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The background of the entire page is a photograph of three Air Force officers in dark blue uniforms and caps standing in front of the Statue of Liberty. The officer on the left is holding an American flag. The officer in the center is holding a blue flag with white stars and a gold emblem. The officer on the right is holding a blue flag with a gold fringe. The Statue of Liberty is visible in the background, and the sky is clear blue.

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Airmen of the 514th Air Mobility Wing honor guard stand before the Statue of Liberty Aug. 18 as part of the events leading into Air Force Week in New York, which took place Aug. 19 - 21.



Photo by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

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Master Sgt. Ainsley McIntyre, 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, practices handling an M9 pistol as part of a training session in preparation for the operational readiness inspection, which is scheduled for April.

Photo by Shawn J. Jones

MARILYN MONROE & THE GENERAL



U.S. Air Force photo

Col. Michael J. Underkofler
514th Air Mobility Wing commander

Plastered across the pages of many magazines, blogs and newspapers last week were photos and stories about the untimely death of actress Marilyn Monroe 50 years ago. Some authors went beyond just simply discussing her beauty or sexual exploits and opined she was actually quite brilliant. Sources said Monroe worked incredibly long hours, almost single-handedly, to strategically manage her image to keep the public fascinated. These recent stories and photos have exposed the starlet to a new generation of Americans, many of whom will become similarly captivated.

Besides her beauty, Monroe was famous for her quips and sexual innuendos. When asked what three men she'd like to be trapped on a deserted island with, she responded with her husband Joe DiMaggio, scientist Albert Einstein and Air Force general Hoyt Vandenberg.

Like Monroe, Vandenberg was considered to be incredibly handsome and was featured on the cover of popular magazines, albeit not as often.

A West Point graduate and pilot, Vandenberg quickly advanced through the ranks, serving in key positions like the 9th Air Force commander, where he helped to plan the Normandy invasion. He also served as the director of Central Intelligence, the forerunner of the CIA. Well-known in Washington's social and political circles, Vandenberg was a gentleman and professional.

Despite the daunting task, as the deputy commander of the air staff, along with the Army deputy, he helped carve the manpower, equipment and bases to subdivide the United States Air Force from the Army. It could be characterized as the most amicable divorce ever, the model of cooperation and agreement.

He was an easy pick to later become the vice chief and later the Air Force's second chief of staff in 1948.

Vandenberg had style too.

He took a major role in designing a new uniform for the Air Force. President Harry Truman liked the idea but told Vandenberg he had to win over Congress.

To do so, Vandenberg and a colonel went to Capitol Hill in the suggested garb. Instead of Vandenberg making the pitch before the Senate Armed Forces Committee, the colonel did.

This was calculated as Vandenberg secretly dressed as a sergeant and kept quiet. When the colonel finished speaking he introduced the "sergeant."

Once the congressmen realized the ruse, they roared with approval and gave Vandenberg the go ahead for the new uniform.

As chief of staff, Vandenberg labored on weightier issues too, such as doctrine, force strength and basing - every day a laundry list of tasks to be accomplished to make the Air Force a stronger service. This took a heavy toll on him, but he kept pushing forward.

Vandenberg also decided we needed an air-centric way to address Air Force enlisted personnel. No longer would the first five enlisted grades be referred to by the Army ranks of private, private first class, corporal, sergeant and sergeant first class.

On February, 20, 1950, Vandenberg directed that all Air Force enlisted personnel be called airmen with the first five grades shortly thereafter being addressed as basic airman, airman, airman third class, airman second class and airmen first class.

Our military has had many great leaders – officers, enlisted and civilian alike – to learn from and to emulate. The challenge for us is to make sure we tell their stories often so future generations are as captivated by them as they are of former blonde bombshells.

He wrote, "The habitual use of the term 'airman' should aid in distinguishing the enlisted personnel of the Air Force from those of the other services and in identifying them more closely with their chosen service in the structure for national defense.

Like most military members, Vandenberg spent much time away from his family. He sought ways to make his time with them precious and memorable. When his son graduated from West Point, the two of

them went to Detroit and purchased a new car off the factory floor and drove it back to Washington. His son, who later became a general himself, said he cherished the time his father was able to carve out of his busy schedule to make that trip.

In 1952 President Truman nominated Vandenberg for a second term as chief of staff, but he only served until June 1953. The general with boyish good looks was ill and retired after serving 30 years in the military.

