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## On the cover

The 934th Airlift Wing hosted its annual Employer Appreciation Day Aug. 10.

More than 40 civilian employers of wing reservists attended the event. The employers were treated to breakfast and lunch, they were briefed and received an orientation flight. See story Page 3.

***Employer Appreciation Day 2002*****Civilians get glimpse inside Reserve World**

by Tech Sgt. R.J. Bruno  
Staff writer

For most, it was their first time. For some, they did it once, a long time ago. Flying in a C-130 aircraft was just part of the festivities planned for local employers during the annual Employer Appreciation Day held here Aug. 10.

Several reservists escorted their employers to the buffet-style breakfast, first thing Saturday morning. Employers helped themselves to breakfast, while several presenters briefed them on the various aspects of the 934 AW, the Air Force and the importance of the relationship between reservist and employer. Presenters included, Col. Gary L. Cook, 934 Airlift Wing commander, as well as representatives from the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve organization. Following breakfast and briefings, the employers were given an orientation flight aboard a C-130.

Dan Johnson, Operation Supervisor for Federal Express in Roseville, Minn. was one of the passengers.

"This sort of thing reminds everyone and increases the awareness about what's going on," said Johnson.

Johnson's reserve sponsor was Senior Airman Bret Huber. "It's complementary to have employees doing simi-



photo by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty

**More than 40 civilian employers of 934th Airlift Wing reservists attended the wing's annual Employer Appreciation Day. The event was highlighted by an orientation flight.**

lar tasks as reservists."

Employer Chris Fortin, Folwell Middle School Special Education Teacher, spoke freely about the reservist that worked for her. According to Fortin, she first met Tech. Sgt. Stefania Strowder during Strowder's civilian job interview Sept. 11, 2001. As everyone remembers that day, Fortin remembers her interview with Strowder as well.

"We cried together during the interview," said Fortin. Fortin said that

Strowder was very candid about her reserve commitment.

"I wanted to hire her immediately, knowing that I might have to lose her, given the recent events, but she was just such a good fit," said Fortin.

Being a reservist affects Strowder's civilian position in that she displays a quiet strength, a sense of duty, and is very committed to the children, said Fortin.

As far as coming out on a Saturday, Fortin didn't seem to mind at all. "It's awesome to see this part of her life and for me to know a little bit more about the military."

After the flight disembarked, the employers were given certificates of appreciation, and joined their reservists for lunch in the dining facility.

"This event is the tie that binds," said Cook. This gives them (employers) an opportunity to see what we do, and gives them a chance to be a partner in that."

And at the end of the day, some will remember the food. Some will remember the flight. But *all* will remember...

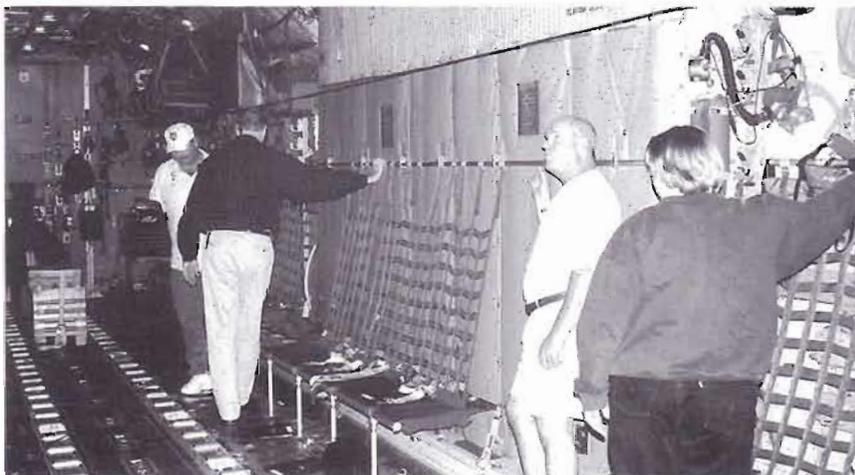


photo by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty

**Several of the civilian employers who attended the event prepare themselves for the orientation flight.**



## Rescue

The 934th Airlift Wing tested its own response capabilities during an exercise Aug. 21. The scenario involved the simulation of rescuing an airman from inside a C-130 fuel cell. (Courtesy Photo)

## Reservists to get per diem extension

WASHINGTON – Reservists in Air Force Reserve Command called to active duty in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom may now receive per diem for up to 730 days at one location.

Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, signed a waiver Aug. 21 extending his original entitlement waiver for the payment of per diem from one year up to two years. His initial waiver of Sept. 22, 2001, had authorized per diem entitlements for members up to 365 days at one location.

According to officials in the Office of the Air Force Reserve's Directorate of Personnel, per diem entitlements under this authority are not taxable and cannot be arbitrarily reduced. Per diem is not payable to people in a commuting status.

Headquarters Air Force will issue an official message providing administrative information concerning this entitlement. (AFRC News Service)

## Stop-loss comes to an end

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Starting Sept. 1, Air Force Reserve Command, along with the rest of the Air Force, will begin releasing people in the last Air Force specialty codes affected by Stop-Loss.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche announced the release, which will be phased in during a one-month period to allow for transition. The Air Force began relaxing Stop-Loss in January and by the end of June the list of remaining AFSCs dropped to three officer and 15 enlisted.

Reservists with original dates of separation or retirement before April won't be eligible to out process until at least Sept. 1. People originally eligible to out process between April 1 and Sept. 30 have to wait until at least Oct. 1, and those who were to separate or retire on or after Oct. 1 will be able to out process on that date.

Reservists have the option of taking up to five months to transition from Stop-Loss status.

AFRC members who are deployed or are on active duty to support ongoing operations will not be released until they return from their deployments or they are demobilized.

When Stop-Loss was implanted in October 2001, it virtually covered every reservist in the Selected Reserve, some 73,000.

The last 18 AFSCs on the Stop-Loss list affect 4,917 reservists. The three officer Stop-Loss AFSCs are 31P security forces, 11S special operations pilot and 12S special operations navigator. The enlisted Stop-Loss AFSCs are 1A1X0 and 1A1X1 flight engineer, 1C0X0 air operations, 1C0X1 airfield management, 1C0X2 operations resource management, 1C1X0 and 1C1X1 air traffic control, 1N0X0 intelligence applications and exploitation, 1N0X1 intelligence applications, 1T2X0 and 1T2X1 combat rescue, 2F0X0 and 2F0X1 fuels, and 3P0X0 and 3P0X1 security forces. (AFRC News Service)

# Eagle Eyes focuses on anti-terrorism

by Tech Sgt. Barry Haukoos  
934th Security Forces Squadron

Only *you* know who or what belongs – or doesn't belong – in your building, neighborhood, or work center.

Recognition of this fact is behind one of the latest Air Force antiterrorism initiatives, a program known as "Eagle Eyes."

The program has characteristics of a typical neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service's antiterrorism strategy.

According to Special Agent Frank Malafarina, Resident Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities, which have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

"They make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they're being targeted," Special Agent Malafarina said. "Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives."

Here, anyone with something

"Terrorist acts don't just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance."

-- Special Agent Frank Malafarina

to report should immediately call the 934th Security Forces Desk Sergeant at (612) 713-1102/1101. From there, security forces will respond as appropriate to the immediate situation and immediately pass the report to AFOSI. From there, OSI will begin appropriate follow-up action. But it all begins at the local level, Special Agent Malafarina said, where terrorists conduct operational planning activities.

"Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report," said Special Agent Malafarina. "Terrorist acts don't just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance."

The key, Special Agent Malafarina said, is public awareness of what to look for and take note of – both on and off base.

"This is something the whole community needs to be involved in," Special Agent Malafarina said.

Malafarina added that people

shouldn't be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior.

"That's bound to happen from time to time," he said.

According to Malafarina activity that should be reported could be classified into seven categories:

✪ **Elicitation.** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

✪ **Tests of security.** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

✪ **Acquiring supplies.** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufac-

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## Wing members volunteer at annual Paint-A-Thon

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson  
Staff Writer

Every year, companies from around the Twin Cities metro area participate in the annual Metro Paint-A-Thon.

