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An Air Force F-35A Lightning II is refueled by a KC-10A during a training mission near Eglin Air Force Base, FLA. April 10.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly

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The heads of pilots are silhouetted on a green visor in the cockpit of a C-17 during a media flight March 22.

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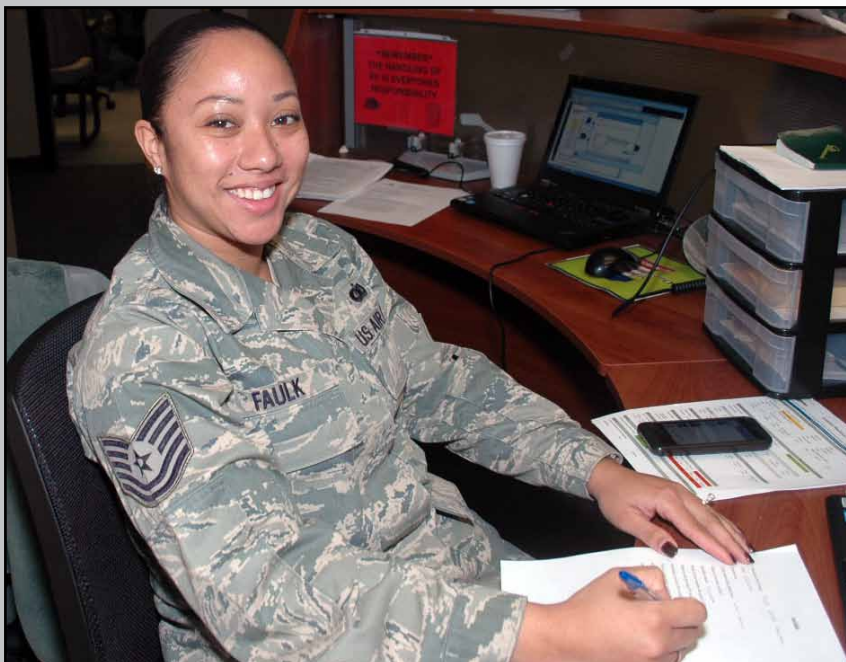
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SPOTLIGHT: ***TECH. SGT. ERIKA FAULK***

Unit: 35 APS

Duty Title: Command and support staff administrator

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

What is your best quality: I am focused and goal oriented.

Little known fact about you: I am a Navy Brat.

Favorite season: Summer

What is your number one goal in life: To be a successful woman in life, with a career and a family.

What is your favorite TV show: Martin

One thing you can't live without: My family

What is your dream vacation destination: Fiji

Who is your role model: My mom

Last movie you watched: The Fast and the Furious 6

One wing, One UTA

By Col. Michael Underkofler
514th Air Mobility Wing commander

From changing aircraft to changing bases, the Freedom Wing has a history of adapting and excelling in the face of, what some may consider, adversity.

The proficiency, professionalism and esprit de corps of our Airmen has kept the 514th at the forefront of the Air Force Reserve throughout the years.

The most recent change is with personnel and sadly, our wing is no longer as large as it once was.

I think we are now small enough to consolidate our operations and only have one unit training assembly each month. There are so many efficiencies we can realize by doing this. The money that we now spend on duplicative administrative support can be used for training and development.

It will also allow for more focused UTA training and give time back to so many Airmen and civilians who serve two weekends a month. It will make UTAs more fun. You won't be forced to miss an annual awards

banquet or combat dining in, for example, because the events aren't being held on your UTA. If your squadron presently is split in two, after we go to one UTA you'll get to see everyone in the squadron, every month. Think of how this can improve training, mentoring, unit morale, and fun.

Going to one UTA won't be easy. We need your help. You should have recently received a survey that will help identify wing shortfalls. Your unit commander and senior ART will need your input for questions and surveys they ask. Maybe they have already started this process. If so, great. We want to eliminate, "we should have thought of that" moments after we are all here, drilling together once a month. With your help, we'll consolidate starting on Oct. 24-25, 2015.

The 315th Air Wing at Charleston Air Force Base recently transitioned to one UTA and after three months they are experiencing increased efficiencies. Physicals that previously took eight hours are now accomplished



in four. Change can be difficult but the one UTA concept will allow our Freedom Wing to recapture Reserve Personnel Appropriation dollars for mission and training. We'll have a better work-life balance and can increase synergy.

