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FROM THE COMMANDER

Stewart thanks all, recommends rest

Thank you all for taking the time to prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection and putting forth your best effort to deliver "outstanding" results. I am proud of each and every one of you. As the "quiet professionals" you worked long, hard hours preparing for the challenge and then executed using your superb training with great efficiency and with a sense of urgency that even the inspectors noticed. Working side-by-side with both our active duty partners and our Air National Guard counterparts, we truly showed the Inspector General what the "Freedom Wing" can do!

Col. Stephen King, the Air Mobility Command IG Team Chief, stated that he was "impressed with the professionalism and positive 'Can Do' spirit" of our folks. He also mentioned that our folks did "a marvelous job in the area of safety." I agree! However, now that we've completed our inspection, I urge all of you not to forget your Operational Risk Management training.

During the holiday season, which is rapidly approaching, I expect you to unwind and spend some time with your family and friends. But in the midst of your holiday cel-

ebrations, just as you did during the ORI, remember to make safety paramount! We need everyone to return healthy and refreshed to begin the New Year so we can face the challenges ahead.

As you know, we will begin the New Year with Air Expeditionary Force obligations. We also will be faced with the challenges of implementing the National Security Personnel System, and adapting to the new Joint Basing concept that joins McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Station to form a superbase. Look for more information on both of these initiatives when information becomes available.

Again, I thank the entire 514th Air Mobility Wing for your loyalty to the mission and to each other. This is an exceptional wing, filled with exceptional people! I'm proud to be your commander and look forward to facing difficult issues with you in the future!



Col. James N. Stewart



Holiday season message highlights importance of life

By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON – As the holiday season and another year approach, let us take time to consider what is really important – family and friends.

During this time of year, we tend to hold our families a little closer, realizing that what we take for granted can change in an instant. We need to remember our friends who have endured great sacrifices or those who have suffered great loss on the Gulf Coast.

It is your realization of what is important, coupled with your dedication to duty, that enables you to serve our great nation so well. You know the price of freedom and you are willing to pay it. I salute those who have deployed in harm's way and supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as those who have worked so hard to assist with hurricane rescue and relief.

As in the past, we face new challenges in 2006 – aircraft conversions, participation in air and space expeditionary force deployments and mission changes to name a few. I am confident you will once again do our country proud.

Jan and I wish you and yours happy holidays and a safe, joyous New Year. We are proud of you and what you do for America.

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Photo by Scott Spitzer

WINNING DESIGN — TSgt. John Lacomia, wing historian, receives a cash award from Col. James N. Stewart, commander, for having his design selected as the winner of the 514th Air Mobility Wing Patch Redesign Contest. The winning design was unveiled Nov. 6 during the wing commander's call at the base theater. See page 4 patch details.

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Photo by Denise Gould

INSPECTION READY — Team McGuire member, MSgt. Emilio M. Figueira, boards a KC-10 bound for Alpena, Mich., Oct. 25. More than 300 514th Air Mobility Wing members took part in the joint operational readiness inspection which tested the base's war capabilities.

On the cover



Photo by Kenn Mann

Airmen with of the 514th Air Mobility Wing Elite Honor Guard march down 5th Ave. in the 87th annual New York City Veteran's Day Parade held Nov. 11.

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Patch contest winner announced

TSgt. John Lacomia, historian for the 514th Air Mobility Wing, was presented \$250 on Nov. 6 at wing commander's call for having the winning design in the 514th AMW Patch redesign contest. The historian's package was one of 18 submitted.

Judges were looking for simplicity as the overall affect of the proposed patch. Other criteria limited designers to putting a maximum of three elements within the patch shield. Designs were also not to include specific types of aircraft, maps or geographical landmarks, nor numbers or letters in the shield area. Cartoon-type characters were also prohibited.

Set against a red, white and blue background, TSgt. Lacomia provides the following explanation for the design elements he chose: The globe stands for the wing's global mission and reach. The four stars signify excellence in the 514th AMW's Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical Care. The final element, depicted by the two shooting arrows, represent the KC-10 Stratotanker and C-17 Globemaster III, both aircraft assigned to the wing.

The winning design will now be sent to higher headquarters for final approval to become the official 514th AMW patch.



