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Members of the 732d Airlift Squadron stand at attention during a ceremony in Thorney, United Kingdom, August 7, to commemorate a crash that took the life of 18 Airmen in 1976.



Photo by Master Sgt. Donna Jeffries

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Members of the 88th Aerial Port Squadron remove seating from a KC-10 extender to load cargo after arriving at Ramstein Air Base, Germany July 25.

Photo by Senior Airman Chelsea Smith

PULSE CHECK: What makes a great leader?



Senior Airman Chelsie Rojas

*514th Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron*

"A great leader is someone who gets their hands dirty before they expect their troops to. A leader should be able to build his or her followers up to become successful leaders in the future."



Airman Terrell Sawyer

514th Force Support Squadron

"A great leader is someone who people look to for inspiration. Being a leader requires you to be smart and selfless. Leaders think about the people around them, not about themselves."



Staff Sgt. Ashley Cisneros

514th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I believe a successful leader inspires those around them to succeed by example. A great leader must be hardworking, determined and persistent."



Master Sgt. Joseph M. Jones

*514th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron*

"Great leaders will not hesitate to do what is right. They will support members who are doing what is expected of them and hold others accountable for errors in judgment. Great leaders will motivate members and develop them into all that they can be."



Master Sgt. Kingsley Rose

78th Air Refueling Squadron

"A great leader is one who sets the standards, abides by them and leads by example. Great leaders know who their people are and meet them halfway."

Freedom Wing's Honorary Commanders take oath during induction ceremony

By Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Ten members from the local community represented the Freedom Wing during the Honorary Commanders Induction ceremony here Aug. 20.

The Honorary Commanders program encourages an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendships between key leaders of the surrounding communities and JB MDL. In addition, it's an opportunity for commanders and local leaders to positively impact community and base interaction by building and strengthening community relationships.

The newly inducted civilian commanders will serve a one year term in their honorary positions with the 514th Air Mobility Wing.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White

Members from the local community take the Honorary Commander's oath during the Joint Base Honorary Commanders Induction ceremony held here Aug. 20. The newly inducted civilian commanders will serve a one year term in their honorary positions.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White

Mr. Jim Wallace, 514th Air Mobility Wing honorary commander, laughs with Col. Michael J. Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander during the Joint Base Honorary Commanders Induction ceremony held here Aug. 20. The Honorary Commanders program encourages an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendships between key leaders of the surrounding communities and JB MDL. In addition, it is an opportunity for commanders and community leaders to positively impact community and base interaction by building and strengthening community relationships.

Three countries, Two ceremonies, One mission: To honor the memory of fallen Airmen

Photos and Story by Master Sgt. Donna Jeffries
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs



Traveling four days through three countries to two separate memorials, a C-17 Globemaster III aircrew recently upheld the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

Members of the 732d Airlift Squadron and alumni from the (deactivated) 702nd Airlift Squadron from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., visited the memorial site of 18 Airmen who died when their C-141 Starlifter crashed into a sugar beet field Aug. 28, 1976 in Thorney, United Kingdom.

The Aug. 7 commemoration ceremony marked the second time the Air Force Reserve unit paid homage to their fallen comrades alongside Thorney town members, some of who witnessed the crash and were first responders.

The following day the aircrew repeated their homage in a different field in another country.

On the 70th Anniversary of the Aug. 8, 1944 B-17 Flying Fortress crash, Airmen from the 514th Air Mobility Wing visited Lonlay L'Abbaye, in Northern France to remember the aircrew members who lost their lives when their plane went down in a farmer's field. The plane, known as "Chowhound", was hit by enemy flak during the Allied liberation of Nazi-occupied France during World War II. Councilmen and residents of the small French town welcomed

the Reserve Airmen, and together with the American family members of the fallen, paid their respects to the sacrifice made.

With local councilmen, town residents and bandsmen present at both events, the trip showed how tragedy brings people from different countries and backgrounds together for a common human cause.

