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Chief of staff thanks Reserve for Operation Iraqi Freedom support

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, sent the following letter to Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

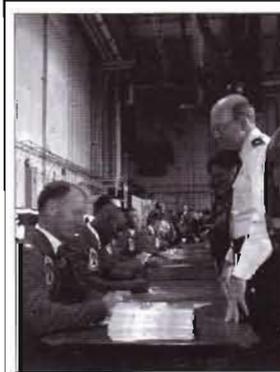
Dear General Sherrard

The men and women of Air Force Reserve Command performed superbly during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The world witnessed joint warfighting at its best and the critical role played by well-trained and well-led airmen.

Airmen from the Reserve were pivotal to the coalition's successes in the war. Our nation's military was able to achieve rapid victory because of the dedicated service of these great citizen airmen. The loyalty and courage displayed to their nation is a model for all airmen to follow.

Please relay my sincere appreciation to all the members of your command. May God bless our great Air Force and our great nation!

Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff



On the cover: Lt. Col. Richard G. McSpadden Jr., Thunderbirds commander, signs an autograph for Lt. Col. Douglas Kveene, 934th Mission Support Group deputy commander, following the airshow performance June 7 in Mankato. The Thunderbirds used the 934th Airlift Wing facilities from June 5-9, and signed hundreds of autographs for members during the busy June UTA weekend. (Photo by SrA. Nicholas Olson)

Base name slated to change soon

by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
Editor

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station along with eight other Air Force Reserve Command installations will be re-designated as joint bases to reflect the multi-service use of the facilities.

At the suggestion of Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve commander, the civil engineer at AFRC completed a survey of the installations where the command is the host and determined the nine locations that qualify for joint status.

The 934th Airlift Wing is the designated host for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Joint Air Reserve Station.

"The existing relationship between the Air National Guard and Air

Force Reserve will remain in tact," said Col. Gary L. Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander. "However, this public announcement sets a formal tone to a relationship that has existed between the Army Reserve's 88th Regional Support Command and the Air Reserve Station since Sept. 11th, 2001."

Cook said the Army has acted as a full partner on the Air Reserve Station with the coordination of security and fire protection since 2001 and that, "we are in the process of finalizing a host-tenant relationship."

He also said the Air Reserve Station has entered into discussions with local Naval Reserve units to provide the same protections and capabilities that currently exist on the base to the new Naval Reserve site adjacent to the instal-

lation.

In addition, Cook said savings through consolidation of services is one benefit of having a Joint Air Reserve Station.

"This could lead to a simplification of everyday items such as package delivery services, combined phone books and a better ability to support the retired community," he said.

"Certainly the \$99 million impact of the 934th Airlift Wing on the local community will be enhanced when the Department of Defense and local civilians clearly see the even larger combined affect of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps budgets in the local area," he added.

The name change is slated to take effect Aug. 1, 2003.

Command sets missed training makeup policy

Air Force reservists who have been mobilized or demobilized or who served on voluntary military personnel appropriation tours in support of a contingency since Oct. 1 will not be required to perform an annual tour between now and Sept. 30.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, approved a policy May 16 that exempts their annual tours and does not permit making up missed inactive duty for training days because of activation.

Unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees, who return to reserve status and did not perform their annual tour, have until June 30 to request an annual tour be scheduled if they want to perform it. Unit reservists make the request through their commander; IMAs go to their support organization. These reservists will receive "constructive credit" for missed inactive duty for training days.

Unit reservists on active-duty MPA or reserve personnel appro-

priation orders in support of contingency operations are considered constructively present and therefore ineligible to reschedule missed inactive duty for training days.

The situation varies for IMAs after demobilization. IMAs are allowed to begin performing four-hour IDTs again on a prorated basis. The number of IDTs they will be able to perform depends on when they are demobilized and the number of IDTs they normally perform during a year. For example, if an IMA usually does 24 IDTs during a year and is demobilized June 15, he or she would perform six IDTs between July and September. Although June 15 makes a partial month, it is considered a full month of service for the purpose of prorating.

Command officials in Washington, D.C., said the participation policy for the fiscal year of Oct. 1, 2002, to Sept. 30, 2003, is designed to use available funds efficiently and to ensure people receive credit for time they served on active duty. (AFRC News)

Short-tour credit authorized for contingency deployments overseas

by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change-of-station short-tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations, according to Air Force Personnel officials.

Eligible airmen must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for at least 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay area.

The change is an exception to current policy, which authorizes short-tour credit for airmen accumulating 300 or more days TDY overseas during an 18-month period.

Airmen are responsible for requesting short-tour credit through the military personnel flight's personnel employment element at their permanent duty station. The TDY travel voucher must be completed before airmen can apply for credit. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of the deployment and if the location qualified for payment of hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay.

Wing gears up for Sept. Military Ball

by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

The 934th Airlift Wing Military Ball, Air Force Centennial of Flight 1903-2003, is scheduled for Sept. 6, at the Ramada Airport Hotel and Thunderbird Convention Center in Bloomington.

The Heartland Band of America- "Night Wings" will provide music for the event that begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

"It's a chance to meet with co-workers in a friendly environment and do something besides work," said Maj. Michael Laughton, 934th Operations Group executive officer. "We faced a lot over the last year and we might as well get together and celebrate the memories."

Mess dress or formal wear are recommended for the event. Event room rates are

\$79 plus tax and \$6 per additional person. A shuttle bus will be provided for transport to and from the base.

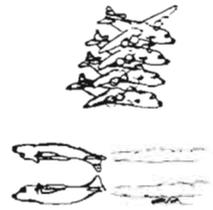
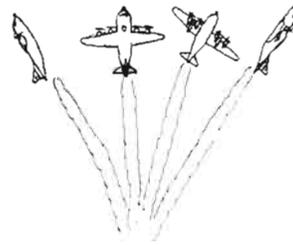
New this year, tickets for E-1 through E-4 are free for Airman and guest. "It's a way to recognize junior people and encourage them to come," said Laughton.

There are several volunteer fundraising opportunities available to defray the cost of tickets. The Commanders and 1st Sergeants car wash is scheduled for the July Unit Training Assembly, the Commanders and 1st Sergeants shoe-shine party is scheduled for the August UTA, and there will "Dome" Nights scheduled in July and August. For more info, contact Senior Master Sgt. Charles Stemig at (612) 713-1732.