BRIEFS

Annual awards banquet set

Tickets are available for the 514th Air Mobility Wing Sixth Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for Jan. 7 at the McGuire Enlisted Club. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with the social hour. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. Meal choices are London broil, chicken francaise or vegetable platter. Uniform is mess dress or semiformal dress for military members and formal wear for civilians. Cost is \$25 for E-1 through E-6; \$30 for E-7 through E-8; \$35 for E-9 through O-3 and \$40 for O-4 and above. Contact the unit first sergeant or designated air reserve technician for tickets no later than Dec. 11.

Base service station closes for renovation

The McGuire Service Station located near the 24-hour gate is tentatively closing in January for renovation. The service station will be down for about one year. Once closed, Army and Air Force Exchange Service urges all customers to use the Fort Dix Service Station located on First Street between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Enlisted Temporary HYT Program discontinued

As of Sept. 1, the Air Force Reserve Command no longer has in effect a Temporary High Year Tenure Program for enlisted members. The program, initiated in 1999, was recently reviewed by Lt. Gen. John A Bradley, Commander, United States Air Force, who subsequently determined to discontinue its use. AFRC commanders and program managers can continue to recommend enlisted members to have their HYT date extended when mission needs demand. Each request will be considered using the provision of Air Force Instruction 36-2612, Chapter 8. Reserve members with HYT dates previously extended for three years, whether it was via the Temporary Program or in accordance with provisions allowed for in AFI 36-2612, are not eligible for any further extension to their HYTD. For more information contact MSgt. Linda Davis at (609) 754-5232.

Commissary changes phone number

The McGuire Commissary changed it's commercial number to (609) 754-2153. The change enables patrons to contact the person or department of their choice. All other direct numbers have been disabled.

BCC spring term registration open

Burlington County College is now accepting registration for Spring 1 and 2 terms. Spring 1 term runs from Jan. 23 to March 13. Registration deadline is Jan. 13. Spring 2 term is March 20 to May 4, with a registration deadline of March 10. For more information call (609) 754-2577.

Record numbers receive CCAF degree

Nineteen 514th Air Mobility Wing members earned their Associate's Degree from the Community College of the Air Force in October. Wing education representatives say this is a record number in wing history. The CCAF graduation ceremony was held Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club's Ball Room.

TSgt. Michelle Addison, 76th ARS
MSgt. Elizabeth Arniella, 35th APS
SSgt. Christopher Burress, 514th CS
SSgt. Tara Butler, 514th ASTS
TSgt. Kelly Carney, 514th CS
MSgt. Juan Claudio, 732nd AS
SSgt. Carmine Giangeruso, 514th CES
MSgt. Robert King, 732nd AS
SSgt. Vincent Majors, 514th CS
SrA Sinia Mejia-Quiroz, 514th CES
SSgt. Shaheen Mozaffari, 514th CS
SSgt. Hugo Murillo, 514th ASTS
MSgt. Roxanne Nicholas-Stringer, 514th AES
MSgt. Scott Owens, 514th AES
MSgt. Christopher Ramos, 514th AES
MSgt. Alex Saharig, 714th AES
SMSgt. Tracy Tyler, 514th ASTS
SrA Michael Vaught, 714th AMXS
MSgt. Edward Whittle, 514th CS



PROMOTIONS

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members were recently promoted to the following grade:

Airman First Class
Ronald Ragbir, 514th ASTS

Senior Airman

Basheerah Bey, 514th ASTS
Patrick Benjam Callahan, 732nd AS
Stephen John Gallik, 514th AMDS
Stanley Grimes Jr., 35th APS
Dilshan Chamin Keragala, 514th CS
Porshia Martin, 514th ASTS
Marjorie Negron, 88th APS
Victor Manuel J. Oquendo, 514th MXS
Besley Jefferson Sarazin, 514th AMDS
Wesley Samuel Sime, 514th MXS
Samantha Marie Thompson, 88th APS

Staff Sergeant

Sheila L. Baker, 514th ASTS
Eric R. Covington, 514th AMXS
Anthony John Ciletti, 514th CS
Philip W. Curtis, 514th ASTS
Josecarlos Francisco, 514th ASTS
Angel Theodore Gomez, 78th ARS
Adam Craig Harrison, 514th MXS
Sheila Irby, 35th APS
Luc D. Dorin Jean, 514th ASTS
Elizabeth Leadenham, 514th CES
Joel Ira Lieberman, 35th APSC
Craig Anthony Taylor, 514th CS
Ramon Eduardo Tello, 88th APS
Michael R. Vaught, 714th AMXS
Jackelin Rodriguez, 514th ASTS
Brian R. Wallace, 514th ASTS
Jkeera N. White, 514th ASTS

