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The deadline for unsolicited submissions is the Monday after the UTA.

Reservists to be demobilized soon

The Air Force plans to return to its 15-month Air and Space Expeditionary Force schedule in March and expects to demobilize involuntarily called-up reservists by then or shortly thereafter.

"It's also important to point out to our force that these plans can change," said Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, in a Sept. 10 e-mail to Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

The Air Force will remain on schedule unless Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper

"are convinced that extension of deployments and mobilization are the best way to meet any expansion in the combatant commanders' requirements," Dominguez said. "Should such a case be presented and accepted, the Air Force will provide affected airmen and their families ample notice through their chain of command."

Dominguez heads a four-division department that deals at the policy level with Air Force manpower and reserve affairs issues. His responsibilities include force management and personnel, equal opportunity and diversity, reserve affairs and Air Force review boards. (AFRC News)

934th Firefighters do their part to support the AEF



Staff Sgts. Don Doose (right) and Jerry Engineer Squadron at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and Bowling is from the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron at the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. (Photo Squadron. Doose is from the 934th Civil by Maj. Robert Couse-Baker)

Deployed airmen get break on loans

by K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

Servicemembers who have been deployed or mobilized are not required to make student loan payments during their absences.

Federal regulations require lenders to postpone the student loan program payments of active-duty servicemembers. This applies to people of the National Guard and Ready Reserves who have been called to active duty, as well as to active-duty people whose duty station has been changed as a result of a military mobilization.

"Many of the brave men and women serving our nation right now have put their personal lives on hold to answer the nation's call to duty," said U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige. "As

they defend the freedoms we cherish, our (servicemembers) should not have to worry about their student loan obligations and resuming their studies."

He encouraged the higher education and lending communities to be flexible and provide assistance to servicemembers, so they can "easily resume their studies and financial obligations after they complete their tours of duty."

The regulations apply to student loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loan programs.

The law also requires that active-duty people who have not begun the repayment period on their loans continue to receive a grace period (generally six

months) before repaying their loans. Students who were in school at the time of mobilization must also be given a reasonable period to resume school before lenders request payments.

Colleges will not be required to collect financial-aid funds that active-duty students were given to pay for books and living expenses. Additionally, Education Department officials encouraged colleges and universities to either fully refund tuition and other institutional charges or give comparable credit against future charges to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations.

Additional information is available by calling 1-800-433-3243 or visiting the Department of Education Web site at <http://www.ifap.ed.gov>.

Lackland to receive photograph from wing

The 934th Airlift Wing's Memorabilia Photo is now ready to be placed in the Memorabilia Room at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Two years ago, Chief David L. Morris, Air Force Reserve Command training superintendent, 37th Training Wing at Lackland sent an e-mail to Command Chief Richard Grewe, with a request for the 934th to consider placing a token picture in the Basic Military Training briefing room for recruit viewing. The 934th was not represented at the time and recruits from Minnesota asked about the missing picture.

Chief Grewe passed the information and request along to the Chiefs' Council, the First Sergeants' Diamond Council and the Enlisted Advisory Council. These councils selected members to create the Memorabilia Committee.

The team was supplied with photos of several other memorabilia items that were in the Memorabilia Room at

Lackland.

After consideration, the decision was made to pattern the 934th's photo after one of the photos already at Lackland. Then the call was made to each unit to decide what things best represented the unit. These memorabilia items were finally decided upon and collected in May .

In June, photographers from the Communications Squadron photo lab arranged the items and put together the setting for the collection. Then the items were photographed in two separate sessions and two different arrangements.

The final selected photograph was taken at a local

photographic studio and a framer who included in the framing wing coins and a commemorative brass plate, created by the Maintenance Squadron's Avionics technicians.

During the December UTA, the Memorabilia Committee will have the picture on display in Building 760.



Base Education Center goes 'virtual'

By Senior Airman
Jennifer A. Johnson
Staff Writer

Getting an education through the Community College of the Air Force has just gotten easier thanks to a new website.

