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## FROM THE COMMANDER

# Wing CC says tolerance is key to successful mission completion

**H**appy New Year and welcome back! 2005 promises to be a very busy year for the Freedom Wing's citizen Airmen.

We started the year off quickly with a visit from our AFRC Vice Commander, Maj. Gen. Batbie, and look forward to a very busy exercise schedule preparing for October's Operational Readiness Inspection with our 305th team partners. In between, we have an Air show in June, delivery of the remainder of our C-17 fleet, and an Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit.

I hope you took time during the holidays to "recharge your batteries", spend some quality time with family and friends, and thank your loved ones and employers for their great support of the Reserve mission. Saying thanks is important since ever increasing challenges/demands will face you in the upcoming year with more deployments, reduced budgets, and increased training requirements becoming a routine



Col. James N. Stewart

part of your Reserve life.

To help surmount these challenges, we will need to work well together as a team. Mutual respect for your reserve and active duty teammates will be the key to our success as a wing. I expect each of you to be tolerant, respectful, and patient when dealing with one another. Take a moment to listen to the person working beside you. The more we get to know one another, the tighter our team will

become. The tighter our team becomes, the easier it is for us to perform our mission effectively when we are challenged by the unexpected during the ORI and other times as well. We are a TEAM here at McGuire and as my team partner, Col. J.J. Jackson likes to say, "TEAM means, Together Everyone Achieves More." Let's put that philosophy to work as we prepare for the ORI.

I look forward to working with all of you during this New Year to surmount the challenges ahead. Take care of each other and let's remember to do our jobs safely!

## Mentoring

# Vice commander gives view on subject

**By Col. Steven Lesniewski**  
Vice commander, 514th AMW

Mentoring. What is a mentor and why do we mentor? According to Webster's, a mentor is "a wise and trusted council or teacher. An influential senior sponsor or supporter."

Does this mean that a mentor has to be a boss, a superior, a sage who sits down with you once a year for your formal mentoring session? Of course not! While mentoring is an important part of supervision, it can take many avenues. Mentoring can be as simple as leading by example. It can be as formal as a one on one mentoring session. And it can take many other forms as well.

First let me cover the ABC's of mentoring:

**Learn your job.** Become an expert at your job, someone others come to because you are the best in your field. This is probably the most important thing you can do to further your career.

**Further your education.** Enroll in Community College of the Air Force, do your

Professional Military Education, in residence if possible. If you are going to get a college degree, enroll while you are young and not facing the pressures of family and home. You can still do it later, but ask anyone, it is just tougher.

**Get involved in your community.** Make sure you do something that peaks your interest. For some it is coaching, for others it is volunteering at a charity, Big Brother/Sister, even teaching others how to ride a motorcycle safely. If you love it, you will want to do more of it.

A mentor will want to light a fire under you, hoping to fan the flames into an inferno that will spread to others. I have been at McGuire for only two months. In that period of time I have chaired a promotion enhancement program board with six chiefs, sat through Newcomer's Orientation with our newest members, attended both a noncommissioned officer academy graduation and the annual Outstanding Airmen Awards Banquet. I have seen some of the best and brightest, the most motivated, along with our

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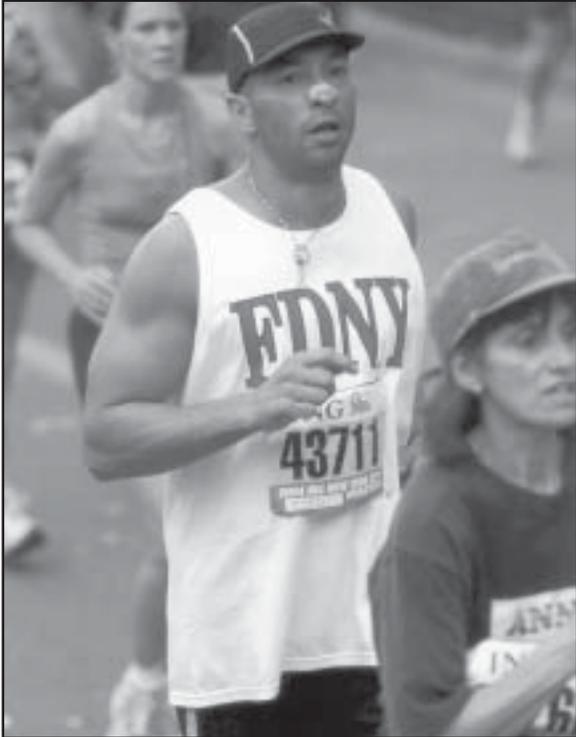