Technical Sergeant

Jorge Luis Acevedo, 714th AES
Kimberly Lyn Asewicz, 76th ARS
Albert George, 35th APS
Terry Adame Bethel, 514th AMDS
Lois Marie Black, 35th APS
Douglas Keith Graham, 714th AMXS
Corby Cash Ingram, 514th SFS
Joseph Louis Jackson, 714th AMXS
David Michael Jordan Jr., 514th CES
Wilmer Ruben Morejon, 714th AMXS
Jorge Luis Pacheco, 514th CES
Kevin Lee Phillips, 35th APS
Charles Puchakjian, 76th ARS
Johnny D. II Ross II, 514th MSG
Iris Celia Torres, 35th APS
Thomas Joseph Valentino, 714th AMXS

Master Sergeant

Frank Albert Bruno Jr., 514th CES
Daryl Francis Donnell, 514th SFS
Tracy Laverne Frank, 35th APS
Tyneta Lachell Heath, 35th APS
Antonia Chemene Weaver, 514th AMW



*MSgt. Tyneta L. Heath,
 35th Aerial Port Squadron*

Senior Master Sergeant

Oswaldo F. Cabrera, 514th MXS
Thomas C. Clayton, 732nd AS

Wing selects quarterly winners

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members were selected as the wing's Fourth Quarter Airman, Noncommissioned Officer and Senior Noncommissioned Officer award winners:

A1C Thalha Choudhury, 732nd AS
TSgt. Christopher Parrott, 714th AMXS and
SMSgt. Ronald Colaninno, 514th SFS



Photo by SMSgt. Victor Dempsey

From left, SSgt. Miriam Carpio-Hospidallas, SSgt. Claude Rhone and SMSgt. Ronald Colaninno pose with Brig. Gen. Mary Hertog, commander, 37th Training Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, while holding trophies they won in their respective age-group for the "Hurricane Hustle" charity race held Oct. 22. More than 3,000 participants raised over \$19,000 for family members of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., who were adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina in August.

VIBES:

What is your prediction for the northeast winter weather and how do you plan to prepare for the upcoming season?



SrA Manuel Carela
 514th CS

It's going to be a harsh winter. I'm expecting a lot of snow, therefore, to prepare myself, I'll bundle up with a lot of layers of clothing.



Capt. Andrea Haylock
 514th ASTS

I expect us to have a very severe winter this season. I have started to prepare by replacing and adding insulation to my house. I have also started to load my family with vitamin C.



Maj. Elizabeth Costanza
 714th AES

My prediction for the winter is cold and snowy. Winters have been getting harsher. I plan to ensure my car is equipped with cold weather tools, i.e. deicer and maintain my car service.



TSgt. Tammy Kisamore
 514th CS

I believe we will be getting a lot of snow next year. I will be unearthing my snow shovel and I will put in storm windows.



MSgt. Mike Hamilton
 514th AMXS

My predictions for the northeast is bitter cold and snow. I'm planning to do preventive maintenance on my vehicle and to start winterizing early.



Photo courtesy of US Postal Service

In August flood waters rose as high as 20 feet in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina when levies in the New Orleans area broke, leaving some sections of the city inaccessible to emergency and rescue units for days.

Postman provides postal protection during post-hurricane recover efforts

By MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514 AMW Public Affairs

Ofentimes reservist answer the call to duty from their units in times of national crisis. But sometimes that call can come from their civilian employers.

Such was the case for SMSgt. Darryl Wallace, an operations superintendent with the 88th Aerial Port Squadron and an inspector with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service based out of Philadelphia, who spent two weeks in an area he described as a "war zone."

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's destruction, SMSgt. Wallace was handpicked by the postal service to join the first team of 40 postal inspectors from around the country to provide security and assessment support for the New Orleans region that was devastated by massive flooding.

"My first week I was there with my bulletproof vest and shotgun, the next week I had a clip board and was working the computers in dispatch," said the inspector.