"It was interesting feeling that you were upset that someone's life was cut short but at the same time proud of what they were doing – local population recognized that too," said Lt. Col. Sam Irvin, 732d AS commander.

"In both cases, the memorials showed how much the local towns were involved," said Irvin. "It was amazing how both towns took these (fallen) American Airmen in as their own. They took pride in looking after Airmen that were on missions to do well for their own respective countries."

"You don't forget things like this – it sticks in your mind," said Thorney resident Nanette Dawson, "I think about all those people and their families. "My husband and I often come back down this way while out taking walks and just have a few minutes with it (the memorial)."

Dawson recounted how she had been out shopping when the incident occurred. It was a hot day and suddenly black clouds came rolling in and a fierce thunderstorm began. She saw a flame she thought was a bolt of lightning come down that frightened her.

The flame turned out to be the tail piece that hit quite a distance behind their house.

According to the aircraft mishap report, the C-141 experienced an in-flight disintegration, which meant the right wing tore away from the aircraft.

In the case of Lonlay L'Abbaye, the common cause was stemming the tide of the Nazi-invasion of the French countryside. The loss of American life on their soil meant a lot to the residents as the downed American crew were present to aid in the war effort.

Rain fell as the mixed crowd of military and civilians paid their respects site to the B-17 crew at the crash.

"The sky is crying," said a local French woman as everyone walked the mile back to the road to their transportation. The common French phrase is often thought of whenever it rains she said, while noting that it is especially poignant when the "sky cries" during commemorations.

The mayor of Lonlay L'Abbaye summed up the significance of the lost lives in his speech given on the steps of the war memorial in the town square, located a few miles from the actual crash site.

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The mayor reminded all that the liberation of Lonlay took place Aug. 15, 1944 and that the citizens of Lonlay L’Abbaye must remember the young aviators who lost their lives, far from their motherland. The memorial has the aviator’s names inscribed on it

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alongside the names of the local Frenchmen who also gave their lives.

“So now they (Americans) are associated with their French brothers killed in the two world wars,” he said.

While this trip was the second time American Airmen were collectively able to pay their respects at both locations, it was the first for most of the current aircrew.

“I didn’t want to miss this opportunity,” said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Ferraro, 732d AS, C-17 loadmaster. “This is history and visiting both crash sites continues the history.”

For a few, this second journey brought back vivid memories.

“This trip kinda made me sad; it reminds me how much I miss the Air Force – the camaraderie, the mission,” said Senior Master Sgt. Doug Stroz, a retired C-141 loadmaster from the 702d AS who was instrumental in raising funds to erect the monument in Thorney.

He and a delegation of 702d AS aircrew, along with family members of the crash victims, made the journey to the original dedication ceremony in October 1996.

The idea for the memorial came from Senior Master Sgt. Noel Sinchak, also a retired 702d loadmaster, who was present at the recent dedication. Six years after the crash, while stationed at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, UK, Sinchak had a desire to find the location where his fellow crewmen lay a rest. It took him over a year to locate the farmer, James Hemmant, who owned the land where the majority of the C-141 pieces landed.

Sinchak reflected on the challenges met and conquered, of erecting the 1 ½ ton stone, and how help came from members of the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron based out of RAF Mildenhall.

In Lonlay L’Abbaye, an American Flag hanging in the middle of the crash site is the sole reminder of that fateful event. Three years prior, another group from the 732d AS brought back a piece of the wreckage of the bomber which had been donated to the wing’s active duty counterparts, the 305th Air Mobility Wing. Plans on how to display the artifact are still underworks.

The trip also gave the Freedom Wing Airmen another opportunity to personally thank the townspeople for their diligence in taking care of the sites. Caretaking is a duty that both sets of townspeople take on

wholeheartedly.

John Bartlett, Chairman of Thorney Parish Council and Thorney resident since 1969 told onlookers during his ceremony address that the council will continue to maintain the cemetery commemorating all the American citizens who perished in the crash.