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**RUNNING WITH A PURPOSE**

*TSGt. David Gold, an 11-year veteran of the 514th Security Forces Squadron ran 26.2 miles during the annual New York City Marathon, Nov. 7. Finishing the race in 4 hours and 52 minutes, he raised \$1000 for his efforts. Dec. 12 TSGt. Gold presented the check for \$1,000 to CMSgt. John White, former command chief master sergeant, 514th Air Mobility Wing, for the Kevin White Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

**Mentoring cont.**

youngest troops, some fresh from technical school. It was interesting to talk with the chiefs at the PEP board, and to see what the successful among us are doing to stand out. These chiefs, along with the NCOA grads and the Outstanding Airmen, have broken the code. These are your mentors, along with the many sharp folks with whom you work. You know who they are. Seek them out. Ask them questions. Find out what path they have taken. To be honest, as the senior leadership, enlisted or officer, any base will tell you, the path is pretty clear. Find one you are comfortable talking with. They will be happy to share their knowledge, wisdom, and experience with you.

**TRANSITIONS**

**Lt. Col. Bob Beiswenger**, 514th Air Mobility Wing, chief of Safety retires Jan. 14 after 32 years of faithful service.

**SMSgt. Jerome (JR) Richardson** became the new senior recruiter for the 514th Recruiting Squadron in Oct. 2004. He replaced CMSgt. Andree Sutton who retired from the Air Force Nov 12.

The 514th Operation Support Squadron received **Lt. Col. Gregory Stas** as its leader in change of command ceremonies held in September. Col. Stas replaced Lt. Col. Douglas Whitlow who accepted a position at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

September brought another change of command with **Lt. Col. Linda Sposito** accepting command of the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron from Col. Penny Pierce.

In change of command ceremonies held in August, **Lt. Col. Herbert M. Armeny**, former 514th Civil Engineer Squadron operations officer, took over as commander 514th CES from Lt. Col. Steven Scaglione.

**MSgt. Elizabeth Mitchell** is now the 514th AMW historian



*Lt. Col. Bob Beiswenger*

**VIBES:**

*January is National Mentoring Month. How has mentoring affected your military career, as a mentor or as one who has mentored?*



Maj. Raymond J. Michuad  
35th APS

*Mentoring for me always let me know someone was interested in helping me with my goals. I have tried to do the same for others.*



SMSgt. Carlos A. Blackman  
514th AMDS

*As one who has been mentored and PEP promoted to SMSgt., I try to mentor the younger troops and I have had several earn PEP promotions and other yearly awards.*



SrA Zubie K. Amin  
714th AES

*Mentoring has helped me tremendously in my military career. I look up to a lot of people from my unit especially my supervisor, MSgt. Ainsley McLyntyre.*



SSgt. Thomas Valentino  
714th AMXS

*My ART trainer, MSgt. Andrew Siroki, had a positive impact on my career mentoring me on AF life and job knowledge.*



Lt. Col. Raymond Douglas  
514 AMW

*For me, mentoring represents the foundation of support for the integrity and longevity of our entire (Air Force) Core Values philosophy.*

## LOCAL NEWS



### RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

*Mrs. Dora Winslow receives her 30-year civil service longevity certificate from Col. James N. Stewart, commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing, during a Dec. 8 civilian commanders call held in Bldg. 2215. The 714th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron member was one of five civilian employees to receive recognition for longevity. Other recipients include air reserve technicians: SMSgt. Dwight Frazier and Maj. Mark Santilli, both from the 732nd Airlift Squadron with 20-year certificate; SMSgt. Paul Havery, 514th Operation Support Squadron with a 30-year certificate and CMSgt. Milton Newton, 514th Communication Squadron, with a 40-year certificate.*



