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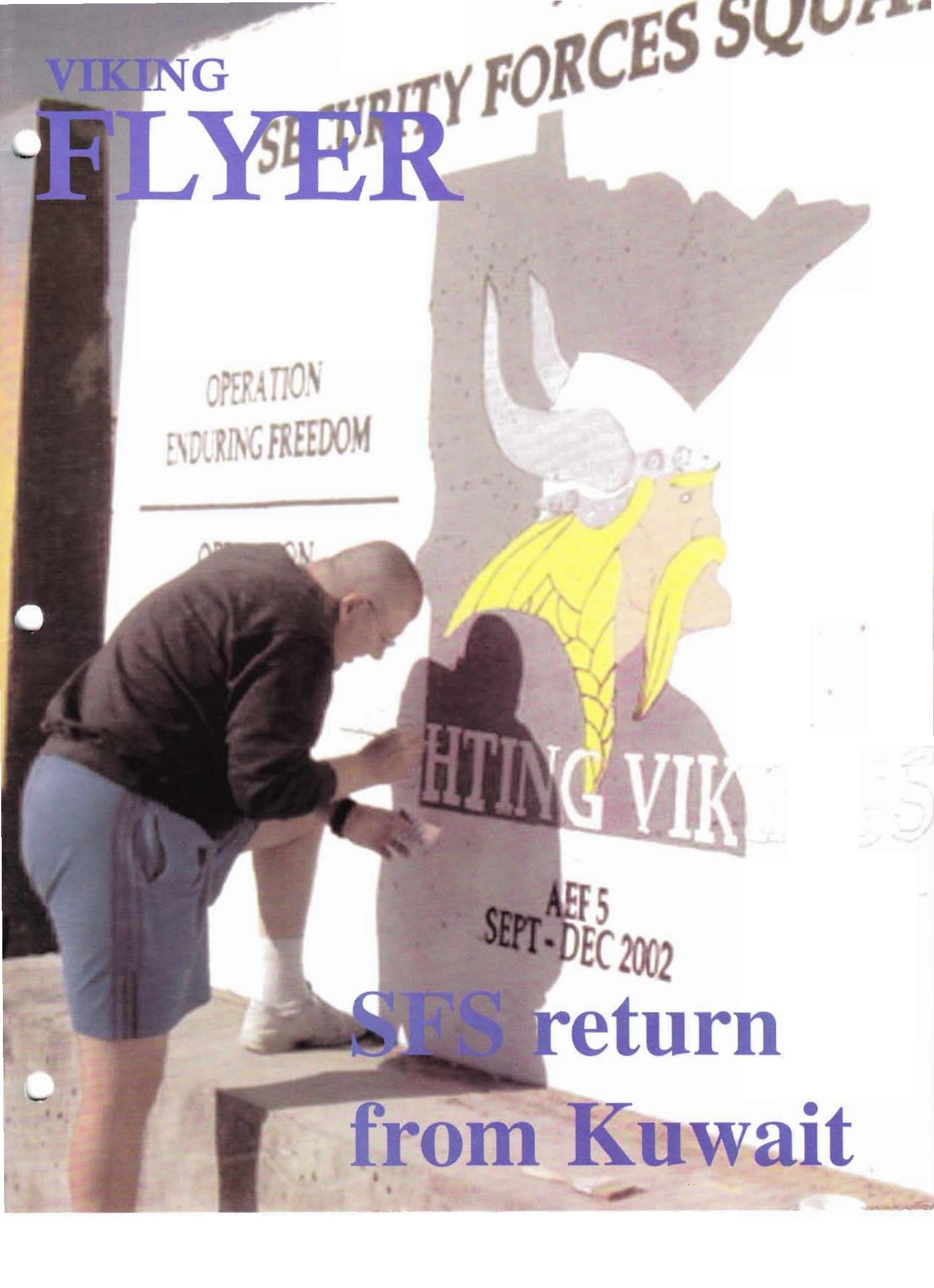
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Coronet Oak...More than 50

members of the 934th Airlift Wing deployed to San Juan, Puerto Rico in December. The two-week deployment was in support of Coronet Oak. Guard and Reserve units take turns supporting the USSOUTHCOM mission. Learn more about Coronet Oak..