The current crew members will also carry the memory of these events with them and the recent part they played in ensuring no one is forgotten.

“I’m honored and humbled that our squadron was able to participate in two historical events that occurred in the Air Force history and one specifically in our squadron heritage,” said Capt. David Rodriguez, 732d AS, planner and coordinator for the overseas training mission and memorial ceremonies. “These events were moments of remembrance and commemoration for our fallen Airmen. We will strive to preserve their memories and contribution to our Air Force history and heritage.”

As the squadron commander today, Irvin said it meant a lot to him to be able to close the loop.

“It’s hard to put into words the value of a mission like this,” said Irvin. “I’m proud of how everyone conducted themselves during the ceremonies of this is an once-in-a-lifetime experience. What may appear to some as a little thing, goes a long way in building relations.”



Master Sgt. Markos Moraitakis and Senior Airman Brian Kelly secure cargo pallets in the rear of a KC-10 Extender aircraft prior to departing on a three-day multi-purpose mission to Ramstein Air Base, Germany July 25.



Photos by Senior Airman Chelsea Smith

76th ARS deliver cargo to Germany, Pick up fellow Airmen

By Senior Airman Chelsea Smith
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

As the sun disappeared over the horizon, a KC-10 Extender loaded with 12 Airmen, 14 cargo pallets, and 67 passengers departed from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July 25 to deliver its cargo and receive 25 members of the 88th Aerial Port Squadron returning from annual tour training.

The multi-purpose mission also satisfied training requirements for members of the flight crew from the 76th Air Refueling Squadron.

Prior to the 8-hour flight, Senior Airman Brian Kelly, 76th ARS boom operator, handled the onloading of more than 27,700 lbs. of cargo to fulfill his cargo handling qualification training required every six months, said Kelly.

"I'm trying to refine my skills and become more comfortable with the onloading and offloading process," said Kelly. "These trips expand my understanding of cargo handling because it's a lot of information to process. I gain more as I participate in these types of missions."

After dropping off cargo, the 76th ARS began the second part of their mission, picking up Airmen from the 88th APS who were at Ramstein AB completing their annual tour requirements. They were training alongside Airmen from the 36th APS out of Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington. Ramstein AB, is home to the busiest aerial port in the Air Force.

The east-west alliance merged with

active-duty members of the 721st APS stationed at Ramstein AB to form a coalition of nearly 200 people supporting escalated activity on more than 230 missions, said Senior Master Sgt. Israel Rodriguez, 88th APS superintendent.

The training focused on expanding core job skill proficiencies, exposing members to overseas missions, and learning alternative methods to conduct operations, said Rodriguez.

"We have a great relationship with the folks at the 721st," said Rodriguez. "It's mutually beneficial because we provide the manpower they need and they provide great training opportunities."

The team exceeded goals by performing 176 individual tasks, surpassing their original goal by 40. They also moved more than 1,380 tons of cargo, 7,600 passengers, and 4,300 total pieces. Airmen also received additional training on load planning, fleet services, cargo operations and special equipment handling, said Rodriguez.

The mentorship provided by 721st APS civilian and military leadership equipped 88th APS Airmen with the ability to branch out from primary functions and to explore other core tasks they might not regularly perform as reservists, said Rodriguez.

"Integration between the two Reserve units and the active-duty unit was flawless," said Rodriguez. "All parties feel that they gained insight and understanding of one another's roles and positions within the Air

Force."

At the culmination of training, Senior Airmen Kevin Bretscher and Justin Poblete were presented with "Best Performer" certificates, recognizing their efforts in working above and beyond their job duties.

