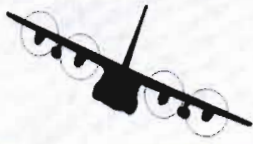


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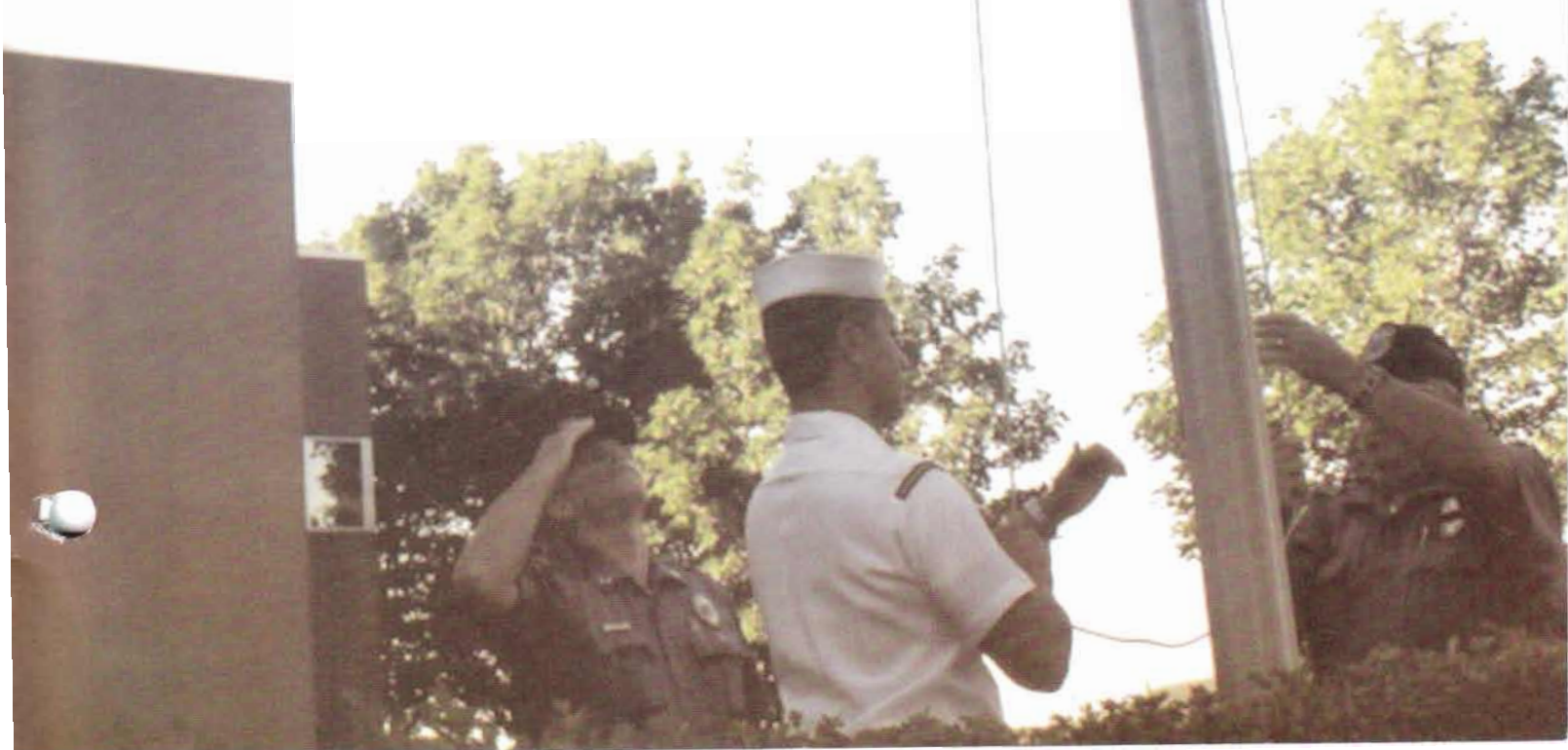
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Family Day...The 934th Airlift Wing hosted a Family Day on Sunday of the September UTA. Children enjoyed games and rides and there was music for everyone. Mother Nature provided a hot day but many people braved the heat to enjoy the fun and the food. **See photo spread on Pages 8 and 9.**



Come fly with me...Spouses of reservists had the opportunity to see what their husbands and wives do as citizen airmen. More than 100 spouses were given a ride aboard one of the units C-130 aircraft. **See story on Page 5.**

