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## More Reservists activate in May

In May, 108 Reserve Airmen from the 446th Airlift Wing were activated, bringing the current total number of Reservists mobilized to 271.

Another 54 Reservists have been authorized to be activated and are slated to report for duty over the next few months.

Joining the already activated Airmen from the 313th Airlift Squadron, 89 of the recently activated Reservists are from 446th Aircraft Maintenance squadron, who will be participating in home

station support and deployments abroad.

Nineteen of the 108 Airmen activated are 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Reservists, who have deployed to provide medical flying support both in and out of the continental United States.

The partial mobilization of Reservists is for one year with an option for a second year at the determination of the Secretary of Defense. *(446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs staff report)*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cameron Ames  
Staff Sgt. Quentin Nemecek, right, trains active-duty Airmen on how to raise a landing gear door for inspection. Sergeant Nemecek is a 7-level APG mechanic with the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, activated since February 2004.

## 62nd Medical Group would shift care to Madigan

# McChord, Fort Lewis may join bases

By David Kellogg  
◆ 62nd Airlift Wing

The secretary of defense has recommended Fort Lewis and McChord join together to become "Joint Base Lewis-McChord."

As a tenant unit, the BRAC proposal translates into a new "landlord," for the 446th Airlift Wing and will not affect operations or mission accomplishment.

The proposal is part of the 2005 base realignment and closure list of recommendations released by the Department of Defense May 13.

According to the Pentagon's base closure and realignment report, the DOD recommends management and administrative roles on the two bases consolidate, establishing the joint installation.

Because all military bases share many common functions, those bases that also share a common border may as well not have redundant jobs and facilities, the report said. Joint Base Lewis-McChord is just one of several joint bases being proposed around the country.

"I think the overall goal is to provide the best defense for our nation for the lowest cost and best use of resources," said Col.

Wayne Schatz, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, at a May 13 joint press conference with Col. Michael Stephenson, garrison commander for Fort Lewis. "This thinking is out of the box a little bit, but it has some great potential to deliver on that goal."

Colonel Schatz added that much of the details are unknown because the recommendations are so new.

"There will be no immediate changes related to the recommendations, because they are just that — recommendations," he said.

The recommendations must now go through a BRAC commission which must

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# Base changes, exercises, world events keep us busy

By Col. Eric Crabtree  
◆ Wing Commander

The Department of Defense recently released recommendations April 13 to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in an effort to improve operational and economic efficiencies as well as more modernization to the military.

The recommendations included making Fort Lewis and McChord a joint base and combining the base operating support functions. For example, several hundred medical positions would move to Fort Lewis from McChord to combine and streamline medical care.

While the move is just a proposal at this point, and can change or be removed from the list until the final list is signed by the president next winter, leaders from both bases began meeting immediately to work out how a joint base would operate.

Right now, there are a lot of questions and not much definitive information. The point of the process is to find the best ways to consolidate infrastructure and save money. The BRAC Commission, with DOD recommendations in hand, will be soliciting input from the communities affected by the proposed changes. BRAC commissioners have already visited McChord to gather information. As the process continues, we will keep you up to date on information that affects the 446th Airlift Wing.

It is important to note that whatever the end result of the process is, the Air Force Reserve and the leadership of this base are committed to making any transition as smooth as possible. For those who are interested, there is more information about the BRAC process at [www.defenselink.mil/BRAC](http://www.defenselink.mil/BRAC) and [www.bractransition.com](http://www.bractransition.com).

On another subject, I want to pass along my thanks to those who participated in the most recent inspections at Gulfport and Savannah. The inspector's comments were very positive. The process isn't easy and it takes a lot of effort to get everyone there and back again successfully. My compliments to all of you who contributed to our success.

We will go through the IGX inspection again next year in June. This time we will join the 62nd Airlift Wing for a deployed IGX. Leading



Col. Eric Crabtree

up to the inspection are three Operational Readiness Exercises and two deployments where we go as a group to an inspection location to practice operating together. The change in schedule will put us on a three-year IGX/ORI schedule matching the host wing's schedule. The inspection will involve almost 300 446th

AW people deploying.