*Photos by Visual Information*

*Col. James N. Stewart, commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing, congratulates Capt. James Mead of the 514th Airlift Control Flight after presenting him with the Bronze Star Dec. 6 at the military commanders call held in Dock 10. Capt. Mead earned the prestigious award for his contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Aerial Port Flight Commander for the 5th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, Kuwait City International Airport Feb. 11, 2003 through May 2, 2003. Another 514th member, TSgt. Frank A. Bruno, Jr., of the 514th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance, received a Bronze Star with Valor at the Jan. 23 commanders call for disabling a terrorist improvised explosive device in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Six additional wing members also received awards at these two events.*

## PROMOTIONS

The following reservists were promoted during January:

### Airman

**Jason J. Cornwall**, 714th AMXS  
**Emily Febles**, 514th CS  
**Diana Hart**, 514th OSS  
**María D. Reveron**, 514th AMDS

### Airman First Class

**Nicole Barr**, 88th APS  
**Danny Jimenez**, 88th APS  
**Marjorie Negron**, 88th APS  
**Samantha M. Thompson**, 88th APS  
**Besley J. Sarazin**, 514th AMDS

### Senior Airman

**Angel A. Aguero**, 514th CES  
**Christopher W. Budden**, 714th AMXS  
**William N. Burch**, 714th AMXS  
**Robert E. Conrad, Jr.**, 514th CS  
**Tracy Flemming**, 514th CS  
**Idle A. Hassan**, 514th CES  
**Joshua C. Nash**, 514th AMXS  
**Ursula Simmons**, 514th ASTS  
**Alicia L. Trudeau**, 78th ARS

**Melina A. Veintimilla**, 514th ASTS  
**Steven T. Vennettilli**, 514th CES  
**Kent Y. Zhou**, 714th AMXS

### Staff Sergeant

**Efrain Gonzalez**, 35th APS  
**Yanira E. Gonzalez**, 514th MSG  
**Donna M. Hoffman**, 514th MSS  
**Jack D. Humphrey**, 514th SFS  
**John F. Keiling**, 514th SFS  
**Kevin J. McGreevy**, 88th APS  
**Perserance Okaiadjetey**, 722nd ASTS  
**Aaron D. Ott**, 88th APS  
**Jacinto Rivera, Jr.**, 35th APS  
**Anibal Rosa**, 76th ARS  
**Roberto A. Santisteban**, 514th AMXS  
**Jennifer H. Yang**, 514th CES  
**Michael R. Zigarelli**, 514th SFS

### Technical Sergeant

**Nicolas F. Calle**, 514th ASTS  
**Carmen L. Colonalemany**, 514th AES  
**Ronald M. English**, 514th CES  
**Bryan A. Hefner**, 714th AMXS  
**Justin C. Krowicki**, 514th CES

**Thomas R. Liles**, 514th AMDS  
**Vincent Rienzi**, 514th CES  
**Mario C. Rocha**, 514th AMXS  
**Robert R. Rubino**, 88th APS  
**Manchuria White**, 514th LRF  
**LaWayne A. Williams**, 88th APS  
**Dinese K. Wright**, 514th AMDS

### Master Sergeant

**Madalina N. Bramwell**, 88th APS  
**Juan R. Figueroa**, 88th APS  
**Lisa M. Green**, 88th APS  
**Christopher T. McCleese**, 714th AES  
**William F. Murphy, Jr.**, 88th APS  
**Tige E. Platt**, 76th ARS  
**Saul J. Ramos**, 714th AES  
**Neil B. Valladares**, 722nd ASTS

### Senior Master Sergeant

**Steve A. Cooper**, 76th ARS  
**Timothy J. Leary**, 514th CES

### Chief Master Sergeant

**Daniel P. Duffy**, 514th CES  
**George McGonagle**, 514th AMXS  
**Christopher A. Young**, 514th MXS

# Vice wing commander: been there, done this

By SSgt. Monica Dalberg  
514th AMW Public Affairs

Col. Steven Lesniewski has worn many hats during his nearly 26-year Air Force career. He has been both a squadron and a group commander, and although he's now a vice wing commander for the first time, what should be the most challenging part of his new job is, well, old hat.