For tickets contact your 1st Sergeant or Orderly Room.

OUTSIDE THE REGS

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson



"Showoffs!"

Records Center initiates request procedures

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to pro-

vide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all the information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Please note there is no requirement to type "www" in front of the web address.

Military Ball Information

Who: 934th Airlift Wing
What: 2003 Military Ball, Centennial of Flight 1903-2003
When: Sat Sept. 6, 2003
6 p.m. reception
7 p.m. dinner
Where: Ramada Airport Hotel and Thunderbird Convention Center, Bloomington
Ticket Prices: E-1 to E-4: free
E-5 to E-6: \$25
E-7 to E-9: \$35
Officers and Civilians: \$45

Dining Facility Menu



July UTA

Saturday:

Lunch - Chicken stir-fry, fish
Dinner - Lasagna

Sunday:

Lunch - Grilled chicken breast, taco salad

Don't let sin shipwreck your life - use the ABC's

by Chaplain (Maj.)
Charles Perry
Senior wing chaplain

Have you ever come to a point in your life when you felt a strong need to get right with God? Perhaps you even thought "I'd like to get saved," but had no idea how to go about it. Good news! It is as easy as ABC.

While on a recent deployment I spoke with a young man who had been experiencing a lot of pain and confusion in his life. His marriage, finances and life in general seemed to be crashing down around him. The pressures he was feeling were becoming too much for him to handle. He was feeling the need to turn his life completely over to Christ.

This young man went on to explain how he had gone to a minister and informed him of his situation and desire to get "saved". He said the minister was at a loss and explained to him that he had no idea how to get saved and sent this young man away more confused.

I told another minister this story shortly after it occurred and to my dismay the response I got from him was, "I don't like the word saved."

The "Gospel" is the

good news of salvation and the Bible is God's instruction manual on how we can be "saved."

Look at only a couple portions of the many verses: "we must be saved" Acts 4:12, "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" Romans 10:13, "for by grace you are saved through faith" Ephesians 2:8. Jesus said, He did not come "to condemn the world but the world through Him might be saved" John 3:17; "he who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned" Mark 16:16. There are so many more.

Some of you are in the position of the young man that I met whose life was falling apart, and were wondering where to turn. They tried religion and it didn't work. Some have gotten so desperate as to turn to alcohol or drugs. Some are just hurting from the pain of rejection and abuse. Most who read this are searching for a real encounter with God but have not yet found it or someone who can point the way.

Good news! I am here to say that God wants you saved so much that He has made it as

easy as ABC. Man has made it sound so difficult that it takes a rocket scientist to figure it out. But God loves all of us so much. He made it so easy, a child can be saved. We do not have to figure out how it works but just trust that it does work.

Let's look at the ABCs of being "saved":

A - Admit: Romans 3:23 & 6:23 "All have sinned", "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Have you ever lied, stolen anything, or lusted? What does that make you? Let's try a liar, a thief and an adulterer. So you have sinned. Admit that to God and ask Him to forgive you and change your life.

B - Believe: Romans 10:9&10 "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation."

Most everyone believes in God. But do you believe that Jesus died for your sins on the cross; that he took away your penalty and the judgement for your sins? Do you believe that

God raised Jesus from the dead and He is seated right now at the right hand of God? Tell Him you believe it with all of your heart.

C - Confess: John 1:12 "But as many that received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name."

Anyone that calls themselves a Christian believes that Jesus is the Son of God and died for their sins. But they live their lives as if there is no God, no hope, and no salvation, it is not enough to just believe. James says, "Even demons believe and tremble." James 2:19. If you truly believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior then receive Him into your heart and confess Him as the Lord of your life.

Now that was as easy as ABC. I really hope that this has helped you and that you have taken these steps. I am writing this from a conservative Christian point of view. I understand that not everyone will agree. But I am also writing this as someone whose life had been shipwrecked by sin. I followed these scriptural principals and it changed life forever.

'Whistleblower' law offers protection

All Department of Defense personnel, to include military members, Civil Service workers, NAF employees, and DoD contract civilians, are protected from reprisal by Public Law:

Better known as the "Whistleblower Protection Act," each of these groups is covered by different sections of the United States Code (USC): military - 10 USC 1034; Department of the Air Force civilians - 5 USC 2302; Non-Appropriated Funds

employees - 10 USC 1587; and Department of Defense contract employees - 10 USC 2409.

The law is basically the same for all people. It essentially states that you cannot be restricted from contacting members of Congress, an inspector general, or reporting wrongdoing to other specified agencies such as the Audit Agency, law enforcement agencies, MEO, EEO, Family Advocacy or commanders.

The law also prohibits

your commander or supervisor from taking action against you because you communicated to any of the agencies listed.

If you need more information on the Whistleblower Protection Act, or feel you have been restricted from contacting the IG, Col. Kris Rudin can be located in building 760, room 260, by email at kristin.rudin@minneapolis.af.mil or by phone at (612) 713-1298.

SFS seeks new First Sgt.

The search is on for a new First Sgt. for the Security Forces Squadron.

The position is being vacated by Master Sgt. Phil Sells due to a transfer.

Interested applicants must hold the rank of Master Sgt. or above, and will have until the end of August UTA to apply.

For more information, please contact Maj. Barbara Dock at (612) 713-1810.

Base facilities move in to new home

by Senior Airman
Jennifer A. Johnson
Staff Writer

In an effort to provide a relaxing atmosphere and convenience for their patrons, three organizations recently moved to new locations up on the hill.

Chapel

The chaplains recently had a change of scenery in March when they moved into their new location in building 725.

Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Lauer said



Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey Williams

The Chapel interior may be small, but there is still ample room for Sunday services.

he also thinks it's fortunate that the chapel is right next door to Family Support so the two groups can work closer as a team, especially when someone gets sick or is injured.

"If they have an issue and someone needs to see a chaplain, we are nearby and vice versa," said Lauer, adding that this will be critical when someone needs to see a chaplain quickly.