The wing also will be in the Aerospace Expeditionary Force "bucket" this spring, so there will be a lot of requirements for real-world support. We recently activated more than a hundred maintenance and aeromedical evacuation Reservists. The maintainers will support the 62nd AW, helping to keep up with the heavy pace of flying the C-17s in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The medical professionals from the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron have been working hard since the beginning of operations in U.S. Central Command and they continue to support one of the most difficult and vital missions in the Air Force.

This month we look forward to some friendly rivalry during Air Mobility Rodeo '05. The finishing touches are being put on the schedule and facilities. The 446th AW Rodeo team is busy practicing whenever they get a chance and we are all looking forward to cheering them on. As soon as a firm schedule is available, we'll get it out.

Next month is the McChord Air Expo, July 30-31. The Air Force Thunderbirds will be here performing both days, as well as a practice performance July 29. This year we will host the brand-new Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Jet Car. It should be a great time to bring your family to the base and enjoy yourself.

We continue to be very busy and being a Reservist can be very demanding. And finally, take care of yourself. Be safe in all of your activities. The better weather and longer days invite all of us to do things we don't do during the winter. Whether it is work or play, take a moment to make sure you are doing it safely.

# BRAC proposal closes 3 Reserve installations

If put into law, Air Force Reserve Command will close three installations and move people from a dozen locations to two dozen sites throughout the United States.

Although command officials anticipate keeping roughly the same troop level authorizations, AFRC will expand some existing missions such as air operations center, space, unmanned aerial vehicle and associate-unit flying.

These and other changes are among those recommended by the Department of Defense to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. DOD announced the recommendations May 13.

The following are some of the recommended changes affecting Air Force Reserve Command. These suggestions do not include possible assignment changes for individual mobilization augmentees as a result of changes in the active force.

Reserve installation closures include:

**General Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis.** – The AFRC installation closes. AFRC's 440th Airlift Wing transfers four C-130H2s to AFRC's

94th AW, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and four C-130H2s to the active force's 314th AW, Little Rock AFB, Ark. Two hundred thirty full-time and 1,164 traditional reservist manpower authorizations move to Pope AFB/Fort Bragg, N.C., to form an AFRC unit-equipped C-130 unit. These moves are part of a larger effort throughout the Air Force to create squadrons of more effective size and to adjust the balance of C-130s among active and reserve components. The Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing at General Mitchell Air Guard Station is not affected by actions at General Mitchell ARS.

**Niagara Falls International Airport Air**

**Reserve Station, N.Y.** – The installation closes. AFRC's 914th Airlift Wing transfers its eight C-130H3 aircraft to robust the active force's 314th AW, Little Rock AFB, Ark. Eighty-five full-time and 259 traditional reservist positions from the 914th AW's expeditionary combat support go to AFRC's 310th Space Group at Schriever AFB, Colo., to bolster its role in the space program and provide manpower to form a space wing. Two full-time and 89 traditional reservist positions from the 914th AW's civil engineering squadron move to Lackland AFB, Texas. Thirty full-time and 60 traditional reservist authorizations from the 914th AW headquarters staff transfer to Langley AFB, Va., to support a command and control mission.

**Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa.** –

The installation closes. AFRC's 911th Airlift Wing transfers eight C-130H2 aircraft to Pope AFB/Fort Bragg, N.C., to form a unit-equipped Reserve C-130 unit along with an active associate unit. This action is part of the effort to consolidate aircraft locations. The 911th AW's aeromedical unit relocates eight full-time and 210 traditional reservist slots

to AFRC's 910th AW, Youngstown ARS, Ohio, because of the flying mission and proximity to a large recruiting population. One hundred fourteen full-time and 590 traditional reservist manpower authorizations from the Pennsylvania unit transfer to Offutt AFB, Neb., to form a new Reserve wing.

Reserve units and installations affected by realignments may gain or lose Airmen and aircraft, with a few receiving new missions altogether. For a complete list of realignment actions, go to <http://www.issues.af.mil/brac.htm>. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

## At A Glance

**Reserve installations proposed for closure include General Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis.; Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y.; and Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa.**

## BRAC

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forward the report, along with any changes it makes, to the president by Sept. 8. If the president accepts the report in its entirety, he will pass it on to Congress for final approval.