In an interview with the Beacon during his first unit training assembly weekend here, Col. Lesniewski revealed what's not so new.

**What are your ideas for the wing and where would you like to see us go?**

I've been through the transition at another associate wing from one weapons system, the C-141, to another one, the C-17. I think I'm unique in I've been around

It's kind of a rebirth of the wing. At the same time I realize the KC-10 has been here doing a great job for the Air Force for a long time...It has its role and will continue to have its role in the life of McGuire.

**You have nearly 12 years experience in the C-17. How do you think your knowledge will help us with our passage to the new aircraft?**

I have the ear of the commander, the group commander and the maintenance folks and I can point out where we, (at Charleston) may have made a wrong turn in the airplane. If I see a 10-ton truck heading our way, I can point it out. There were hard lessons learned and I've learned a lot about the airplane.

**How would you describe your leadership style?**

I'm down to earth. I like to go out and talk to people one-on-one and get to know them.

**Share your proudest military moment.**

When I was at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, as commander of the 362nd Airlift Expeditionary Group, I went down with the 791st Expeditionary

Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to pick up injured troops from Baghdad. To watch their professionalism and how they conducted their business and brought those guys out and brought them back to their families was most memorable...made me pretty proud to be

associated with the Air Force.

**You've spent most of your career in the south, but you're a native of New York.. How does it feel to be back in the northeast?**

It feels great. It's really fun. It's a whole different culture in the northeast than in the south. It's not better, it's not worse, it's just different and it's fun to be back to see it again. It's a little fast. I know what a New York minute means.

**Can you share with us the most embarrassing moment of your military career?**

I was in pilot training and my daughter was newly born and she was crying the night before I had an early report the next day. I was trying to get her to laugh...I took a toy that had a suction cup on it with little balls that made noise. I stuck it on my forehead and I was shaking my head around and she started laughing. Well, when I pulled that thing off my head, I had the world's biggest hickey on my forehead...I heard about that from then, until I graduated.

Col. Lesniewski arrived here in October from Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga. Prior to his assignment at Dobbins, Col. Lesniewski spent 19 years at Charleston Air Force Base, where the transition from the C-141 to the C-17 took place in 1993.

The Schenectady, N.Y. native and his wife, Ellen, of 25 years, have three children; Jessica, 21, Chelsea, 19, and Dillon, 13. In his spare time, Col. Lesniewski likes to read books about history and enjoys running daily. As vice wing commander of the 514th he'll get to maintain a running pace. Col. Lesniewski is a pilot for Delta Airlines in civilian life and is based out of Atlanta. He plans to commute to McGuire Air Force Base from his home in Charleston, S.C.

*"...I've been around for the heartache and pain of losing that airplane that everyone's come to love and recognize and appreciate."*

— Col. Steven Lesniewski  
Vice Wing Commander

for the heartache and pain of losing that airplane that everyone's come to love and recognize and appreciate. I know the great things it's done. But I've also seen the C-17 in operation and all the great things it can do. I'm excited to be at a wing again that's going through that.



Photos by SSgt. Monica Dalberg

**"It's kind of a rebirth of the wing,"** said Vice Wing Commander, Col. Steven Lesniewski, on the 514th Air Mobility Wing's changeover from the C-141 Starlifter aircraft to the C-17 Globemaster III. McGuire AFB has received four of its 13 assigned C-17s. The final C-17 is expected to arrive here in June.

## Gen. Tanzi selected as AFRC Vice Commander

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson  
AFRC Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi will return here in January to serve as vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

He will replace Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., who will retire after he relinquishes his post to General Tanzi Jan. 21.

General Tanzi currently commands 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

Before that assignment, he was director of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga., from February 1999 to March 2002.

Other assignments include:

Commander of the 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, from July 1993 to February 1999.

Commander of the 906th Fighter Group, Wright-Patterson



Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi

AFB, Ohio, from July 1987 to July 1993.

Deputy commander for operations and later commander of the 917th Tactical Fighter Group, Barksdale AFB, La., from December 1985 to July 1987.

As the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve, General Tanzi will oversee AFRC daily operations.