Lauer said being off the beaten path and in a converted home is also wonderful because it creates a professional, inviting atmosphere for people who visit the chapel.

"It is more welcoming, homey and relaxing," he said. "It's not like a typical military place. It's more like home."

Lauer said one of the drawbacks at being in the new location is that it is smaller than the previous location. However, this shouldn't pose a problem and there should still be ample room for people who attend

the Protestant service at 9 a.m. Sundays or the Catholic service at 3 p.m. Sundays. Lauer added that the new location is also ideal for outdoor services, adding that the move wouldn't have been possible without the help from everyone, especially the civilian contractors.

Family Support

With the help from volunteers and base personnel, Apr. 23, Family Support moved from its old location near the Base Exchange into its new home in building 727.

The building is just a hop, skip and a jump from the main gate, directly to the side of the new chapel, behind the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron, said Rex Hodge, Family Support director.

He said that even though the center's previous spot was centrally located, the new site provides a relaxing atmosphere for families and military personnel. Surrounded by thick green grass, the new location is ideal for creating a warm, friendly environment, he added.

"We want to give an appearance and atmosphere where families will come in and feel like they are at home," said Hodges, adding that the homelike appearance doesn't stop on the outside, but filters into the building as well.

"People are usually more open in a comfortable environment when they have a problem rather than a sterile or office environment, so we are trying to create a homelike atmosphere," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Steve Johnson, 934th Family Support technician, said the new building is not only cozy, but is also larger, allowing the center to be more customer-friendly. He also said the basement has been converted into a play area full of books and toys for children, and one room on the second floor has been set aside so people can have privacy when they talk on the videophone to their deployed loved ones.

Hodges said the new location is also ideal because it is right next door to the chapel, which will be beneficial because they work hand-in-hand with the chaplains.

934th Communications

After almost two years of renovations, members of the 934th Communica-

tions Flight moved into their new location, Building 729, in November 2002.

The members are starting to reap the rewards of the new location and are



Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey Williams

The Family Support Center has a lot of rooms to provide a lot of services at their new location.

making their new place of employment like home, said Senior Master Sgt. Sonja Fisher, 934th Communications Flight chief of information systems.

She said that the new location is great because it has enough room to accommodate the flight's needs, and it is in a relaxing atmosphere.

"I don't know if I can stress enough how comfortable it is," she said. "Before everyone was scrunched together and crammed in, and we didn't have any place to go to do a one-on-one training session. I think people are more comfortable and relaxed up here so they are happier doing their jobs."

Fisher said other things, such as communication, have also improved at the new location.

"There are a lot of positives up here," she said. "We are going to be able to communicate more just because we have the space to be able to talk. We were close before, but we were too close. Now, we aren't talking over five or six people."

"They gutted everything so the only things left were the windows and the outside," she said. "Everything is pretty much new – the pipes, floors, ceiling and walls. I think the CES reservists did an awesome job. For what they had to work with, they really did a great job."

Wing earns high rating during inspection

by Senior Amn. Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

Several units from the 934th Airlift Wing earned a grade of strong excellent in an Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection (EORI) while participating in Large Package Week at Pope Air Force Base in N.C.

The wing employed seven aircraft and 121 personnel from the 96th Airlift Squadron, 934th Operations Group, 934th Operations Support Flight, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 934th Maintenance Group to contribute in Large Package Week, which is an exercise testing the capabilities of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. The purpose of an EORI is to inspect a unit's mission capabilities. "It's an exercise designed to test our ability to perform war fighting functioning," said Lt. Col. Douglas Trogstad, 96th AS commander. "The Air Mobility Command has an Inspector General's team that goes out and

inspects units."

The inspection at Large Package Week was different from most EORIs, because little preparation time was available. AMC had already tasked the wing to go to Pope AFB so they requested credit for the employment they would be doing there.

"We took the initiative to schedule it," said Maj. Mark Vijums, 934th OSF current operations officer. "Earning a strong excellent with less than three days prep is huge. It just shows our readiness today and that our wing is ready to go at any moments notice."

Having little time to train for the inspection could have been detrimental however, through planning and preparation success was achieved. "We had to coordinate actively with three other wings while acting as the lead wing to figure out the capabilities of each unit before seeing each other. It was a huge unknown and we weren't sure how it was going to work," said Trogstad. "We had to coor-

dinate and work together to get the job accomplished, which was a significant challenge."

"With the 934th as the lead wing we were organized to the point that the other wings fell into place under our lead," said Tech Sgt. Kent Long, 27th APS load planner.

The grade of strong excellent can be attributed to several factors. "Everyone was eager and had a great positive attitude coming into this," said Vijums. "Everyone had outstanding professional military bearing and came out with an excellent result."

The rate of mission success achieved was also outstanding. "The flying went extremely well over all. We had a 96% mission succession rate," he added.

"We had the seven best crews you could but together and performed with the best we have, considering most wings hope for a satisfactory" said Trogstad.

Exhibit traces flying milestones since Kitty Hawk

To showcase its role in the century of powered flight, Air Force Reserve Command unveiled an exhibit May 19-25 at the Festival of Flight in Fayetteville, N.C.

The Reserve exhibit is part of the Air Force's Centennial of Flight traveling program, which commemorates flight since Wilbur and Orville Wright took their 120-foot journey at Outer Banks Dec. 17, 1903, giving wings to a new industry.

From photos of famous reservists such as Jimmy Stewart to factoids on reservists' roles in previous wars, the 15-panel Reserve exhibit will travel to Dayton, Ohio, home of the Wright Brothers, for events July 4-20. The display then moves on to Oshkosh, Wis., July 29-Aug. 4. More venues may be added throughout the year.

In each event, AFRC's exhibit will stand with other Air Force major command exhibits.

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The Air Force's Centennial of Flight traveling program features words and pictures about the Wright Brothers and other aviation pioneers over the past century.

"The exhibit section will be quite striking," said Dewey Nash, a visual information specialist in the graphic art division, Headquarters Air Force deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, the Pentagon. "AFRC's panels were the best-looking panels that we received from the major commands that told a story and carried a message."