"I was notified Sept. 1 that our agency was going to send some inspectors down to Louisiana to support our post offices, postal inspectors and police officers that were devastated by the hurricane," said SMSgt. Wallace. "We had some inspectors who were uprooted and basically weren't capable of going through their daily routines," he said.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the oldest federal law enforcement agency chartered with providing protection for the postal service, its as-

sets and personnel and ensuring the security of the mail system from crime.

"I was chosen because I had a military background and had spent time (working) in New York after 9/11," said Wallace.

The task force met in Chicago, gathered resources to include food, water and ammunition and formed a convoy to Baton Rouge, La., where a command post was established.

"When we first arrived local gangs were shooting at people, hampering law enforcement's progress and there was a lot of looting," said SMSgt. Wallace. "We had about 900 postal facilities to reach and recover resources from, determine if anything was salvageable, then securing the property."

While some areas were easily accessible, others proved more challenging and still others were completely gone, according to SMSgt. Wallace who reported some areas were literally under 20-30 feet of water.

"We saw bodies in the street, sewage, stray animals and destruction,"

Amidst the chaos, the task force was able to provide needed help.

"We were able to get into certain areas that other people couldn't. Then we'd come out and let them know if there was passage for certain operations," he said.

SMSgt. Wallace says everyone who worked the rescue mission had the same thought.

"When you get into situations like this, it doesn't matter what agency you work for, we're all one team working toward the same thing."

Hurricane floods Orleans home o

Squadron co-workers give supp

Photo and story by MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514 AMW Public Affairs

The well-known saying, "It's a small world," Aug. 29 along the Louisiana, Mississippi thousands, to include a 514th Aerospace M here in New Jersey.

Born and raised in New Orleans and living there amongst thousands that were flooded when levies b his housing area was possibly under up to 12-feet o Fortunately his family was not among those looking

TSgt. Forthner, of the 514th Aerospace Medical town two days before the hurricane hit. His family into one to include his wife, daughter, elderly paren

"Living in New Orleans, you get used to preparin it's just for the weekend and now it turns out to technician.

"We were all initially okay when we heard abo family had left New Orleans prior to Katrina hitting," assistant, 514th AMDS. "But, when it set in that the it felt more real and we immediately started collecti

"I'm thankful and blessed for the support, pray from my unit," said TSgt. Forthner. "And comparec been fortunate.

TSgt. Forthner's home wasn't the only family ho with his parents was also damaged. Additionally, he displaced as a result of the storm.

"We had to think both short and long term when is now certain his family will not return to New Orlea a rental.

At first TSgt. Forthner's family went to Houston

"I visited them there and was reassured they wer Atlanta, we came across my former pastor who offer is housed in Harrisburg, PA, through the Bethel Afr

The first seven weeks after the levies broke information about the condition of his house. "I k extent of the damage," he said. "I called the insuranc able to access the Upper 9th Ward to make an evalu

Not knowing was the hardest part said the quiet- the structure was still standing, mold would set in

All his questions were answered Oct. 17, when adjustor and a representative from the Federal Em claim. Forthner discovered the structure to be sou some 3 feet down to 15 inches above the baseboard. what was salvageable had already been taken, as h looters.

The sergeant spent the next week gutting his p been restored to his section of the Upper 9th Ward.

At press time, TSgt. Forthner is still waiting fo company before he can hire contractors to put his h

"There is no set time for the damage assessment re are many like me," said TSgt. Forthner. "It will be a

late as June, before the insurance company complet get a contractor to even begin work on my property

Yet, despite life's temporary setback TSgt. Forthne "I'm glad I kept paying my flood insurance no matt

my family is okay."

...destroy New ...of 514th member ...ort with supplies and prayers

...proved true as Hurricane Katrina touched ground
...and Alabama coastlines, and affected the lives of
...Medical Squadron member hundreds of miles away

...e with his family, TSgt. Desaray Forthner's home is
...oke in the hurricane's aftermath. The TSgt. learned
...of water by watching initial television news reports.
...g for help to escape the rising floods.

...Squadron, said his family heeded warnings and left
...now consists of two households temporarily joined
...nts, great nephew and brother who is on dialysis.

...g for evacuations, so you pack a few things thinking
...to be a lifelong disaster," said the dental service

...ut TSgt. Forthner's situation because we knew his
...said MSgt. Cheryl Ruff, health service management
...y were all homeless and that he had to relocate them
...ng money and buying the goods they needed."