General Tanzi is a native of Hanover, N.H. He entered the Air Force through the Ohio Air National Guard in 1968 and earned his wings in 1970. As a fighter weapons school graduate, he has held several supervisory and command positions to include serving as a squadron, group and wing commander.

General Tanzi is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in several fighter aircraft.

He flew combat missions over northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort II. The general retired from civil service Dec. 3. He is now a full-time reservist in the Active Guard and Reserve program.

### AFA Reserve Council needs more members

WASHINGTON – Reservists who want to improve the Air Force Reserve can apply to serve on the Air Force Association Reserve Council for two years.

The program is open to unit reservists, individual mobilization augmentees and members of the Active Guard and Reserve in any Air Force specialty and pay grade. The deadline is Feb. 10. The reservists will learn later that month if selected.

Council members ask fellow reservists for inputs on such topics as pay, benefits and training issues. These ideas help them develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment modernization and military construction issues affecting Air Force Reserve Command and reservists.

The council meets four times a year, usually in February, May, September and November. They wear service dress and mess dress uniforms for certain functions. Some meetings occur during AFA Symposium events.

The wing commander or equivalent must sign a letter stating the applicant is available to perform duties on the council. The letter needs to contain the following statement: "I understand the (unit of assignment for AGRs and unit reservists) or (major command for IMAs) is responsible for funding all TDYs required for membership on this council."

Other requirements are a cover letter, a resume of military and civilian experience, copies of the last five performance reports, a copy of the current personnel data report and a full-length, three-quarter turn pose photo in service dress uniform. Color or black-and-white prints or Polaroids are acceptable.

Reservists should mail their applications to CMSgt. Troy McIntosh, 12313 Manchester Way, Woodbridge, Va. 22192. The applications must arrive by Feb. 10.

The chief works in the Office of Air Force Reserve's Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon. His telephone number is DSN 225-9442 or (703) 695-9442.

### BRIEFS

#### Electronic Star-Ledger available

The Star-Ledger provides free Electronic Delivery (ED) to New Jersey troops, wherever they are serving as long as their military e-mail account remains active.

With E-delivery the troops stay informed and in touch with home from anywhere in the world. There is no software to download. Log-in is simple using a browser with an internet connection for access to all the local and national news by 5 a.m. EST daily. To register call 1-888-782-7533 or visit: [www.starledger.com/mil](http://www.starledger.com/mil).

#### STAR card interest rates increase

The Exchange Credit Program increased the interest rate of the Military STAR card by 0.25 percentage points to become 10 percent. This rate increase becomes effective after the January billing statement.

The rate increase doesn't apply to the zero interest Military Clothing Plans, special promotions already in existence or to deployed customers whose balances are treated under special conditions or have balances at reduced rates.

### 88th aerial port member dies

SMSGt. Vaughn L. Poertner, a member of the 88th Aerial Port Squadron died Dec. 16 in Mt. Laurel, N.J. when he lost his battle with cancer.

SMSGt. Vaughn was a Vietnam veteran and recipient of two Purple Hearts. He has been a 514th member since he joined the 88th APS in 1993 with 48 other members from Whiteman AFB, Mo.

The veteran is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and

four sons. Everyone is invited to attend the memorial service set for Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in McGuire's Chapel One.



SMSGt. Vaughn L. Poertner

# Preparation continues for ORI

In today's heightened threat environment coupled with the Expeditionary Air Force timetable and October's Operational Readiness Inspection, the chances of reservists deploying have increased twofold.

In preparation for these future events wing mobility training monitors are doubling their efforts to ensure squadron members have all their mobility training accomplished.

Throughout 2005, the Beacon will run a deployment series covering specific training topics or a question and answer section taken from the AFMAN 10-100 Airman's Manual, to help keep mobility in the forefront.

The following questions and answers center on the MCU-2 series mask worn with the chemical warfare ensemble. (AFMAN 10-100, Page 212).

For information call Civil Engineer Readiness & emergency Management at (609) 754-6225.