At one time the Freedom Wing was over 5,000 strong, now with 2,300 Reservists it makes sense to not duplicate services and have unity of command. As the months follow you'll continue to receive information about the transition. NOW is the time to let your voice be heard, think outside of the box and think of ways we can excel.

Transition Assistance Program provides marketable skills and knowledge

Story by Airman 1st Class Terrence Clyburn
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

The Transition Assistance Program helps equip service members with the skills and knowledge to market themselves for employment in the civilian sector.

The Airman and Family Readiness Office schedules TAP sessions as a mandatory requirement for service members who have been on active duty orders for over 180 days. However, anyone can request one-on-one assistance.

"TAP is a wonderful program for transitioning Airmen," said Judith Pates, 514th Force Support Squadron, Airman and Family Readiness director. "They are gaining the needed skills to go into the civilian sector and to be employable."

TAP is composed of pre-separation counseling, Veteran Affairs briefing, financial briefing, employment skills and capstone. The sessions culminate to help make veterans competitive in the employment market.

"I have heard lots of positive feedback from our Airmen that TAP is well worth the time to attend to gain these skills," Pates said. "Members have come back to my office with stories of finding employment, getting back on track financially and obtaining those family milestones of buying their first home."

Employed service members can attend the one-day VA briefing and get all TAP requirements at once. The VA briefings are scheduled one Friday every month in conjunction with a Unit Training Assembly weekend.

Many of the resources highlighted in the VA briefing session can be found on www.ebenefits.va.gov, where Veterans can access infor-

mation about their benefits. The VA briefing is open to all military members, retirees and their spouses, significant others, and parents.

"We encourage retiring members to attend these briefings, ask questions about their VA benefits and give any words of wisdom to the next generation of Airmen," said Pates.

The VA briefings are held in building 2216 auditorium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the Airman and Family Readiness Office should be notified to attend.

Beyond TAP, service members have access to a newly formed Military Career Council for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The council will host skill-building workshops, focusing on resume writing, job-fair readiness and interview preparation. They will advertise all TAP events, job fairs and career workshops across JBMDL in one calendar, in one location for all branches of services and components.

"We are working together to ensure all of our service members and their families have access to information, resources and skill building needed to obtain employment and build careers," said Mrs. Pates

TAP is just one of many programs implemented to help Service members reintegrate into the civilian world. There are plenty of resources in place to ensure service members can improve their quality of life. For any additional questions or to register to attend a session email Judith Pates at judith.pates@us.af.mil or call (609) 754-8229.

514th SFS wins wing 2015 basketball tournament, earns bragging rights

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

The second annual 514th Air Mobility Wing basketball tournament began with eight promising teams and ended with one undisputed champion. The 514th Security Forces Squadron dominated the 514th Air Mobility Wing 15-5 in the championship game at the Fitness and Sports Center here March 21.

Created in 2014, the 514th AMW basketball tournament is a co-ed, squadron-based, single-elimination tournament that uses competition as a platform for camaraderie and team-building.

"The tournament is all about esprit de corps and meeting other wing members. We found it amazing that month after month, hundreds of wing members come down to the base and never get an opportunity to meet other wing members from different units," said Maj. James L. Besmer, one of the tournament's founders. "We wanted to provide opportunities to our wing members to meet other citizen Airmen."

This year's contest took place over three rounds and consisted of eight teams.

Senior Airman Jeffrey Morrissey, 514th SFS, said his team's intensity and commitment were the main factors to their success.

"Our key objective was to play fast, fierce and hold nothing back!" he said. "We had the game by the end of the first half. We were locked in!"

Morrissey was joined by fellow 514th SFS teammates Maj. Michael Gibbs, Tech. Sgt. Rebekah Spedaliere, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Blango, Senior Airman Brent Welton, Senior Airman Thomas Reilly and Senior Airman Taltjuwaw Crawford.

Morrissey, an AAU boys' basketball high school coach in Queens, N.Y., led the team in rebounds averaging eight per game while Welton led the team in scoring.

Master Sgt. Mitchell Richardson was originally scheduled to play, but had to be replaced at the last minute.