This year, as in years previous, members of the 934th Airlift Wing worked on a local home in need of exterior work.

Organizer for the wing's participants was Senior Master Sgt. David Cormier, the Communications/Navigation Supervisor for the 934th Avionics Flight.

Twenty-five members of the 934th Logistic Group volunteered to work on a house in South Minneapolis.

Members of the unit worked on July 29 and Aug. 1 as part of the Paint-A-Thon, helping to restore the exterior of an aging woman's home.

"She was really appreciative and a good-natured woman," Cormier said. "really enjoyed having us there."

The Paint-A-

Thon began in the Twin Cities in 1984. According to the Paint-A-Thon website, last year more than 3,000 volunteers painted 141 homes for the elderly and disabled.

### VOLUNTEERS

Dave Cormier	Dan Pekel	Doug Wold
Mark Woodson	Roy Schwegel	Derek Green
Al McCann	Darryl Radford	Bob Henn
Mike Zum	Chuck Keller	Kelly McCann
Dana Money	Sam Baty	Rich Gilligan
Curt Nelson	Tim McCullum	John Bruns
Betsy Johnston	Jude Quinn	Nick Wold
Ed Kusterbeck	Joe Bystedt	Steve Lerbakken
		Sue Bruns

# Operation Enduring Freedom

## 27th Aerial Port Squadron supporting operations

Photos and Story by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty  
Staff writer

“Hands on” is a statement that applies two-fold when referring to 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron reservists activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

The deployed aerial porters are working as a part of a trans-load operation supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, and have a direct effect supporting the mission and also have their “hands on” loading and unloading cargo being transported to and from the down range location.

Rhein-Main took on the OEF mission in November 2001, even though it was a base slated to close in December 2005. “Ramstein AB, Germany was saturated and could

not handle any more aircraft,” said Maj. Erik Sutcliffe, 27<sup>th</sup> APS deployed commander. “A call was made here saying that there were five C-5s coming in three hours and it hasn’t stopped since.”

Working as part of the 726<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron, at Rhein-Main Air Base, the 74 reservists deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> APS play an integral part in transporting troops and cargo to and from the United States and down range.

The 726<sup>th</sup> AMS transports Army troops, vehicles, and

support equipment, everything it takes to support a U.S. Army division in a war. “This is the first war that everything that goes into the area of responsibility is strictly done by airlift,” said Sutcliffe. “Everything that goes in there to fight this war is going by air and it goes through Rhein-Main, from toilet paper to humvees.”

“We take the cargo and troops from the U.S. on one particular aircraft, download and reconfigure it, and place it on a completely different airplane to go directly to the down range location,” said Sutcliffe.

“Everything we touch is going to the war effort, directly downrange, everyone should be proud that



The 27th Aerial Port Squadron has 74 reservists deployed to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# During Freedom Operations are "Hands on" at Rhein-Main



U.S. Air Force C-5s sit ready to be loaded at Rhein-Main AB, Germany. The 27th Aerial Port Squadron has been working as part of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron transporting troops and cargo down range as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

everything they are doing is going directly into the hands of the war fighter and going right to the cause of Operation Enduring Freedom," he said.

The 726<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron has moved more than 130-million pounds of cargo since reservists from the 27<sup>th</sup> APS arrived. Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, the 726<sup>th</sup> AMS's work load averaged about 400 aircraft per

month moving 30,000 passengers and 7,000 short tons.

In May of 2002 the 726<sup>th</sup> AMS set the all time Air Mobility Command record for passengers moved in one month, 33,000. In June 2002, the 726<sup>th</sup> AMS had passed the 100 million pounds of cargo handled since the start of the OEF support in November.

"There are challenges and things don't always go smoothly, but

the missions go out on time and that is a testament to the folks here," said Sutcliffe.

Despite working long hours and living up to four people in a room, reservists are generally happy to be deployed.