People will now have the opportunity to track their CCAF progress online as well as request CCAF transcripts and learn more about educational news.

The new state-of-the-art program has been online for a few months and, so far, the feedback has been very positive, said Senior Master Sgt. Brad Kimble, chief of base education and training.

"This is especially good

news for reservists," Kimble said. "Now, they don't have to wait until the UTA to come in to check on their CCAF status."

Kimble added the site offers many answers to the education's centers most popular questions such as people's CCAF transcripts and CCAF status.

"Once they are logged in, they will see exactly what we see," he said. "As a matter of fact, they are one of the first selections."

The Air Force Virtual Education Center can be accessed on the internet by logging onto the secure website, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec>. The homepage will then direct people

to register.

When people register they need to put "not assigned" in the assigned bases section since the base assignments are currently only for active-duty bases, Kimble said.

Once they have completed the registration, people will have access to an assortment of helpful sites, which will help streamline processes, giving them more control over their education and cut back on wasted time for reservists, Kimble said.

"We've seen where it can take about three weeks for a request to reach CCAF and for CCAF to mail out the transcripts," he said. "This new

method is going to cut down on the mail time because it is going directly to CCAF."

Kimble added that the program may eliminate some processes at the local education center but the benefits will far outweigh any costs.

"There aren't many negatives," he said. "It may eventually take base education more out of the picture but it's not going to mean that students won't be able to rely on us."

For more information about on Air Force Virtual Education Center, or on the Community College of the Air Force program, contact the base education office at (612) 713-1501.

TRICARE dental benefit available for all reservists and their families

by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Olson
Editor

There's a scene in the Tom Hanks movie 'Cast Away' that brings to mind why dental care is so important. Tom Hanks' character goes on a work-related assignment with a toothache.

When his plane crashes into the ocean and he becomes stranded on a desert island, the toothache gets worse and he eventually has to break his sore tooth with a figure skate.

To make sure that such events do not happen to reservists, the Air Force has implemented the TRICARE Dental Program, a voluntary program, than can be an important part in maintaining proper dental care at a reasonable cost to the reservist and their families.

The program was first implemented on Feb. 1, 2001 for reservists and their families as part of the same worldwide dental program offered to active duty members. The program was previously available only to active duty members and their families before that

time. "Reservist are required to maintain their dental hygiene outside of the duty environment," said Lt. Col. Neil Anderson, dentist, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. "It is important that everyone be seen at least annually to stay on top of problems."

The TRICARE program, which is offered through United Concordia, is available at a low cost to individuals and their families.

The cost of the TDP is shared between the servicemember and the Air Force Reserve with the Government paying 60 percent of the monthly premium and the servicemember paying the remaining 40 percent through automatic payroll deduction.

To enroll in the TDP, reservists must contact the 934th Military Personnel Flight and pick up a form to be sent in. The enrollment package outlines details of how the program works.

"The reservist can fill out the form from personnel and will mail it in themselves," said Airman 1st Class Lisy

Smith, personnel specialist, 934th MPE. "It usually takes up to two UTA periods for the premium to start coming out of their paycheck."

The TDP is available for reservists and family members in both the continental United States and abroad. The reservist has two enrollment options - single and family. A sponsor wanting to enroll only himself or herself, or one family member, will select the single option. The family option pertains to the sponsors enrolling two or more family members.

Some changes to the previous TDP, known as the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Plan, will now allow for the individual to select coverage for their family members in addition to, or instead of, themselves, according to United Concordia.

People wanting to learn more about TRICARE and how to sign up can stop into the 934th Military Personnel Flight to get more information or by calling United Concordia at 888-622-2256.



BRAC e-mail story deemed a hoax

by Tech Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

An e-mail hoax has been circulating through inboxes. The e-mail contains a spoofed Air Force Print News story about proposed base realignment and closure actions allegedly affecting all services.

Air Force public affairs officials were alerted to the hoax by a military officers' association in California. The e-mail takes a legitimate Air Force Print News story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignments," published July 23, and adds a fake list of Department of Defense installations for "closure or realignment."