Sadly, he died of prostate cancer the following spring at age 55. The funeral procession from the National Cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery was one of the biggest in Washington with thousands lining the road to honor him.

Just like Marilyn Monroe, we lost a talent too early. Vandenberg's life and service to the nation are incredibly instructive. Hardworking, dedicated, visionary, professional, courteous and family oriented are words that I think best describe him.

Fortunately for us, our military has had many great leaders – officers, enlisted and civilian alike – to learn from and to emulate. The challenge for us is to make sure we tell their stories often so future generations are as captivated by them as they are of former blonde bombshells.

Tuskegee Airmen inspire at national convention

By Lt. Col. Anthony Polashek
514th Operations Group

I recently had the honor of attending the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., national convention with a strong delegation of 514th Airmen, each selected for their outstanding contributions to their units. As expected, they represented the wing and the Air Force very well in their participation, appearance and volunteer support of the convention.

The Airmen of the Freedom Wing are well known to TAI, and I heard many thanks and recognition for their exceptional support and performance.

According to TAI president Leon A. Johnson's convention welcome letter, the non-profit organization is dedicated to honoring the accomplishments of African-Americans who participated in aircrew, ground crew and operations support training in the Army Air Corps during World War II and introducing the American youth to aviation and science through local and national programs and activities.

I knew relatively little about Tuskegee Airmen, but I remember being very impressed by the few I had the pleasure of meeting, and this impression was strongly reinforced by the many more I met at this year's convention.

Theirs is an extraordinary heritage, and one of which all Airmen should be proud.

Theirs is a story of triumph despite adversity, teamwork in an epic task that was generally expected to fail, and excellence rather than excuses.

Excuses would not have worked in the skies over Europe, nor would they have counted for much with the bigots at home. Success won the day on both fronts.

Their achievements have inspired each generation since then.

This year, George Lucas attended the convention and talked about his feature movie *Red Tails* and documentary *Double Victory*, which were created with original Tuskegee

Airmen consulting with the cast and crew. Both films celebrate the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen in the air and on the ground. Mr. Lucas commented that *Red Tails* is the Hollywood version. It has several inaccuracies intentionally included as an artistic choice, such as the fighter aircraft serving as escorts within bomber formations (which was not their method, but was thought to suit the movie better). Some of the significant racial injustice involved in the Tuskegee experience was also minimized.

"This is not a movie about victims," Lucas said. "This is a movie about heroes."

Unlike the Hollywood version, the documentary *Double Victory* is much more historically accurate and authentic.

Among the luminaries in attendance were: Dr. Roscoe Brown, a retired colonel who shot down a fighter jet near Berlin; Charles McGee, a retired colonel who had the most combat missions of World War II; Dick Tolliver, a retired colonel who ended his career with more total combat missions than any other U.S. pilot; Dr. Thurston Gaines, who was shot down on his 25th mission and became one a prisoner of war; and James Harvey III, a retired lieutenant colonel who won the first ever top gun competition in 1949.

These are truly remarkable Airmen, and each are still active in helping our young people achieve their dreams. They offered great wisdom, charity, humility and humor in their words to us throughout the week, and I would like to share some impressions with you from what they have given us:

First, they are Airmen and proudly identify themselves as such.

The Air Force didn't exist yet when they achieved their success, but they all seemed to identify themselves strongly with the Air Force. Victory in the air is what they were all about, and their actions and success proved it. The flying stories were of the highest caliber, and

it was great to hear about them in their own words. Dr. Brown describing his rejoin on a P-51 after shooting down a Lufwaffe ME-262 jet fighter, only to discover that it was a captured P-51 with an enemy swastika on it, was priceless.

Next, they believed in themselves and each other.

There were 990 documented original Tuskegee Airmen, about a hundred of which survive today. One of the most remarkable things about their achievements was that each and every one of those 990 students graduated during a period in which it was common for 30 to 50 percent of the class to wash out. When considering this achievement, I tried to imagine how strong their mutual support must have been to help each other through the program, how exceptional their instructors must have been and how they proved their success in training by their resultant excellent performance in combat.

They are not stuck in the past.

