Another factor is the inability to rotate large numbers of people on a two-week basis in and out of forward operating locations because of a lack of transportation. In addition, he said, people with certain aviation and support skills in high-demand career fields are subject to the longer tours.

"Despite the longer tours, volunteerism is still the first consideration of the AEF Cell as we try to fill those positions," Tassone said. "However, if the number of 90-day tours, with no intermediate rotation, remains at the present level, we will not have enough volunteers to meet the taskings."

As a result, AFRC will be forced to resort to mobilizations to meet its requirements.

"This is not something AFRC will recommend, but that decision will be made by the gaining major commands if they need Reserve participation," Tassone said.

He said the command intends to offer up capabilities using volunteers with 15 days of availability in AEF Cycle 4, which is scheduled to begin in June 2003, with planning starting this summer.

In April 2002, Sherrard said AFRC favors filling its AEF commitments with volunteers because this "reduces the stress on our reservists and their families, as well as employers."

"It's the best way for us to operate," the general said. "I will do everything I can to fill our requirements using volunteers."

If the command maintains its current level of commitments throughout AEF Cycle 3, it will provide more than 30,000 volunteers in addition to its approximately 13,000 mobilized reservists.

"The goal of the whole AEF process hasn't changed: force projection through a stable and predictable deployment schedule for both active and reserve personnel," Tassone said.

He said the Reserve will continue, as it has for the past three years, to be a part of the AEF process by providing volunteers and aircraft in support of deployments in 15- to 90-day tour lengths to support Air Force requirements. (AFRC News Service)

Secretary creates new medal, awards

The Air Force's top civilian leader recently authorized the creation of a new medal and two new awards to recognize outstanding achievement or service in wartime operations.

The Air Force Campaign Medal will recognize significant direct contributions to wartime operations, according to Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche.

"The awarding of campaign medals to specially recognize people and units who fight our wars is a long-standing military tradition," Roche said.

"Historically, the Department of Defense's criteria for such awards have centered on geography to define the area of combat operations," he said. "In light of the expeditionary aerospace

force environment and the transformation in the way the Air Force carries out its missions today, such criteria doesn't allow us to appropriately recognize our people who contribute directly and significantly to the success of wartime campaigns from outside the area of combat operations."

Therefore, in accordance with DOD policy, Roche authorized the creation of a medal to be given to Air Force people who are not eligible for a DOD campaign medal but directly supported combat operations from a location outside the geographic area of operations.

The secretary said he also wants to ensure units are properly recognized for their actions in support of

wartime efforts and has established two new Air Force unit awards.

The first award, the Gallant Unit Citation, will recognize units for their significant combat heroism below that currently required for the Presidential Unit Citation. The second, the Meritorious Unit Award, will honor units for their outstanding achievement in direct support of combat operations.

The specific design and criteria for the new medal and awards are currently being reviewed, and a final decision on what they will look like and who is authorized to wear them will be reached in the next few months, Roche said.

Base construction projects near completion

by Senior Amn. Nicholas Olson
Staff Writer

The sound of machinery moving about the base is usually limited to C-130s and their maintenance crews.

However, with construction in full swing, the sounds of change are a welcome addition.

The North Country Lodge, which opened for business Dec. 19, 2001 recently began the third phase of construction, adding to the current total of 127 rooms. According to Margo Leslie, Chief of Services, the project should take approximately 18 months and will consist of 90 additional rooms, including four new suites.

The fourth phase of construction is currently under review for funding, said Leslie, and is tentatively scheduled to be completed in 2005. Phase four will bring the room total to 307.

Other changes around base include the recent demolition of Building 716 by the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron that concluded June 28. The building was condemned after a fire suppression system froze during the winter, consequently



After nearly a year of renovation, Building 760 - the Wing headquarters - is slated to open again soon.

flooding the building, causing irreparable damage.

According to Tech. Sgt. Dale Klein, 934th Logistics Squadron, the building had been slated for renovation before the incident occurred. Buildings 711 and 715 will also be demolished once phase four of lodging is complete.

Other current projects include the continued renovation of Building 729 that began over a year ago for use by

the 934th Communications Flight.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," said Master Sgt. Richard Loesch,

934th Communications Flight. "I'm very happy that it's finally here."

One of the more visible changes is the renovation of Building 760, the 934th Airlift Wing headquarters. Renovation began

last fall and is currently ahead of schedule. The building is slated to reopen in August.

According to Dave Swanburg, Base Civil Engineer, future construction projects include the renovation of Building 865 for use by the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, re-roofing of the Officer's Club, repaving of streets and parking lots, reconstruction of spot 2A on the ramp, and construction of a new access taxiway.

After 38 years on the job, O'Neal calls it quits

by Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer

The 934th Airlift Wing Operations Group lost a key member of their organization when Master Sgt. Rosemary O'Neal, airfield manager, retired from Federal Civil Service on July 3, after 38 years of total Civil Service employment - including 32 years with the 934th.

She will retire from her military position on Sept. 24, after 30 years of military service.

During her tenure with the 934th, she worked 15 Presidential visits, eight Vice Presidential visits and at least 10 other high-level distinguished visitor arrivals, most notably that of Soviet

Union President Mikhail Gorbachev's well publicized visit in 1990.

"Hubert Humphrey's arrival as Vice President in 1968 was the first of the arrivals that I worked," O'Neal remembers. "With Nixon, we couldn't even look out of the window. I shook hands with President's Ford, Carter and George H.W. Bush, and have a photo with Hilary Clinton."

She fondly recalls that June day when Gorbachev arrived.

"There were quite a few secret



service people around here," she said. "He came into the building. I saw him, but was unable to shake his hand."

Despite the number of high-level visits that occurred during her career, the enjoyment of her job is what kept her going.