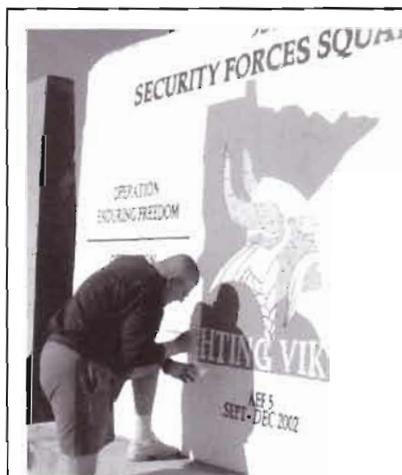
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On the cover

Members of the 934th Security Forces Squadron recently returned from a 90-day rotation in Kuwait. The unit was able to leave a legacy by painting the 934th emblem at one of the entrances to the Kuwaiti air base. (Photo by Master Sgt. Barry Haukoos)

Annual Award Winners



Congratulations to the 2002 annual award winners.

Top Left: The 2002 Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year is SMSgt. Charles Stemig from the 934th Operational Support Flight

Top Right: The 2002 Outstanding NCO of the Year is TSgt. Dianne Johnson from the 96th Airlift Squadron

Bottom: The 2002 Outstanding Airman of the Year is SrA Patrick Sommers of the 27th Aerial Port Squadron. (Note: Sommers was also recently named Airman of the Year in the 22nd Air Force transportation awards.)

Bonus program extended

The Enlisted Incentive Program, or bonus period of April 1 through Sept. 30, 2002, has been extended to March 31 of this year.

Two Air Force Specialty Codes have been added. Those AFSCs are: 1A2X1, Loadmaster; and 3P0X1, Security Forces.

For more information, call MSgt. Laurie Konz at ext. 3756.

1A2X1 Loadmaster (1 Oct 02 – 31 Mar 03)	2T2X1 Air Transportation
2A1X7 Elect Warfare System	2T3X5 Vehicle Body Maintenance
2A6X1B Aerospace Pro- pulsion	3E9X1 Readiness
2A6X4 Aircraft Fuels Systems	3MOX1 Services
2A6X6 Aircraft Elect & Environmental Systems	3P0X1 Security Forces (1 Oct 02 – 31 Mar 03)
2A7X2 Nondestructive Inspection	4A0X1 Health Svs. Management
2T0X1 Traffic Mgmt	4A2X1 Biomedical Equip
	4N0X1 Medical Services
	4N0X1 Flying Med Tech



Lt. Col Stan Sheley is the new commander of the 934th Maintenance Group.

Cockpit display will help inform, possibly help with recruiting

By SrA Stephanie Witty
Staff writer

Technicians from the 934th Maintenance Squadron crafted a C-130E cockpit display which will serve as a new recruiting tool used to both inform and recruit on base and in public.

The project which took about two years to complete was initiated by Col. Dean Despinoy, former 934th Airlift Wing commander, who wanted a recruiting tool that would best represent the 934th, according to Capt. Jay Smeltzer, maintenance officer. He wanted a display that had the ability to be transported to public functions and also be used on base.

The flight deck was acquired by the 934th from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. After being cut and shipped here, members of a reserve combat logistics support squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, made some additional cuts.

Maintenance technicians then stripped and refurbished it, including partially functional lights. A custom frame and trailer were also built.

"There was a lot of time and effort from maintenance, it was a joint effort with several shops participat-



Courtesy photo

The cockpit display shown from a front and rear angle.

ing," said Smeltzer. "There has been a fair amount of volunteers and good participation from people who had the skills to make this happen."

The cockpit display can be used as a recruiting tool off base at schools, open houses and other public functions. It can also be used on base for visitors and by aircrew for familiarization training, Smetzer said.

Airmen from the wing will accompany the display in order to answer questions about it and the Air Force.

The first appearance by the cockpit display will be at Government on Display this month at The Mall of America.

Individuals interested in scheduling the cockpit display should contact the 934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at (612) 713-1217.

Cockpit to make debut at Govt on Display event at Mall of America

By Senior Airman
Stephanie Witty
Staff writer

The 934th Airlift Wing's new C-130E cockpit display will make its public debut at Government on Display Feb. 8 and 9 at the Mall of America.