"It could be years before any changes fully take effect," said Colonel Schatz. "As we work through this process, taking care of our people — our uniformed and civilian members, our families and our retirees — will be our top priority."

The recommendations, if approved, would result in a net loss of 567 positions at McChord either through transfer or termination, the BRAC report estimates. Approximately 169 medical personnel authorizations would realign to Fort Lewis' medical facilities, saving tens of millions of dollars while still continuing medical services to the McChord beneficiary population, said a section of the BRAC report specifically addressing medical realignments.

The BRAC report justified moving McChord's medical functions to Fort Lewis because it said the clinic is under used compared to the rest of the military health care system.

In addition to the joint base proposal and realignment of McChord's medical clinic, the BRAC report recommends the Air Force Reserve's 304th Rescue Squadron move here from Portland Air National Guard Base.

"The numbers may change as we go forward working together with Fort Lewis and working with our service chains of command to determine what Joint Base Lewis-McChord means," said Colonel Schatz. The joint base would not change McChord's current mission to help fight the global war on terrorism, he added.

Lots of planning, coordinating and assessing will be required as the two bases work through the BRAC process, said Colonel Stephenson.

"Today's announcement affirms what many have known for quite some time — that Fort Lewis and McChord play a vital role in the defense of our nation," said Colonel Stephenson.



Photo by Jerry Banks

## Flying into the future

Two-year-old Patrick Jenkins, future Thunderbird pilot, flies his toy jet at the Hickam AFB, Hawaii Friends and Neighbors Weekend. The Thunderbirds will perform at McChord's Air Expo July 30-31. In addition to many aircraft on static display, there will be ground demonstrations, such as the Air Force Reserve's Jet Car.

# AFRC command chief visits wing

By Master Sgt. Bud McKay  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant Jack Winsett, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command, at Robins AFB, Ga., visited with members of the 446th Airlift Wing April 28-May 1.

"I'm extremely impressed with the people of the 446th," the chief said. "It's obvious that the attitude and morale of the wing is very high. And that is a direct reflection on the wing leadership. A perfect example of that is the wing commander expending the funds for the wing enlisted workshop that I sat in on Thursday and Friday. I thought the workshop was very good. And the support the wing has provided for the war on terrorism is well known at headquarters."

When Chief Winsett visits wings throughout AFRC, he said he likes to get out and talk with the members and ask them what he can do at the command level to make their life better in the Reserve. He said at the 446th AW, Airmen told him what people at other units tell him as well.

"They'd like to see a reduction in ancillary training so they can do more AFSC-related train-



**Command Chief Master Sgt. Jack Winsett**

ing," the chief said. "They are concerned with manpower shortages and have to do more and more with less people. Of course, there are always issues with conceivable activations. And, what has been pretty universal is the lack of funds for training and equipment.

"They are not brand new issues, of course, but those are the ones I'm generally hearing more and more. But even so, I make sure I pass that onto Lt. Gen. (John) Bradley (commander of AFRC) and Maj. Gen. (David) Tanzi (vice commander of AFRC)."

But that's what he passes on to the command level. He also carries messages from the command level down. Issues like the fitness program and deployments.

"The fitness program is here to stay," the chief said. "What I'd like is for you to consider the fitness program a change of lifestyle for you, your family and,

ultimately, for the Air Force Reserve."

The chief stressed he doesn't expect people to get perfect scores on their tests. He just wants them to try and be the best you can be.

"I also ask that you be honest in your (health) assessments," the chief said. "If there is something wrong with you, let the health professionals know what it is so they can help you and in becoming the best you can."

The chief said the fitness program will stay, but there will be changes and clarifications coming since this is still a new program in the Air Force.

"There are some areas of the program that are under review and there will no doubt be some changes to the program," he said. "What they are or could be, I honestly don't know right now. But no matter what, like I said before, the program is here to stay."

Another area that's here to stay is air expeditionary force deployments, the chief pointed out.