"When you come in one day and think it's going to be quiet, it soon becomes busy with

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Program helps deployed unit members vote absentee

by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff writer

As we enter another political season, Minnesota Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer wanted to avoid a fiasco like what happened in Florida during the 2000 Presidential elections.

She formed a military focus group to help create the plan that ensures that all military absentee ballots in the State of Minnesota will be received and counted on time.

"In Minnesota we aggressively pursued and won 'Military Equal Access' legislation that streamlined the absentee balloting process for military personnel serving abroad, giving them the same ballot access that other absentee voters enjoy," Kiffmeyer said.

"With the help of a military voting focus group, we also identified the need to make a special effort to disseminate concise, Minnesota-specific absentee ballot instructions to our active military personnel and their dependents, especially those stationed abroad," said Kiffmeyer.

Col. Kris Rudin, 934th Airlift Wing inspector general is the Wing's installation voting officer and representative on the focus group.

"For years the military

O'Neal retires, participated in key events in Wing history

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helping people with their Space Availability flights, regular aircraft arrivals and the occasional unexpected diverted aircraft," she said. "Knowing that everyone has been well taken care of has been a very rewarding thing."

She began her career as a clerk typist with the Navy Dept. in Washington, D.C., in Nov. 1964, and by June 1970 landed at the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron.

"Honestly, I really didn't like it," she said of the squadron. "I wanted to be near the aircraft and CE didn't allow me to be around the flying activities."

After she swapped jobs with a

Absentee Voting In Minnesota:

- ✓ All absentee ballots must be received in the precinct by the time the polls close on Election Day, so it is important to apply early for a ballot and return it as quickly as possible;
- ✓ All absentee ballots received in time are opened and counted;
- ✓ Absentee ballot applications/request forms may be submitted now and are good for all elections that might take place during the calendar year.

Primary Election: Sept. 10

General Election: Nov. 5

personnel flight handled the responsibilities of the Air Force Voting Plan," she said. "Col. Cook asked me to do this and I was appointed."

Each unit commander has appointed a unit voting counselor to assist with anyone who has questions or needs assistance.

"The people we're concerned about the most are those who are

woman who worked in the Maintenance Squadron, her attitude changed.

"I enjoyed the people and the work," O'Neal said.

After she left Maintenance, it was on to the command post for a year and a half as an air reserve technician, before landing her last position in airfield management.

O'Neal said she is most proud of the dozen reservists she helped train into the airfield management career field.

"It's been a good career for me," O'Neal said. "I met a lot of people and have seen a lot of good people come and go. I have a lot of good memories."

activated and deployed outside of their commuting area," Rudin said. "We ask that you register as an absentee before you deploy, and see your unit voting counselor at your deployed location when you get there."

If a deployed member does not receive their absentee ballot, or forgets to register as an absentee before deploying, they may be issued a Standard Form 76, Application for Absentee Voting, and receive their Federal election ballot, Rudin said.

According to Mr. Kent Kaiser, communication director for the Secretary of State's office, "Military members need to apply beforehand to get an absentee ballot. You can do that now as the timeframes are very tight."

Kaiser also said all absentee ballots must be received in the respective precincts by Election Day when the polls close or they will not be counted.

The Secretary of State's office has put a website together for information for military members that may be accessed at www.sos.state.mn.us.

For more information on the program, members are asked to contact their unit voting counselor, or they may call Col. Rudin at (612) 713-1298.

As the last few minutes of her last day approached, a procession of co-workers came through the office to say their goodbyes to someone they have known ever since they arrived here.

"We're going to miss Rosie," said Chris Lewzinski, from the operations group budget section.

As she looks forward to a life of camping, fishing and traveling, O'Neal leaves her squadron mates with one last nugget of advice.

"They say you're replaceable. I have complete faith and confidence in them. Life goes on," she said.

'Service before Self' describes commitment of reservists during busy year

by Col. Gary L. Cook
934th Airlift Wing commander

It has been a very busy year for the members of our Wing since the tragic events that occurred last Sept. 11.

Since we are rapidly approaching the first anniversary of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom that stemmed from the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, now is probably a good time to take a brief look at how far we've come.

Almost immediately after the attack, our services squadron sent 28 members of the Port Mortuary team to Dover Air Force Base, Del., to assist with processing the remains of those who perished at the Pentagon.

The 96th Airlift Squadron stood alert throughout most of the fall and winter months, and still accomplished their regular Coronet Oak rotation successfully. Additionally, the squadron deployed members in support of Operation Noble Eagle and provided 100 percent coverage of their regular Aerospace Expeditionary Force taskings.

Our Security Forces Squadron was activated and had members deploy in support of Enduring Freedom. AEF - and in the case of our Ravens - move detainees to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Last September, we entered the meaty portion of our regular AEF cycle. During that cycle, we sent nearly 225 people from just about every unit to various points overseas to do their jobs side by side with other members from the active duty and guard forming a triad of strength.

While we strive to have 100 percent of our slots filled for AEF, we fell short by only two people who were unable to fulfill their obligations at the very last minute. One was for a medical reason and the other was due to a high workload here at the unit.

Despite having two people fall short on our obligations, we have had numerous people throughout the Wing who made up for it by picking up shortfall slots, making our total AEF staffing over 100 percent.

All told, we sent people to 22 different places outside of the United States to support these missions that are important to our country.

Even though it has been a rough year for many, temporary relief is in sight as we are starting the demobilization process for most of our activated members,

and expect to complete that around the end of September.

I say temporary relief because of the fact that the operations tempo is still high, there is no doubt in my mind that we will be tasked again.

However, while we have been busy with our military obligations, it is important to take the time to thank all of the employers and family members who have been so generous with their patience and understanding

during this time.