The cockpit display will be exhibited at the Mall of America rotunda accompanied by several people from the Wing in an effort to highlight the Air Force Reserve, its mission and people.

"The display is a recruiting tool used to get people interested in the Air Force Reserve and ultimately the 934th," said Capt. Jay Smeltzer, maintenance officer. "Bringing it to Government on Display will allow the Air Force Reserve and the 934th visibility", he said.

Government on Display is a forum where the public can interact with and learn about various government agencies.

The Viking Flyer is always looking for good story ideas. Maybe someone or some group within your unit needs to have their story told. Anyone who has ideas for the Viking Flyer should call the public affairs office at ext. 1217.

Changes create two new squadrons

The 934th Airlift Wing is currently mirroring Air Force-wide organization changes with a plan developed by the Headquarters AFRC Directorate of Plans and Programs.

The plan affects the wing, creating two new squadrons and renaming a third, according to Colonel Paul R. Groskreutz, 934th Mission Support Group commander.

Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper directed early last year that all active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's war fighting capabilities.

"He thought that the Air Force should be organized to support the core competencies," said Groskreutz. "It allows people to focus on their wartime task."

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," said Jumper.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

- Aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group;

- Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons;

- Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSs which will form later this year;

- Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSs will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group; and

- The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines supply transportation and logistics plans career fields, will begin new accessions in April.

The implementations in the standard Air Force wing structure began in October 2002 and must be complete by October of this year, according to Groskreutz.

"Our customers should expect to do business the same way they always have," he said. "New squadrons will have to establish a new identity and history but will still do the things they have always done." (AFRC News Service from Air Force Print News and contributions by SrA Stephanie Witty)

Anticipated realignment of the 934th Airlift Wing

934th Maintenance Group

- 934th Maintenance Squadron

934th Medical Group

- 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

- 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

934th Mission Support Group

- 27th Aerial Port Squadron

- 934th Civil Engineering Squadron

- 934th Communications Flight

- 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron

- 934th Mission Support Flight

- 934th Security Forces Squadron

- 934th Services Squadron

934th Operations Group

- 96th Airlift Squadron

- 934th Operations Support Flight

Congratulations



Michelle Ingrahm, 934th Security Forces Squadron, has been recognized as the Air Force Outstanding SF Civilian of the Year.



Janet Dalton, 934th Safety, is the 22nd Air Force choice as the Outstanding Safety Civilian of the Year.

Coronet Oak



photo by Allen Marshall

A 934th Airlift Wing C-130 sits on the ramp at the Puerto Rico Air National Guard base in San Juan, Puerto Rico

December in Puerto Rico

934th supports mission from San Juan

by Allen Marshall
Editor

Temperatures hovering in the 80s, beaches, snorkling and island life may highlight a reservist's trip to support Coronet Oak operations. Besides being able to soak in some sun, a deployment in support of Coronet Oak gives reservists an opportunity to be part of an important mission that Guard and Reserve units have been performing for years.

Coronet Oak is a mission performed by C-130 crews operating out of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Guard and Reserve units take turns filling rotations and during December, the 934th Airlift Wing took a turn. More than 50 members of the 96th Airlift Squadron and other support units spent two weeks at the Air National Guard base in San Juan.

The Coronet Oak mission has been around since the 1970s. In the past, C-130 crews operated out of

Howard Air Base in Panama. The operations moved to San Juan in the late 1990s. USSOUTHCOM oversees the Coronet Oak mission.

Maj. Mark Vijums, 96th Airlift Squadron, was the deployed mission commander in December. Vijums said most of the job involves alert missions. According to Vijums, the mission requires that there is always an alert crew ready at any time to take a stand-by unit of Special Forces to any area in SOUTHCOM.

The alert mission is not the only responsibility. There is also SAAMS, or, Special Assignment Airlift Mission, which Vijums described as embassy support. The aircrews also provide support to local forces at Roosevelt Road NAS, Puerto Rico.

Vijums said the Coronet Oak mission requires experienced aircrews because of the type of flying involved.

"This is some of the most challenging flying we do," he said.