Memories of Sept. 11, 2001...One member of the 934th family recalls the events of a year ago with a sense of pride. His son was one of those helping at the World Trade Center. **See story on Page 6.**

Saluting the citizen airmen...Lt. Gen. James Sherrard, Air Force Reserve Commander, says the war on terrorism is still a top priority for the Reserve. **See story on Page 11.**

Operation Christmas Child...The chaplain explains how operation sends hope to children in desperate situations. **See story on Page 12.**



On the cover

The 934th Airlift Wing held a memorial ceremony remembering the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. A flag, which had been flown over the Pentagon, was raised at 7:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2002...one year later. (Photo by Tech Sgt. Allen Marshall)

With Valor

Critical care team earns medal saving lives

by Senior Airman
Stephanie Witty
Staff writer

Stepping off a plane in an unknown land, gusts of dirt and dust blur everything in sight, with fowl smells filling the air, three members of the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron had arrived at their deployed home away from home to begin saving lives.

Despite being in a hostile environment with bad living conditions, Maj. Gary Peitzmeier, 934th ASTS surgeon, Capt. Donald Brock, 934th ASTS critical care nurse and Staff Sgt. Mary Rebholtz, 934th ASTS cardio-pulmonary technician, made up an award-winning critical care team responsible for saving lives.

All three members of the team were awarded the Air Force commendation medal with valor for being deployed into an area of responsibility which was declared a hostile environment. It is a testament to their work that they received the valor device. "V-devices are not handed out for ordinary duty, only acts of heroism," said Maj. Dennis Brown, 934th



Courtesy photo
Staff Sgt. Mary Rebholtz, Maj. Gary Peitzmeier and Capt. Donald Brock aboard a medevac flight. The three were decorated for their efforts in saving lives.

ASTS administrator.

The team flew six urgent sorties, including three combat missions from a classified location totaling more than 33 hours of flight in C-17, C-9, and C-130 aircraft.

Activated Dec. 15 and deploying Jan 3, the team worked together as an intensive care unit moving people from a battle field environment to a higher level of care. "Basically we were high intensity ambulance attendants in airplanes except that our

missions would last eight to ten hours," said Brock.

They faced challenging job and were on constant alert status. "We had long missions and long days, and one of our expectations was that we had to stay on alert," said Brock. "The expectation is that you're going to take care of this patient with everything you've got for whatever amount of time it takes. If it takes 48 hours to get that patient from point A to point B, we're going to do

it."

The three members of the team became a pseudo-family, having to spend all of their time together. "I will be eternally grateful for Dr. Gary Peitzmeier and Staff Sgt. Mary Rebholtz," said Brock. "Coming out of this whole thing after six months of literally eating, sleeping, breathing the same air, they become your brothers and your sisters and come out of that with friendships that will always be there no matter what happens."

Thanks to the employers

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen John Jumper want to thank reservists' employers personally by sending each of them a personal letter and an Air Force employer recognition lapel pin modeled after the "E" flags of World War II. Reservists are being asked to fill out a form at:

<http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com/thanks>

For more information, call public affairs at ext 1216.



W E L C O M E H O M E

Thirteen members of the 934th Security Forces Squadron were greeted by friends and family Sept. 16. The security forces troops were returning from Bahrain where they had spent 90 days supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.



photo by Tech Sgt. Allen Marshall

Spouses' Flight



photo by Senior Airman Chris Guthrie

One of the wives who attended the wing's Spouse Orientation Flight receives some instruction on the inner workings of a C-130 cockpit. More than 100 spouses of reservists attended the event.

Come Fly With Me



by Senior Airman Nicholas Olson
Staff writer

"It was the ride of my life," said Michelle Semantel, wife of Airman 1st Class Mickey Semantel. "It was so cool."

As a spouse of an Air Force reservist, a chance to take part in a C-130 flight can be the thrill of a lifetime. Several husbands and wives got that thrill as part of the 934th Spouse Orientation Flight held Sept. 7.

The day began with a continental breakfast and presentation by Col. Gary Cook, wing commander, who introduced the attendees to the wing. After the briefing, the spouses were led onto the awaiting aircraft.

The real contribution to the Air Force Reserve is our families, said Cook. "The Air Force Reservist has three important parts to their lives: Their family, their civilian employment and the Reserve."

"It is just like a tripod," he explained. "You need all three parts to be balanced. The family is one of the most important parts. They are there supporting us, seeing us through."

During these times, with deployments and the Air Expeditionary Force requirements, spouses are left to tend to the family while their reservist is fulfilling their duty.