### When must the MCU-2 series mask be inspected?

- Upon issue
- Every six months after initial date during peacetime
- Prior to deployment
- Every seven days during contingency operations

### What information should be recorded on DD Form 1574 after a mask inspection?

- FRONT: stock number
- mask type



USAF photo

**Airmen go through a field decontamination station that's part of the ability to survive and operate (ATSO) process.**

- size
- mask lot number
- inspection activity
- inspector's name and date
- fill in remarks section when a serviceable C2 series canister is installed
- REAR: date inspected
- inspector's initials
- next inspection due date

For information on the wear of the MCU-2 series mask see AFMAN 10-100 Pages 153-161.

**HELPFUL TIDBIT:** To ensure a proper seal cover the canister inlet port and inhale. Upon inhaling, the lens should deflect. Hold your breath. If the lens stay deflected, it's a good sign that a proper seal has occurred. While holding your breath, if the lens return to its normal position a seal has not occurred.

With a good seal it is normal to feel air passing across the front of the mask while breathing normally. This is the path the air takes to prevent the mask from fogging.



USAF photo

### FIELD HONORS

(Kneeling) TSgt. Harold Astree and Maj. Bryan Castle of the 376th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron take a group picture with, (center), Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, commander 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, after receiving the USCCAF commander's coin at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The aeromedical members were on a 120-day rotation during Lt. Gen Buchanan's visit. Maj. Castle, from the 714th AES, served as an assistant officer-in-charge of the crew management cell and TSgt. Astree, from the 514th AES, served as a medical technician on an aeromedical evacuation team.

## 2005 Reserve Pay for Four Drills Years of Service

	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
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O-6	658.76	723.72	771.20	771.20	774.12	807.32	811.72	811.72	857.84	939.40	987.28	1,035.12	1,062.36	1,089.88	1,143.40
O-5	549.16	618.64	661.48	669.52	696.20	712.24	747.40	773.20	806.48	857.48	881.76	905.76	933.00	933.00	933.00
O-4	473.84	548.52	585.12	593.28	627.24	663.68	709.00	744.36	768.88	782.96	791.16	791.16	791.16	791.16	791.16
O-3	416.60	472.28	509.76	555.76	582.36	611.56	630.48	661.60	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76
O-2	359.92	409.96	472.16	488.12	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16
O-1	312.48	325.20	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08
O-3E	0	0	0	555.76	582.36	611.56	630.48	661.60	687.80	702.80	723.28	0	0	0	0
O-2E	0	0	0	488.12	498.16	514.04	540.76	561.48	576.88	576.88	576.88	0	0	0	0
O-1E	0	0	0	393.08	419.84	435.32	451.16	466.76	488.12	488.12	488.12	0	0	0	0
E-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	520.16	531.96	546.80	564.32	581.88	610.12	634.00	659.16	697.56
E-8	0	0	0	0	0	425.80	444.64	456.28	470.28	485.40	512.72	526.56	550.12	563.20	595.36
E-7	296.00	323.08	335.44	351.84	364.60	386.60	398.96	411.28	433.28	444.32	454.76	461.16	482.72	496.68	532.00
E-6	256.04	281.68	294.12	306.20	318.80	347.24	358.28	370.56	381.32	385.16	387.76	387.76	387.76	387.76	387.76
E-5	234.60	250.28	262.36	274.76	294.04	310.64	322.88	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76
E-4	215.04	226.08	238.28	250.36	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04
E-3	194.16	206.36	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80
E-2	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60

## MyPay becomes mandatory for Reserve pay statements

By MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries  
514th AMW Public Affairs

Effective Jan. 1, reserve members are now required to use the myPay system for routine financial transactions and to access their military leave and earning and tax statements.

Hardcopy financial data such as the leave and earning statements, W-2 statements, etc., will no longer be mailed and will only be available on the myPay Website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>

mypay.aspx., Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander, Air Force Reserve Command released in a late November memorandum.

Department of Defense civilians have the same directive looming on the horizon, pending completion of bargaining requirements, he added.

MyPay is a financial self-service system that enables military and federal employees to take care of basic pay issues without involving their military and civil-

ian pay offices.

Expanded services allows myPay customers to receive their expanded history of electronic pay statements, change federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic fund transfer information, manage Thrift Savings accounts and provide read-only access to spouses.

Members without a myPay personal identification number can request one from their finance officer or from the myPay Website.



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

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