Launched by the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, civilian and military

aviation took off on a nearly century-old flight that has been evolving and has yet to reach a final destination. Along the way, advances have been many — going from open cockpits to canopies, gasoline engines to jet propulsion, bi-wings to single wings, cloth and metal construction to composite materials, just to name a few.

As we celebrate the advances of the past and look to the future, we'll forever keep in mind Orville and Wilbur Wright and their historic flight: Dec. 17, 1903.

One of the key features of the AFRC exhibit is Flight Through History, where spectators will observe how the command has evolved since April 14, 1948, when the U.S. Air Force Reserve was formed.

Beginning in 1950 with the Korean War, Air Force reservists have served in almost every major conflict.

On Feb. 17, 1997, the Air Force Reserve was re-designated as the Air Force Reserve Command and became the Air Force's ninth major command. (AFRC News Service)





Photo by SSgt. Chris Gish/USAF ADS

The Thunderbirds streak through the Minnesota skies.



Maj. Scott Calvert was one of several members who invited their families to watch the Thunderbirds during the June UTA weekend.



In the spirit of good sportsmanship, members of the Thunderbird ground crew and 934th members shake hands after a friendly softball game.



Those Fabulous Thunderbirds

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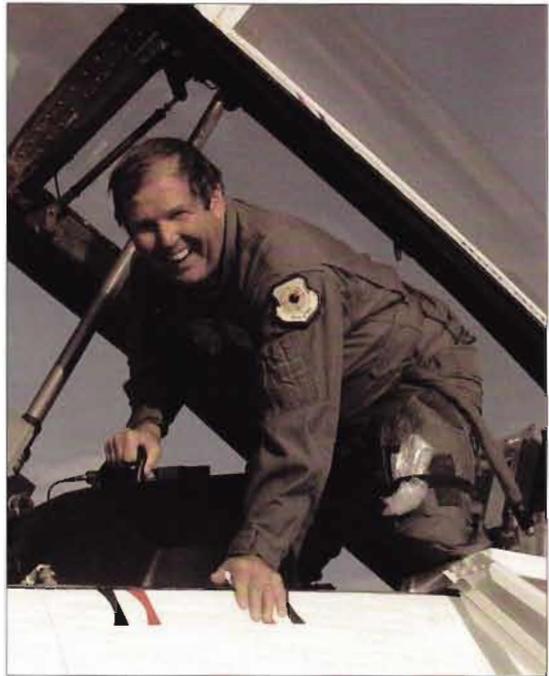


Minnesota Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer poses with a proclamation from Gov. Tim Pawlenty naming June 6 a

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quadron visits ng June drill



Ron Schara, host of KARE-11's "Minnesota Bound," is all smiles as he climbs out of the cockpit following his media orientation flight.

Photos by
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
Editor



Thunderbirds at a reception June 6. Kiffmeyer read "Thunderbirds Day" in Minnesota.

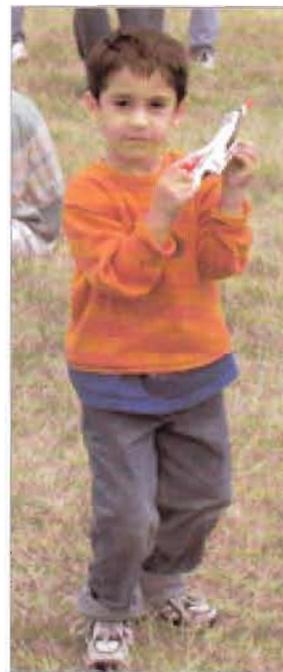


Capt. Chris Callaghan, the Thunderbird's Right Wing, waves to the crowd upon departure for the Mankato Air Show June 7.

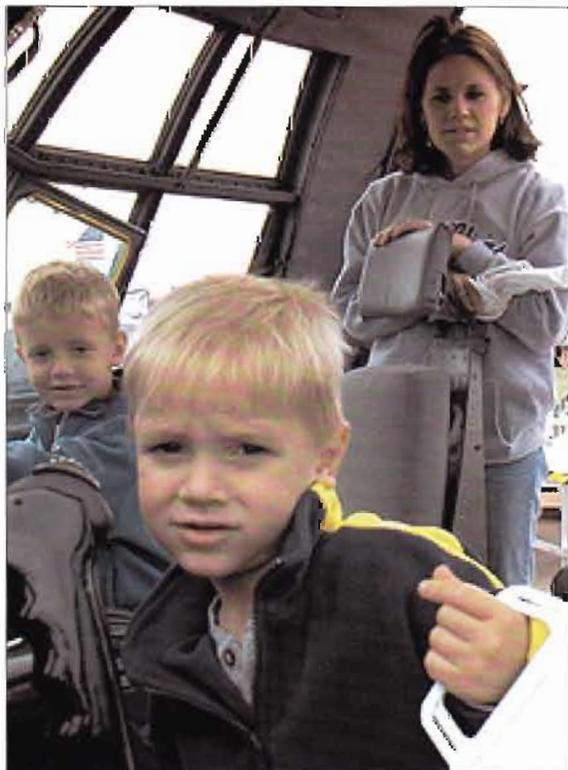




A Flying Viking C-130 makes it's pass over the Mankato Air Spectacular last month as Senior Airman Bonnie Depuydt, Tech. Sgt. Brent Haynes and Staff Sgt. Mark Story pose with two local boys, Trevor and Jordan.



'Taylor' plays with a Thunderbirds-painted F-16 Falcon model while waiting for the real ones to arrive.



Marilee Burge watches as her sons Kaden (foreground) and Keenan, pretend they are airlift pilots in the C-130 cockpit simulator.

Mankato Air Spectacular

Photos by Staff Sgt. Troy Novak



Master Sgt. Mark Jones, recruiter, talks to Tiffany Smith about career opportunities in the Air Force Reserve. Recruiting is the primary mission for supporting airshows.



Airlift Squadron supports Thunderbirds

by Senior Airman Nicholas Olson
Staff Writer

With any unit in the military, the idea of teamwork is important to accomplishing the mission. This is especially true for the Thunderbirds demonstration team who were in Minneapolis last month for the Mankato Air Show.

But, like any good team, they need the support of others to accomplish their mission.

During the period of April 2-8, the 96th Airlift Squadron was able to play a part in the transportation of the Thunderbirds on their mission.