We have plans to do just that in the next two months with Employer's Day and the Family Picnic. I look forward to both.

When I first got here during the spring, I said the 934th has an excellent reputation throughout the command.

Now that I've been here a little while and have gotten to know some of you, I believe that the second of our core values - the part about "service before self" - best describes our unit.

Your commitment to the Air Force, Department of Defense and the citizens of our great country is unmatched.

Thanks for letting me play with a winning team. Keep up the good work.



Logistics Group commander thanks members for enjoyable 5 years

by Lt. Col. Cam LeBlanc
Logistics commander

It has been almost five years since Pam and I ventured west to the Twin Cities. It has been, at times, a challenging five years, but overall an extremely enjoyable assignment.

During this time the Logistics Group has seen some changes, some growth, and has been recognized. Perhaps the biggest physical change was the relocation of Contracting into Building 801. Our folks made that move seamless and have continually provided the Wing with outstanding support.

Another huge change was the A-76 bid award. We are the only AFRC base to keep those functions in-house. It was not an easy task, but together management and labor worked hard to find the right number of positions to make it the most effective organiza-

tion on a day-to-day basis. This win did not come without a cost. We lost a lot of positions, experience and perhaps, most important, a lot of friends. I do believe that we have the right amount of people to run our base, we just need to let our organizations evolve and embrace some common business practices to realize its full potential.

Our Wing did have a growth spurt a few years ago. The number of assigned aircraft went from eight to ten. I remember Colonel Moss calling General Gjede ribbing him that he had modernized the fleet - with two 1963 models. At first people questioned why we would take on two extra planes and the workload. I think after we ran them through an ISO cycle and got them up to "Flying Viking" standards, the dividends have paid off. The Maintenance Capable Rate has skyrocketed, the maintenance cancellations

have dropped way down and we finally were authorized two crew chief positions for those aircraft.

Over the past five years many sections of the LG have been formally and informally recognized. When I got here, Contracting was the AFRC Operational Contracting Office winner. In 2000 the Fuels branch of Supply was the winner of the Golden Derrick Award as the Best Fuels Flight in AFRC. This year Transportation won as the Best Transportation unit in 22 AF. While not receiving an official award the Maintenance Squadron is either leading or near the top in AFRC for C-130 Mission Capable rates, not bad considering we have the oldest

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Don't give up on God - experience him

by Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Perry
Senior Wing Chaplain

In my last article, I shared my testimony about how God had radically changed my life and the lives of my parents.

I shared my despair and seemingly hopeless condition.

Now I can say with the Apostle Paul, "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

God literally snatched me out of the jaws of death and brought me to my knees where I cried out to Him to save me. I was "born again" with a whole new lease on life. I received a second chance and an opportunity to start life's journey all over again – this time with God as my pilot.

Stories like my parents' and mine raise a lot of interest and questions. These stories are very commonplace in Evangelical – and especially Pentecostal and Full Gospel churches. Lives are being transformed, people are being delivered from alcohol and drug addictions and many people are being healed. Hope is being restored in broken marriages and family relationships are being strengthened. God is the "God of the Second Chance."

You may be saying, "That sounds good on paper, but I have tried church. In fact, I was raised in church and I have not seen or experienced any of this."

Well, you are not alone. I quit going to church at the age of 16 because I found it an empty experience. I was turned off by church. I tried it and it didn't work, so I had no desire to go back.

So many people have had the experience of being raised in church, baptized, confirmed and received first communion but no longer attend any church. They resist any efforts by their friends to get them to go as if to say, "Been there, done that and bought the T-shirt – no thanks."

This is a very sad reality.

There are so many broken lives and so many lost and hurting people with no hope and nowhere to turn. I have heard the story time and time again, all because they were sorely disappointed with their church experience. May I suggest that if they had found what they were looking for when they went to church, they would still be in church?

When I was a kid, my mother fixed liver for supper. The moment I tasted it, I gagged. I would not eat it even facing the threats of my mother. I still don't like liver today.

But do you know what? I didn't stop eating. I found other food that tasted good and satisfied my hunger, and I still eat today.

Please allow me to say something obvious without sounding judgmental.

All churches are not the same. Some of them have the goods and some don't. If I were hungry for a Big Mac, I wouldn't go to Subway. If I were hungry and wanted Chinese food, I wouldn't go to Dairy Queen. I would go directly to the restaurant that served the food I was hungry for. I would look all over town until I found that particular restaurant.

I can get pretty hungry and my sense of self-preservation is pretty strong. My hunting instinct would kick in and I would leave no rock unturned until I eventually would find the restaurant I was looking for. I sure wouldn't stop eating.

Don't give up on God. The church you are looking for is out there. It may be very close to your home. The key ingredient you're looking for is solid preaching of the gospel message that Jesus still saves, heals the sick and changes lives today. And that salvation is a free gift of God received by faith in Christ, not by works. When you find this kind of church, you will also find loving born again Christians

who know what they believe, because they have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit working in their lives. You will have found a home.

Friends, please don't let the distasteful experience of your past rob you of God's invitation to receive the free gift of salvation for today. Don't let the disappointments of your past trash your future and keep you from accepting God's offer of forgiveness and the assurance of eternal life.

Don't stop looking for a good church, and especially don't give up on God. He has not given up on you. He loves you and gave His Son to die on the cross for you so that you can live for Him and have an abundant life.

Make plans to find a church this Sunday that has the "goods" and follow through with it. Experience God! You will never be the same again – talk to me about it.

UTA Chapel Schedule

Catholic Services

Sat: 3:30 p.m.
Sun: 7:30 a.m.
Confession
8:00 a.m.
Mass

Protestant Services

Sat: 1 p.m.
Sun: 9 a.m.

All services are held in Bldg. 865 (northwest door).