Officials immediately dismissed the e-mail as a hoax, citing that the ongoing BRAC process is nowhere near complete. They have not made any assessments, decisions or recommendations for closures and realignments to the BRAC Commission, according to Nelson Gibbs. He is the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

As part of the budget justification, defense officials must submit a number of reports and certifications to justify the need for the BRAC 2005 round, Gibbs said.

"This will occur in the February 2004 time frame," Gibbs said. "As such, recommendations (now) would be premature and not in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC law."

The law establishes procedures that must be

followed step by step to develop information, studies, plans and reports needed for such recommendations, he said.

"While we have done much, we are still in the early stages of the formal BRAC process," Gibbs said.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act prescribes a sequential process officials must follow before they can legally make recommendations for potential closures and realignments of military installations.

DOD officials must submit a force-structure plan based upon an assessment of probable threats to national security through the 20-year period beginning with Oct. 1. The plan includes probable end-strength levels and major military-force units needed to meet these threats. Units include Air Force wings, Army divisions and Navy carrier and major combatant vessels.

Officials must also submit an installation inventory to comprehensively list the number and categories of military installations worldwide, both by military department and by active and reserve forces.

The secretary must further submit a description of the inventory necessary to support the force-structure plan. The description also includes excess infrastructure and infrastructure capacity, and an economic analysis of the effect of potential closures and realignments.

If the secretary determines a further

round of BRAC is needed, he must certify that an additional round will result in annual net savings for each military department beginning no later than fiscal 2011.

On a parallel track, BRAC law also requires by Dec. 31 the secretary to propose for public review and comment the selection criteria DOD plans on using to make recommendations.

The criteria must at least include:

- Military value as the primary consideration.
- Extent and timing of potential costs and savings.

- Economic analysis of the impact on local communities.

- Ability of community infrastructure to support current and expanded missions.

- Impact of specified environmental costs.

Department officials must finalize the criteria by Feb. 16 and publish them in the Federal Register.

Questionnaires used to obtain the base data will be adjusted for service-unique functions and common business-oriented functions.

Services' and joint cross-service groups' representatives will then assess the data and make recommendations to the secretary of defense. He then makes an independent review and assessment. The secretary must send his recommendations to the BRAC Commission and Congress by May 16, 2005. Through this process, each base will be treated fairly and equally, according to Gibbs.

Good eating habits key to keeping fit

by 1st Lt. Mae-Li Allison
Air Armament Center
Public Affairs
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE,
Fla. (AFP) — Exercising is only one of several elements needed to live a healthy lifestyle, according to Staff Sgt. Cristina Saguin. She is the noncommissioned officer in charge of nutrition programs at the health and wellness center here.

"Exercise alone cannot improve a person's health," Saguin said. "Unfortunately, there are those who think that if

they exercise, it's a license to eat whatever they want."

This thinking leads to poor eating habits like skipping meals, not eating from all the food groups during the day and fad diets, she said.

"Skipping meals can slow the body's metabolism," said the nutritionist. "Later, they'll overeat, typically on the least healthy of foods."

The first step in improving eating habits, Saguin said, is for people to write down everything they eat during the day, and when they eat. This allows

people to assess their current eating habits and see what they can change.

Additionally, people should eat small meals and snack throughout the day, making sure the meals and snacks include all the food groups, she said.

Snacks should include whole-grain breads, cereals, rice and pastas, plenty of vegetables and fruits, low-fat dairy products and lean meats. Products made from refined sugar or those loaded in fat, such as pastries and candy bars should be eaten

in moderation, she said.

"Eating the appropriate foods (helps) to give us the energy we need for daily activity and additional fitness activities," Saguin said. "Those frequent, small meals or snacks go a long way in helping us perform our normal duties and enabling us to exercise, too."

Experts at the base fitness center can provide further information on nutrition and fitness, including directions about weight, cholesterol and blood pressure management.