The Thunderbirds require the use of other unit's aircraft to transport the ground crews from show to show. For the show in early April, the 96th had been selected for the mission.

"We flew two C-130s into Nellis Air Force Base to pick up 60 members of the team and 40,000 lbs. of cargo," said Maj. Tim Swanson, mission commander. "We moved the ground support from Nellis to Moody Air Force Base."

The two crews consisted of Majors Tim Swanson, Bob Fleming, Caleb Merriman, Pete Hall, Richard Larson, Tom Anderson, Senior Master Sgts. Billy Rodgers and James Schmidt, Master Sgt. Terry



Courtesy photo

Members of the 96th Airlift Squadron pose for a photo at Nellis AFB, Nev., while they provided airlift support for the Thunderbirds team in April.

Preusse, Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder and Senior Airman Aaron Hillberg.

They departed from Nellis around 1:30 a.m. and took one day to fly, stopping at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, before landing at the show site in Georgia.

"Normally one aircraft can move the crews and equipment but, because of the war, there were no large aircraft to use," said Swanson.

The crews were able to support the Thunderbirds for seven days during the Moody Community Appreciation Day. The

seven days included loading the F-16 crews in, getting in practice runs, maintenance and show performances.

"During a show, the aircraft that give us a ride are "the star" of the show," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Plauche, crew chief for Thunderbird 1, and the team's only reservist.

"We couldn't do anything without the people taking us to our show sites," said Plauche. "We have nothing but the utmost respect for those that help us."

The Thunderbirds travel throughout the United States and Canada, performing at various events and shows. During a show tour, the crews work 16 hour days, working around the clock at the site.

"It was a very professional organization," said Master Sgt. Terry Preusse, flight engineer, 96th AS. "They were very helpful to us and made our job easier to get the crew where they needed to be."

Recruiters thank reservists for airshow help

We at the recruiting staff want to thank the wing members who helped us at the recruiting booth at the Mankato airshow during the June unit training assembly.

Through their hard work, dedication and willingness to talk about the wing mission and opportunities in the Air Force Reserve, we were able to generate the leads on 16 potential new members.

Whether you talked to people about your job, handed out recruiting bags, or assisted people with the display of the Cockpit Simulator, it all came together to make this a recruiting success.

Thank you for your assistance.

Your Air Force Reserve Recruiters,
SMSgt. Mike Formica
MSgt. Mark Jones
MSgt. James Fritzen
TSgt. Mark Cooling

Wing members who assisted at airshow

27 APS

TSgt. James Cullum
SSgt Darrin Askevold
Staff Sgt. Kyle Dagstad
SSgt Douglas Schaller
SSgt. Patrick Sommer
SrA Bonnie Depuydt
SrA David Gustafson
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SMSgt. Terry Preusse



Tourism industry welcomes deployed reservists home with special offers

From airlines to local auto dealerships, businesses around the United States are welcoming home reservists from deployments with discounts and offers.

The tourism industry is showing the strongest support for these military deals, as theme parks announce programs.

"Several companies are saying thank you to our reservists by showering them with discounts on leisure activities," said Phyllis Link, marketing manager for Air Force Reserve Command Services. "Most of these great deals, however, are limited to reservists on active duty and their families, so we encourage them to check with their local Air Force Information, Tickets and Tours office for details on promotions, as well as other special events."

Promotions reservists can take full advantage of include:

Anheuser Busch's Heroes Salute: Anheuser Busch is offering reservists and their families (up to four dependents) a Heroes Salute with a free one-day admission to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. Reservists do not have to be or have been activated to qualify for this offer. The offer is good through Veterans Day, Nov. 11. For more information,

call 888-800-5447 at www.4adventure.com.

Disney's Armed Forces Salute: Now through Dec. 19, Disney theme parks are offering activated reservists "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" with free multi-day admission.

Walt Disney World Florida is offering a free five-day ticket to activated reservists, good for admission into the Walt Disney World theme parks, two Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more. Reservists may also purchase five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets for \$99 each (plus tax) for up to five family members or friends. For complete details, go to www.disneyworld.com/military or call 407-939-7424.

Disneyland and California Adventure Parks are offering a free three-day ticket to activated reservists, good for admission to both theme parks. Reservists may make a one-time purchase of three-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets during the offer period for up to five family members or friends for \$39 each. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

Universal Studio Orlando's Military Appreciation Program: Universal

Orlando is offering a five-day bonus pass that is valid for Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, as well as a City Walk Party Pass. The offer will be in effect until Dec. 19. To qualify, reservists must present an ID card and current activated orders. Every reservist may bring up to five family members or friends who can purchase the Bonus Pass for \$49.95 plus tax. Dependent spouses with a military ID may purchase the pass if the activated member is still overseas. For more info, call 407-363-8000 or www.universalorlando.com

US Airways' Salute Savings: US Airways is offering a discount program for U.S. military, with special fares as low as \$79 each way, based on roundtrip purchase. US Airways "Salute Savings" rates are available to reservists on active duty and their immediate families through government-contracted commercial travel offices throughout the United States. The fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31 for travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. One Saturday night stay is required, and a maximum 30-day stay is allowed. Call 1-800-428-4322 for assistance. (AFRC News)

AMC officials announce return of ATWIND

Air Mobility Command officials announced the return of its summer promotion, "Around The World In Ninety Days," more commonly known as ATWIND.

According to Col. Robert L. Worley Jr., director of Services for Air Mobility Command, 2003 will offer more prizes than ever before.

"Well over 7,000 prizes will be awarded throughout AMC during the 90 days of this promotion," Colonel Worley said. "Combined with Air Force Space Command, ATWIND participants will receive over 11,000 prizes."

This is the fifth year that AMC has offered this summer promotion. This is the third year Air Force Space Command has participated as an ATWIND partner.

ATWIND is an interactive Web-based game that rewards eligible participants who participate in various Air Force sponsored programs, services and activities. The more a person participates, the better their chances of winning prizes. ATWIND is

conducted June 1 through Aug. 31. Players can register to participate by logging on to www.atwind.com or by calling the ATWIND toll-free number at 1-888-597-9960.