"Master Sgt. Richardson was our team leader but the day of the tournament he had to bow out due to work and meetings," said Spedaliere "Senior Airman Reilly stepped up

and took his spot."

This was security's first time participating in the tournament. Deployments and UTA scheduling prevented the squadron from competing last year. Their first round game was an early indication they had what it took to win it all. In that game, 514th SFS upset the defending champions, 514th CES fire department (Team Fire), in a classic battle of 'police vs. firefighters'.



The 514th Security Forces Squadron defeats the 514th Air Mobility Wing staff in the Freedom Wing's 2nd Annual Basketball tournament at the Fitness and Sports Center here March 21.

"The most challenging game was our first game against Team Fire. Fire was very physical so we knew we had to step up and be physical back," said Spedaliere. "We were setting picks, boxing out, double teaming when needed, communicating and having fun."

Also in the first round, 88th Aerial Port Squadron upset 514th CES, who placed second last year after losing to Team Fire in a triple-overtime shootout. 514th AMW defeated 514th Force Support Squadron (Team 2), and 514th FSS (Team 1) was victorious against 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

The second round featured 514th AMW eliminating 514th FSS (Team 1) and 514th SFS beating 88th APS. In addition to the championship game, the third round also consisted of a new bronze medal game in which 88th APS defeated 514th FSS (Team 1).

Besmer had inquired about creating the tournament for years, prior to it starting. The likelihood of it happening seemed doubtful until Master Sgt. Jorge W. Garcia, 514th FSS, joined the cause. At that point, a dream would become a reality. Once approved, the two worked together in promoting and organizing the first event.

Besmer and Garcia originally met when Garcia was a Senior Airman.

"When I first met him (Garcia), I challenged him to meet his potential. Over the past decade, he has far surpassed any expectations I had for him," said Besmer. "He is a pivotal member of the Sustainment Flight team and a true leader."

Despite stepping away after last year's tournament, Besmer knew, moving forward, the tournament would be in good hands with Garcia.

"It meant a lot to me last year, when it finally all came together, but this year made me even more proud," said Besmer. "Even though I have moved on, the true nature of the tournament will live on year after year."

Garcia thanked all of the squadrons who participated in this year's tournament. He said that the real heroes behind making the tournament a success were 514th FSS members who began setting up as early as 5 a.m. Garcia acknowledged volunteer referees Capt. Aria Jones, 514th FSS, Senior Master Sgt. Michael A. Edwards, Westover Recruiter, Senior Master Sgt. Donna A. Saunders, 514 AMW and Master Sgt. Charles N. Butts Jr. 514th FSS for their hard work in keeping

the games under control. In addition, he recognized Staff Sgt. Brian Evans, 514th CES, Staff Sgt. Wesley Kliwinski, 514th FSS and Senior Airman Mamadu Keita, 514th FSS, for their role in the tournament and for going far and beyond.



The 514th SFS team poses after defeating the 514th AMW in the 2nd Annual Basketball tournament March 21.

PASS IN REVIEW



Photo by Christian DeLuca

Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th AMW commander, speaks with Sophia Lalani, Foreign Policy and Defense Advisor to Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) during a recent visit to the wing.



Photo by Christian DeLuca

Major Gwendolyn Soden poses with Col. Michael Underkofler in the 514th AMW conference room during an impromptu celebration of her recent promotion.



Photo by Christian DeLuca

Wing members pose with staffers from Capitol Hill during a visit to the base that showcased the capabilities of the 514th Air Mobility Wing. The visit is a precursor to a Congressional visit the wing command will make in May.



Photo by Christian DeLuca

The P-38 known as "Pudgy" briefly took to the skies one more time as it was lifted off its pedestal April 13. The aircraft made its way to Bldg 2251, where it will be professionally restored over the next several months.



Reserve maintainers, join senior Patrolman Stephan Mayer and Team Leader Alexander Mueller outside the Pax Terminal at Ramstein, Germany. Seventeen members from the 514th AMXS/MXS performed their annual tour overseas working on C-17s. Herr Mayer and Herr Mueller are local German civilians who were hired by the Air Force as military police officers with the 86th Security Force Squadron. They perform the same duties, rights and responsibilities as U.S. active duty personnel (report, correct and detain), including armed response to any incident within their assigned area, to serve and protect.