"We've had great support and dedication in meeting the AEF commitments," Chief said. "It's incumbent upon all Reserv-

ists to ensure their training is current as well as their personnel paperwork and, especially, to have a bona fide, strong relationship with their family and employers. While we have the fitness program in place for the Reservists to physically be fit to fight, we need to ensure Reservists are emotionally fit to fight as well. Those are all things up to each individual member."

Also up to each and every individual in the Reserve is communicating the value and role of Reservists.

"Our commitment at the headquarter level is to educate our active-duty brothers and sisters about the unique criteria our members have when deploying," Chief Winsett said. "At one point, we weren't getting our people back on time to the United States when their commitment was. We explained the rules and regulations concerning our Reservists to the leaders in the AOR (area of responsibility) and, as a result, they are more cognizant of getting our people back on time. That's really (everyone's) role in the Air Force Reserve — educating our active-duty brothers and sisters about the Reserve."



# Welcome to



# Air Mobility Rodeo 2005

## Aircrew first out of chute at Rodeo

By Sandra Pishner  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

From the moment they take off, members of the 446th Airlift Wing's C-17 aircrew are on the hot seat. Landing at just right time will set the tone for the rest of their events in Air Mobility Rodeo 2005.

Air Mobility Rodeo 2005 is an international air mobility competition taking place at McChord, June 12-26.

With a crew of three— Maj. Scott Amerman, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Mike Phillips, co-pilot; and Master Sgt. Lance Gustafson, loadmaster—the aircrew team will compete in five areas: air drops, aerial refueling, tactical navigation, cargo loading and short field landings.

Maj. Paul Pearson is the team's alternate pilot and night-vision goggles safety observer for Rodeo, and Senior Master Sgt. Ty Brooks is the team's alternate loadmaster.

The first aerial aspect to be scored will be the arrival time.

"I expect our arrival to go very well and that trend will continue throughout the competition," said Sergeant Gustafson.

While the aircrew and aerial port teams are separate entities, they do share a common event, the engines running on/off load competition. Although the flight deck crew has a small role, it's



Photo by Staff Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine

**Accurately guiding a vehicle onto a C-17, Senior Master Sgt. Ty Brooks knows there is no room for error when he does the same during Air Mobility Rodeo 2005. Sergeant Brooks is the aircrew team's alternate loadmaster.**

the loadmasters who will bear the brunt of pressure here.

"I think for the loadmasters the most challenging event will be the engines running on/off-load. There is a lot to do

in very little time, with little or no room for error," said Sergeant Gustafson.

The aircrew team began working together early in April, meeting up to discuss Rodeo strate-

gies and flying one to two times a week. In the two weeks immediately preceding the start of Rodeo, the flying team will begin flying two to three times a week.

"We also have a four-day practice planned away from McChord for the whole Rodeo team the first week of June," said Sergeant Gustafson.

According to Lt. Col. Greg Pyke, 446th Airlift Wing Rodeo Team Chief, the aircrew, aeromedical evacuation team, aerial porters, maintenance and security forces will fly to Grant County, staying a few days to concentrate on Rodeo.

"It will be a great team building effort. Since we're one of the few Reserve units participating, we feel we really have to go out there and show the world the immense capability of our Reservists. We're representing the command, essentially," said Colonel Pyke.

Major Amerman sees the 446th Airlift Wing's home team status as an advantage. "We've all been at McChord for a long time. We know this area like our own back yards.

"The entire 446th AW team consists of highly-experienced and motivated members and I fully anticipate greatness!" said Major Amerman, Rodeo aircraft commander.



Photo by Sandra Pishner

Tech. Sgt. Jason Steen, left, and Staff Sgt. Sean Cargill, 446th Security Forces Squadron, practice on McChord's obstacle course. Beating the rest of the competitors in the combat endurance course event at Air Mobility Rodeo 2005 is the goal of the two NCOs.

## Two to tangle with competition

By Sandra Pishner  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

**T**ech. Sgt. Jason Steen and Staff Sgt. Sean Cargill have their lassos at the ready to rope in any threats to an aircraft. However, securing an aircraft will take more than a lasso and these two 446th Security Forces Squadron Airmen are sharpening their skills full time as they prepare to compete in Air Mobility Rodeo 2005, June 12-26.