"We are here to do a job and are a big part of an extremely important

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## North Country Lodge staff receive honors

(From left to right) Katie Stone, Justin Erickson, Theresa Clarkin and Elvira Burley were recently recognized by the American Hotel & Lodging Association for certification as Front Desk Representatives. (Courtesy photo)

## Retirements: July-October

Col. Mary K. Hanson  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Capt. Thomas S. Zutter  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Chief Master Sgt. James R. Rethwill  
27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Master Sgt. James W. Conroy  
934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
Master Sgt. Rick R. Ensenbach  
934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight  
Master Sgt. Eugene E. Kirk  
934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

Master Sgt. Rosemary M. O'Neal  
934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight  
Master Sgt. David R. Roach  
96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron  
Master Sgt. Donald J. Roach  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Raymond M. Alu Jr.  
934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Frederick H. Carlson  
27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Michael A. Jelinek  
934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Diane N. Johnson  
934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Josef Kniesz  
27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. John R. Krebsbach  
27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Frank M. McKay  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Pamela J. Peck  
934<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron

## Awards and Decorations

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Cam J. LeBlanc  
934<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron  
Lt. Col. Pamela A. LeBlanc  
934<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight  
Maj. Kenneth W. Hanson  
934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight  
Capt. Randall W. Rydberg  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical EvacSquadron  
Chief Master Sgt. James R. Rethwill  
27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Bryan L. Voigt  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Master Sgt. James W. Conroy  
934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
Master Sgt. David R. Roach  
96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. Gary A. Peitzmeier  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Maj. Barbara J. Schacht  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Capt. Donald C. Brock  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Capt. David N. Hanten  
934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing  
Capt. Thomas S. Zutter  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. James E. Hoffman  
934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing  
Tech. Sgt. Steven J. Robinson  
934<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight  
Staff Sgt. John D. Herrick  
934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight  
Staff Sgt. Mary L. Rebholtz  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj. Dennis M. Brown  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Master Sgt. Stephen A. Korolenko  
934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. George L. Fearson  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Terrence H.E. Countryman

934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Scott J. Flaherty  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Jeremy D. Mashek  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Scott A. Skeesick  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Christopher B. Stotler  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Brian T. Wahlstedt  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Dustin R. Ator  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Christopher T. Jack  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Erik R. Merritt  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Daniel M. Misgen  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Russell B. Robertson  
934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight  
Senior Airman Anthony D. Taylor  
934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

## Do you need a Family Care Plan?

All reserve members that are single parents, dual military couples with family members and members with unique family situations, must have a Family Care Plan.

Family Care arrangements must cover all practical situations, both long and short term. It is the members responsibility to notify their commander or first sergeant within 60 days of any of the following changes that would require them to have a Family Care Plan:

- ✱ Birth or adoption of a child;
- ✱ Loss of spouse through death, separation or divorce;
- ✱ Enlistment or commissioning in the military where the member and the spouse become a dual military couple with family members;
- ✱ Assumption of sole care for an elderly or disabled individuals;
- ✱ Absense of spouse through career or job commitments or other personnel reasons;

With the increase in the number and length of current deployments, it is crucial that personnel have a workable Family Care Plan to prevent interference with military duties, while at the same time ensuring that your family is taken care of in the event of a mobilization.

For more information, call Tech Sgt. William Liberatore at ext. 1507.

## Get reimbursed for motorcycle safety

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson  
Staff writer

The 934th Airlift Wing will reimburse servicemembers and base civilians who take the course in motorcycle safety from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center, located around the state. Classes are available now through the end of October.

All members assigned to the 934th AW, including civilians, active reserve technicians or traditional reservists, are eligible for reimbursement for the training.



### **Patriotic Boss**

Courtesy Photo

Col. Gary Cook, 934th AW commander, presents the "My Boss is a Patriot" award to Fravel Combs, who is the civilian employer of Tech Sgt. Tami Besser of the 934th Communications Squadron.

According to Mike Askins, ground safety manager for the wing, the reservists or civilians taking the course would turn in a voucher after paying to take the course. The participant must complete a Standard Form 1164, and submit it and their voucher, to the base finance office. Forms are available online at the base Intranet site as well as the base finance office. The cost of the course is \$115 for the Basic Rider's Course or \$50 for the Experienced Rider Course.