En Route Maintenance supports Ramstein

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Kimberly Lalley
514 Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Seventeen maintainers recently completed their annual training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany working on C-17 airframes and standing up a records program.

The last two weeks of March, maintainers from the 514th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 714th Maintenance Squadron provided support and training for their active-duty counterparts as part of Air Mobility Command's En Route Maintenance concept. For the concept, a transient team is tasked to train maintainers on different airframes. During the two weeks in Germany the team focused on C-17 aircraft.

Each year maintainers travel to bases, located in Germany, Spain and Turkey, for their annual training. There's a Pacific schedule too, supporting bases in Guam, Hawaii, Japan and Alaska. Bases buy time in blocks for en route missions, build their leave and plan their training around the annual training requirement. According to Master Sgt. Michael Manfredi, AMC bases can build their needs around the schedule.

"We can train their maintainers and sign off on their Training Business Area. It's an added incentive to complete the required career development courses, since only 5-levels and above can participate," Manfredi said. "It's a total force initiative of active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard working seamlessly."

Manfredi went on to say, because of their involvement in the program, the maintenance crews get a lot of respect.

"We take a lot of their deployments and our squadrons work with the active duty unit deployment managers," he said.

The en routes are a great deal for the Freedom Wing since AMC provides the Military Personnel Appropriation days and airline tickets when there is no organic airlift provided. KC-10 crews from the 76th and 78th Air Refueling Squadrons flew the maintainers to Ramstein on a Friday night, rested and returned the next day. Two weeks later they repeated the flight to bring them home. This time everyone got to experience daylight savings time again. Europe springs forward the last Sunday in March, so the final night was shortened by an hour.

This was Master Sgt. Alexandra Lepore's, 514th MXS, third en route to Europe in 30 years. She assisted the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, RAB, and set up four file plans. She said, if she hadn't been there to dedicate her time to the four plans, they probably wouldn't have gotten done. She's spent her last three years as an air reserve technician and says she loves working with maintenance.

As the single mother of four kids, Lepore said she appreciated the solitude, but admitted the first few days were stressful, as she didn't want to get lost in a foreign country. She read three books while she was there and could see one of the town's two castles from her hotel window. She worked a different shift at the wing and was able to take advantage of USO Tours on weekends off and saw many castles, took a Rhein River cruise and toured the medieval city of Rothenberg. She said her kids were happy with the chocolates she brought back.

Lepore admits, when she first heard about this annual training, it was stressful. Her first

wish was to complete her annual training at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, but Col. Michael Underkoffler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, encourages ARTs to travel when possible. In hindsight, Lepore said she's glad she got to go, had a great experience and had fun exploring another culture and country.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Avery has been an ART for five years. He began working with KC-10s in 2004 and then C-17s. He's dual qualified in both airframes and his last temporary duty assignment was in 2009 to the Pacific. He said he "feels energized to do his job after this annual tour."

En route maintenance offers a TDY opportunity to stay off-base and experience something different. Staff Sgt. Raymond Hillsberry, 514th MXS, said it was a great training opportunity. Working together for the two weeks of tour strengthened the already strong bond within the squadrons. They had continuity with a 12-hour shift and could travel together and get to know each other. For traditional reservists there may not be as much work on a Reserve weekend but they have two weeks to focus on an airframe and work in areas they may not see as a TR back home.

Maintainers brought back memories and souvenirs including cuckoo clocks, chocolates and German beer. As they waited to board their flight home they shared stories of the training, camaraderie, and the six countries they visited including Germany, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

Surviving an Unknown Battle

By **Jaclyn E. Urmev, MSW, LCSW, DCSW**
514 AMW Wing Director of Psychological Health



April is the month of many things. It is the Month of the Military Child, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, STI Awareness Month, and National Child Abuse Month, among many others. Do you ever wonder why so many causes get their own months and/or weeks during the year? The answer is simple: survivors.

Every single person on earth has been involved in some adverse event that tested the ability to survive. Fortunately, there are many survivors who are creating awareness of their adversity in order to relay strength and hope to others who may be in a similar situation. Others who are negatively impacted by adversity, do not desire to change it and instead perpetuate it are known as victims. When given the choice of being known as a victim or survivor, most people would choose the latter.