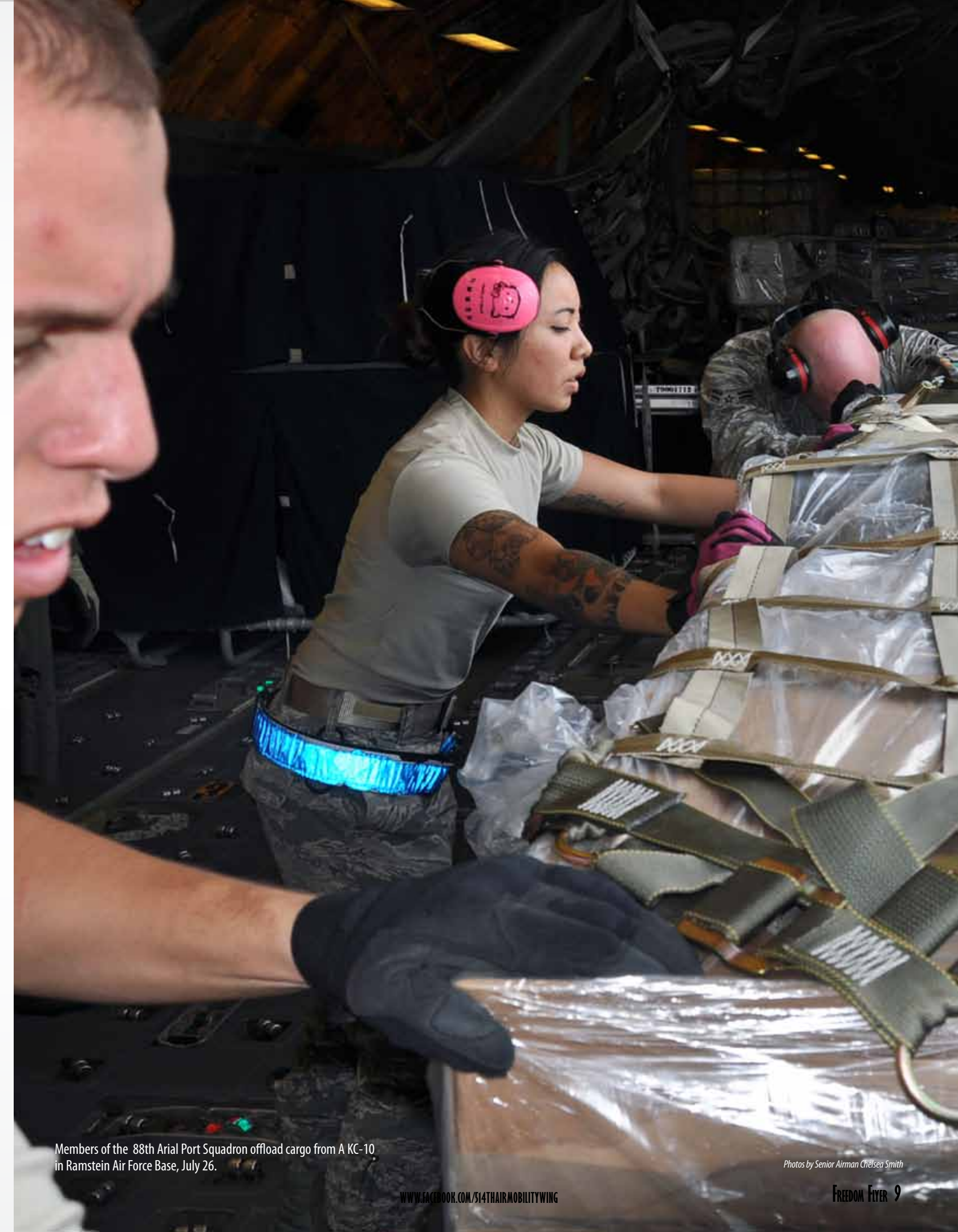
"It was a challenging two weeks," said Bretscher. "I'm taking home a lot of valuable new information and experience I can replicate on the job at the home unit."

Recently, Air Force Reserve Command has opened up more missions to support training needs and transportation requirements, said Lt. Col. Robert Beale, 76th ARS flight commander.

"Maintaining combat-ready Airman can be a juggling act between maintaining operational needs and training requirements" said Beale. "The KC-10 is unmatched in its versatility and capacity to provide training opportunities and support missions around the world."