With the high demand for security forces in ongoing worldwide operations, Air Mobility Rodeo 2005 security forces competition has been pared down, with teams of only two rather than four, and fewer events.

This year, the defenders in blue will compete in tactics (aircraft security), shooting,

and the combat endurance course.

The most technically difficult of these three events is the tactics, according to Sergeants Steen and Cargill.

"Tactics will be the most challenging because we're not sure what we'll be seeing," said Sergeant Steen, a Rodeo rookie. "Personally, I would like to go after the obstacle course and spend the most focus on that. Something inside me personally makes it my goal to do good on that."

While Sergeant Cargill believes the combat endurance course will be the most challenging event physically, he agrees the tactics will be toughest.

"The tactics event will be the most challenging overall because of the variables and it's the hardest to train for.

We won't know what we're getting into until a few minutes before we go," said Sergeant Cargill, a veteran of the 2000 Rodeo at Pope AFB, N.C.

Describing the shooting event, Sergeant Steen calls it sort of a Hogan's Alley.

"There will be (arms) fire to run through, targets to watch for," said Sergeant Steen. "From my understanding, we'll be moving and shooting and we'll be transitioning between the shotgun and a nine mil.

"This is not your typical M-9 (range) shooting where you're just standing there shooting at paper targets," said Sergeant Steen.

The one event neither security forces craftsman mentions a concern about is the aircraft security event.

"It's going to be a fly away security kind of scenario, kind of like RAVEN," said Sergeant Steen.

RAVEN is a force protection program designed to provide

discrete, low-visibility, flyaway security for Air Force aircraft transiting airfields where security is unknown or deemed inadequate to counter local threats.

"We're going to be focusing on a lot of basics such as verbal judo, one on one where you rely on just your partner, and how we communicate with foreign nationals."

Sergeant Cargill believes the 446th Airlift Wing security forces team is in good hands preparing for the aircraft security scenario. "Sergeant Steen is a RAVEN and has practical experience and Sergeant Shumate does as well," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Ric Shumate is the team's alternate team member, should either Rodeo participant become sidelined for any reason.

As one of the few Reserve security forces teams in the competition, Sergeants Cargill and Steen hope to show the world just what the Air Force Reserve brings to the fight.



**Tactics will be the most challenging because we're not sure what we'll be seeing.**

**Jason Steen**

# Porters aim to be fastest in West

By 2nd Lt. Reed Robertson  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

As soon as the aircraft ramp hits the tarmac, four masked men run in from seemingly nowhere and begin configuring the aircraft for what lies ahead.

Donning ear protection and form-fitted eye wear, these 446th Airlift Wing aerial porters are on a mission to quickly load and secure two Humvees, a trailer and a wrecker.

That's the "on-load" part of Engines Running On/Off-load. With the mission complete, they'll just as quickly execute the "off-load" part of this aerial port event in Air Mobility Rodeo 2005.

Reservists from the 36th Aerial Port Squadron here are preparing to compete in Rodeo later this month. They will be the only C-17 Reserve unit competing in six events, which test their ability to do fundamental tasks with accuracy and efficiency.

The nine first-time Rodeo runners will demonstrate their ability to safely and quickly load equipment and supplies for airdrop or transport. They will compete in joint inspection; ERO; combat endurance obstacle course, create accurate and complete cargo and passenger lists, and a driving challenge with a 10K forklift and 60K Turner.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine  
**During a practice engines running off-load, Senior Airman Christopher Shelton, 36th Aerial Port Squadron, chains down a Humvee.**

In keeping with the mindset that "repetition is the leading cause of experience," according to team chief Tech. Sgt. Ronald

Hinkson, the team works each event with the goal of reducing inefficiencies for faster times.

"We are actively practicing the events at least twice a week and on both UTA weekends," he said.

"This is in addition to our civilian jobs. All of the people chosen are putting in extra time."

In preparation for their challenges, the aerial porters have been coming in after hours to practice and perfect the disciplines being evaluated in the competition.

"I know it will be worth it in the end, when we bring back some awards," said Sergeant Hinkson.

In order to beat the international competition, the team requires a lot of dedication and work from each participant.

"We have a unique challenge in that our competitors have all week to practice because they are all active duty," he said.