"The fields that we sometime have to operate from are in poor condition. Sometimes, during the missions, all we have to go by is a picture of the field. Air traffic control can also be poor."

Vijums said a typical crewmember will average about 50 flying hours during a two-week deployment to Coronet Oak. The aircrews were not the only ones getting the job done. There were, of course, maintenance troops, crew chiefs, fire fighters and even a medical technician deployed in support of Coronet Oak.

MSgt. Greg Koury, 934th Maintenance Squadron, acted as a maintenance expediter during the December deployment. Koury is no stranger to Coronet Oak. He has Coronet Oak experience dating back to the 1970s and has deployed more than 10 times to support the mission. He described the work as rewarding.



Top Left: A 934th C-130 taxis on a landing strip somewhere in South America.

Top right: A view of an approach to a landing strip in South America. Crews supporting Coronet Oak operations described the flying as very challenging.

Bottom: A crew member mid-flight during one of the missions over South America.

(Photos courtesy of SMSgt. Bill Rudgers)

"This is a very specific mission down here," he said during the December deployment. "You have to remain flexible. If the call comes you have to get the job done and I think that is the attitude everyone in this unit has. We know how to have fun, but if the balloon goes up, we know how to get the job done in a proficient way."

Both Vijums and Koury said they enjoy the Coronet Oak experience for obvious reasons like the ideal location and weather. But also because of the people.

"I've been around the world with a lot of units," Koury said. "But this unit has guys that always seem to be able to get the job done safely."

"This is great flying but the people are great too," Vijums said. "There is a cohesiveness. Plus, the pina coladas are great."



SFS troops return from Kuwait

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer

Despite working in temperatures between 120 and 130 degrees in the desolation of a sandy desert where remnants of the Gulf War can still be seen, thirteen members of the 934th Security Forces Squadron are happy to be home again after recently returning from duty at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, in southern Kuwait.

"It was hot," said MSgt. Barry Haukoos. "It was like a blast furnace or standing in front of an oven all day. There were a few days where I pushed the envelope where heat was concerned."

Haukoos was part of a team that patrolled the desert region looking for surface-to-air missiles or other suspicious activity that could interfere with the installation's flying mission.

"Once we settled into our routine of working nights and sleeping days, it was pretty much like the movie 'Groundhog Day' because it was so routine," he said. "And if you ever want to know what a lunar landscape looks like, just go to the desert. It's like being on the moon without the craters."

Despite the dim outlook, TSgt. Scott Chock said he enjoyed his tour.

"It was a treat," Chock said. "This was the first time that I've been to that part of the world. I'm for the hot weather and was at the pool nearly every day. I just love the hot, dry weather."

"There wasn't really a bad post over there," he continued. "Whether you were sitting in a tower or at an entry control point for 12 hours, it was

great."

Master Sgt. Donald Scott said it was a good experience for the whole unit.

"We were able to interact with young airmen from around the world," Scott said. "It definitely opened a lot of hearts and minds of our people over

seeing the contrast between the American and Kuwaiti cultures.

"It was neat in getting the Kuwaiti perspective on things," he said. "When I heard we were going to Kuwait, I was excited to go. When I arrived, it was like opening a window back in time to see the shepherds tending their flocks

of sheep or camel the same way they did it 2,000 years ago, while others drive Mercedes. The cultural contrast was way different."

He said his wife took him to the Renaissance Festival and took his photo with a camel, just prior to his mid-September deployment.

"Now, I don't want to see anymore camels for awhile," Haukoos declared.

Like the others, he enjoyed his experience.

He said, "Overall it was a great experience. I highly recommend everyone taking a trip over there. Just keep an open mind and enjoy the experience. Three months seems like a long time, but it went by very fast. It was well worth it."

Scott was able to take home a reminder of his experience as five American flags were flown on various aircraft during their Operation Southern Watch missions over Iraqi airspace. One was in his honor while the rest were for friends and family.

"It will definitely be a memento," Scott said. "It will help us remember the history that happened then and there. In later years, it will be very interesting to see what the outcome of this build-up will be."



Courtesy photo

MSgt. Barry Haukoos, 934th Security Forces Squadron, poses for a picture while on patrol in Kuwait.

there. I've noticed some positive changes in the people that I went over there with. It gave them a chance to see how the 'real' Air Force works."