Chaplains (Maj.) Charles Perry (senior chaplain), (Capt.) Derek Lauer (Protestant) and (1st Lt.) Tom Wilson (Catholic) are available for personal, spiritual and family concerns, visitation to work centers and recreational area, mobility and disaster assistance.

They can be reached at (612) 713-1226 or 1227.

Deployed Aeromedics return from 6 months in Pacific

by Staff Sgt.
Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff writer

Fifteen members of the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron recently returned from a six-month assignment of providing medical care to military and civilians overseas.

Five of the members spent most of their time based out of Kadena Air Base, Japan, five others were assigned to Diego Garcia Naval Air Station in the Indian Ocean, and the remaining five were assigned to Southwest Asia.

"We flew a lot," said Lt. Col. Marge Boldenow, deployed commander and chief flight nurse for AES. "We flew over 30 operational missions including urgents and priority flights."

Despite a 14-hour time difference and the resulting miscommunication from Kadena to the United States, Boldenow and her team worked through several challenges to get the job done.

"During an Urgent mission to Thailand, we had a C-141 full of cargo that was also being used for medical transport," she said. "We figured out how to keep drainage tubes and IV's open while having patients on the floor, and still managed to keep all of the cargo."

Another situation involved the largest plane in the Air Force inventory – the C-5 Galaxy.

"While we were in Guam, we had to figure out how to get litters on the C-5 without the High Lift Operational loader. Using ingenuity, a great aircraft commander and a couple of Phoenix Ravens, we



Photo courtesy of 1 Lt. Gordon Wix

Members of the 934th AES prepare an aircraft for the arrival of patients on litters. Fifteen members of the squadron were deployed for six months overseas.

managed to get three litters to the third story of the C-5 safely, and only had a one hour delay," Boldenow said.

For Tech. Sgt. Shane Lohmann, the non-commissioned officer in-charge for the crew at Kadena, dealing with the different types of aircraft was his biggest challenge.

"Each plane has different ways of loading, and different equipment is needed," Lohmann said. "While at Kadena, I was certified on the C-9 and KC-135 aircraft, and then taught the KC-135 certification classes for the Pacific Air Force permanent party folks."

The most interesting part of the experience for Lohmann was seeing a different part of his career field.

"At the 934th, we train for tactical missions where a C-130 can pick up people from a dirt strip," he said. "Over there, we were working strategic

missions where everything is set up in advance from departing from an area with limited hospital capabilities arriving in a place with a higher level of care. It was a different view of the world."

For Chief Master Sgt. Don Hohn, the non-commissioned officer in-charge of deployed forces, the experience was drastically different at Diego Garcia.

"We replaced a Travis Air Force Base Aerovac team and became the mainstay for the Aerovac system at Diego Garcia," Hohn said. "We also trained some of the Navy permanent party people stationed there."

He said the majority of the 25 flights the crew flew were into Singapore with a larger number of Merchant Marines than Air Force or Navy personnel.

"Twelve hours after we hit the ground, we were on our first mission flight. It was hectic at first, but then got much slower."

The crew had to handle the crew management duties as well as their regular flight crew duties, and even made history as they assisted the crew that flew the first Medevac C-130 of South Korean origin out of Diego Garcia.

Regardless of the challenges they faced in their six-months away, Boldenow, Hohn and Lohmann each enjoyed their assignment, and believed their training with the 934th played a large role in the success of the Operation Enduring Freedom deployment.

"At home, we're constantly training," Lohmann said. "We have so much to stay on top of, with all the medical and aircraft requirements. When you get there and apply the knowledge to the real world situation, it is rewarding in being able to make that training worthwhile."

"It feels good when you have a patient who is dying on you, and you can get him from Point A to Point B alive and safe," he added.

Boldenow added. "It was a great opportunity for me to get out there and do the job I've been training here for 12 years. I already have my name on the list to go again."



Photo by 1 Lt. Gordon Wix

Tech. Sgt. Shane Lohmann, 934th AES, gives a flight safety briefing to patients while deployed overseas.

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130's in the fleet. Also the incredible amount of effort that has gone into refurbishing our aircraft has not gone unnoticed. When our aircraft are compared to other aircraft, people do not believe that we have forty-year-old planes.

The Logistics Group has had success, but it could not be done without a team effort with the rest of the Wing. Our relationships with the Support and Operations Groups have been excellent. I have been through four wing commanders now, I do not know if that is good or bad, but each one has been enjoyable to work for and has supported our efforts in the Logistics Group.

While Pam and I are moving to Indiana, we won't be to far away. Both our boys, Chris and Scott are staying here in the Twin Cities. I am sure we will be making trips back to see them. That means I can catch a Minnesota Wild game now and then.

It is tough to leave the 934th. My support staff made my life easy and working with so many of you around the base was a pleasure. However, when a challenge or tasking arose it was each of you within the Logistics Group that met or exceeded the requirements. The success of the Logistics Group comes from each of you. I was just lucky enough to be driving the bus. Thank you for your efforts and support.

Base Legal Office offers free will service

by the 934th Legal Office

Some of the best things in life are free - if you are a 934th Airlift Wing member. All reservists in the wing can now have a basic will prepared by the 934th Legal Office.

In plain English, a will gives individuals the opportunity to have the "last word" on how their assets are distributed.

The person preparing the will (the testator in legalese) can make sure family heirlooms go to the right person and determines who administers the member's estate.

A will becomes an important document when both spouses are in the military. In those circumstances, a will's directives on child custody and family financial support are crucial in helping family survivors build a new life.

Wills, however, are not just for those "married with children." Anyone that has assets they want to pass on to someone else should not be caught dead without one.

Minnesota is among the states that allow testators to attach a document to their will specifying who will receive their decoder ring and special Barbie doll.