"My wife has been very supportive," said Tech. Sgt. Randall Utzka, 934th Civil Engineering

Squadron.

Over the last two years, Utzka has been deployed to England, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates for extended periods of time.

"When he was scheduled to go to England in 2000 I had made plans to go there with him," said Lana Utzka. However, the plans had changed when Tech. Sgt. Utzka was sent TDY elsewhere during that time period, and could not join his wife in England as previously planned.

This type of support and flexibility from spouses is another example that the men and women in uniform are not the only heroes.

"Without the family, we would have no reason to come to work," said Cook.



photo by Tech Sgt. Allen Marshall

Gale Johnson, 934th Supply Technician, displays an article written about his son which was published in the Janesville, Minn. paper. Johnson's son, Steven, traveled from Minnesota to New York to help after the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Memories of Sept. 11

Father remembers his son's call to duty

by Tech Sgt. Allen Marshall
Editor

It's been more than a year since the cowardly terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001, occurred. And, for one member of the 934th family, the days and weeks following the tragedy bring back memories of both horror and pride.

Gale Johnson, like most Americans, recalls being in disbelief as he heard the news. "I was in shock," he said. But in the days to come his son, a police officer, would fill the 18-year Air Force veteran with a sense of pride.

Johnson is a supply technician with the 934th. His son, Steven Johnson, is a police officer with the Janesville Police Department. Janesville is a small town about 10 miles south of

Mankato, Minn., and about 1,200 miles away from the World Trade Center. Despite being halfway across the country, Steven felt a deep desire to help out.

"He wanted to do something for his country...to help out," Gale said. "He didn't have enough money to donate so he needed to find another way."

Steven asked the chief of police in Janesville how he could help and according to Gale, the chief put up the money and his personal vehicle so that Steven and three others could drive to New York to help.

Gale said Steven arrived in New York Sept. 12 and stayed for 10 days. Steven helped with the search for and removal of bodies.

Gale said the experience was dif-

ficult for his son but he endured.

"It was so horrendous he couldn't believe what he was seeing," Gale said. "It took him a while to get over it."

Gale remembers the phone call he got from his son shortly after the attacks. He and his wife had been vacationing at Disney World, Fla. After the attacks forced Gale and his wife to cut the vacation in the Magic Kingdom short, the Johnsons made their way to Virginia Beach, Va. where another of their sons lives. While there, Gale got a call from Steven.

"He told me he had to do something," the father recalled. "He asked me how I felt about him going to New York. My response was absolutely, I'm proud of you son."

Reservists get time to out process

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force reservists who are not being extended into a second year or have not been identified for early demobilization should begin demobilizing at least 45 days before their call-up anniversary date.

These days give reservists time to complete mandatory medical evaluations and out-process through the military personnel flight. Another option for them is to apply to stay on active duty, either through retention in the active force or to claim sanctuary, which allows them to remain on active duty and qualify for military retirement.

The extra days also give reservists a chance to take any leave they've accrued before reaching the mobilization anniversary date.

If they are deployed, mobilized reservists will be returned to home station to complete the demobilization process.

"During this period, reservists are expected to perform normal duties with the exception of the accrued leave," said Col. Michael Cleveland, director of personnel at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "Reconstitution is the period of time immediately following redeployment back to one's home unit. It's dedicated to accounting for deployed members, equipment and supplies, and for returning equipment and supply levels back to pre-deployment levels."

"It's not a set period of time, and not everyone in a unit will be involved in all aspects of the reconstitution," the colonel said. "It should not last longer than 30 days."

Unless demobilization is delayed for an authorized reason, no one should remain mobilized after their original orders expire, according to Cleveland. "If someone remains in a mobilized status after the 12-month orders expire, we must be advised immediately and before the person enters the 13th month," he said.

For more information about demobilization procedures call the MPF at ext. 1513. (AFRC News Service)

USAF moving from crisis response to steady state

WASHINGTON - Nearly half of the 13,000 Air Force reservists mobilized after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon were either back at home or on their way home when the country marked the first anniversary of that tragic day.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced a selected demobilization for the reserve components in the spring as Air Force officials worked to determine the right mix of active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces necessary to accomplish mission requirements, which include continuing the nation's war on terrorism.

The pace of the demobilization picked up steam in the months that followed, with most of the reservists who had been called to active duty ready to return to civilian status by the end of September.

In addition to the reservists who were mobilized, nearly 23,000 members of the Guard were activated to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Jumper said the demobilization is a vital part of the Air Force's transition from "a crisis-response mode - with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve members - to our new steady state," which relies mainly on volunteer reservists and guardsmen to help meet mission requirements.