Muscatell sta



Gen. Bankers presents the Wing flag to Col. James Muscatell during the Saturday morning ceremony.

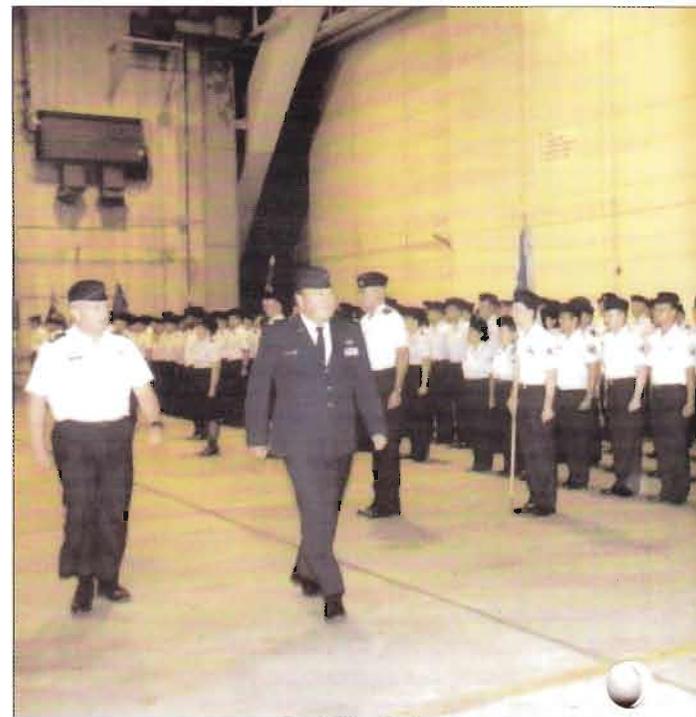
Photos by Senior Airman Chris Guthrie



From left to right: Maj. Gen. James B Col. James Muscatell; and Chief Mas



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Col. Gary Cook reviews the troops for one last time at th



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ankers, 22 AF commander; Col. Gary Cook;
r Sgt. Richard Grewe.



Col. James Muscatell shakes hands with Col. Mark Arnold, 934th Airlift wing vice commander, at a reception at the enlisted club following his assumption of command after the ceremony.



beginning of the Sept. 6 change of command ceremony.



Family Day

Another wing family day goes over successfully

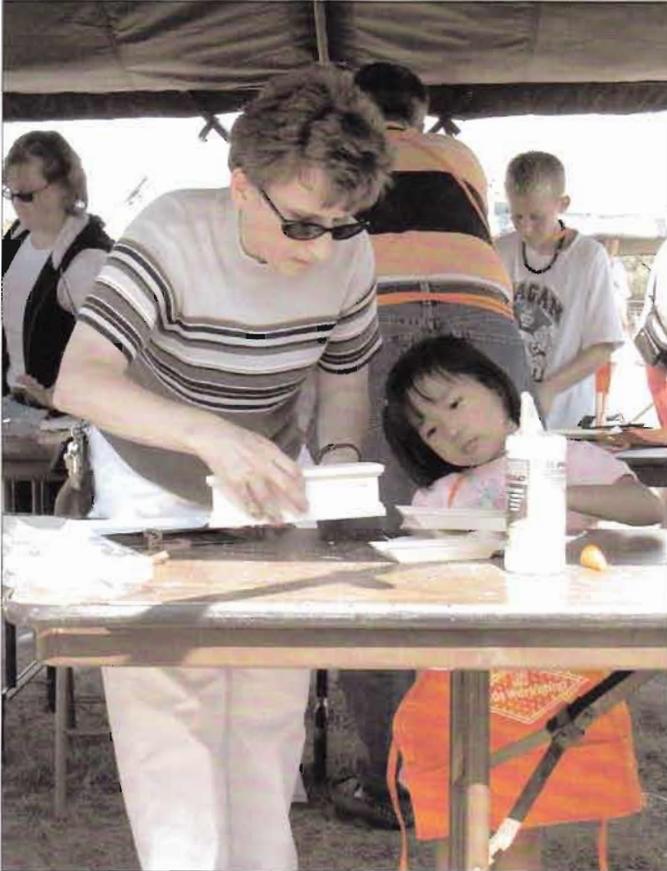


Photo by SSgt. Nicholas Olson

Lt. Col Marge McGlinn helps her daughter assemble a jewelry box courtesy of the Home Depot.