For more information about the program, logon to [www.motorcyclesafety.org](http://www.motorcyclesafety.org) or call the Minnesota Rider Training Division at (800) 407-6677 or (763) 784-1488. Riders can register online or by phone for the different locations.

## Advisory Council

The Enlisted Advisory Council meets monthly to address issues facing the wing's enlisted troops.

Currently the EAC is working with AAFES to address high gas prices on base. The council is also working with the chief's and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgts. Council to design something to put in the USAF Reserve room at Lackland AFB, Texas. The aim is to have the 934<sup>th</sup> AW represented and visible to the basic trainees.

For more information about the EAC, call Staff Sgt. Derek Green, EAC president, at ext. 1340.

## North Country Lodge

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

## NEWCOMERS

Maj. Bruce Besanko	96 AS
Capt. Cynthia Doolittle	934 ASTS
Master Sgt. Craig Haggren	934th ASTS
Tech Sgt. David Anderson	934th ASTS
Staff Sgt. William Fishbein	934th ASTS
Staff Sgt. Brian Jensen	27th APS
Staff Sgt. Jacob Jackson	27th APS
Staff Sgt. Candal Kraig	934th CES
Airman 1st Class Melissa Blix	27th APS
Airman 1st Class Seanwong Brown	934th SFS

## *From the Chaplain*

# Are you happy? -- 'give of yourself'

**Chaplain (1st. Lt.) Thomas Wilson  
934th Chaplain**

Whether at home, in our workplaces, in our social situations, or maybe even in the unit, we have all heard the statement from our family, friends, and acquaintances, "I am just not happy." The human heart desires happiness.

As I supervised many young people who had just graduated from college, it crystallized in me that what people often think will make them happy does not.

A very common scenario was a high achieving college graduate ready to set the corporate world on fire with her brains, energy, ambition, and handsome new husband. She was well prepared for success, material well-being, and happiness. Nine months and a promotion later, making more money than her father did at retirement, she would confide, "I don't really like this job. I thought it would make me happy, but it hasn't.

Marriage isn't all it's cracked up to be either." After a short period of time, she discovered that what the world suggests would make her

happy really did not. Many will spend nearly a lifetime seeking out what the world and others say will make them happy only to find at the end of the rainbow that they are not happy at all.

Whether the recipe we follow toward happiness is perfect physical conditioning, hanging out with the right crowd, speedy career advancement, or having a spouse everyone else considers "beautiful" all of them fall short of the goal.

While staying healthy, working hard in a career, and fulfilling relationships (spousal and otherwise) all are factors in our happiness, none of them, alone or together, are enough. This is because they tend to focus on oneself. My body. My friends. My career. My spouse.

The ancient philosophers, even before the revelation of Jesus, realized that pursuit and living of the good are what will make us happy. What the "good" is can be debated, but what is clear from our common human experience and all that is revealed to us is that the "good" lies outside of serving ourselves. Excessive self-focus ("navel gazing", as it were)

leads to a life that shrivels up. It takes life and happiness away from us even as we seek it. When we focus on others and give of ourselves for a larger purpose, then we are able to live the happy lives our hearts desire. Living for the good makes our lives life giving, not life draining. Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life for my sake will find it." (Matt. 16:25)

Happiness is a direct result of the sacrifice for others in our lives that Jesus calls us to. Living for others, devoting ourselves to a higher purpose, and pursuing the good will lead us to the happiness that we all desire and God wants us to have, even though it is the complete opposite of what the world says will make us happy. Life's circumstances can sometimes cause us to lose focus of what will make us happy. Periodic "inventories" of how we are giving ourselves to others will keep us focused.

The next time someone says, "I'm just not happy," our first reply should be, "How can we get focused on giving ourselves to others?"

## **Air Force Chief of Staff suggested reading list now available**

As your Chief of Staff, I have decided to continue the practice started in 1996 of providing a list of recommended reading for our enlisted, officer, and civilian members.