"Our mobilized reservists, along with their families and employers, stepped up to the plate magnificently," said Col. Carmen Yuris, chief of the Personnel Plans Division at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. The demobilization means a transition to a more "business-as-usual" footing for the Reserve and its members who were allowed to come home.

"We need to preserve and sustain our ability to have a reserve force that is ready and able to go to war," Yuris said. "The demobilization enhances our ability to have a healthy reserve capability for any future requirements we may have."

Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, and the colonel agree.

"To sustain the Reserve and Guard, we have to get them back into their traditional roles where they can be reserves again and roll in when we need them," Dominguez said. "One hundred percent retention of these people is really critical to me. We want to get them back into their citizen airman role where they are with us when we need them, when they can plan for it."

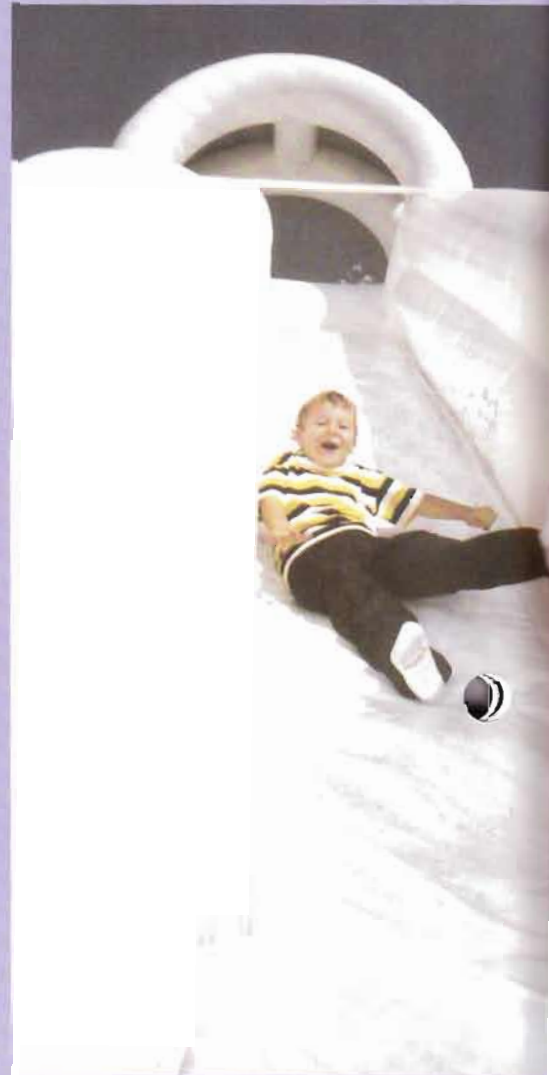
Because of the continuing requirements of Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, however, the Air Force was forced to extend the mobilization of more than 14,000 Reserve and Guard members into a second year.

Air Force officials announced in August that they were extending the partial mobilization of nearly 5,000 Air Force reservists and more than 9,000 guardsmen to 24 months, the maximum period of time allowed under law. About two-thirds of the reservists who were extended are filling security forces requirements.

The plan is to keep air reserve component members mobilized just long enough for the active force to realign manpower to meet requirements, said John C. Truesdell, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for reserve affairs.

"We want to retain our Guard and Reserve members and must give them the predictability in their lives they deserve," Truesdell said.

Family Day



Photos by Tech Sgt. RJ Bruno

The 934th Airlift Wing Family Day was held Sunday, Sept. 8. Several hundred family members enjoyed a day of games, food and music.

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Having a Ball!

Hundreds of people attended the Military Ball held at the Radisson in Bloomington Sept. 7. Attendees enjoyed music and dancing as well as a performance by the Strolling Strings during the meal.

photo by Senior Airman Chris Guthrie

USAF adds chemical warfare training to BMT

by AIC Amanda Currier
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Times are changing, and Air Force basic military training is evolving with them.

The Air Force unveiled its latest addition to BMT on Sept. 16 at Lackland's Warrior Week encampment site: a nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional warfare training facility.

"The addition of this new facility will ensure the best possible training for our airmen facing uncertainties in the world today," said Brig. Gen. Fred Van Valkenburg Jr., commander of the 37th Training Wing.

Warrior Week involves field training that was added to basic training about three years ago. It is designed to give trainees a taste of deployment and wartime situations. During the fifth week of BMT, trainees rough it in tents, learn how to don chemical warfare gear and participate in simulated battle ex-

ercises.