Now, members who want

the 934th Legal Office to prepare their wills must understand that the office will only do basic wills. Those who own businesses, have large estates or want anything more than the most basic trust created for their heirs should hire civilian lawyers.

If you want the Legal Office to prepare your will, stop by the office during a unit training assembly weekend to pick up a will worksheet.

You can also find these worksheets on the base local area network "G" drive in the Judge Advocate General, or JAG folder.

This document gives the office the information needed to prepare your will. Once you have completed the worksheet, call the office at Ext. 1230 to set up an appointment to talk with an attorney.

The legal office is located in Bldg. 852, Room 213, and is open to military customers from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, and 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday of the UTA.

Besides wills, the staff can provide free powers of attorney and legal assistance, as well as assist in employer-reservist relations.

Dependents are not being assisted at this time.

Education benefit rules change

by Senior Amn. Nicholas Olson
Staff Writer

Air Force members who receive education benefits from the G.I. Bill, Tuition Assistance and Kicker programs will experience changes during the upcoming school year.

As of Jun. 1, Air Force Reserve Command headquarters requires servicemembers to certify their hours monthly to the Veteran's Affairs automated telephone system

to receive payment for the previous month. The toll-free number is 1-877-823-2378 or 1-888-442-4551, option #1.

"Now you have to certify every month while you're still in school," said Brad Kimble, 934th Airlift Wing chief of base education and training. "The change covers Chapter 1606, Reserve GI Bill benefits and Tuition Assistance. It does not, however, affect GI Bill benefits accrued during active duty

time or bonus AFSC kickers."

Another change, as of Oct. 1, is a new plan to recoup the benefits from servicemembers who do not fulfill their service obligation. If members do not fulfill the 6-year enlistment, then the VA will recoup a majority of the benefit.

For more information on education benefits, contact the base education and training office at (612) 713-1501.

Annual golf tourney provides food, fun for unit members

by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
Staff writer

Reservists took advantage of an opportunity to make pars, birdies, and eagles for prizes at the annual golf tournament held at Highland Golf Course during the last unit training assembly.

Nine teams, 36 people, competed for the lowest score and also for honors in longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin.

"It was fun," said Master Sgt. Shawn Ferrin, non-commissioned officer in-charge of the

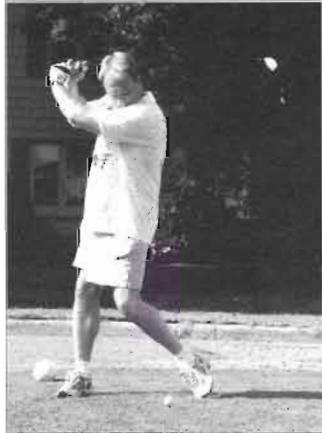


Photo by TSgt. R.J. Bruno

MSgt. John Steffen prepares to hit a drive during one of the holes in the annual golf tournament.

Fitness Center. "Everybody enjoyed themselves and it was nice to see good participation from across the wing."

Following the tournament, participants went to the NCO Club for a barbecue, drinks and socializing.

At the barbecue, winners were awarded gift certificates to the Highland Golf Course.

Door prizes were also given and everyone was provided a three-pack of golf balls and a T-shirt for participating.

The nine-hole tournament and barbecue were arranged by services.

"I think it was very well organized and a great way for everyone to get to know people," said Master Sgt. John Steffen, Services NCOIC of training.

Winning team:

Cal Anderson
R.J. Bruno
Allen Marshall
John Steffan

Longest drive - Male

Stephen Kern

Longest drive - Female

Denise Larsen

Longest putt - Male

Tom Anderson

Longest putt - Female

Bev Funaro

Closest to the pin - Male

Chris Sayre

Closest to the pin - Female

Jackie Theriault

Change allows more Reserve athletes to compete

Air Force reservists who attend Air Force or higher-level sports training camps and compete in military-sponsored sporting events are now eligible for pay.

Air Force Reserve Command athletes can now be placed on paid "man-day" status under the Military Personnel Appropriation program, according to the Air Force Services Agency.

Previously, reservists who attended training camps were placed on an active-duty tour in order to receive lodging, travel and points, but were not paid. Now, the allotted MPA man-days cover pay and allowances, while the host training or competition base provides the lodging and travel expenses.

"We had capable competitors who wanted to participate in training but couldn't afford to take a week or two off from their civilian jobs," said Lynda Sheltnire, chief of the recreational support

in the AFRC directorate of services. "Now, Air Force competitors can be paid while they are training and competing."

Sheltnire said that "man-days" are also available for some athletes who compete in armed forces competitions when no Air Force tryouts or training camps exist.

"We have had a skeet shooter compete in Pan Am games and the Olympic trials," Sheltnire said.

Typically, Olympic-caliber athletes are accepted into the World Class Athlete Program and placed on active duty to facilitate full-time training.

Military athletes apply for training camps using an Air Force Form 303, Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training, a resume-type document used to choose participants. Along with the AF Form 303, reservists submit an AF Form 49, Application for MPA Man-Day Tour, with their supervisor's and commander's

approval to use MPA days.

Individuals are allowed up to 139 MPA days during the fiscal year if required, including any MPA days they may use at their respective unit. Chief Master Sgt. Larry Kalivoda, chief of the air reserve branch at the Air Force Services Agency, said that the only reason MPA days for sports competitions were denied in the past was because of the 139-day MPA limit.

To be considered for Air Force sports competitions, reservists must mail both completed forms to HQ AFRC/SVPR, 255 Richard Ray Boulevard, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-1637 no later than 60 days prior to the start of the respective training.