This is a new list, a single list, which replaces the previous tiered list that has served the Air Force over the past six years. That prior list was divided into sections depending upon your rank. Given that my list is new, it's appropriate for Air Force members of all grades to pursue it, as their time permits. Also, it is my conviction that it's useful for the generals to know what the young troops are reading and vice versa.

For the challenges the United States Air Force faces today, I have given prior-

ity to books regarding:

- 1) the recent past as more lesson-filled than the distant past,
- 2) the transformation challenges we have overcome, and those that we still face, and
- 3) a look to the future for clues to the asymmetrical vulnerabilities that await us.

It is my intention that the course content within our professional military education system will be based in appropriate measure on the materials these books address.

The reading list, complete with a brief summary of the selections, can be accessed at [www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/index.shtml](http://www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/index.shtml).

## OEF in Germany

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operation and I am doing my best to do a good job and make sure that it gets done safely," said Staff Sgt. Michael Trujillo, 27<sup>th</sup> APS air transportation craftsman. "I enjoy what I am doing and I will probably miss it when I go home, I knew what to expect when we got here and it is everything I expected."

One of the toughest parts of being deployed for any military member is being away from friends and family.

"The toughest part about being here is not being able to spend time with my kids," said Senior Airman Jessica Alioto, 27<sup>th</sup> APS air transportation apprentice. "It is tough not being able to show them the places that I have seen."

"I am a single parent with an 11-year-old boy," said Tech Sgt. Calvin Berry, 27<sup>th</sup> APS air transportation specialist. "I think it's hard, but I think that people are dealing with it well and you do what you have to do."

Issues of morale are being addressed to make sure that troops are happy and spirits are high.

"We work the issues that effect morale the most: living conditions in the dormitory and eating establishments on base," said Sutcliffe. "We put out a news letter every two weeks, the folks want to be informed and they deserve to be informed and we try to put it out as best as we can and that

## Anti-Terrorism *continued from Page 5*

ture such items) or any other controlled items.

⊛ **Suspicious persons out of place.** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else.

⊛ **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

## Wing leadership visits Aerial Porters in Germany

by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty  
Staff writer

Activated reservists deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, received a visit from their wing commander, squadron commander and superintendent.

Col. Gary Cook, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, Lt. Col. James Kirchoff, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Mike Dressen, 27<sup>th</sup> APS superintendent, visited the deployed reservists July 25-29. The Senior Leaders visited troops and examined issues like morale.

Cook, Kirchoff and Dressen's visit to the base included tours of the contingency dorms, the 726<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron and the work areas of the 27<sup>th</sup> APS troops. They also attended lunch at the 64<sup>th</sup> Replacement Company Chow

has helped."

In addition to addressing issues and putting out a news letter, phone cards are distributed to the reservists and group gatherings, such as barbeques, are held.

The 27<sup>th</sup> APS is representing the 934<sup>th</sup> AW and is doing a great job of it. "Be proud of what your family members, co-workers and friends are

Hall with some of their troops.

A barbeque was also held Jul. 28 for the 27<sup>th</sup> APS, allowing Cook, Kirchoff and Dressen a chance to talk with the troops.

The visit gave them an opportunity to address and assess problems and concerns that the deployed troops have been dealing with.

"I was totally impressed with what I observed during my visit to Rhein-Main," said Dressen. "The deployed 27<sup>th</sup> APS personnel have truly stepped forward and have really made a positive impact on the OEF mission. I am extremely proud of what our people have done and how well they have integrated into operation over there."

"The best APS in the Air Force continues to show why they won the award," said Cook. Outstanding results first time, every time, regardless of the environment. Quite the unit. Outstanding."

doing out here. Let people know that people from Minnesota are here in the fight and take it to heart," said Sutcliffe. "Everyone is doing an outstanding job and you should be proud of that aside from the sacrifices of family and work, what they are doing here and their individual performances are well above exceptional."

Airlift Wing Commander.

"Eagle Eyes is really nothing new to American citizens. In America we are taught to be involved in our local communities. We are not only concerned for the welfare of our families, and ourselves but also the welfare of our neighbors. Who doesn't keep an eye on the local kids when they might be playing too close to the street or a construction site?"