Though their history means a lot to them, I got the sense that their affiliation with each other and commitment to the younger generations and the future are what they are about now. It is wonderful to see a group of people so accomplished continuing their service to our nation despite the fact that they are now in their nineties. I think that anyone who spent a little time with these extraordinary American Airmen could not fail to be inspired by them. They not only were approachable, but actually would approach others and seemed genuinely interested in what's going on in our units. They wanted to know what we thought, how we were doing, and would quietly affirm their belief in us. They encouraged all I saw to do better and be better, and to help others to do it as well. By seeing how they still interact with people today, it's not hard to imagine them doing that for each other when they were part of the "Tuskegee Experience".

There was a great comment

at one of the discussion panels when someone asked a panel member to recall incidents where they had been treated unfairly. The respondent, an African American woman who retired as a general, gently replied that she had long ago chosen to not let such recollections clutter her mind or shape her outlook, but rather focus on being the best that she could be at what she did. To paraphrase her: excellence has a way of overcoming bias and elevating us all. Her comments had the audience cheering. Her thoughts were consistent with those of the many other distinguished speakers and Tuskegee Airmen.

The Air Force has only in recent years codified their core values, but I believe that the surviving Tuskegee Airmen are outstanding examples of them.

Integrity – If they had not conducted themselves in a manner beyond reproach, they would have been vulnerable to those who desired to see them fail. When naysayers attempted to undermine them and even have them removed from combat operations, officers higher in their chain of command supported the Tuskegee Airmen because their performance and conduct had earned them credibility.

Service before Self – Airmen in their ninth decade of life are still actively working toward the betterment of our nation and our youth. Need I say more?

Excellence in all we do – They not only dedicated themselves to, fought for and achieved it in their youth, but have continued it in the six decades since in all walks of life. More than that, and perhaps of even greater importance, is the inspiration they continue to provide to our Air Force and our nation to aspire to be greater, aim higher, and live and help others live a life of achievement and service that we can all be proud of.

I encourage you to learn more about Tuskegee Airmen by visiting www.tuskegeearmen.org.

Mini Boot Camp: Kids get a glimpse of what parents experienced

By Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Wiping sleep from their eyes, kids gathered at Wacky World playground here at 7 a.m. on July 14, ready to begin a full day of military fun.

The children were here for the 514th Maintenance Group's 10th Annual Mini Boot Camp.

Ranging in age from 3 to 14, the children received their military gear of a camouflaged baseball cap and scarf before receiving instruction on saluting, marching and military customs and courtesies from their training instructor. The morning ended with a tour of the aircraft, fire department and seeing a military working dog demonstration.

Following the tour they rejoined their parents at the group's family day picnic on Doughboy Field, where the wing commander presented certificates of participation.

"We wanted to give the kids a better understanding of what their family members may have gone through, plus teach some additional respect, courtesies and teamwork above what they normally receive," said Col. Nicholas Koski-Vacirca, who was the group's training commander when the camp began ten years ago. Koski-Vacirca made a special trip from Delaware to come back for this year's activities.

His trip was twofold.

The day not only signified the 10th anniversary of the boot camp, but it was also the last one Master Sgt. Randall Scotton, the original brainchild of the event, would coordinate before his retirement in September after 30 years of military service.

"I've been planning this year's camp for a year," said Scotton, boot camp coordinator and member of the 514th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I



Photos by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, presents commemorative coins to children who participated in the mini boot camp here July 14.

wanted to make it extra special."

With his passion for giving and a heart for children, make it special he did. Scotton made sure the children had air bouncers, balloons, a face painter, a snow cone and a popcorn machine waiting for them at the picnic grounds.

He also designed and purchased a boot camp souvenir coin that boasted the logo "MXG BMTS" on one side and had the C-141 Starlifter, KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III, the three aircraft the maintainers have serviced over the past 10 years, on the flip side. He gave a coin to every participant and to those who helped with the

boot camp.

Over the years the mini boot camp has not changed in purpose, but has grown in popularity. A handful of participants have even grown with the program and haven't missed a year, said Scotton.

Throughout the day, the whoops, hollers, laughter and smiling faces show the kids had fun, and their serious faces and many questions are evidence that they learned something.

"My favorite part was seeing the military police dogs, especially when the dog pulled the bad guy out of the car," said Haley Werner, daughter of Master Sgt. Leonard Werner, of the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I also liked learning how to drive the C-17."

With Scotton leaving, the maintainers still want the mini boot camp to remain.

"We're going to do our best to continue the mini boot camp for years to come said group commander Col. Anthony Esposito.