Photo by SSgt. Nicholas Olson

First Sgt. Lonnie Gillespie, 934th Logistic Support Squadron serves food during the event.



Photo by Sgt. Lewis Lawrence

A firefighter from the 934th Civil Engineer Squadron assists a patron at Family Day.



Photo by SrA. Chris Guthrie

A member of the Strolling Strings play at the Thunderbird Hotel during the ball.



Photo by TSgt. Jeffrey Williams

Congressman Mark Kennedy speaks to the attendees of the military ball. Kennedy recently returned from a tour of Iraq.

'Strollin' along at the military ball

Photos by
TSgt. Jeffrey Williams
and SrA. Chris Guthrie



Col. Muscatell and his wife watch the presentation of the Strolling Strings.

Photo by SrA. Chris Guthrie



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 from 12 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 12 a.m. to midnight.

Lounge menu available from 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 from 4-11 p.m.

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

Wednesdays: Oct 1 - Double Loin Chop, Oct 8 - Roasted Chicken Breast, Oct 15 - Turkey Medallions, Oct 22- Calf Liver w/Onions & bacon, Oct 29 - Weiner Schnitzel

Thursdays: Thursdays are Chef Special Nights, Oct 16 - Membership Night (October Fest)

Fridays: Oct 3 - Cold Water Lobster (RSVP), Oct 10 - Tournados of Salmon, Oct 17 - Tempura Shrimp, Oct 24 - 1lb Peel n' Eat Shrimp, Oct 31 Halloween Buffet (RSVP).

Saturdays: Oct 4 - Prime Rib, Oct. 11 - Veal Cordon Bleu, Oct 18 - Prim Rib, Oct 25 - Rack of Lamb.

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events held at the O' Club (RSVP's): Oct. 16 - Membership Night (October Fest Theme), 28 Oct - 2-4-1 Night, 31 Oct - Halloween Buffet.

Enlisted Club (612) 713-1655

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events at the E' Club - Call Bingo every Friday night - 5 to 7 p.m. & Bonanza Bingo is available during lounge hours. Karaoke Oct. 4.

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 3-9:30 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; Oct 3 - Walleye, Oct 10 - Top Sirloin, Oct 17 - Seafood Platter, Oct 24 - Rib Eye, Oct 31 - Roast Pork.

Saturdays/Sunday: Navy "A" & "B" Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on Oct 4/5, & Oct 18/19.

* 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 from 1 p.m. to 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 www.afrc.af.mil/934aw/Lodgingweb/lodging.htm

O.W.C. News

Luncheon on Oct. 16 at 11:30, \$12.00. Guest Speaker: Avis Schorer served in WW2 and has authored a book. Reservations call Roberta Gronemann: 763-494-3517 or Jan Olson: 952-470-8879.

Tuesday Bridge: 2nd and 3rd Tuesday each month at 10:00 a.m. for more information call Germaine Reuterdaahl: 951-881-0107.

Evening Bridge: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. For more information call Roberta Gronemann: 763-494-3517 or Innez Gugisberg: 651-481-1983.

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

October UTA Events

There will be a Fitness walk on Sunday at 10 a.m., the last one of the year.

The Air Force Cycling Program is in full swing, we have a new bike for checkout! Earn water bottles, golf towels, caps, t-shirts, fanny packs, patches and much more! Register at the Fitness Center front desk.

Discount Tickets

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% discount card

Outdoor Recreation

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

Club Members receive a 10% discount on Rec SVS equipment rentals.