When asked about going head to head with the active-duty wing here, Sergeant Hinkson got a sparkle in his eye and said, "Oh, yes, we'll take 'em."



**Repetition is the leading cause of experience.**

**Ronald Hinkson**

# Medics face quick draw

By Staff Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

They aren't just a crazy group of runners. They are nurses and medics with their eyes on the prize.

The 446th Airlift Wing's aeromedical evacuation team has been training for Air Mobility Rodeo 2005 by running with a weighted litter around the base. With the Rodeo competition set for June 12-26, the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron team has been training intensely, preparing to dominate in its category – aeromedical evacuation

Team chief, Master Sergeant Saudi McVea, a security psychiatric attendant at Western State Hospital, has participated in Rodeo before. She wears the coach hat now, but she still trains with the 446th AES team, running, doing push-ups and sit-ups.

"I think it's great fun," she said. "It's all

about camaraderie and building the team. You are only as strong as your team."

The team is graded on the time it takes to set up and take down stanchions in a bare cargo space, and answering a barrage of medical scenarios. The pre-flight equipment check is also being timed.

"We have a motto, 'there's no crying in Rodeo', and we're even getting shirts made," Sergeant McVea said. "We started meeting in May every Friday, and now we're practicing every day. The more repetition you have, the faster you get."

Getting Reservists together to train outside of their normal duty weekends is no easy task either.

"We're all traditional Reservists," she said. "We're all taking time off from our civilian jobs to practice for Rodeo, so we're making this a big priority."

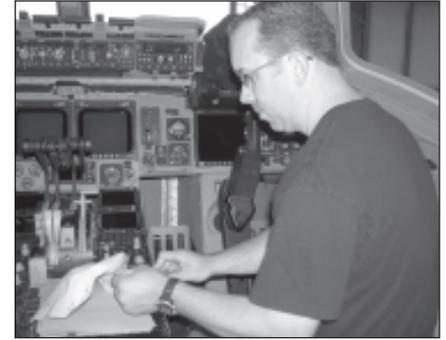


Photo by Staff Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine  
**Staff Sgt. Kristy Wellman considers her next move in breaking down litter stanchions, a timed event in Rodeo.**

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**Tech. Sgt. Bill Miranda works on replacing a cargo restraint hook in the cargo floor of Rodeo Aircraft 99-063.**



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Cameron Ames  
**Staff Sgt. Burk Stotts, replaces a part in the multi-function display on the C-17 the 446th Airlift Wing will use in Rodeo.**

## Maintainers turn C-17 into show horse

By Staff Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

**H**ow do you take a C-17 aircraft built in 1999 and make it like new? You slate it for competition in Air Mobility Rodeo 2005, knowing the Rodeo maintenance team will put their hearts and souls into fixing it up.

Rodeo will be at McChord this year, which means the 446th Airlift Wing's maintenance team won't have to worry too much about their spit and polish on aircraft 0063 being ruined by flying a long distance through who knows what kind of weather.

The wing's 20 strong maintenance team, headed up by Senior Master Sgt. Ed Cruz-Segarra, began working on the designated Rodeo plane by splitting into three shifts to provide 24-hour daily aircraft coverage. Now with the competition just around the corner, they work as one on one shift, in order to bring the team members closer together.

"To compete, you have to remember that what you do and what I do can be great, but together, we can get it done better," said Sergeant Cruz-Segarra.

Team bonding is considered the most important element for the maintenance team as they set their sights on being the best of the best. "No one body wins Rodeo. The team wins Rodeo and that is our goal. We have to be consistent in all competitive events," said Sergeant Cruz-Segarra.

Winning may be the goal, and the Reserve crew has an uphill battle. They are using a six-year-old plane, whereas most competitors are using planes that have just rolled off the assembly line, according to Sergeant Cruz-Segarra.

"We have to work harder and be more prepared," Sergeant Cruz-Segarra said. "If we win - when we win - we'll have that 'Yes, we have what it takes' feeling. We have that now, we just want to bolster it with a win."

Hours of hard work and dedication have been poured into preparation for Rodeo, according to Tech. Sgt. Bob Farrell, a team member.