The aircraft also impressively supports up to 170,000 lbs. of cargo and can combine the tasks of a tanker and cargo aircraft by refueling fighters and simultaneously transporting the fighter support personnel and equipment, said Beale.

Ultimately, with greater leverage on operational costs, AFRC can continue to compartmentalize missions to facilitate interoperability between stateside and overseas counterparts, improve efficiency and sustain mission-ready Airman, said Beale.



Members of the 88th Aerial Port Squadron offload cargo from a KC-10 in Ramstein Air Force Base, July 26.

Photos by Senior Airman Chelsea Smith



Freedom Wing displays "Brotherhood" at 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White
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Over 50 Freedom Wing volunteers reported to the Philadelphia International Airport to assist athletes of the 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Aug. 11 and 18.

Charles Smith, Department of Veterans Affairs Philadelphia, deputy chief of police and volunteer staff organizer, said the assistance was a way to give back to members of a veteran community who had given so much of themselves.

"I am a veteran and it is important that we convey the message of care to our wheelchair athletes," said Smith. "The participation of service members sends this message of care and lets the athletes know they are not forgotten and that the military supports them."

Co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the world's largest annual wheelchair multi-sport event in which more than 500 veterans with spinal cord injury, amputations or other neurological disorders compete in 19 events. Some of the events include swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, archery, air guns, basketball, bocce, nineball, softball, quad rugby, bowling, handcycling, trapshooting, wheelchair slalom, power soccer, a motorized wheelchair rally, track and field.

"This was a pleasurable and great experience," said Bobby Edoo, 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "Our first day, we met the athletes during their arrival at the terminal and assisted them with getting to their transportation to the games. The final day was the reverse process in which we met the athletes at the gate and assisted with placing them on the plane."

Although wing members were primarily responsible for assisting with the "wheelchair lift and transfer" (a method used to safely transport the athletes from their wheelchairs to another seating apparatus), the experience proved to be a social gathering in which veteran athletes shared their stories with Reservists.

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One of the most compelling stories shared was by Navy veteran Doris Merrill, possibly the oldest athlete to compete at over 90 years-old. Winning a gold medal in ramp bowling was a crowning achievement for Merrill considering she had to overcome two devastating family losses prior to the start of the games. The first was the passing of her brother on July 5 and two days later she lost her longtime coach and son Paul also known as Pepper.

Initially, Merrill was not going to compete in this year's games. With the support of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she eventually changed her mind. She found herself performing poorly during her first game of the ramp bowling contest which took place at Laurel Lanes in Maple Shade, N.J. The following game would tell a different story as Merrill regained her composure.

“Although he was not present, I could still hear my son's voice,” said Merrill. “The next game I thought if Pepper were here, he would have said stop, concentrate and throw some lightning! I started to focus and ended up winning the gold.”

Master Sgt. Pamela Ohman, 514th AMW, said it was an honor to meet Merrill, as well as the other athletes she assisted.

“It was complete honor to meet and assist with all the veterans that were able to attend the wheelchair games. Everyone was so friendly and excited to share their story of service with me and I was so eager to listen,” Ohman said.

She said that many civilians in the area took the opportunity to thank the veterans for their sacrifice.

“It warmed my heart when, at one of the terminals where we were assisting, all of the civilian travelers rose to their feet and began applauding the arriving athletes,” Ohman said. “Sometimes, life gets a little busy and we forget about the freedom that has been bestowed upon us, however when a moment arrives to show respect and appreciation, many Americans take that opportunity and say thank you.”



Left: Dwight Hayes, an Army veteran with over 4,000 high altitude-low opening (HALO) jumps, discusses his performance in archery at the 34th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games with Senior Airman Lauren Otero, 35th Aerial Port Squadron, before departing the Philadelphia International Airport, Aug. 18. **Above:** Maj. Gregory Ellis, 514th Air Mobility Wing, speaks with athletes while they wait to board their flights. **Below:** Volunteers from the 514th Air Mobility Wing pose for a picture with one of the athletes of the 34th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games at the Philadelphia International Airport.