Scott, who works as a patrolman for the Chicago Police Department, had never deployed to the desert prior to this deployment. He was amazed at how much unexploded ordnance remained behind following the 1990-1991 Gulf War.

"It's amazing to see the amount of armorment that still exists," he said. "Due to the shifting winds, you just never knew what was out there on a day-to-day basis. There were a lot of UXO's still floating around all over the place after 11 years, and they still haven't cleared them all yet."

Haukoos, meanwhile, enjoyed

Commander's hotline

612-713-4685

Do you have an idea that you would like to propose to the wing commander? If so, call the commander's hotline at ext. 4685. The following question was posed to Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander:

Q. "Why doesn't the Wing change its UTA hours to 7a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 6:30a.m.to-3:30 p.m. on Sunday as everyone wants to get home? An early Sunday dismissal would help people, especially those who commute."

A. Excellent question. A possible answer could be no one has really asked the question before.

However, more than likely the real reason is tradition and a tried and true practice that works for the majority of

the 934th members. UTA is an intricate machine involving more than 1,300 reservists and a supporting cast that is not always a part of the military machine.

I will plan a discussion with the unit commanders about this subject and if merit is found in possibly changing the times, we will give it a try.

I'm not sure we will use the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and the 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday example you gave us, but it is certainly a possibility. Thank you for the question and constructive idea.



90 days in the desert

Reservist recalls AEF experience

By Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer

The adventure began one year ago, when I represented the 934th Airlift Wing as the Public Affairs chief at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait for a two-week rotation during AEF 10.

It was such an eye-opening experience, that two weeks just wasn't enough – so last February I volunteered to return.

Since the PA shop is only a one-deep position, not only did I have to concern myself with the rigors of editing *Spear Tips*, the base newspaper, but the job also entailed serving as the base photographer, special events coordinator, and media relations person. It essentially became the busiest time of my life.

Throughout the course of the Aug. 30-Dec. 25 assignment, I took more than 10,000 photographs, published eight issues of *Spear Tips*, worked 12 distinguished visitor visits, planned and implemented the base-wide Veteran's Day observance, served on the Exercise Evaluation Team for three of the 11 exercises plus the Major Attack Response

Exercise (MARE) planning group, and even took a 3-credit speech course through the University of Maryland.

It was enough to keep a person extremely busy, and fatigued. Especially in September when the temperature stayed in the range of 110-133 degrees, and the winds blew sand all over the place.

However, the war effort in the region became personal too. On Oct. 5, I had lunch with TSgt. John Jury, the airfield manager, and a group of Marines who were participating in the Eager Mace exercises. Three days later, Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Sledd, who was part of that lunch group, was shot and killed by Al Qaeda on Failaka Island off the coast of Kuwait. I didn't know LCpl. Sledd too well, but it impacted me enough to know that this is serious business.

It was one thing to see the British-made GR-4 Toronado aircraft loaded with munitions returning empty from their no-fly zone patrols over Iraq, but it was quite another to have lunch with somebody and find out that they are dead because of Al Qaeda.

By the time this happened, we had

already had two real-world alarms and had gone through the status elevation to Delta during the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Our Wing Commander, Col. Pat Shaw, was assigned to the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 attack and was less than 500 yards away from the initial attack. He was proud to be able to command a wing in Kuwait, a mere 39 miles from the Iraqi border, in an effort to "do something about it."

Even though we had United Service Organization sponsored shows that brought in such celebrities as Wayne Newton, Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders, Drew Carey and Roger Clemens to boost morale, having experienced the real world alarms and the loss of someone I met was all the motivation I needed to continue to do the best job possible. My performance there soon took on the role of "doing something about it."

Yet after the sands of time have determined this next course in our history, it will be a unique thing for me to remember the good times those of us on AEF 5 had, along with the satisfaction of knowing that my mission there was fulfilled.

Services News

Both the Enlisted Club and the Officers Club are now "smoke free". We have had some positive feedback from people about how nice it is now.

The O' Club will be closed Feb. 1-11 for new carpet and repairs in the kitchen. The E' Club will be open for meetings and parties.