Participants aren't the only winners with ATWIND. Bases benefit, too. Each participating installation competes for thousands of dollars in cash incentive awards. This year's "Base Mission" is to increase participation above last year's level. Each base that increases participation will receive a \$5,000 cash award. The three bases that most exceed this goal will receive an additional \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Additionally, AMC and AFSC are offering \$100,000 in cash incentive awards. These cash awards will be used at participating bases to enhance the quality of life for all those assigned.

"ATWIND offers some great incentives while promoting quality services, programs and activities at Air Force installations," Col. Worley added.

Officer's Club (612) 713-3678

Sundays: Closed.

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 12 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 12 a.m. to midnight. Lounge menu available 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tues-Fri, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sat

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

Tuesdays: Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: July 2 - Meatloaf, July 9 - Pork Loin Roast, July 16 - Braised Chicken w/Sweet & Spicy Curry Sauce, July 23 - Chicken Fried Steak, July 30 - Calf Liver w/ Onions & Bacon

Thursdays: (All month ATWIND Family Night) July 3 - Chicken Cordon Bleu, July 10 - Top Sirloin, July 17 - Chicken Parmesan, July 24 - Mixed Grill, July 31 - Chicken Alfredo

Fridays: July 4 Club Closed, July 11 - Shrimp Scampi, July 18 - Blackened Catfish Filet, July 25 - Cold Water Lobster (RSVP).

Saturdays: July 5 - Club Closed, July 12 - Prime Rib for 2, July 19 - NY Steak w/Herb Butter, July 26 - Prime Rib for 2

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events held at the O' Club (RSVP's): 22 July - 2-4-1 Steak Night at the O' Club, 29 July - Membership Night at the O' Club

Enlisted Club (612) 713-1655

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events held at the E' Club - Call Bingo every Friday night - 1700-1900 & Bonanza Bingo is available during lounge hours. Karaoke 12 July.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Lunch: Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: Friday night 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.

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

Fridays: Evening Specials; July 4 - Club Closed, July 11 - BBQ at the picnic area, July 18 - Top Sirloin, July 26 - Filet Mignon.

Saturdays/Sunday: Navy "A" & "B" Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on July 12 & 13, July 19 & 20.

* Club management wants all Enlisted Club members to know they are always invited to eat dinner at the Officers Club Wed-Sat. The Officers Club Lounge menu is available 1-8:30 p.m.

* Club Membership applications are available at all Services Facilities.

North Country Lodge

Reservations: Call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 726-9440
Web page <http://www.afrc.af.mil/934aw/Lodgingweb/lodging.htm>

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Upcoming Events:

Hurray! Phase III of Bldg 707 will be opening the end of August 2003, giving Bldg 707 251 guest rooms.

Bldg 711 will remain open until approximately December 2003. Procedures will remain the same, Bldg 707 will be filled first and overflow will go to Bldg 711.

July is Customer Appreciation Month at lodging. Customers will receive a gift.

Fitness Center (612) 713-1496

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Weekends, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Holidays

July UTA Activities:

Tennis Ladder continues, Call MSgt Shawn Ferrin for more info. The annual best ball golf tournament is Saturday, July 12th at 1700.

The Air Force Cycling Program is in full swing, earn water bottles, golf towels, caps, t-shirts, fanny packs, patches and much more! Register at the Fitness Center front desk.

In view of the end of major combat operations in Iraq and victory captured by the United States and our allies, HQ Services Agency are happy to announce that they are resuming the AF Sports Calendar. The Air Force will be supporting Air Force Trial Camps, as posted on their calendar, and participation in 2003 Armed Forces Sports Championships as scheduled.

Discount Tickets

ValleyFair discount coupons

Camp Snoopy discount coupons

Underwater Adventures \$9.00, \$5.00 child

Chanhassen Dinner Theater (call the Fitness Center for details)

Minnesota Zoo and IMAX Theater, 20 percent discount card

Outdoor Rec

Anyone wishing to rent a boat must have a Minnesota Watercraft Operator's Permit. The 39 minute Minnesota Boater's video and Boating and Water Safety test is available at the Fitness Center. The video will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or by appointment. Please call x1496 for more information.

Discount camper rentals are available at Higgins Camper Rental & Sales. Call them at (651) 702-5962, or check out www.higginscamperrentals.com

Medals

Meritorious Service

Maj. Charles A. Perry	934 AW
Maj. Bonnie L. Tremblett	934 AW
CMSgt. Richard Grewe	934 AW
MSgt. Michael J. Sanford	934 ASTS

Air Force Commendation

Maj. Dennis L. Smith	934 ASTS
Capt. Brian J. McCullaugh	27 APS
MSgt. Dana B. Moog	96 AS
TSgt. Calvin Lehna	934 ASTS
TSgt. William Liberatore	934 MSG

Air Force Achievement

Col. Jorge L. Llambes	934 ASTS
Lt. Col. Larry W. Snider	934 AW
Lt. Col. Sharon L. Turvaara	934 ASTS
Maj. Dennis M. Brown	934 ASTS
Maj. Mary Ann Kwiatkowski	934 ASTS
Maj. Michael E. Laughton	934 AW
Maj. Barbara J. Schacht	934 AW
Maj. Bonnie L. Tremblett	934 AW
CMSgt. David P. Chapman	934 AW
CMSgt. Michael A. Dressen	934 AW
CMSgt. Robert C. Hanley	934 AW
CMSgt. David S. Skirka	934 AW
CMSgt. Michael A. Zurn	934 AW
SMSgt. Dave W. Brownlee	934 AW
SMSgt. Janet L. Dalton	934 AW
SMSgt. John R. Maki	27 APS
SMSgt. Randy S. Polansky	934 AW
SMSgt. Larry W. Schyma	934 LRS
SMSgt. Clarence C. Super Jr.	934 AW
SMSgt. Teresa M. Wenthe	934 OSF
MSgt. Timothy Atchley	934 ASTS
MSgt. James N. Brausen	934 ASTS
MSgt. James M. Canniff	934 AW
MSgt. Donald G. Fletcher	934 AW
MSgt. Marlina L. Gilbert	934 AW
MSgt. Rebecca A. Hansen	934ASTS
MSgt. Douglas A. Johnson	934 AW
MSgt. Richard E. Klick	934 AW
MSgt. Daniel L. Shaddrick	934 AW
MSgt. Thomas G. Stratton	934AW
TSgt. Stephanie J. Belleisle	934 ASTS
TSgt. Benjamin W. Burgeson	934 ASTS
TSgt. Phillip P. Kvamme	934AW
TSgt. Robert M. Larson	934 ASTS
SSgt. Mandy A. Deforrest	934 ASTS
SSgt. Jason L. Rebholtz	934 ASTS
SrA. Paul J. Kraft	934 OSF
SrA. Delvin L. Schmunk	934 OSF

934th Aeromedical Evacuation

Twenty-six members remain deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Soon after their early spring deployment, members flew over 53 missions in three weeks. They carried over 560 patients, many of whom were Iraqi Freedom casualties.