The Clarion Resort Hotel in Anaheim, CA (next to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm) has military discount of \$59.00 + tax per night call Karen Egan (800) 231-6215 Ext. 3204. Offer valid thru December 20th, 2003

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27th Aerial Port

Col. Gary Cook visited the Squadron on Saturday morning where he presented the Wing Coin to Lt. Col James Kirchoff, Aerial Port commander, for his 20+ years of dedication and service to the Wing. Lt. Col. Kirchoff will be retiring in November and was pleased to announce that the new 27 APS Squadron Commander will be Maj. Craig Bogan. Maj. Bogan has served with Lt. Col. Kirchoff for 13 years and is presently the Squadron Operations OIC.

Chief Master Sgt.

Michael Dressen was awarded the Air Mobility Warrior Coin during Col Cook's going away dinner. The coin is to be given to top 1% of Air Mobility Command deserving members, recognizes his contributions to the Air Mobility Community.

Senior Master Sgt.

Michael Pasbrig was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his contributions during the 2002 deployment to Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Air Force Achievement Medal, recognizing individual contributions during the 2002 Germany Deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, was awarded to Master Sgt. Michael Kuntze, Tech. Sgt. Lowell Olson, Staff Sgt. Neil Koenig, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Lynch.

The Squadron completed the first UTA in its "new temporary" home and will be in Bldg 715 until the renovation of Bldg 710 is complete.

A KC-10A carrying 25 unit members departed Sept 6th for their two week annual tour at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

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The following received the Commander's Coin:

Master Sgt. Russell Carnes 934th CES	Master Sgt. Gregg Johnson 934th AW/CP
Maj. Barbara Dock 934th SFS	Lt. Col. James Kirchoff 27 th APS
Tech. Sgt. David Wilmoth 507th ARW	Mr. Roger Smith 934th MXS
Lt. Col. Kevin Jacobson AFOSI Det 320	Col. James J. Muscatell 934th AW/CC

Aeromedical Evacuation

Eleven members deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Eleven members went to AECOT.

Jean Hohn was promoted to Senior Master Sgt., Shane Lohman was promoted to Master Sgt., Ray Whitehead was promoted to Tech. Sgt., Ora Spann was promoted to Senior Airman Maj. Benedicto Bobadilla received the Air Medal

The unit said goodbye to Capt. Lisa Marentic who is going to ARPC.

Civil Engineer

The unit welcomed new members Amn. Daniel Saragosa and Tech. Sgt. Janelle Bombeck. Saragosa arrived from his 3-skill level technical school, and has been assigned to the unit's Power Pro shop. Bombeck arrived from the 133rd Airlift Wing with the Minnesota Air National Guard, and is assigned to the unit's Readiness shop.

The unit's Structures shop, under the direction of Master Sgt Robert Schabacker, spent the entire August UTA and Saturday of

the September UTA at the Army Ammunition Depot in Arden Hills.

The unit's Fire Dept supported the 96th Airlift Squadron for night vision training at Camp Ripley on and off during the month of August.

The unit's Equipment shop began demolition of building 730. More work will need to be done before the building is ready to be taken down.

Lt Col J.D. Larson and Senior Master Sgt. Dave Halverson recently returned from a predeployment trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras in preparation for the unit's Annual Tour there next spring. The unit congratulates

member, Master Sgt. Mike McGuire for successfully completing the in-residence Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama. Former 934 Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Paul Groskreutz had the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremonies.

Communications

The ground radio shop setup the Public Address system for the Change of Command ceremony between Colonel Gary L. Cook and Colonel James J. Muscatell, Jr. They also provided AN/URC-119 HF radios to AES.

Unit members were busy during the UTA between attending the Change of Command ceremony and attending the Military Ball at the Thunderbird Convention Center in Bloomington, MN that same evening.

Several members manned the Crayon Bouncer during Family Day.

Some members of the squadron travelled to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi on a TDY assignment.

Senior Airman Salina Bargas was married to Hugo Padilla on May 31st.