Now, Warrior Week also includes passing through the NBCC training facility, allowing trainees to test the integrity of their gas masks. Troops enter one of the facility's two 400-square-foot sealed chambers in full chemical warfare gear. Up to 50 trainees can go through each chamber every 15 to 20 minutes. Once inside, they are exposed to a substance similar to pepper spray known as "CS," or o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile.

"Trainees who are not wearing their masks properly will smell a slightly peppery odor and experience teary eyes and a runny nose," said Capt. David May, 737th field training flight commander.

"I was surprised at how effective the mask was," said Trainee Zandy Ariss. "I was waiting for them to turn the gas on."

Once trainees have been inside of a chamber for a few minutes, instruc-



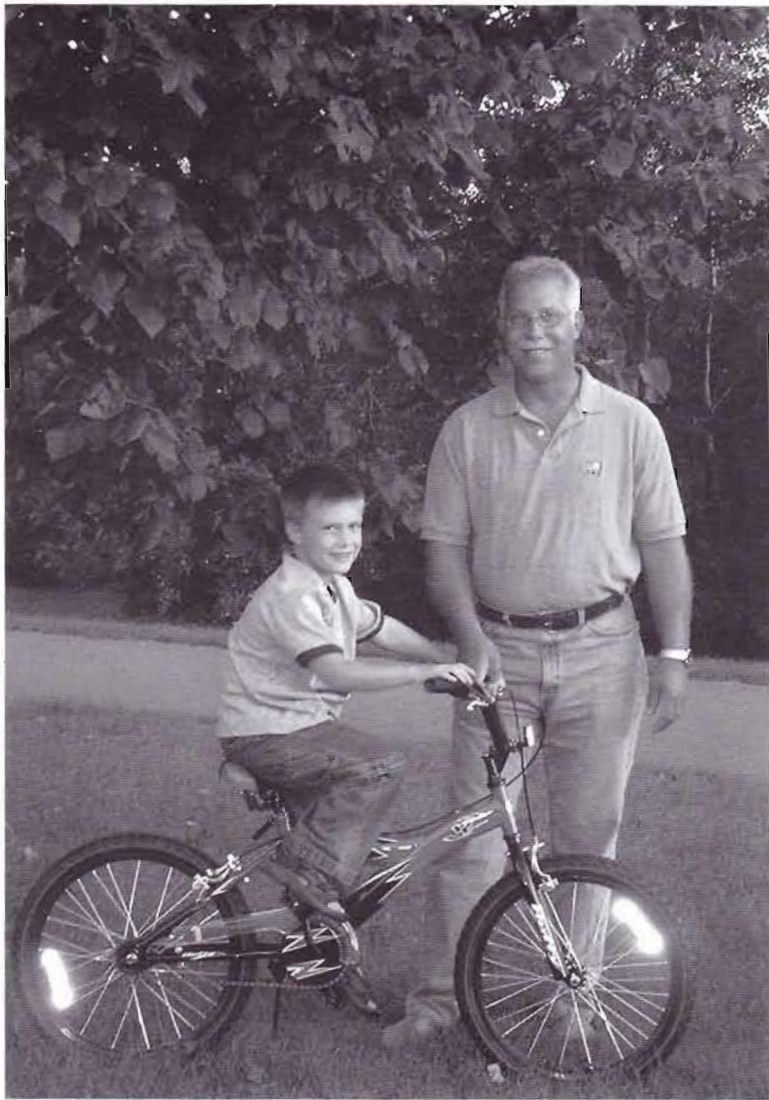
US Air Force Photo

Basic Trainees at Lackland AFB, Texas.

tors have them remove their masks, so they can get a better understanding of how well their gear really works, May said.

"It burned my throat," said Trainee Rachel Murphy. "My nose was runny and my eyes were tearing up, but I'm fine."

"This facility gives airmen confidence in their gear," May said. "It also provides a safe, controlled environment where trainees learn how to properly fit their masks by creating an air tight seal. It's knowledge that could save their lives someday."



Family Day winner

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Donnay, 934th Financial Management Office, and his grandson, Brandon, display the bike Brandon won during the Family Day event Sept. 8. The bike was donated by the base exchange. *(Courtesy photo)*

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Major air expeditionary force changes are coming beginning with the start of Cycle 4 in June.

People and assets from two on-call wings will be embedded in the 10 AEFs, while expeditionary combat support assets from throughout the Air Force will be "leveled."