Team Tommasello pose with their first place trophies after winning the 12th Annual Senior Airman Kevin L. White Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Aug. 22, at Falcon Creek Golf Course here.



Maj. Walter Kruk, 514th Force Support Squadron, participates in the 12th Annual Senior Airman Kevin L. White Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Aug. 22, at Falcon Creek Golf Course here.

There are many winners at the Kevin L. White Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Rob Johnson, Ron Tommasello, Ron Bannister, and Steph Garrett took first place in the 12 Annual Senior Airman Kevin L. White Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament held Aug. 22 at the Falcon Creek Golf Course.

The tournament honors White, a 514th Security Forces Squadron member who passed away in 2003. White joined the Reserve shortly after September 11 2001, answering the nation's 'call to arms.' He served in Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom before losing his life in an accident.

"The scholarship golf tournament is important because we are honoring Senior Airman Kevin L. White, son of retired Chief Master Sgt. John White," said Senior Airman Oscar Salazar, 514th Air Mobility Wing, one of four scholarship recipients this year. "Money is always an issue with school. This really helps out!"

The other recipients were Senior Airman Vanessa Schoening, 514th Civil Engineers Squadron, Ariana Petrycki, 732nd Airlift Squadron and Michael Yee, 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Prior to the scholarship announcement, Salazar's supervisors, who knew Salazar was already selected, decided to have a little fun

with him. At the time Salazar was unaware of the results therefore they told him he did not make it this year. Salazar went through most of the UTA weekend believing them until close of business when he received a telephone call from Master Sgt. Tanowa Watson, 514th AMW, stating the contrary.

"My face was in shock when Master Sgt. Watson said I was selected. I could not believe it," said Salazar. "I then realized my supervisors had played a trick on me."

From golf participant to scholarship recipient, the day brought

together a variety of people who networked, bonded and shared stories. More importantly were the accolades the recipients received from many of the retirees such as the praises offered from Chief MSgt. Dean Roberts 514th SFS to Senior Airman Schoening.

"Senior Airman Schoening recently graduated from the New York City Fire Academy. With only 41 female firefighters in New York City, the odds of getting hired by FDNY as a firefighter, man or especially woman, are astronomical," said Roberts. "The fact that she graduated from the academy and was selected today speaks volumes of her."

The 514th AMW Career Advisor Council and the SFS created the memorial golf tour-

namment and scholarship fund in 2003 in White's memory. Each year they award scholarships to the next generation of Airmen following in his footsteps.



Scholarship recipients Senior Airman Vanessa Schoening, 514th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Oscar Salazar, 514th Air Mobility Wing, and Senior Airman Ariana Petrycki, 732nd Airlift Squadron, pose with a picture of Senior Airman Kevin L. White. Recipient Senior Airman Michael Yee, 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Managing Burnout at Work

By Jaclyn E. Urmev, MSW, LCSW, DCSW
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A gift of being human is experiencing emotions, whether it's outright obvious or suppressed and hidden from others. Emotions are the result of a multitude of influences. They are the output of a variety of inputs over the course of our entire lifetime. So what happens when we invest our emotions into our work? It's a rare occasion when someone can say that they've never burned out at work before. Often times, our driven, ambitious personalities, personal matters, pressure to perform from superiors or clashing of what we expect of ourselves and what others expect of us can create an unpleasant work atmosphere, the result of which can be dissatisfaction and/or burnout.

Managing burnout at work doesn't necessarily take a lot of work. It does, however, take commitment and patience. Do a root cause analysis of some of your work stress to help you know where to start and how to address the causes and levels of office stress. Try to clarify your work duties to ensure that you and your superiors are expecting the same result from your work performance. Practice healthy lifestyle choices, for instance support a colleague who is trying to quit smoking, separate from negative nellys in the workspace,

or share healthy snacks. Other ways to manage workplace stress and recover from burnout are to take good care of yourself, have a positive outlook, laugh often, learn how to relax, make time for activities you enjoy, recognize when you're stressed, focus on the things you can control, get organized at home, and simplify your life.