...ers, clothing, gifts and basic supplies we received
...d to a lot of other folks affected by the storm, we've

...ome affected by the flood. The house he grew up in
...e has two other brothers and their families who were

...considering our living options," said Forthner who
...ns permanently, but will fix the property and use it as

...Texas, and stayed nearly two weeks in a hotel.

...re alright," said TSgt. Forthner. Then on our way to
...red us housing up north. So for short term the family
...ican Methodist Episcopal Church.

...TSgt. Forthner said he still could not get any
...new the structure was there, but I didn't know the
...nce company to file a claim, but the adjustor wasn't
...ation," he said.

...demeanored sergeant who is concerned that even if

...he traveled from New Jersey to meet an insurance
...mergency Management Agency to help him file his
...nd and water lines on the walls had receded from

...He lost six rooms of furniture to water damage and
...his house was one-of-four on his block targeted by

...property during daylight hours since power has not

...r the damage assessment report from the insurance
...house back in order .

...sults to be made and I'm not a priority since there
...at least until the end of February, and perhaps as
...ates my paperwork. Then will come the long wait to

...y."

...r said he has much to be thankful for.

...er what and, most importantly, I'm okay as long as



be war ready

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Public Affairs

am McGuire have more to celebrate this season than the upcoming holi-
so celebrate passing the Inspector General's Operation Readiness In-
22-30. The ORI results were given Nov. 10 at the base theater.

00 Airmen from McGuire and surrounding support bases took part in the
tion held at a Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich.

ated the ability of units with a wartime contingency or force sustainment
n assigned operational missions.

inspection the 514th Air Mobility Wing underwent since 1996 and the
Mobility Wing has had in five years.

McGuire and the other participating bases have practiced for months, and
show the Air Mobility Command Inspector General team what they

has been undertaken by everyone on base," said Col. Robert Dubek,
upport Group commander. "Over the last year, the men and women of
ve gone the extra mile in preparing for this inspection. Weekly meetings
cted with reps from each functional area and a site visit was conducted
to familiarize 'key players' with the facilities and available resources."

McGuire has also participated in two-fly away mobility exercises (one in
d the second in Savannah, Ga.), held a local MOBEX , multiple tabletop
xe training and base-wide Ability To Survive and Operate quizzes, he

W isn't scheduled for another ORI for four years according to Col. Rob-
mmander, 514th Logistics Readiness Flight.



Photo by Denise Gould

**an aerial port member reviews a unit's paperwork before accept-
o process through the marshaling yard during the initial re-
of the Operational Readiness Inspection held Oct. 22-30. About
of cargo was deployed and then redeployed.**

Rescue ORI

*35th APS members assist in real world car
accident using military readiness skills*

By Maj. Richard J. Bellshot
35th Aerial Port Squadron

Twenty-nine 35th Aerial Port Squadron members who were
deployed to the forward operating base at Beaufort Marine
Corps Air Station, SC during the recent Inspector General Exer-
cise demonstrated a sense of urgency, safety awareness and at-
tention to detail outside the boundaries of the IG's realm.

While enroute to their lodging Oct. 28, the team encoun-
tered a two-car collision. They parked their vehicles and began
the EMS system. Team members performed self-aid buddy care
for the three accident victims, isolated the accident scene to
prevent further collisions and performed crowd control opera-
tions at the request of the local first responders.

The team of aerial port professionals had several members
with that aided in this crisis response effort. TSgt. Tyneta Heath
is a registered nurse and performed self-aid, buddy care. She
assisted the most severely injured of the accident victims. Like-
wise, TSgt. Mitchell McClain is a Philadelphia firefighter and
emergency medical technician. He, along with TSgt. Heath and
TSgt. Michael Timmins, a Jersey City police officer, extracted
the victim from her vehicle thus protecting her from the traffic
on the major highway that was bearing down on the accident
scene.

As the intersection was unlit, and neither accident vehicle
had headlights operating, approaching drivers were forced to
react at the last moment to avoid impacting the collision site.
Other 35th APS members, all equipped with their reflective
belts, recognized the danger and worked to direct traffic around
the accident.