Five members attended the Mankato Air Show during the June UTA. These volunteers served as unit liaisons to the public during the show.

Staff Sgt. Penny Billings received the Commendation Medal.

Master Sgt. Mike Thorner received an Oak Leaf cluster for his Commendation Medal.

The Squadron welcomes **Staff Sgt. Jolin** and **Master Sgt. Evavold**, it's new members.

934th Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. William Liberatore received the Commendation Medal.

Senior Airman Paul Kraft received the Achievement Medal.

Lt. Col. Michael Maza, **Master Sgt. Joel Johnson** and **Tech. Sgt. Dawn Flipp** attended the AFRC MEO Conference June 2-4.

2nd Lt. Patrick McDonald attended the DEOMI formal school June 8-27.

Staff Sgt. Anna Bartlett was a Distinguished Graduate for her 3-level finance course.

934th Civil Engineers

Senior Airman Kurt Lahners successfully completed his 3-level technical school in the Equipment career field.

The Squadron welcomed **Staff Sgt. Gregory Mace** to the electrical shop. Mace joins the unit from the Army Reserve.

Tech. Sgt. John Kline, the unit's senior Air Reserve Technician, volunteered to coordinate the "Friends of the Flying Vikings Dome Nights" for a week in May. Besides working a booth, Kline was successful in securing wing volunteers to make the events a success. Other unit members participating were: **Lt. Col. Randy Hoscheid**, **Majs. Les Canarr** and **Don Kom**, **Chief Master Sgts. Jeff Gustafson** and **David Skirka**, **Senior Master Sgts. Chuck Super** and **Tim Tamlyn** (along with Tamlyn's wife, Malina), **Master Sgts. David Sowers** and **Bob Swartout**, **Tech. Sgt. Mike Lein**, and **Staff Sgts. Wendy Albee** and **Paul Robert Long**. Kline expresses his thanks to all who volunteered.

Senior Master Sgt. David Halverson of the unit's equipment shop was selected as the AFRC Chief Master Sgt. Larry R. Daniels Award winner for 2002. The award was presented at the June Wing Commander's Call.

An initial planning meeting was held in June to prepare for the annual Bivouac training to be held in October. This

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Commander's Coins

The following people received the Commander's Coin for Excellence.

Mr. John Schille
934th Logistics

SMSgt. Jan Dalton
934th Safety

Maj. Dennis M. Brown
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.

Capt. Dan Johnson
934th Airlift Wing Plans

Ms. Michelle Ingrahm
934th Security Forces Sqdn.

SMSgt. Darryl Radford
934th Maintenance Group

Capt. Derek Lauer
934th Wing Chaplain

Ms. Sharon Schwegal
934th Airlift Wing Plans

TSgt. E. Marty Dunbar
27th Aerial Port Squadron

A1C Lindsay Lande
27th Aerial Port Squadron

Ms. Darcee Copus Sabart
934th Contracting

SMSgt. David Provo
934th Security Forces Sqdn.

SSgt. John Herrick
934th Communications Flight

Ms. Beverly Foster
Civilian Personnel Office

Mr. Bryant Tate
AW/MSG Orderly Room

SMSgt. Samuel D. Swann
934th Command Post

Col. Paul Groskreutz
934th MSG commander

TSgt. Todd Littfin
934th Airlift Wing Finance

TSgt. Paul McCann
934th Airlift Wing Finance

TSgt. Pat McCullough
934th Airlift Wing Finance

Maj. C.J. Lupo
934th Mission Support Group

SSgt. Melissa E. Cogar
934th Airlift Wing Finance

SSgt. Anna Bartlett
934th Airlift Wing Finance

Maj. Todd Laughman
27th Aerial Port Squadron

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year's field training exercises will be held at Camp Ripley, combining not only our CES unit, but several other wing units, forming our own little city while at Camp Ripley.

The unit's equipment shop poured a concrete pad for the new security building located inside the front gate, during the June UTA.

934th Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Lee Nupson, Tech. Sgts. Dennis McClain and Tim Stansbury and Staff Sgt. Doug Swanson participated in the IGX at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. in May.

Master Sgts. Pete DeSanctis and Curt Nelson went to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Master Sgt. Steven Lerbakken went to Fort Benning, Ga., in June.

Avionics members assisted Chaplain Derek Lauer in with various Chapel Improvement Projects from June 4-5.

Master Sgt. Paul Torgesen deployed to Spain for a 90-day assignment.

Maj. Charlie Lowe has transferred to the 445th Maintenance Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Staff Sgt. Dana Money scored 94 percent on his Aerospace Ground Equipment CDC test.

934th Security Forces

Security Forces assisted with the additional security requirements and crowd control during the June 5-9 Thunderbirds visit. Senior Master Sgt. David Provo and Tech. Sgt. Rick Waldoch had the opportunity to have their reenlistments done by the Thunderbirds team leader.

The squadron said farewell to long-time member, Master Sgt. Scott Kjelvik, who retired after 26 years of dedicated service.

Michelle Ingrahm won the honor of being the best Professional category civil servant in the state of Minnesota. It was a great accomplishment considering she beat out 119 other Federal Civil Servant winners. She also won honors at the Air Force level where she was named Security Forces civilian employee of the year.

Senior Airman Erik Merritt recently attended Airmen Leadership School at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. His academic scores distinguished him from all others and he was awarded the John Levitow award. This award is a traveling trophy that has never left Grand Forks AFB until now.