If the Air Force approves an application, the Air Force Services Agency allocates the appropriate number of MPA days to the individual's military unit. (AFRC News Service)

Spouse's given opportunity to fly aboard unit aircraft

The 934th Airlift Wing will be hosting a Spouse Orientation Flight on Sept. 7., as a token of appreciation to the wonderful spouses that add character and support to our organization, and joy to our lives.

The report time is 8 a.m. for a 10 a.m. departure. The return is scheduled for 11 a.m. The entire hour will be filled with excitement and interesting endeavours to see and do.

During this hour you will be able to view the beautiful scenery along Lake Superior, and come a way with a little more understand-

ing of what our mission is, and how you and your spouse help us achieve it.

Please return the completed form to Ms. Kadi Garrison no later than Aug. 31.

Forms may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

Ms. Kadi Garrison

934 AW/CCXA

760 Military Highway

Minneapolis MN 55450-2100

Fax: (612) 713-1210

E-mail: kadi.garrison@minneapolis.af.mil

Spouse Appreciation Flight - Saturday, Sept. 7

Invite your spouse to a special orientation flight with the 934th Airlift Wing. This flight is offered only to spouses of 934th Airlift Wing members. A one-hour flight is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 7. Children are not allowed on this flight, nor are we capable of offering childcare services during the flight. Please make your own childcare arrangements. The showtime is at 8 a.m.

Name of person participating _____

Social Security number (required) _____

Unit members name, rank and unit _____

Daytime contact phone number _____

Please fill in an emergency contact name and phone number (required) _____

Completed forms must be received no later than Aug. 31.

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Medical squadron wins command awards

The 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron was recently named the Outstanding Aeromedical Staging Squadron of the Year for 2001 by Air Force Reserve Command.

They received the award in the 100 bed category.

Capt. Don Brock was also named as the Outstanding Reserve Officer/NCO/Amn. assigned to an Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

934th Airlift Wing Innkeeper award winner announced

The Innkeeper Evaluation Team presents the Traveler Award to a staff member that goes above and beyond their job duties.

Thomas Harden Jr was presented with the Traveler Award for the 934th North Country Lodging for his outstanding job as Supply Technician.

Harden has worked at the North Country Lodge for over four years. Originally hired as a custodian, he later became Lodging's first maintenance worker.

During his tenure in that position, he developed an excellent maintenance program for Lodging. He was recently promoted to supply technician for which he received this award.

The award winners from the nine bases evaluated will attend the worldwide lodging managers conference held in November in New York. One of the nine travelers will be given the overall award at this conference.



Photo by MSgt. Al Eakle

Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander, polishes the boot of a Tech. Sgt. during a fundraiser for the Military Ball committee. The commanders raised \$250 towards expenses towards the ball.

Veteran's home seeks volunteers for fair duty

The Minnesota Veteran's Home seeks volunteers to push wheelchair-bound patients at the Minnesota State Fair from Aug. 26-30.

Volunteers may contact Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foss at (612) 713-1718.

Mess Dress uniforms available for rent

Mess Dress uniforms for the military ball may be rented from Shinbaum's Uniform of Montgomery Ala.

The cost is approximately \$60 including shipping.

Members are encouraged to leave approximately three weeks of lead time.

For more information, contact Shinbaum's Uniform at (334) 265-0552.

Chief's, 1st Sgts. have time to shine

It will be time for the Wing's Chief Master Sgts. and 1st Sgts. to shine shoes for a donation to the military ball committee.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of the dining facility on Sat. Aug. 10.

All proceeds from the event will be used to pay for the entire ticket cost for deserving junior enlisted members. Units will identify eligible airmen and the military ball committee will make the final selection.

Firing range still off-limits

The 934th Airlift Wing firing range, located on Fort Snelling grounds, is off-limits to unauthorized people. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous.

For additional information, contact Master Sgt. Steven Anderson, 934th Security Forces Squadron, at (612) 713-1815.

August Menu

Saturday:

Spaghetti
Chicken breast
Mashed potatoes
Corn
Mixed Vegetables

Sunday:

Fish
Beef stew
Rice
Peas
Carrots

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

by Maj. Carol Freerks
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-3590

The unit welcomed back 15 members who deployed to Oman and the Pacific Theater.

Maj. Ben Bobadilla received the Joint Commendation Medal from service in Bright Star.

Members received awards from the Lockheed-Martin Corporation. The C-130 2,000 Hour Club was awarded to Chief Master Sgt. Donald Hohn and Master Sgt. Jean Hohn. The C-130 1,000 Hour Club was awarded to Lt. Col. Cleo Bonham, Lt. Col. Marilyn Chambers, Lt. Col. Marjorie Boldenow, Maj. Anne Jones, Maj. Mark Zollinger, Capt. Leslie Kirkpatrick and Master Sgt. Chris Vandenberg.

Lt. Gordon Wix and Senior Amn. Katy Carroll received "Employee of the Month" awards while on active duty in Kadena.

934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

by Tech. Sgt. Shirley Houin
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1606

No Report

96th Airlift Squadron

by Capt. Scott Brady
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1716
No Report

934th Civil Engineering Squadron

by Master Sgt. Mike McGuire
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1953

All members of the unit's structural shop spent the entire July unit training assembly at Dakota County Vo-Tech in Rosemount for welding training. All have now completed the 2-UTA training event.

The demolition project on building 716 was completed and the building has been removed. Grass seeding is now being accomplished and we ask all base personnel not to walk on the seeded areas. Thanks to Master Sgt. Steve Nicolai and Tech. Sgt. Mike McNally for overseeing the demolition project.

Chief Master Sgt. David Angerman recently completed an Honor Guard Symposium at Wright-Patterson

Air Force Base, Ohio.

Master Sgt. Dale Klossner was selected to attend the Headquarters Orientation Course at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Tamlyn, unit first sergeant, received a commander's coin from Maj. Gen. James Bankers, 22 Air Force commander, for his nomination as the 934th Airlift Wing's First Sergeant of the Year.