This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. This could include mapping routes and timing traffic.

⊛ **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

The Eagle Eyes program has the full support of Col. Gary Cook, 934

# Restored prairie home to Monarchs

## U of M conducts ecosystem study in Wing's back yard

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams  
Staff writer

The University of Minnesota conducted a study of Monarch butterfly habitat at the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's prairie restoration site, located near the dining facility, since June.

The Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, administered through the university and funded by the National Science Foundation, was created five years ago to study the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. It now encompasses 200 volunteers monitoring 83 sites in 19 states and two Canadian provinces. This is the first year of the Wing's participation.

"I was very surprised to see restored prairie at a military installation, especially right next to the airport," said Michelle Solensky, university graduate student of ecology and site manager. "It's a very safe place to monitor. I feel very safe and comfortable here."

The prairie grass is important to the butterfly's habitat because it contains a species of milkweed plant – which the Monarch relies upon, she said.

Solensky said her crew saw the largest number of eggs and larvae during the study's first week but expects a slight rebound due to the last cycle prior to the yearly migration to the Southwest U.S. and Mexico.

"If we weren't finding eggs and larvae on this site, it would suggest there is something wrong with the ecosystem as it applies to insects," she said. "Since we found them in abundance at the beginning of the study and are still finding them even today, this is a good sign that this is a healthy restored prairie."

Jeff Wiles, environmental protection assistant for the 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron, bumped into the project's website on a routine internet search and coordinated with the university to include the restored prairie as a monitoring site.

"I thought it would be a good environmental thing to get involved with locally," Wiles said. "It doesn't need to

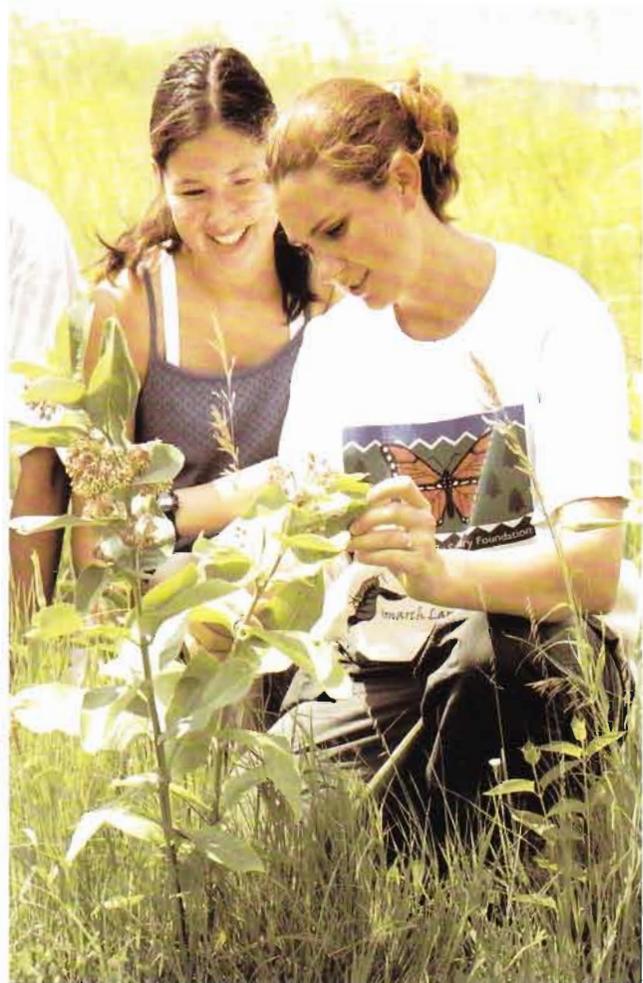


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Michelle Solensky, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, inspects a milkweed plant for Monarch larvae. Solensky and her crew studied the restored prairie from June to September.

have an economic impact, but it shows our concern for environmental biology. Besides, the Monarchs were probably here before we were."

The site was monitored weekly until the beginning of September.



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