Burnout at work can create an opportunity for personal and professional growth for each of us. It can indicate areas of our lives that we need to strengthen or balance. Without some of those challenging experiences, we may be stunted and never grow to our full potential in certain areas of life. By taking the chance to overcome workplace burnout by practicing some of the above suggestions, or other positive strategies, our work experiences can turn from dark and gloomy to enjoyable and satisfying.

For more information on managing work burnout, visit military-onesource.mil or contact me at 609-754-2542.



NYC celebrates Air Force birthday in style

Story and photo by Maj. Allison Ecung
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

On September 18th, the US Air Force celebrated 67 years as a separate independent service. Celebrations were held across the country, as airmen around the globe commemorated this momentous occasion in our service's history and New York City was not to be outdone.

Prior to 1947, the Air Force was a branch of the army. As such, the main function was close air support for ground troops, as well as surveillance and reconnaissance. Pioneers like Maj. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell argued for a more comprehensive use of air power, particularly with the strategic use of bombers in warfare. On September 18, 1947, President Truman signed an executive order recognizing the Air Force as a separate branch of service equal to the army and navy.

New York has a special relationship with the air force since before its formation as an independent service. In 1918, former New York City Mayor John Purroy Mitchel trained as an Air Service pilot. Upon his untimely death in a crash, the future Air Force Base Mitchel Field on Long Island was named for him.

For the 67th birthday, the city rolled out the red carpet for all airmen. Fox News provided a special birthday cake and honored Senior Airman Amanda Martino, 105th Base

Defense Squadron, Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., for her outstanding service. Martino is a Purple Heart recipient. Members of the 514th Air Mobility Wing received a tour of the NASDAQ exchange and were invited to ring the opening bell with Maureen Lowe, president and founder of Financial Technologies Forum, LLC. Over at Good Morning America, NFL Hall of Famer Michael Strahan stopped by as airmen waited with the crowd to wish the Air Force a very happy birthday. While on the Today Show air force members were treated to selfies with host Hoda Kotb and cheers from the crowd.

HBO held a very special reception to honor the occasion with CEO Richard Pepler and the Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, Brig. Gen. (ret) Loree Sutton, M.D. The culmination of the day's events was a huge celebration in Bry-



Members of the 514th AMW and other Airmen gather to ring the opening bell at the NASDAQ Exchange in honor of the Air Force Birthday Sept. 18, in New York City, N.Y.

ant Park with the guest speaker Maj. Gen. Verle Johnston, New York Air National Guard Commander. As a special treat, the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band ensemble "Full Spectrum" performed for everyone in attendance. Hundreds of civilian and military personnel attended the reception which included an official presentation of a mayoral proclamation by Commissioner Sutton and a traditional cake cutting ceremony by Johnston and Martino with an air force saber. Following the ceremony, cake was served to everyone as Full Spectrum finished their set with popular music and medleys.



Airman

Ryan Corcoran, 514 LRS
Steven Kilawattie, 35 APS
John Palencar, 514 MXS
Terrell Sawyer, 514 FSS

Airman 1st Class

David Diaz, 514 AMXS
Jacob Fanelli, 35 APS
Rosa Gonzales, 514 LRS
Jared Medina, 42 CBCS
Mikey Ong, 514 MXS
Andrea Quinones, 88 APS
Mary Lou Rodriguez, 514 LRS

Senior Airman

Kari Brown, 514 ASTS
James Del Greco, 35 APS
Devon Dixon, 714 AMXS
Darell Duckett, 732 AS
William Elder Jr, 88 APS
Kareem Fisher, 514 AMXS
Lauren Fisher, 714 AMXS
Adolfo Gonzalez, 514 AMXS
April Jackson, 514 AMDS
Sergey Kim, 514 AMXS
Angel Latorre, 514 AMDS
Abdon Lopez, 514 AMXS
Kimberly Mendez, 514 AMDS
Kwasi Phillip, 514 AMDS
Nicholas Santoro, 514 CES
Mariah Watson, 514 AMW