The unit officially said goodbye to Master Sgt. Kenny Weber (R), who retired after a 35-year military career, with the last 21-years spent with the 934th Airlift Wing.

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VIKING VICTOR

Name: Capt. Donald Brock

Position: Flight Nurse - Critical Care Air Transport Team

Unit: 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Education:

R.N. Degree from St. Catherine's of Minneapolis

Civilian Occupation: Critical Care Nurse - United Hospital

Hobbies: Working out, riding bike, working on the house and spending time with the three children

Professional organizations: Minnesota Nurses Association

Goals: My goals are to continue to prepare for unit readiness and return to normalcy at my civilian job and at home.

Comments: After returning from a long deployment, I would like to continue to stress the importance of readiness within the unit. Don't think that this cannot happen to you. We are all affected by unit members being deployed. Positive, lead-forward, attitudes are contagious.

This month's "Chief's Challenge" was presented by Chief Master Sgt. David Angerman. The contestant was Senior Amn. Philip Podolsky. This month's question was "Name three of the four unit members currently deployed to the desert" This month's answer was "Lt. Col. Stanley Thompson, Tech. Sgt. Mike Cleveland, Staff Sgt. Paul Long or Staff Sgt. Shawn Wimmergren." Senior Amn. Podolsky answered the question correctly and received a unit coin.

934th Communications Flt.

by Senior Amn. Chris Guthrie
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1620

No Report

Logistics Support Sqdn.

By Master Sgt. Craig Molm
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1351

Master Sgt. Francis Huppert, Tech. Sgt. Rory Schmidt, Tech. Sgt. Orri Schmidtbauer and Staff Sgt. Stephen Peterson received Achievement awards from Jan. to Dec. 2000.

Senior Master. Sgt. Thomas Anderson, LSS first sergeant, received an award for having the longest putt in the annual services sponsored golf tournament.

934th Maintenance Sqdn.

by Senior Master Sgt.
Robert McGonigal
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1323

Sixteen members of the squadron deployed to Canada for the Maple Flag exercise, and repaired damage from a bird strike and two valve housings while deployed.

Tech. Sgt. David Fisher and Tech. Sgt. David Bugni supported the Jul. 11 Presidential visit.

All shops were represented in the Personnel Occupational Description Manpower Study at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The squadron recently received the material to construct the stairs on the Static Flightdeck Display.

The ISO DOCK finished work on one aircraft received from Willow Grove, Air Reserve Base.

Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Meyer received a score of 92 percent on the Air and Space Maintenance Journeyman CDC course.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Roth received a score of 93 percent on the Air and Space Maintenance Craftsman CDC course.

Senior Amn. John Steensen earned a 96 percent on the Communications/Navigation Systems Journeyman CDC course.

934th Mission Support Flt.

934th Airlift Wing Hdqrs.

by Master Sgt. Vicky Kuntz
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1286

Senior Master Sgt. David Hammer deployed on an Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment to Southwest Asia.

Master Sgt. Samuel D. Swann was promoted to Senior Master Sgt.

Master Sgt. Shannon Bauer received the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Master Sgt. Bob Keldsen was nominated for Civil Servant of the Year for 2001.

Staff Sgt. Todd Littfin received a score of 93 percent on his 7-level CDC course.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams will be departing for a 90-day AEF deployment to Southwest Asia.

934th Operations

Support Flight

by Staff Sgt. Jess Lind
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-3536

The unit flew with the 96th Airlift Squadron on a low-level actual drop four-ship mission to Camp Ripley.

Tech. Sgt. Barry Reicher is currently enrolled in the NCO Leadership Development Course.

The unit is sending Senior Master Sgt. Rosemary O'Neal, Senior Master Sgt. Tom Wills and Tech. Sgt. Cara Utecht to Moron, Spain for an AEF deployment.

Selected fliers will be participating in a NATO exercise in Stavanger, Norway, in August.

Maj. David Olafson, Maj. Karla White, and Tech. Sgt. Greg Hallfielder from Intel, deployed to Canada for Maple Flag.

Maj. Paul Knabenshue attended the Dynamics of International Terrorism course at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Wenthe attended the Pentagon Orientation Course in Washington, D.C.

Tech. Sgt. Bruce Rineer was a Distinguished Graduate for the Airfield Management 7-level school. He was the only reservist in the class. The instructor stated that it is "very rare" that a reservist becomes a Distinguished Graduate.

934th Security Forces Sqdn.

by Tech. Sgt. Barry Haukoos
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1008

The squadron is not currently participating in the UTA weekends due to being activated. However, all squadron members have passed the 180 day activation mark.

During the month, members of the squadron performed weapons qualifications.

Senior Amn. Andy Halldin received a score of 91 percent on his 5-level CDC course.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Imsdahl received an Air Force Achievement medal.

Staff Sgt. Robert Doyle was a Distinguished Graduate from the Security Forces Tech. School.

Airman 1st Class Tory Wagner received a rating of 100 percent on his yearly Stan-eval test.

The following civilian personnel received their 10 year certificates:

Staff Sgt. Leo Bosard, Staff Sgt. Mike Link and Officer Greg Arnold.

Tech. Sgt. Leo Moreno finished his CCAF degree in Criminal Justice.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hanley, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Imsdahl and Officer David Quinton all received the Wing Commander's coin.

Tech. Sgt. Don Albee is the airman of the quarter for the first quarter of 2002.

Master Sgt. Kevin Harstad and Lynnette Larson were married on May 11.