Members of the aerial port group report it took about 15 min-
utes after performing SABC and diverting traffic for the first re-
scue squad to appear on scene. SSgt. James Vigilante reposi-
tioned the ambu-
lance to block two
lanes of highway
traffic and provide
an additional mea-
sure of safety to
the rescue opera-
tion.

Ten members of
the seriously in-
jured victim's fam-
ily arrived and wit-
nessed the assis-
tance from the
35th APS mem-
bers.

Local police
asked the 35th
APS members to

help contain the crowd. Once the situation was secure, law en-
forcement thanked the porters for their assistance and the ORI-
bound team continued on to their quarters knowing that the
sense of urgency, safety awareness and attention to detail fa-
cilitated this team effort and prevented further catastrophe.



Photo by Scott Spitzer

**TSgts. Mitchell McClain and Tyneta
Heath, both of the 35th Aerial Port
Squadron, were directly involved in
helping victims of a two-car colli-
sion while deployed Oct. 28 in
Seabrook S.C.**

2006 'Scholarships for Military Children' applications available

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

Money for college is "what's cooking" at 268 military commissaries worldwide as the Scholarships for Military Children program begins its sixth year of rewarding academic excellence. Applications are now available online and must be returned to the McGuire Commissary by close of business Feb. 22, 2006, according to store director John Zoubra.

Since its inception in 2000, the program has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to nearly 2,500 military children through the generosity of manufacturers and businesses that sell groceries in commissaries.

Applications, eligibility and other information for the 2006 SFMC program are available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, the Defense Commissary Agency's customer Web site. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Applications, which also includes an essay on why the applicant admires a great military leader (past or present), must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 22, 2006, either by mail or in person. FAX or e-mail applications are not accepted.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of

21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2006, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 or more percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.



Photo by TSgt. Jeromy K. Cross

CHAKLALA AIR BASE, Pakistan — Airman off-load relief supplies from a C-17 Globemaster III Oct. 17 at Chaklala Air Base in Pakistan. The Airmen, from the 818th Contingency Response Group at McGuire Air Force Base deployed to Chakalala AB to support earthquake relief efforts. Pakistan's immense Oct. 8 earthquake, measured at 7.6 on the Richter scale.

Reserve general gets presidential award

WASHINGTON – Maj. Gen. James Donald Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, received a presidential rank award for 2005.

Thirteen senior executive service civilians from throughout the Air Force earned the award. Air Force Print News announced the winners Oct. 21 after White House officials named the award recipients.

General Bankers is a dual-status air reserve technician – a federal employee and a reservist – in Air Force Reserve Command at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The awards recognize career senior executive service and senior professional individuals. They are leaders, professionals and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service.

General Bankers was one of 10 people to get the meritorious award for sustained accomplishment. The award includes a lump-sum payment of 20 percent of base pay. It is limited to 5 percent of the career senior executive service, defense intelligence senior executive service, or senior level scientific or professional government-wide population.

Air Force Print News

Web-based system changes how orders are processed

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Individual mobilization augmentees have a new way to get military orders.

Air Reserve Order Writing System-Reserve, a Web-based system, began Oct. 1 for IMAs. It allows them to initiate the orders process from any computer anywhere in the world. Units could start using AROWS-R as early as Nov. 1, said Air Force Reserve Command officials.

“My maiden voyage into AROWS-R was a great,” said Col. Rune B. Lillquist, an IMA assigned to 59th Maintenance Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas. “It was easier than my first try at (the Web Orders Transaction System). I found the multiple-choice selections very helpful.”

WOTS is the previous program used by IMAs to generate military orders. They can continue to access WOTS for past duty information but must request all new orders through AROWS-R.

The new system combines WOTS and three existing personal computer-based

systems to process reservists’ orders.

“AROWS-R will revolutionize the way orders are published throughout this command,” said Col. Deborah Suski, AFRC comptroller here. “Commanders will have visibility of their troops’ TDY to include the cost and what operations they are supporting.”

After a request has been entered into the system, the program automatically routes it through all the necessary channels. The program also checks for funding and any required waivers at the beginning of the process.

The AROWS-R allows reservists, commanders and people in the base finance office and orderly room to check the status of the orders throughout the entire process.

“AROWS will provide the Air Force Reserve Command 100 percent accountability of our assigned forces while on active duty,” said Col. Roxane Towner, Readiness Management Group commander. “It will integrate the IMAs and

unit reservists into one orders system, giving the command complete visibility over our reservists.”