"We have been working seven days a week for about two months now," Sergeant Farrell said. "It's important to know all of the rules and regulations, so we've been reading everything we can and working very hard. The plane is really coming together from when we first got it."

This has truly been an around the clock, 24/7 operation. All of the 446th AW Rodeo team chiefs even met on Memorial Day, to ensure all teams' needs were being met.

"The preparation is enormous," Sergeant Cruz-Segarra said. "You don't want to have extra refuels, tire changes or component changes during the competition. That's why we spend so much time before Rodeo perfecting the aircraft, making sure our stuff is together. You won't even be able to find dirt on that plane."

Even the area around the aircraft is inspected, so maintainers are also responsible for a zone around the aircraft, in addition to performing textbook procedures using their checklists.

While there is pressure to do well, and pressure to be competitive with other top-notch maintenance crews, Sergeant Cruz-Segarra remains confident.

"When the inspector starts asking questions, many people feel pressure," he said. "I think our Reservists have an advantage,

because they are used to working in high pressure environments. For example, we have commercial pilots who fly planes from Seattle to Chicago with a one-minute window to land and dock. To me, that's pressure."

With 13 Rodeo competitions already under his belt, Sergeant Cruz-Segarra knows a few tricks of the trade and he expects the maintenance team and the overall 446th AW team to be very competitive.

"We're going to win," he said. "We have to think that way, because you don't go to a baseball game to play nine innings; you go to win." (*Tech. Sgt. Cameron Ames, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, contributed to this report*)

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In fact, one team member lives in Montana.

While Rodeo breeds healthy competition, camaraderie, and team spirit, it can also be an effective method of training.

"The biggest contribution from Rodeo is the opportunity to train at a fast pace, following all the regulations, with no mistakes," said Master Sgt. J.P. Wirth, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, who also has previous Rodeo experience. "Getting up to that skill brings a lot to our squadron, because we get better at our jobs, and we train others to that same level."

Although the 446th AES is the only Reserve team competing in aeromedical evacuation, they are slated to compete against teams from all over the United States and the world, including Pakistan and England.

# Chapel team best in readiness

By Sandra Pishner  
◆ Wing Public Affairs

They're a small staff – only six people. Yet, they have a spiritual impact on thousands of people here and abroad. And they serve coffee.

The staff of the 446th Airlift Wing Chaplain's office is Air Force Reserve Command's 2004 Outstanding Chaplain Service Readiness Award winner.

Whether it's brewing up a fancy cup of Joe to deployed servicemembers, or counseling those in need, this Reserve team of three chaplains and three chaplains' assistants pulls out all the stops to accomplish its military mission and the mission of their faiths.

"We have visited over 33,000 members and their families,"

wrote Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Ranson in a nomination letter sent to AFRC. "We have also counseled 3,141 individuals with premarital, marital, work related, grief, stress and relational issues," he said.

Many of the visits by the chapel staff took place in Iraq and Kuwait. This staff has had someone deployed 11 times in the past two years, with more deployments on the horizon.

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**Carl Supplee**

"The chapel staff here has been at the forefront of supporting American troops in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom," said Chaplain (Maj.) Carl Supplee.

"Most other Reserve chapel staffs don't go quite as often as we do; we lead the way as far as AFRC is concerned." Major Supplee is the only member of the team who

has not yet deployed, however his turn will come in January.

Reserve chaplains usually deploy to a location to work on a mixed staff of active duty and Reserve. But that modis operandi was altered during one deployment in of 2004.

Chaplain Ranson, Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Travers, and Master Sgt. Lori McCracken, all of the 446th AW chapel, deployed together to operate chapel services at Kirkuk, Iraq. They were joined not by any active duty Airmen, but by another Reservists from Whiteman AFB, Mo.

"We even had the first ever all AFRC chapel staff at a deployed location," said Sergeant McCracken, who served as the NCOIC in Kirkuk, as she does here.

It's not as if the wing's chapel staff gets tasked more often, it's that they volunteer more often and, "have the experience now, making us a natural choice," said Chaplain Supplee. "We're not afraid to put anyone of us out there anywhere."