As for Scotton, he's going to be hard to replace, said Chief Master Sgt. Linda Menser, the group's superintendent.

Esposito said it will be difficult to fill Scotton's shoes, but he is hopeful a capable replacement will emerge.





1st Lt. Adelaida Tavaréz, 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, delivers the flu vaccine to Senior Airman Maria Harrison, 88th Aerial Port Squadron. All Airmen are required to get the flu shot as part of their individual medical requirement.

Photo by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

Medical pros offer one-stop shopping for medical requirements, wellness

Lt. Col. Michael A. Palmer
514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Do you ever feel like it's never ending? You show up to your weekend drill only to find a million things to do?

Impossible schedules, numerous appointments, training requirements, pay problems, vouchers to submit. All this before you even sign in.

When you do sign in, you learn that you're overdue on a medical requirement and now you've been placed in no-pay no-points status. Consequently, you've been dismissed to the medical clinic to straighten it out. Some of you may recognize this scenario. It can be a daunting and stressful experience since it's often associated with limiting Reserve participation or even worse, being disqualified altogether.

An Airman's individual medical requirement, known as IMR, is an important factor in determining readiness from a deployment standpoint. An IMR consists of a current web health assessment, periodic health assessment, immunizations, HIV screenings, gas mask inserts, dental exams and profiling documentation related to duty-limiting conditions.

Airmen need these items to qualify for special schools and training, deployments, flying duty and many other opportunities. Every Airman should not only understand the importance of their IMR, but also understand when they

must meet these requirements. This has been the topic of discussion at many aerospace medicine council meetings, a forum where the aerospace staff address problems associated with health issues and mission performance. It was through the council that the idea for an Airman's health initiative event was born.

The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at building 3322, which is a hangar near the 108th Air Refueling Wing portion of the installation. The event was created so that every reservist can address their IMR while having the opportunity to meet with various agencies to discuss the prevention of diseases that are more common with older Airmen, shift workers, smokers or those with unhealthy living habits.

"We want our reservists to not only be fit to fight, but to be fit to live," said Senior Master Sgt. Luisita Jordan, 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. "Our hope is to be able to educate on prevention and provide a way to hook reservists up with agencies that can assist them. It's basically one-stop shopping."

There will also be an opportunity for you to give back to your local community. We will also be simultaneously conducting a blood drive, a bone marrow screenings, a canned-goods food drive and a coat drive. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.

We encourage you to participate in this opportunity and get critical information on your state of health.

Airman's Health Initiative

Nov. 3

8 A.M TO 3 P.M.

BUILDING 3322

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Immunization (Flu, TDAP, HEP B)
 - HIV screenings
 - Gas mask fit test
 - Web HA screening
 - Dental exams

TOPICS ADDRESSED:

- Smoking cessation
- Fit to Fight physical fitness
- Immunizations & vaccines
 - Suicide awareness
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - Dental care
 - Asthma
- Post-traumatic stress syndrome
- Nutritional advice & wellness

AGENCIES ATTENDING:

- The Health and Wellness Center
 - American Lung Association
 - American Red Cross
- Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center
- Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital
 - Military One Source
- American Diabetes Association
 - Alcoholic Anonymous
- Veteran Administration
 - Tricare



Photos by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries





INSPECTION PREP: BATTLE AXE

Photos by Shawn J. Jones



Top: Tech. Sgt. Wilson Iturralde, 514th Maintenance Squadron, dons his M50 protective mask during Battle Axe training here Sept. 8 in preparation for the upcoming operational readiness inspection in April. **Above Left:** Master Sgt. Tom Orlando, 78th Air Refueling Squadron, practices clearing procedures with an M9 pistol as Senior Airman Brian Davis, 514th Security Forces Squadron, serves as the clearing barrel official. **Above Right:** Master Sgt. Mark Hiller, 514th

Aerospace Medicine Squadron, teaches expeditionary first aid, known as self aid and buddy care, during the Battle Axe training. The 514th Air Mobility Wing will partner with the 87th Air Base Wing in an operational readiness exercise Oct. 10-17, leading to an operational readiness inspection in April. The inspection will test the Airmen's ability to survive and operate during hostile conditions.



Immediately Above: Staff Sgt. Heidi Schneider, 514th Civil Engineer Squadron, demonstrates the proper way to wear a chemical warfare protective suit. **Top Left:** Airmen listen to an M16 weapons familiarization lesson. **Middle Left:** Airman 1st Class Henry McKay, 514th CES, helps Chaplain (Capt.) Recita High with the straps connected to her M50 protective mask. **Bottom Left:** Airmen practice handling M16 rifles during the Battle Axe training class.