Also, some air reserve component contributions to the AEF will be realigned. The changes will enhance the ability of the AEF construct

AEF structure changes in June with Cycle 4

to handle both steady-state requirements and surge support for contingency operations, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces.

"The thing that everyone needs to understand is (the AEF construct) has worked pretty well," he said. "We know there are issues. The leadership is committed to fixing those issues."

The first change involves the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., and the 366th Wing at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

These units, which currently operate in a 120-day rotational on-call status, will have assets and people aligned throughout the 10 AEFs.

Each will be a lead wing, with aircraft and expeditionary combat support generally focused into two

different AEF periods to facilitate teaming, Peppe said.

Their change in status will not result in the movement of personnel or equipment to other bases.

Besides placing people from these two wings into the overall expeditionary combat support pool, the AEF Center is working to level ECS manning in all rotations.

"We're trying to re-range ECS assets Air Force-wide so there's a leveling of assets across the 10 AEFs, so the capabilities and numbers are about the same," Peppe said.

Battling terrorism is still top priority

Reserve commander salutes citizen airmen's response

By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
commander of Air Force Reserve
Command

WASHINGTON – The response by Air Force reservists to the war on terrorism has been spectacular. Across nearly every career field at locations around the world, reservists have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and devotion to duty.

Some are being asked to extend their mobilizations for as much as 12 additional months. For them and the rest of Air Force Reserve Command, the war on terrorism is our top priority and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

It is true the Air Force is in the process of returning the Air and Space Expeditionary Force to a more steady-state footing, and we are continuing to demobilize

reservists where and when we can.

As we support Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, our commitments to AEF aviation and support have increased to approximately three times that of pre-9/11. We expect that to continue to drop significantly but remain about 30 percent more than what we were doing before the terrorist attacks.

Unfortunately, not everything supporting the war can be accomplished with volunteers. The Air Force is extending for a second year

more than 4,800 mobilized reservists so it can realign manpower for the war to a more predictable, steady-state process. As soon as possible, our people will be released from active duty.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper regularly thanks you – the men and women of the Air Force Reserve – for your commitment to the

Trade Center and the Pentagon, and killed thousands of innocent Americans in New York City, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania.

We cannot and should not forget how different those events were compared to the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years ago. The world is a different, profoundly crueler place when "soldiers" attack civilians



war on terrorism. He knows what you are doing for the country, the sacrifices you are making for the war, and how service affects you, your families and employers.

As reservists, we never get used to missing anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions. We know what it is like to forfeit a family vacation, so we can serve our country. We know what service before self is all about.

It has been more than a year since the terrorists attacked the World

instead of other soldiers.

As you go about your military duties, I ask that you keep the memory of 9/11 close to your heart. When a task seems too much, remember where we have been as a nation and why it is important to continue the fight. Ask yourself these questions: "If not I, then who?" "If not now, then when?"

Thank you so very much for what you do for our Air Force Reserve, our Air Force and our nation. God's Blessings to all and God Bless America. (AFRC News Service)

Say Merry Christmas in any language

Operation Christmas Child brings hope

Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Lauer
934th Chaplain

In a poor, isolated area of northern Guatemala, there was a 14-year-old boy who was ostracized by the people and his family because of his attitude. He was very disobedient and had fights with everyone. After the distribution of the shoe boxes, someone noticed that the boy was crying.

It was strange seeing a boy that age crying that much, so he was asked, "Why are you crying?" The boy answered that he was happy because it was the first time that he had received a gift so nice. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and now is a very great support for the pastor of the church. He helps bring other kids to Christ.

"Operation Christmas Child" does just that. It sends hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and Christian literature. It has changed lives and attitudes about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of your generosity, it gives them a positive attitude toward us. It shows that we care about them regardless of who they are.

In Afghanistan, 120,000 shoe boxes were delivered to children who played in the rocks and rubble from the war.

Last year over five million shoe boxes were handed out in 95 countries. That's a lot of boxes that touched the lives of millions of poor children.

Last year my daughter and I

went shopping, filling a shoe box with toys, school supplies and other miscellaneous items for a special girl. It taught my daughter how to share and how to give to those who are less fortunate. We had a great time choosing items together making it a personal touch for the girl.

I look forward to doing it this year as well. The boxes are given to all children of the world regardless of their beliefs, nationality or skin color. They just have to be a child in need.

"This child has been here for some time, and I've never in my entire life seen her as happy as she is today. We don't know how long this child will be here. The joy you have brought through these boxes...it's indescribable."