934th Services Sqdn.

by Senior Amn. Kristen Maloney
Unit Public Affairs Representative
(612) 713-1652

No Report

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. John G. Johnson
934th Airlift Wing
Master Sgt. Vicky M. Kuntz
934th Airlift Wing

Air Force

Commendation Medal

Maj. Howard S. Bell
96th Airlift Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Ruth S. Beecher
934th Operations Group

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Air Force Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Scott D. Rian
934th Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn.
Tech. Sgt. Dale B. Cody
934th Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn.
Staff Sgt. Jodie P. Eversman
934th Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. Zachary L. Johnson
934th Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn.

Newcomers

Capt. Peter C. Draheim
96th Airlift Squadron
Capt. Erick M. Holman
934th Airlift Wing
2 Lt. Jessica Martinez-Pompa
934th Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn.
1 Lt. Amory S. Balucating
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.
Tech. Sgt. Duane G. Schoenherr
934th Services Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Jason L. Virkus
934th Logistics Support Sqdn.
Staff Sgt. Anne M. Bartlett
934th Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. Robert J. Judge
934th Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Peter A. Mangone
934th Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. Romeo M. Mecenas Jr.
934th Services Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jonah P. Scarset
96th Airlift Squadron
Senior Amn. Daniel P. Deranek
934th Civil Engineering Squadron
Senior Amn. Shaun W. Kleinheksel
934th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Amn. Tiwan M. Randall
934th Civil Engineering Squadron
Senior Amn. Brian P. Vanderveen
27th Aerial Port Squadron
Amn. 1st Class Sylwia A. Bargiel
934th Mission Support Flight
Amn. 1st Class Devon A. Brilla
934th Airlift Wing
Amn. 1st Class Allison L. Fieseler
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.
Amn. 1st Class Sandy S. Gutierrez
934th Services Squadron
Amn. 1st Class Lisa M. Janisch
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.
Amn. 1st Class Lindsey J. Lande
27th Aerial Port Squadron
Amn. 1st Class Sean M. Sanford
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.
Amn. 1st Class Kirsten L. Stephens
27th Aerial Port Squadron
Amn. Basic Azfar S. Siddiqui
934th Communications Flight

Officers Club

Lunch: Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: Wednesday -Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lounge: Monday from 4-11 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.
Lounge menu available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues-Sat
Sundays: Closed.
Mondays: Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m.
Tuesdays: Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11-9
Wednesdays: Dinner special 7 Aug-T-Bone Steak, 14 Aug-Meatloaf, 21 Aug-Walleye, 28 Aug-Shrimp Scampi
Thursdays: 1,8,22,29 Aug-**FAMILY BUFFET \$8.95** Don't Miss it!!!! Bring your family and friends.
Fridays: Different seafood specials in the dining room. Reservations required.
Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.
Special events:
13 Aug Hog Roast \$14.00 Event sponsored by the Flower & Garden Club Tickets must be purchased in advance Contact **Trudy Bremner at 952-941-3527 Cocktails 5 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.**
15 Aug Two-for-one steak for Members

Enlisted Club

Breakfast: Tuesday-Friday from 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Lunch: Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Dinner: Friday night only from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Open until 9 p.m. on UTA Friday. Dinner available at Officers Club Wed-Sat.
Lounge: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-9:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight.
Sunday: Closed **EXCEPT** Open for lunch from 11-12:30 on 25 August (Navy Week-end)
Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: Daily specials for lunch plus regular menu.

Friday Night Dinner Specials: 2 Aug-Fried Shrimp, 9 Aug-Prime Rib, 16 Aug-Filet, 23 Aug-New York Steak 30 Aug-Scampi

Saturdays: Closed **EXCEPT** Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on 24 August (Navy Week-end)

Club management urges everyone to come and check out the new lunch menu. Membership Pays \$1.00 off your lunch if you are a member!!

Club Membership applications are available at the Fitness Center and Lodging as well as the clubs.

Special Events: 15 Aug Two-for-one steak for Members (Held at the O Club)

Bingo every Friday night 5:30 p.m.

North Country Lodge

Reservations: Call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 726-9440.

Fitness Center

(612) 713-1496

Sign ups are underway for the Hike, Bike and Climb Minnesota Parks fitness contest. It runs through Aug. 29. Call Bill Garside for more info.

USAF Marathon: The 26.2 mile run will be at Wright Patterson AFB on Sept. 21. The entry deadline is Sept. 4.

ATWIND game pieces: Work out three sessions a week, work out on Friday, or sign up for the Hike, Bike program or golf tournament.

Officers' Wives Club

The OWC welcomes old and prospective new members on Sept. 12 for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. There will be a surprise program and door prize. RSVP to Roberta Gronemann at 763-494-3517.

Tuesday Bridge Contact: Germaine Reuter Dahl at (952) 881-0107.

Wednesday Bridge Contact: Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.

Wing members participate in relay, raise \$2640 in fight against cancer

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
Staff writer

After walking thousands of laps on a track oval and putting hundreds of miles on tired and aching feet, members of the 934th Airlift Wing and their families were satisfied in knowing their pain made great gains in the fight against cancer.

The two wing teams raised \$2640 for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event that was held in Lakeville, Minn., recently.

The event began at 6 p.m. Jul. 19, with dinner and a program. The walk started at 7 p.m. and concluded 12 hours later.

The entire event raised \$71,000 for cancer research in Minnesota.

The teams top fundraisers were Rich and Jean Reinhart who took in well over \$400, according to Tech. Sgt. Joe Bystedt, 934th team coordinator.

Air Force Reserve hats and shirts provided by Senior Master Sgt. Larry Giles, senior wing recruiter, were proudly worn by the participants.



Wing members march in the Relay for Life event in Lakeville on July 19-20, and raised \$2640 in the fight against cancer.



Capt. Jay Smeltzer and his wife Deb, take their turn at walking around the track during the event.



SSgt. Kelly McCann takes a break after walking during her part of the relay. At least one team member must be walking at all times throughout the event.