Ms. Veteran America Pageant

Showcasing poise, elegance while helping homeless women

By Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

She doesn't share her last name with Tyra Banks, however, Staff Sgt. Tyra Everett will soon "strut her stuff" not unlike the famous model and talk show host Oct. 7 at the first ever Ms. Veteran America Pageant held in Arlington, Va.

After competing at one of four regional competitions held across the U.S. in June, Everett, a medical technician with the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is the only Reserve Airman who made the cut. Competitors came from every branch and included retirees, active duty, Reserve and Guard. Fifty finalists got through regionals and will compete in the pageant.

The idea of the pageant came from Final Salute Inc., a nonprofit organization founded by a female Veteran. The purpose of the pageant is twofold - to raise awareness of female veterans and champion the plight of homeless female veterans.

"There's not a lot out there that highlights the elegance, poise and grace of women in the military, and alarming rates of homeless people are female veterans," Everett said. "A lot of people think of males when it comes to the homeless, and most of your shelters are geared toward assisting men."

According to Final Salute Inc. website, over 2 million female veterans have served with honor since the Revolutionary War. Today more than 13,000 female veterans are estimated to be homeless.

Bringing light to this cause is why Everett said she jumped at the chance to do the pageant.

"It's a good platform to bring attention to homeless female vets as well as show the softer side of the military



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Tyra Everett, a medical technician with the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is one of 50 finalists in the Ms. Veteran America pageant, which is scheduled for Oct. 7 in Arlington, Va. The pageant aims to bring attention to the plight of homeless female veterans.

women who are currently serving," said Everett. "The women out there paved the way for me and my fellow Airmen and they need assistance."

While waiting for the October pageant, competitors are practicing their talents and raising donations by selling honor charms for \$25, the cost of what it takes to house a female veteran and her children for one day.

Final Salute's goal is to sell 365 charms to represent one year off the streets, said Everett.

All the funds raised by pageant contestants will go to

programs that support homeless female veterans and their children.

Everett said she's doing well with getting donations from her sorority sisters at Drexel University in Philadelphia where she's currently pursuing two degrees, behavior health counseling and Nursing. Through her community outreach efforts there, she first heard about the pageant.

She received a community service award in April 2012 for helping to facilitate 1,443 service hours in the neighborhood as the chairperson for her sorority's service committee.

Final Salute heard about Everett's efforts and recognition and invited her to compete in the regional competition held June 9 in Washington D.C. Other regionals were held in California, Florida and Texas.

The Reserve competitor has successfully combined her military skills as a medical technician providing in-flight care for sick and wounded service members, with her civic outreach commitment, catering to Philadelphia's veterans through the "Support Homeless Veterans" task force, along with her educational pursuits.

She said her ultimate passion is to work with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and with children suffering from grief and trauma.

Everett has plans to share should she win the upcoming pageant.

Pageant rules show the winner will receive a crown and \$15,000 dollars that is to be used toward pursuing an education, purchasing a home or starting a business.

"If I can, I want to donate a portion towards one of Drexel's hunger and homeless prevention organizations and do a lot of work with veterans in the Philadelphia area," Everett said.

The Airman has a foot-up on some of the competitors. With previous beauty pageant experience, she is no stranger to the stage.

Everett was first runner up for the Ms. Teen Oxnard competition as a high school junior for the town of Oxnard, Calif., and just as she did then, she will dance during the talent portion of the competition. Her dance routine will tell the story of a young woman finding her strength as she said young women within the military often have to do.



Freedom Wing Airmen show their support for the U.S. women's Olympic soccer team July 28 at Hampden Park in Glasgow, Scotland. The American team defeated Colombia 3-0 in the game.

Courtesy Photo

Training mission takes Airmen to Olympics

By Maj. Karen Hennigan
514th Air Mobility Wing

Anything seems possible when you are a reservist.

More than a dozen members of the 514th Air Mobility Wing learned that and more during a recent training mission to Prestwick, Scotland.

The lucky Airmen found themselves at Hampden Park, a sports stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, sitting front row as Olympic history was made by the U.S. women's soccer team in their quest for the gold.