Staff Sergeant

Adam Denoit, 35 APS

*The following enlisted Airmen
were recently promoted and the following officers
were selected for promotion.*

Kevin Bock, 514 LRS
Reinaldo Correa, 714 AMXS
Dustin Craven, 714 AMXS
Meagan Davis, 714 AMXS
Tyler Drapeau, 514 MSG
Alvaro Fable, 76 ARS
Bryan Feuerstein, 514 LRS
Ira Friedman, 714 AMXS
Oscar Giron, 714 AMXS
Miranda Keeley, 714 AMXS
Steven Miles, 35 APS
Michael Morris, 514 FSS
Ronald Negron, 88 APS
Jeremy Oatman, 714 AMXS
Chris Parks, 35 APS
Donald Ramos, 514 AMW
Katelyn Rosenberger, 514 FSS

Tech Sergeant

Jared Basolt, 514 AMW
Jason Craig, 78 ARS
Allan Deguzman, 42 CBCS
James Del Rio, 88 APS
Antonio Ferguson, 714 AMXS
Angel Gonzalez Jr, 78 ARS

Gary Melendezcrespo, 514 MXG
Juan Carlos Mieses, 714 AMXS
Morgan Samuel, 42 CBCS

Master Sergeant

Wilfred Cill
Edward Czermak, 514 MXS
Paula Delany, 732 AS
Richard Moore, 514 ASTS
Robert Michalowski, 514 MXS
Timothy Mullin, 732 AS
Aaron Powell, 514 MXG
David Stroebl, 88 APS
Joshua Strouse, 88 APS

Captain

John Bergacs, 514th AES

Lieutenant Colonel

Louis Bellace, 514 AES
Henry Bernard, 514 ASTS
Matthew Bianchini, 514 MXS
Peter Bigley, 76 ARS
Barton Buchanan, 76 ARS
Eugene Carachilo, 514 AMOS
Daniel Fehl, 732 AS
Steven Hakim, 514 AMDS
Matthew Hendell, 514 AES
Steven Hicken, 514 AMOS
Roy Leon, 78 ARS
Ralph Marshall II, 78 ARS
Barbara McCormick, 514AMDS
Patrick Stafy, 514 OSS
James Tehero, 514 AES
Ronald Tornese, 514 OSS
Fernando Waldron, 514 AMW



A C-130 pilot watches as his aircraft is refueled by a 76th Air Refueling Squadron aircrew on board a KC-10 May 7.

*Photos by Senior Airman Brian Kelly
76th Air Refueling Squadron*

PASS IN REVIEW



Col. Anthony Esposito, 514 Maintenance Group commander, reads a gift with Mrs. Caffrey as Lt. Col. Edward Caffrey looks on during Caffrey's retirement ceremony Aug. 4.



Photo by Capt. Allison Ecing

Freedom Wing members work together to complete an obstacle during the annual mentoring workshop July 26.



Photo by Christian De Luca

Members of the 35th Aerial Port Squadron compare measurements while preparing Army equipment for a flight. The squadron weighs, measures and inspects cargo to make sure it corresponds with government regulations.



The 514th Air Mobility Wing Chaplains office hosted a BBQ luncheon for the wing staff Sept 6. The luncheon included pulled pork and pulled chicken, along with sides and salad from a local barbeque restaurant.

514TH AIR MOBILITY WING VISION



**TO BUILD A DIVERSE,
COLLABORATIVE, EXPERIENCED TEAM
THAT VALUES AND NURTURES
THE TIME AND TALENTS
OF CITIZEN AIRMEN,
COACHING AND IMPROVING
EACH OTHER WHILE BUILDING
UPON THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
BEFORE**