This year, we have the opportunity to be a part of bringing joy to those who are less fortunate. Now until the last UTA of the year (Dec), you can participate in **"Operation Christmas Child"** here on base. By picking up a shoe box at the chapel or supplying your own, you can fill a box up with neat gifts to children who live in poverty.

Your unit representative or chaplain can supply you with pam-



phlets that give you instructions on filling the box. By getting your children involved, they will become part of an adventure that will change the life of a needy child.

If you know of others in your community who would like to participate with us, feel free in assisting them. We would like to get as many filled shoe boxes as possible so we can represent God's love to the children. I would like to leave you with one of the many stories that I have learned.

In South Africa at a hospital for children infected with AIDS, the shoe box distribution team noticed a doctor crying at the bed of one child. The doctor said, "This child has been here for some time, and I've never in my entire life seen her as happy as she is today.

"We don't know how long this child will be here. The joy you have brought through these boxes...it's indescribable. I'm not a Christian, but I sure can tell you that your God is a God of love."

Let us win the hearts of hurting children for Christ, with the gifts and blessings God has given us through shoe boxes.

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

The unit will have a ASEV in October. Six people will be deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lt. Gordon Wix completed the Basic Life Support Instructor Course.

Chief Master Sgt. Donald Hohn, Master Sgt. Christopher Knowles and Staff Sgt. Zachary Johnson were certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. *(Information provided by Maj. Carol Freerks, UPAR)*

934th Civil Engineer Squadron

The unit welcomed two new members this month with the arrival of Capt Cynthia Doolittle, and Senior Airman Gregory Meehan. Doolittle arrived here off active duty from Eielson AFB, Alaska. SrA Meehan joins the unit after a short break in service.

Staff Sgt William Justin, of the unit's Utilities shop, was a successful graduate of last month's Leadership Development Program class.

Master Sgt David Nelson, NCO in charge of the building 729 project on base, reports the project is 95 percent complete with an estimated completion date during November.

The unit welcomed back members who were deployed overseas. Welcome back to Lt Col Stanley Thompson, Tech. Sgt Michael Cleveland, Staf Sgts. Paul Long, and Shawn Wimmergren. All were deployed the past few months in support of various deployments. Thank you for serving your country.

The unit's structures shop supported September's Family Day activities by providing the setup and teardown of tents used during the afternoon's activities. Also, the unit's power production shop assisted with Family Day events as well, by supplying the power and generation needed around base to support the activities.

The unit conducted the final Bivouac preparation meeting this month to finalize all details for next month's field training and exercises. All palletizing of equipment, materials and supplies continued to be accomplished, with other important planning steps done as well. The entire unit will be deployed to Camp Ripley to fulfill the annual Bivouac training requirements.

This month's "Chief's Challenge" was presented by Chief Master Sgt. David Angerman. The contestant was Tech. Sgt. Mark Anderson. This month's question: "Who in the unit was recently selected to attend the next Air Force Senior NCO Academy in-residence?" This month's answer: "Master Sgt. Douglas Johnson." Tech. Sgt Anderson answered the question correctly and received a unit coin. *(Information provided by Master Sgt. Mike McGuire, UPAR)*

934th Maintenance Squadron

Fourteen people from the squadron deployed to Norway and one deployed to Langley recently.

Master Sgt. John Quinlan passed his course 8. Staff Sgt. Brent Moller returned from 7-level training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Staff Sgt. Kelly McCann returned from 7-level training at Keesler AFB, Ms.

Tech Sgt. Sam Baty is leaving his ART position in the squadron's machine shop to take a civilian position with the civil engineer squadron working metal maintenance.

Tech Sgt. Steven Ross and his wife Kayla had twins Aug. 10: a boy named Devin William (5 lbs. 15 ounces, 21 inches); and a girl named Jad Renae (6 lbs. 6 ounces, 21.5 inches).

Staff Sgt. Derek Green and his wife Heather had a baby boy Aug. 12 named Gunnar David Lance (7 lbs, 8 ounces, 21 inches). *(Information provided by Tech Sgt. Glen Dahn, UPAR)*

934th Operation Support Flight

The unit sent flyers and intelligence to Air North in Norway, a NATO exercise.

Master Sgt. Barry Reicher, a member of the unit's honor guard, participated in the ceremony held at the military ball.

Tech Sgt. Shirley Smith is currently attending the Aviation Resource Management course at Keesler AFB, Ms. 2nd Lt. Lynette Petsinger, previously a load master, graduated from AMS Sept. 12 and is now at Intelligence School in San Angeles, Texas.