William Ingrahm, David Stai and Keith Edick each received their 20 year letter of federal service.

Congratulations to new parents: Deb Hayes became a new mother when Jade C. Hunt was delivered May 22. Natasha Leigh Mashek was born to Staff Sgt. Jeremy Mashek and his wife Karen on June 3.

News briefs

Federal firearms policy enforced

Now that "Concealed to Carry Reform" has now become law in Minnesota, members are reminded that weapons are still not permitted on the installation due to its Federal ownership, nor does the base have a firearms locker for general weapons storage available. For more information on how the new state law affects the installation, contact Maj. Ted Ruminsky from Security Forces, at 612-713-1099.

Bike rally to be held

The inaugural Flying Viking "Let's Ride" Rally will be held Sat. July 19 starting at 9 a.m. at the Mendota VFW. The ride, a round-trip venture to Maiden Rock, Wisc., is approximately 130 miles in length. The event is open to all reservists and their families and friends. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Milse Zimm at 612-713-1335.

Volunteers needed for Paint-A-Thon

A tradition here in the 934th Airlift Wing is participation in the Metro Paint-A-Thon.

The plans are to do the preparation work in the evening of July 29 and the paint day will be on July 31.

The event takes volunteers like us to paint the house of an elderly or disabled people, who are unable to do this work themselves.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact either SMSgt. Dave Hammer at (612) 713-1240 or SMSgt. David Cormier at (612) 713-1354.

A buzz and an earful: Barber measures success one head at a time

by Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

"There is always hair to cut," was the advice that inspired Charles "Buzz" Cummins, barber for the 934th Airlift Wing Base Exchange, to begin his career cutting hair.

Despite having a name like "Buzz," Cummins said it wasn't the profession that started the name.

"My grandfather gave me that name when I was two, so I've grown up with it my whole life," he said. "Perhaps it was because of the name that had something to do with becoming a barber."

After graduating from high school, Cummins attended Lee's Barber School in St. Paul and worked as a barber for three years before attending college and earning a bachelors degree in business. He then took an absence from cutting hair for 22 years to pursue a career as a high school business teacher and wrestling coach.

Cummins found his way to the 934th Airlift Wing in 1999 through an advertisement in a Minneapolis paper. He had left teaching in 1996 and decided to return to cutting hair. "I never dreamed I would be a barber again," he said. "It was a change from teaching, but now I'm really enjoying it."

Cummins, who was enlisted in the Army Reserve from 1966 to 1971, says that he enjoys working with the military. "Military people all have a common bond," he said. "They're my kind of people."

Working at the installation was a natural fit for Cummins, who, along with Nina Tran, sees 35 to 50 customers a day and 900-1000 customers a month. "I found out I was qualified because people came back," he said.

With each new customer come new topics of conversation. "I enjoy the topics changing daily," he said. Common topics of conversation include, sports, traffic, daily events, families, and hobbies. "Right now we are talking about baseball and the hot weather."

Cummins describes interacting with customers as his favorite part of the job. "When they come in and greet me they treat me like their barber, it is a unique and neat relationship," he said.

He would like to stay at the 934th as long as possible and is also expanding his business. He bought another barber-

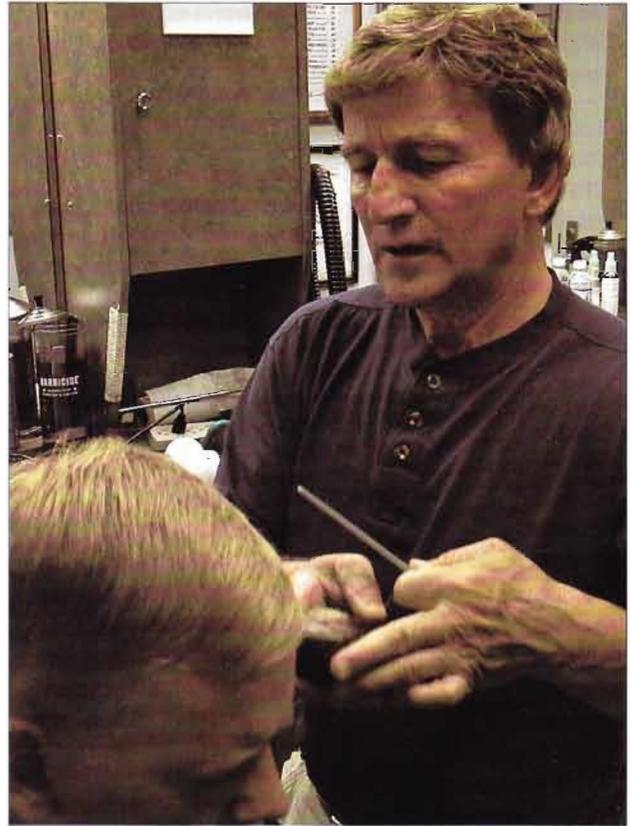


Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey Williams

Cummins discusses the latest news while cutting the hair of a young captain. The barber sees roughly 1000 customers a month, and usually hears at least that many stories.

shop in Cottage Grove and is looking into other Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) contracting opportunities.

The BX Barber Shops hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shop is closed on Sunday.

Wing members volunteer to help fellow reservist

Story and photo by
Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

A reservist from the 934th Airlift Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron received support and comfort from fellow reservists after an incident in April left her partially immobilized.

Tech. Sgt. Tara Venem, who boards and raises horses at her home in rural Minnesota, broke her back in three places due to falling off a new stallion while breaking it in.

She has to wear a back brace and undergo therapy. It will take her a total of six months to fully recover.



TSgt. Tara Venem and her family pose with Chaplains Lauer and Perry, along with Col. Cook.

The wing has been very supportive.

The process started after Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Lauer, wing chaplain, visited

with Venem upon her release from the hospital.

Rex Hodges from family services was contacted for assistance, Air Force Sergeant's Association helped out with a donation, and Tech. Sgt. John Kline from the Civil Engineers spearheaded the "Dome Night" events at the Metrodome.

The allocations from money collected through fundraisers and regular donations will be determined by Rex Hodges from family services.

"This is an example of families uniting families," Lauer said. "We need each other; we need to help one another out with prayer and encouragement."