Officer's Club Schedule (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. Tuesday-Saturday

Sundays: Closed.

Mondays: Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m.

Tuesdays: Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11 a.m to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays: Feb. 12 - Pork Loin, Feb. 19 -- Gulf Shrimp, Feb. 26 - Liver & Onions

Thursdays: Feb. 13 - Meat Loaf, Feb. 20 - T-Bone Steak, Feb. 27 - Gourmet Night (RSVP)

Fridays: Different seafood specials in the dining room. RSVP required.

Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.

Special events: Feb. 14 - Valentines Day Special (Filet Mignon & Shrimp Scampi, Glass of Wine & Special Dessert, Feb. 18 - Members Only Special (RSVP), Feb. 27 - Gourmet Night (RSVP)

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 Wednesday-Saturday.

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; Feb. 7 - Lemon Chix, Feb. 14 - Sea Food Platter, Feb. 21 - T-Bone Steak, Feb. 28 - Rib Eye Steak

Saturdays: Open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 and Jan. 25

Club management urges Enlisted Club members to eat at the Officers Club Wednesday - Friday.

Club Membership applications are available at all



The North Country Lodge has begun testing a continental type breakfast. The test began Dec. 6 and is presently offered on Fridays only.

Services Facilities..

North Country Lodge

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

Fitness Center (612) 713-1496

Operating Hours

0500-2100 Mon-Thu

0500-2000 Fri

0800-1600 weekends

Closed Federal Holidays

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Camp Snoopy-\$18.00/all day pass

Underwater Adventure at the Mall of America-\$9.00 adult, child \$5.00

Chanhasen Dinner Theater (discount given at reservation, call the Fitness Center for details)

Minnesota Zoo (20 % off coupon)

Imax Theatre (\$1.00 off)

Armed Forces Vacation Club www.afvclub.com

Time-share units available for \$249.00 per week.

Air Force Travel info: www.aftravel.online.com

Colorado R&R: www.rockymountainblue.com

Outdoor Recreation/Equipment Rental

Ice fishing equipment, including portable shelters, augers, tip-ups, skimmers, buckets/seats & poles. Club members receive a 10 % discount on all rental items.

UTA Activities

The annual bowling outing at the Burnsville Bowl will be held the March UTA, please sign up & have your payment in by the February UTA. For more information, contact TSgt Stacy Campbell at the Fitness Center

Officers' Wives Club

Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge on the 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays Contact: Germaine Reuter Dahl at (952) 881-0107.

Evening bridge meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.



Enlisted Call...

Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander, presented CMSgt. Richard Grewe, command chief, a wing coin for the chief's efforts with regards to the enlisted force. The coin presentation took place at an Enlisted Call held during the January UTA.

Wing Coins

The following individuals were recently presented wing coins by Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander.

MAC Fire,

Chris Lisniewski, 934th OG
 SMSgt. Virginia Meyer, 934th LSS
 TSgt. Gino Marchetti, 934th ASTS
 SSgt. Jason Rebholtz, 934th ASTS
 Lt. Col. Sharon Turovaara, 934th ASTS
 2nd Lt. Patrick McDonald, 934th AW
 Maj. Ray Otto, 934th AW
 SMSgt. Brad Kimble, 934th Support Group
 Tami Davis, 934th Services

934th Log. Support Squadron

One person is deployed to Robins AFB until February and another was deployed to Altus AFB, Okla. until the end of January.

Letters of Appreciation were given to SMSgt. Virginia Meyer, TSgts. Phillip Kvamme, and Michael Humenny, and SSgt. Colleen Kramp for their assistance in preparing the 934 AW for the UCI in September. (Submitted by MSgt. Craig Molm)

934 Maint. Squadron

Lt Col. Stan Sheley assumed command of the 934 Maintenance Group in a Sunday afternoon ceremony in the Maintenance Hanger. His wife and son were present.

This squadron was funded for 2700 flight hours, in 2002, but flew an additional 589 flight hours with only 13 maintenance related sortie aborts.

We also achieved a Mission Capable Rate of 84 percent for the month of December.

One person will be deployed to Turkey in January.