Some may argue that simply choosing to identify with survivors is not going to promote change; however, change begins in our minds, as the power to believe that there is something better than this situation and that one has the strength to make change happen. Change begins with a thought and a belief: I'm a survivor and I'm still strong, for instance. Without positive beliefs and thoughts, change is unlikely. We face many possible negative beliefs and thoughts while suffering through adversity (such as sexual abuse, alcohol abuse, or child abuse). However, once the realization hits that one can positively influence outcomes in his or her life, the belief that change is possible gains strength and momentum. Often times, this is done with the assistance of another, such as a wingman or friend. Other times, we are fighting battles that are unknown to others.

When we haven't succumbed to losing faith and hope that life can change for the better, we are survivors. The desire for change exists and is the powerful force that may keep us going through the bad times. But the desire for change must evolve into action if that change is going to happen. What holds so many people back from advancing their efforts in order to change adversity? Fear, pride, shame, embarrassment, and feeling unworthy are some, but there are countless other reasons that convince people that things are better as they are, even if they wish for a better situation, and even if it means death. If you fall into this category, take some time to think about the following suggestions that may help you move forward:

1. Check your sources - From where are you getting your

information? Are your sources reliable? Consider peer pressure and family values. Consider if the source causes you pain. Are you being uplifted and supported, or torn down and oppressed? If your thoughts are the culprit, think of evidence that supports that you are stronger than you think.

2. "Shoulda, woulda, coulda" – Are you stuck in this type of thinking? Do you blame yourself for the adversity in your life? Our ideals can be unrealistic and wishful, instead of reality-based. Consider how others may handle the situation. If you hold yourself to a different standard that only sustains adversity, it's time to change your thinking.

3. Be compassionate –We all have a need for kindness and patience. Treat yourself with respect and dignity, even if you don't feel that is how you are being treated. Forgive yourself. Recognize your humanness. You can't save the world, but you can save your life or maybe the lives of others.

4. Ask for help – Many people believe that others can't understand or don't want anyone to know what they are going through. But there are countless people who know what you are going through and there are just as many who want to know what you are going through so they can help you. Survivors lend a hand to others who need it. Don't be a victim. Be a survivor.

Too often, news headlines tell horrific stories of preventable tragedies and much of the time neighbors and friends say "I never knew" or "I had no idea" that the individual was suffering and that they wished they had done something. The heart of the matter is that most of the people in our lives want the best for us. It makes sense that we lose sight of what the best actually is when we are stuck in a situation or faced with adversity. In those times, close friends or family can provide us the insight we may not have and can help us make the decision to put gas in our automobile of change and get moving in a better direction. For more information on this topic, contact me at (609) 754-2542 or jaclyn.urmev@us.af.mil.

"We're all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving."

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly

An Air Force B-2B Spirit clears to the right observation position after airborne refueling with a KC-10A during a training mission near Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. April 11. During the three-day mission crewmembers of the 76th Air Refueling Squadron conducted proficiency training with multiple aircraft while crossing the continental United States.

Freedom Wing transports humanitarian cargo, illustrates teamwork

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Approximately 35,000 lbs of humanitarian cargo arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti via the Denton Program March 22.

The Denton Amendment, Title 10 U.S.C. Section 402, states "the Secretary of Defense may transport to any country, without charge, supplies which have been furnished by a non-governmental source and which are intended for humanitarian assistance. Such supplies may be transported only on a space available basis."

Moving Denton cargo involves teamwork. According to Ken Hundemer, Denton Operations operation's manager, there are many 'unsung heroes' who participate in the program from beginning to end. In order to fully appreciate the program, it is necessary to examine some of the key players in the movement of this type of cargo.

"For this particular movement, there was involvement from service members located with the Air National Guard at Louisville, Ky., Air Force Reserve at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., active duty Aerial Port Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. and Air Force Reserve at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio," Hundemer said. "This was a real team effort!"

Non-Governmental Organizations or Private Voluntary Organizations are groups seeking to transport humanitarian cargo. The sender and consignee (recipient) must be approved by the Department of Defense, U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of State. The DoD serves as the lead agency. It maintains a website which assists NGOs or PVOs with the application process.