Awards and Decorations



SMSgt Kenneth W. Olson

Lt Col Ray L. Kundel



Maj. Barbara A. Dock
TSgt Richard T. Waldoch
CMSgt Robert C. Hanley
MSgt Joseph J. Wiatros

MSgt Jeffrey C. Imsdahl
MSgt Mark E. Stodola
SMSgt David E. Provo
TSgt Thomas R. Jorgensen



Lt Col Jack H. Pittman Jr.

Lt Col James L. Alexander

Lessons learned from a Coney Island dog

By Major Chuck Perry
Chaplin

It was on a hot summer day in Coney Island when Hobo caught my attention and eventually stole my heart.

Shortly after being discharged from the Air Force in January of 1973 I had been asked to manage a historical, first of its kind, baseball batting range in New York's deteriorating Coney Island amusement park.

Built in the early thirties this rather small, five-cage-range was just a stones throw from the boardwalk and the beach and just down the street from Nathan's hot dog restaurant.

Several customers had been batting that day and the balls would hit a net at a distance of seventy-five feet from home plate and drop to the ground and rest at the base of a chain link fence.

On this particular day I noticed what appeared to be a junkyard dog that frantically attempted to get himself one of those balls from the other side of the fence. He looked exhausted and thirsty as he ran from ball to ball snarling and chomping, so I took him a pan of water,

which he quickly lapped down.

Suddenly I noticed ominous looking black clouds were beginning to accumulate and knew that we were soon to get a gully washer.

I decided to ask my new friend into the batting and just as we got inside the rain began to pour down. I grabbed a bar of soap and stood out in the rain with this neglected, dirty, mangy canine straddled between my knees and gave him a good soaping and a combing. I literally combed a bushel basket of matted hair off of him. When I was finished combing, and the sun dried him, a beautiful German Shepard emerged. On the outside he was *all slicked up*.

I had gained a new friend and decided to call him Hobo. I took him home; bought him the finest food and all of the dog stuff. I trained him and we became inseparable. He was very impressive and drew a lot of attention to himself and had a new lease on life.

I loved Hobo and gave him a good home but I was soon to discover something about him that would break my heart.

Late at night, after I would close the batting range, I took Hobo for a walk on the boardwalk. I would remove his leash and let him run. He would run so far then stop and look at me. Then he would look at Coney Island then glance back at me as if to say, "Do I choose you or the trash cans and delicious garbage of Coney Island?" He chose to take off and indulge. In a couple of hours, after he had his fill, he would come looking for me with his tail wagging, tongue hanging out and smelling of garbage.

You see, I could get him *all slicked up* on the outside, give him a new home and a new name. I could take him out of Coney Island, but I could not take Coney Island out of him.

I am sure glad that when God slicks us up He starts on the inside by cleansing us of sin, changing our nature and giving us His Spirit so that we have no desire to return to the trash of the past.

Have you truly experienced the life changing power of God or are you like Hobo, just *all slicked up* on the outside and on a religious kick? Come and talk to me about it.

Promotions

Master Sgt.

Duane Bauer	APS
Penny Billings	AES
Shanes Lohman	AES
Gino Marchetti	ASTS
Mary Miller-Huff	SVS
Eric Ortiz	CF
Clarence Summers	LRS

Staff Sgt.

Kevin Engel	SFS
Johnette Frazier	ASTS
Brett Huber	MXS
Kevin Lynch	APS
Nicholas Olson	AW
Nancy Winter	SVS
Matthew Young	ASTS

Tech. Sgt.

Cory Demuth	CF
Allan Garnett	APS
Charles Hill	CES
Martin Meister	APS
Shawn Moore	SFS
Michael Severin	APS
Raymond Whitehead	AES
Jeffrey Williams	AW

New First Sergeants

MSgt Vicky Kuntz	AMXS
TSgt Steve Orwig	LRS
MSgt Donald Scott	SFS

OUTSIDE THE REGS

By Staff Sgt. Nicholas Olson



I like the new utility uniform but I what's up with changing the hat to a sombrero?