Senior Airman Jacqueline Burns received a wing coin for her outstanding achievements in Intel and OSF orderly room. *(Information provided by Staff Sgt. Jessica Lind)*

934th Mission Support Flight

Tech Sgt. Jody Knight received Wing Commander's coin for her outstanding performance.

Senior Airman Gary Sakura graduated from technical school with a 99 percent average.

Master Sgt. Suzanne Grant has accepted a position at Beale AFB, Calif., and Senior Master Sgt. Becky Ogden is now working with the 96th Airlift Squadron. *(Information provided by Master Vicky Kuntz, UPAR)*

CDC grads

Congratulations to Staff Sgts. Diane Ward and Dennis Erickson who scored 96 and 92 percent respectively on their career development courses.

Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal: Maj. Dominic Driano, Jr.; Master Sgt. Donald Roach; and Tech Sgt. Frank McKay.

Commendation Medal: Tech Sgts. Leo Moreno and Michael Jelinek.

Services Activities

Officers Club

(612) 713-3678

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 Oct 2 - salmon; Oct 16 - T Bone, Oct 23 - Chicken Supreme, Oct 30 - Pork Loin

Thursdays: Family Style Buffet (Oct 31 Special Halloween Theme).

Fridays: Different seafood special in the dining room. Reservations required.

Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.

Special events: Oct 9 - Membership Night German Buffet; Oct 25 - All-U-Can-Eat Seafood Buffet; Oct 29 2-4-1 Steak

Enlisted Club

(612) 713-1655

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

Monday: Closed

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

Fridays: Evening Specials;

Oct 4 - 8 oz. Steak; Oct 11- Beef Stir Fry; Oct 18 - Stuffed Shrimp; Oct 25 - Ham Steak.

Saturdays: Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on July 13-14 and July 20-21

Club management urges Enlisted Club members to eat at the Officers Club Wed - Fri.

Club Membership applications are available at all Services Facilities.

North Country Lodge

(612) 713-1983/1984

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

Phase III continues to make progress; adding 102 additional guest rooms and is scheduled for completion by September 2003.

Outdoor Recreation/ Equipment Rental

Outdoor Recreation has a number of items available for rent.

They include EZ-UP party canopies, eight-foot aluminum banquet tables, coolers, a super cooker gas towable grill, beverage servers, and lawn games.

For those who enjoy canoeing fall colors, canoes are also available.

In addition they also have camping equipment and bikes. Club members receive a 10 percent discount on rental items.

Fitness Center

(612) 713-1496

Discount tickets available

Camp Snoopy-\$15.95/all day pass; Underwater Adventures at the Mall of America - \$9 adult, child \$5.

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre (discount given at reservation, call the Fitness Center for details); Now Showing: Music Man, Forever Plaid, Meshuggahn~Nuns

Valley Fair tickets are now on sale; Minnesota Zoo (20 percent off coupon) Imax Theatre (\$1 off).

Armed Forces Vacation Club:

www.afvclub.com or 1-800-9988. Time-share units available for \$234 per week

Colorado R & R: Check out the website at www.rockymountainblue.com

Officers' Wives Club

Oct 17 - Tour of the Minnesota National Wild Life Refuge with lunch following, Meet at the O' Club for carpooling at 10:30. Call Roberta Gronemann (763) 494-3517 or Jan Olson (952) 470-8879.

The Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge several times during the month.

Tuesday Group Contact: Germaine Reuterdaahl at (952) 881-0107.

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

GI Bill Recoupment

Starting Oct. 1, the Air Force Reserve will recoup funds from people who received benefits from the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve but who failed to complete their military or education obligations.

The GI Bill enables reservists who enlist, reenlist or extend in the Selected Reserve for a six-year contract to be eligible for education benefits.

However, the 1985 law also calls for recoupment of funds if service members do not complete continuous satisfactory membership in the Selected Reserve.

Keeping benefits

Mobilized reservists who are extended into a second year must go to their servicing military personnel unit to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and receive a new identification card.

Continuous health care and other benefits for reservists and their families are based on information in their DEERS file and up-to-date IDs.

For more information, visit the military personnel flight.

The 934th Airlift Wing honor guard supported a September 11 memorial ceremony at the Whipple Federal Building.



UTA schedule

Nov. 2-3, 2002	May 3-4, 2003
Dec. 7-8, 2002	June 7-8, 2003
Jan. 4-5, 2003	July 12-13, 2003
Feb. 1-2, 2003	Aug. 2-3, 2003
Mar. 1-2, 2003	Sept. 6-7, 2003
April 5-6, 2003	

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Oct. UTA Pay date

Oct. 17