Three newcomers have been assigned to the Propulsion Section. They are A1C Woodward, A1C Nicka, and SrA. Knotz. SSgt. Miniard has been newly assigned to fuels systems after serving seven years in the Marines.

TSgt. Gary Robbins scored a 99 percent on CDC 2A172, Non-destructive Inspection. The base training office had never seen a higher score.

TSgt. Mike Pierce (LGMG - A.G.E. shop) is now engaged to Ms. Jaqui Paar. (Report submitted by TSgt. Richard Rheinhart)

934th Civil Engineer

The unit congratulates MSgt Doug Johnson for successfully completing the in-residence Senior NCO Academy last month at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The unit welcomed new member TSgt James Werner to the unit

The unit said goodbye to longtime unit members MSgt Bob Senst and MSgt Curtis Pargman.

The unit welcomed back six firefighters who were deployed for a year to Grand Forks AFB. Welcome back MSgt Curtis Pargman, TSgt Mike Moldrem, SSgt Brent Saba, SSgt Bart Inks, SSgt Patrick Stevens, and SSgt Shawn Conway. Shortly upon his return from the rotation, SSgt Brent Saba was promoted to technical sergeant.

Three unit firefighters de-

ployed last month to support another round of Coronet Oak in Puerto Rico. Those participating were TSgt Mike Story, TSgt Brent Saba, and SrA Rodger Frye. (Submitted by MSgt. Mike McGuire)

934th ASTS

The unit welcomed six members deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom.

SrA William Lohse was a distinguished graduate from tech. school. Lt. Jessica Martinez has completed officer training school and flight nurse school.

A belated congratulations goes out to TSgt. Donald Schlinsog and his wife Marion, who were married in September. (Submitted by Maj. Carol Freerks)

Wing Staff

TSgt. Dawn Flipp is transferring from Base Operations to join the Military Equal Opportunity staff.

SSgt. Jeff Williams returned from a 4-month Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait.

Lt. Pat McDonald and his wife Dana had a baby boy Nov. 29: Logan McDonald. (Submitted by MSgt. Vicky Kuntz)

Mission Support Flight

SrA Brian Hill was promoted to staff sergeant and A1C Paul Kraft was promoted to senior airman.

TSgt. William Liberatore was hired as the Chief of Relocation (GS-09) replacing MSgt. Suzanne grant who transferred to Beale AFB, Calif. (Submitted by MSgt. Vicky Kuntz)

27th APS

Despite the return of the 27th APS from unit deployment at Rhein-Main AB, GE, three unit personnel remain on station.

Unit personnel are currently deployed domestically as well and some have deployed and returned from Incirlick AB, Turkey.

Also, Maj. Erik Sutcliff was named field grade officer of the year at the 22nd Air Force Transportation awards contest (Submitted by MSgt T.R. Hanley)



photo by Allen Marshall

A 934th Airlift Wing crew unloads cargo belonging to NASA and the European Space Agency. The 934th transported the ozone testing equipment from Edwards AFB, Calif., to Kiruna, Sweden, located north of the Arctic Circle.



SMSgt. Samuel D. Swannn



Maj. James Frame



Capt. Edgardo Galvez

Capt. Bruce Wiskus

SMSgt. Robert Linder

MSgt. Elizabeth Johnson

MSgt. Scott Struss

TSgt. Anthony Gamboni

TSgt. Paul McCann

TSgt. Lee Hansen

TSgt. Kevin Ley

MSgt. Gary Dorr

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SSgt. Mark Patrick

SSgt. Reno Stradiotto

SSgt. Clinton Wittlief

SSgt. Julie Reichenberger

SSgt. Todd Littfin

SSgt. Joshua Nelson

Chaplain: 'thanks'

The Chaplain staff would like to thank all of those who have participated in "Operation Christmas Child." You have warmed the hearts of many children.

Some of you collected boxes from your work, school and other places. Others gave more than one box, even put them in plastic (shoe-like) containers.

Regardless of how you participated, you blessed some child some where, making a big impact on their life. There were 148 boxes collected and more than \$1,300.00. Thanks again we look forward to having another great giving this year. God Bless, the Chaplain staff!

(Note: the chaplain's office has moved to the old Navy housing located behind the transportation building.)

NEXT UTA is March 1-2