Besides giving the command a way to account for its reservists, the new system provides active-duty commanders and supervisors visibility into the process with a report capability.

“Not only did I accomplish the process of transmitting my request for orders more rapidly than with WOTS but I also had a draft copy to validate the process to my supervisor and to keep in my records,” said Colonel Lillquist.

AROWS is not new to the Department of Defense. The Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve use the system.

If people have questions or need more information about the new system, they can call the help desk at DSN 497-0522, commercially at 478-327-0522 or toll-free at 800-223-1784, Ext. 0522. They can also use Ext. 1455 or 1258.

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Senior officers make major moves soon

The chief of Air Force Reserve announces the following Reserve senior officer retirement and assignments:

Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, vice commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., retires Dec. 23.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, commander, 10th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, Naval Air Station



Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi
Vice Commander, USAFR

Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, becomes the new vice commander, AFRC at Robins AFB.

Brig. Gen. Jack W. Ramsaur II, mobilization assistant to the director, Global Operations, J-3, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., takes on the position of mobilization assistant to the commander, USSC at Offutt AFB.



Photos by Brian Dyjak

ANNUAL RETIREMENT — (2nd from left) Recently retired TSgt. Wayne Vansteenburgh of the 514th Maintenance Squadron received his official retirement certificate during the wing’s annual retirement ceremony held Oct. 1. TSgt. Vansteenburgh is flanked by Col. James N. Stewart, commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing, Col. (Ret.) Patricia Refsdal, former commander, 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Command Chief Master Sergeant Mary Alden, far right.

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Holiday blues?

Wing chaplain gives tips on ways to handle the season's doldrums

By Capt. Rochelle Denise Coles
514 AMW Chaplain

The holidays are fast approaching and this message is to encourage all who may be grieving, lonely or feeling depressed. These are some tips to follow if you :

This season, if you are looking to go out and spend a whole lot of money on a person or persons who already have more than enough, try to refocus your spending on someone who is in need. For example, a child in need of shoes/sneakers, school supplies, clothing, or even a family without food or shelter.

Many times we become depressed because we feel we do not have enough and just need more. A good way of getting through the depressed mood is to be thankful that you are alive and well and able to enjoy the day. Just think of all the places you could be -- jail or maybe even a hospital.

Many people focus on the grieving process and the loss of loved ones during the years. We must learn to celebrate life. Try to focus on the good times that you have spent with your loved ones who have passed on, have a celebration in their memory, write a letter to them expressing your feelings, share their memories with other family members. Sometimes making a picture collage of the missed family member or friend can be therapeutic.

Keep in mind family members and friends who you know will spend their holiday season alone and may feel low in spirits. Invite them over for dinner, or find others ways to get them out of the house.

Many military members have made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, particularly in the last couple of years. Remember their families as well this holiday.

By being observant and alert we can make a difference in each others lives. The season that fosters giving is not about us individually, but about those we love and those with whom we come in contact.

Make this holiday meaningful. The heart you touch today may be the life you save tomorrow.



Photo by MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries

Studies show informational pamphlets are one way to get the information needed to handle stresses of work, family and finances, encountered by many during the holiday season.

Rules explain wear of wing mock undershirt

In October Col. James N. Stewart, commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing, approved wear of the mockneck undershirts with unit designation affixed to the collar with the following criteria:

- Undershirt must be black
- Undershirt can be worn with the battle dress uniform or flightsuit uniform only
- Unit designators are limited to the abbreviated form, i.e. 514 AMW

■ Unit designations on the collar must be one color of blue, gray or gold

■ All letters must be capitalized and not exceed one half inch in height

■ Unit designation must be stitched or embroidered into the collar fabric

The wear of the mockneck undershirt is limited to home station duty only

Wing mockneck undershirts are available at Bldg. 2217, while supplies last. Cost

is \$20. For more details contact Lt. Col. Raymond Douglas at (609) 754-5216.

**SMSgt. Edward Williams, a 514th AMW member, models the new mock undershirt.*



*Pay dates are subject to change. For information, contact your unit pay monitor.

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SMSgt. Edward Williams, 514th Air Mobility Wing member, models the new wing mock turtleneck