Team USA shut Colombia out 3-0 in what proved to be one of the most physical soccer games of the Olympics. It was so physical that it ended in a black-eye for team captain Abby Wambach.

Among the reserve revelers were crewmembers from the 76th Air Refueling Squadron, the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and several first-term Airmen assigned to the 514th Force Support Squadron. The first-termers were chosen by wing leadership to observe the Prestwick training mission.

"My goal was to give the Airmen a chance to interact with operators in the field and learn about our wing and our aircraft in an operational setting," said Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander. "I wanted them to see how exciting life as a reservist can be."



Airman 1st Class Tabitha Goldhammer, 514th Force Support Squadron, poses for a photo in front of the Olympic rings in Glasgow's George Square.

Courtesy Photo

Judging by the reaction of the participating Airmen, the mission was a great success. The trip marked the first time most of the Airmen traveled overseas and the first time any of them traveled on a military aircraft.

"It is amazing how a group of people of all ranks work together to make the aircraft run," said Airman 1st Class Tabitha Goldhammer, 514th Force Support Squadron, "It is awesome to think there are missions everywhere in the world, and without

teamwork, it wouldn't come together as well as it does."

And it wasn't just the first-term Airmen who said the trip was special.

"It is not often that we get to put faces to the names of our fellow reservists who we deal with on a daily basis, mostly by phone," said Master Sgt. Joe Jones, 76th Air Refueling Squadron. "It gave me more of an appreciation and a better understanding of what they do."

Senior Airman Ryan Hall of the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron called the trip one of the best experiences of his life.

"I loved being there to support Team USA during an Olympic event," he said.

What began as a standard training mission, resulted in the opportunity of a lifetime proving that anything is possible when you serve in the Air Force Reserve.



The following enlisted Airmen were promoted in August and the officers were selected for promotion

Airman

Sandra Montes, 514 AMDS
Eric Suarez, 514 MXS

Airman 1st Class

Joel Allen, 514 CES
Johnny Colon, 514 SFS
Alexis Ferrante, 514 AMDS
Jaime Galezo Jr., 714 AMXS
Danae Hall, 514 AMDS
Daniel Hudspith, 35 APS
Sidonie Revels, 514 AMDS
Jill Sabina, 714 AMXS
Tynisha Thornton, 514 AMXS
Edilberto Umana, 514 AMDS

Senior Airman

Susanna Beabout, 514 AMDS
Dennis Correa, 514 FSS
Brandi Durham, 514 AMDS
Christopher Gordon, 714 AMXS
Anedra Green, 732 AS
Keon Hannibal, 88 APS
Benjamin Little, 35 APS
Michael Morris, 514 FSS
Jeremy Oatman, 714 AMXS
David Debra, 76 ARS
Jimmy Rogue, 714 AMXS
David Samona, 714 AMXS
Michael Sue Low Chee, 714 AMXS
Serena Warren, 514 AES
Lavan Wright, 714 AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Jared Basolt, 514 AMW

Technical Sergeant

Martha Adelaja, 35 APS
Matthew Buonaspina, 35 APS
Efreem Coley, 35 APS
Kevin Curry, 514 ASTS
Crystal Davis, 514 ASTS
Emily Lawley, 35 APS
Danielle Lawton, 514 AMDS
Jacob Logue, 35 APS
Rafael Lopez, 714 AMXS
Thomas Mierzwa, 514 AMDS
Carleen Prescod, 514 ASTS
Richard Rijos, 514 ASTS
William Sanchez, 714 AMXS

Master Sergeant

Joseph Green, Jr., 714 AMXS
Christopher Headley, 88 APS
Benjamin Keaton, 514 MXS
Daniel Kirkland Jr., 88 APS
John McCarron Jr., 35 APS
Robert Sweeney, 514 MOF
Michael Thalman, 514 AMXS

Senior Master Sergeant

Jimmie Rush, Jr., 514 OG
Toby Scott, 514 CES
Donald Walter, 35 APS

Chief Master Sergeant

Dennis Christian, 714 AMXS
John Fecich, 514 MSG
Nathaniel Pierce, 78 ARS

1st Lieutenant

Angel Burgos, 514 AES
Brandice Severin, 514 CES

Lieutenant Colonel

Angel Arizmendi, 514 AES
Edwin Cabassa, 514 ASTS
Mark Degironimo, 76 ARS
Jose Delgado, 514 MXS
Robert Devlin, 514 AMOS
Michelle Dunkley, 514 ASTS
Daniel Ebrecht, 76 ARS
Kerri Ebrecht, 514 AMXS
Anthony Gomez, 514 ASTS
Jeffrey Matthew, 714 AMXS
Mark Morginstin, 514 AMDS
Rustin Relkin, 88 APS
Kathleen Sprague, 514 AES

PULSE CHECK: What's your favorite Air Force Reserve benefit?