"The designated consignee NGO in Haiti is Fondation Croisade Pour Christ Haiti," Hundemer said. "This shipment was almost exclusively Kids Against Hunger food packets. These food packets are filled with rice, vegetables, soy, and vitamins/minerals that are dehydrated for long-term storage and use. Just add water and they can provide enough quality calories for a day with a single meal."

The donating NGO will warehouse its cargo until arrangements are made at a designated port of entry. This is normally an Air Force Aerial Port or Logistics Readiness function. In this case, it was with the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"The humanitarian agency will request an approval inspection for the Denton shipment through U.S. Transportation Command. Once cargo is approved the agency contacts the 123rd Small Air Terminal to begin coordination for air cargo preparation," said Senior Master Sgt. Larry Burba, 123rd LRS air cargo superintendent. "Coordination includes Security Forces contacting Louisville Metro Police Department to bring the K-9 Unit out to Stanford Field to conduct one final inspection of the cargo before it is prepared for flight and the base Traffic Management Office signing for the arriving cargo."

Once cargo is prepared, coordination for space airlift begins with the terminal, Denton Humanitarian Assistance program and Air Mobility Command mission planners. Hundemer said for this



Crewmembers from the 76th Air Refueling Squadron unload cargo at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. March 10. The cargo was en route to Haiti, during a recent Denton mission.

particular movement, Mr. Jason Craig, 514 Air Mobility Wing KC-10 mission planner, played a significant role in scheduling KC-10 airlift to transport Kids Against Hunger food packets from Louisville, Ky. to Charleston, S.C. on March 11. The KC-10 flight crew selected for this movement consisted of eight Freedom Wing members. One of those Freedom Wing members was instructor pilot Lt. Col. Grant C. Christianson, 514th Operations Support Squadron. Christianson previously participated in three Denton cargo assignments.

"When a base has Denton cargo available for pick-up, it is listed in the system," Christianson said. "Our operations seek opportunities to pick-up and deliver this type of cargo while meeting training requirements."

While pilots such as Christianson and Maj. Brad Tobias, 78th Air Refueling Squadron, coordinated flight planning, timing, take off and landing times with Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Master Sgt. Tony Moreland, 78th ARS flight engineer, served as the system expert who ensured they were able to operate the aircraft safely.

"It was rewarding and exciting to have the privilege of executing multi-faceted missions such as the Denton cargo," Moreland said. "The most fulfilling part of this assignment was reading Kids Against Hunger labels on the several dozen boxes loaded on the five pallets of cargo."

Meanwhile, boom operators Master Sgt. Dean Reck, Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Lester, Staff Sgt. Chris Foley and Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly, with the 76th ARS, worked with Senior Master Sgt. Jason Smith, 123rd LRS air cargo worker, to ensure the cargo was loaded properly and the weight of the aircraft was within limits for safe operation. After the Freedom Wing delivered the cargo to Charleston, S.C., days later another AFRC unit moved it from Charleston into Haiti.

"Our office plays the role of facilitating movement of this humanitarian cargo, but the heavy lifting is done by the men and women in uniform. We cannot thank them enough for what they do. They literally are saving lives in impoverished, underdeveloped countries around the world," said Hundemer. "A special tip of the hat to AFRC troops for all of the work that they do with getting this cargo moved. Without their professionalism in their duties on the ground or in the air, we would not have the help and support needed to get this cargo to those in need. Thank you!"



732d AS pilots ease a C-17 up to the back-end of a KC-10 for an aerial refueling during a media flight the squadron hosted March 22



Tech. Sgt. Brandon Jenkins, 514th AES, fills and checks an oxygen tank during a media flight March 22.



Master Sgt. John Klay, 514th AES, explains the procedures that are about to happen to two "patients" during training on a C-17 media flight Mar. 22.

Media flight

Photos by Christian Deluca
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

The 732d Airlift Squadron hosted a media flight March 22 highlighting capabilities of the C-17 and it's crew, as well as, the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Members of the media experienced an airborne refueling, low-level flight, evasive maneuvers and assault landings during the flight. The 514th AES showcased their ability to perform inflight medical procedures. Media flights are performed to give the media and public a better understanding of the reserve mission and our need for continued support, while completing essential train-



Members of the 514th AES prepare to lift and secure a "patient" onto a rack during a media flight Mar. 22.

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WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE**