**Tech. Sgt.
Kirk Chatman**
514th Air
Mobility Wing

"The education benefits give me the opportunity to further my education without the costs that I would incur if I wasn't in the Reserve."



**Airman 1st Class
Henry McKay**
514th Civil
Engineer Squadron

"I think it's great that reservists can get their education for practically free using tuition assistance, and I can save my G.I. Bill for my daughter."



**Senior Airman
Brian Davis**
514th Security
Forces Squadron

"I like having a guaranteed benefit plan for retirement, specifically the medical benefits and the pension."



**Senior Airman
Tia Price**
514th Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron

"I plan to use the G.I. Bill to help me go to school full time while pursuing a bachelor's degree. I like the balance between being a full-time civilian student and a part-time Airman."



**Senior Airman
George Glover**
514th Force
Support Squadron

"I used the G.I. Bill to cover the costs of pursuing my master's degree, and I ended up making extra money to put toward transportation and other day-to-day expenses."

Inactive reservists report for muster

By Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

With orders in hand, nearly 150 inactive ready reserve Airmen traveled up to 150 miles to attend an Individual Ready Reserve muster held here by the 514th Air Mobility Wing on Aug. 9.

IRR members are Airmen who leave active duty or active reserve status and still have time left on their military service obligation. That remaining time is spent on IRR status.

Musters are held to ensure the accuracy of the records of all IRR Airmen and to check their availability to support a mobilization, should they be called to do so.

“Our purpose was to assess the readiness of these Airmen to mobilize,” said Maj. Regina Reyes, operations officer for the 514th Force Support Squadron. “It’s also a great opportunity for recruiters to bring former active duty and non-drilling reservists back on active Reserve status.”

The Air Force holds about 20 musters per year throughout the U.S. said Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Wuis, superintendent of pre-trained individual manning, with the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

Wuis briefed the inactive Airmen on the IRR program, their responsibilities and their benefits. Other briefers were from the Veterans Affairs. The 514th Aerospace Medical Squadron staff was also present conducting medical records updates.

While here the attendees also received muster pay for the one-day event which is equated to temporary duty pay.



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SPOTLIGHT: CAPT. DANA DELGADO

Unit: 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Duty Title: Officer-in-charge of scheduling

Hometown: Boston, Mass.

Civilian employment: Take Care Health Care Systems

Little known fact about you: I’m a family nurse practitioner and an avid drummer

What do you often daydream about: Retiring to a warm tropical island

Favorite childhood cartoon: Looney Tunes, Bugs Bunny

Favorite sports team: Boston Celtics

Memorable quote: Abraham Lincoln – In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.

Most embarrassing moment: I am unable to think of anything recently. I don’t get embarrassed easily.

Biggest obstacle in life: Myself

What would make the world a better place: All people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

News Briefs

Commissioning Opportunity

The commissioning board for deserving enlisted Airmen is set to convene on the third weekend of November. The wing has three officer positions being offered. Those who are interested and qualified should submit an application and checklist to the force management office in building 2216 by Nov. 5. Additional guidance is available on the wing’s intranet page. The program coordinator, Tech. Sgt. Yanir Gonzalez, 514th Forces Support Squadron, can be reached at 609-754-6810.

Military Clothing Store Closed on Mondays

As part of the Department of Defense’s continued focus on efficiencies, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service has decided to curtail operations at the store here on Mondays, which are typically the day of the week with the lowest sales volume. All other days and hours will remain the same.

Unit coverage in Freedom Flyer?

Is your unit getting enough coverage in Freedom Flyer? If not, then it’s probably because your unit is not contacting the public affairs office and letting them know the great work that its Airmen are doing. The next time your unit does something noteworthy or does something that would make a great photo feature, let us know. The PA office can be reached at (609) 754-3487.

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Tech. Sgt. Armel Moore, a combat arms instructor with the 514th Security Forces Squadron, explains the use of the M9 pistol during a training class here Sept. 8

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