And out there they are, with Staff Sgt. Allen Jackson leading the pack with four deployments, followed by Chaplain Ranson, Sergeant McCracken, and Tech. Sgt. Mikhail Ekshtut with two each. Chaplain Travers has one deployment under his belt and Chaplain Supplee has been on full-time duty here since January 2003 and will have his turn to deploy in 2005.

The staff anticipates continuing its current pace of deployments for the foreseeable future.

Although the award says "Outstanding Chaplain Readiness Team Award," it really should be the "Outstanding Chapel Readiness Team Award," according to Chaplain Supplee to indicate it's not the chaplains, but the chapel staff that earns the award.

One of the Chapel staff's goals, was to have everyone on the team involved in support of the national effort in the Global War on Terror," according to Chaplain Ranson. This goal has been achieved and exceeded.

## Reserve command adopts new logo

Air Force Reserve Command has a new advertising logo that more closely aligns it with the active force while touting the command as a high-tech, professional fighting force.

Sleek and simple, the AFRC logo features the Air Force's new logo alongside the words "Air Force Reserve" in a modern typeface.

AFRC recruiting officials began working with Blaine Warren Advertising in January to develop the new logo. It replaces the "Above and Beyond" logo featured in Reserve recruiting and advertising products since 1998.

Lt. Col. Jerry Herbel, chief of Headquarters AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising and information systems division at Robins AFB, Ga., said the time was right for a new advertising logo.

"We wanted a logo that captured the spirit of Air Force Reserve Command but also con-



veyed the message that we are a part of the overall Air Force," he said. "We went through a number of different designs and got input from focus groups of recruitable people. This was the design that best conveyed the message we were trying to get out."

AFRC senior leaders approved the new logo in May.

"This new logo will give a streamlined and modern look to our advertising products, and it emphasizes the word 'Reserve,'" said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander.

"Since the Air Force adopted its new sym-

bol last spring, we wanted to incorporate that symbol into our advertising logo. This will help us brand the Air Force Reserve as a proud part of the world's greatest Air Force."

Sterling Martell, creative director for Blaine Warren Advertising, said the logo will be much easier to integrate into television and print advertising products.

The command will feature the new logo in all of its new advertising products, but will continue using promotional items with the old logo until they are gone, Colonel Herbel said. (*Air Force Reserve Command News from Citizen Airman magazine*)

**“Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.”**

— Albert Schweitzer

**June  
2005**

**Did you  
KNOW**

**On June 3, 1916, the National Defense Act of 1916 authorized the aviation section of the Signal Corps, a Reserve corps of 2,300 officers and men, paving the way for what would later become the Air Force Reserve.**

**Mission support out for first June UTA only**

The 446th Mission Support Squadron will only be available to support the first UTA in June. This includes the military personnel flight, training, relocations and other customer support functions.

However, testing will be conducted on June 23 as scheduled. The squadron will have no other support for the June B UTA.

In July, the squadron's sections will be closed July 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for its family day picnic.

**Full Spectrum Threat Response moves**

The Full Spectrum Threat Response office has moved to Bldg. 305, Room 10. The telephone number is still 2-2388, however the fax number has changed to 2-0440.

**Wing issues new IDs based on guidelines**

The new Common Access Card that does not have the RESERVE status on it will be issued for the following reasons:

- Change of rank,
- Re-enlistment,
- Member going on active-duty orders for 31 days or more,
- Member currently on active-duty orders and continuing on for 31 days or more.

Previously issued CACs, containing the status field will remain valid until October 2007 or until the card expires, whichever comes first.

Members must turn in all CACs prior to being issued a new CAC.

For those who are currently on active-duty orders, this will require turning in both the active-duty CAC and Reserve CAC.

CAC IDs are accountable and the military personnel flight customer service staff must turn these cards in.

If you have any questions please contact Tech. Sgt. Linda Moore at 982-2855 or Staff Sgt. Carlos Lagman at 982-9099

**Point summaries no longer come in mail**

The Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver no longer mails Air Force Form 526, Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Point Credit Summary, to Air Force Reservists.

Guard and Reserve members must now use the virtual Military Personnel Flight to print a copy of their point credit information. They may call Headquarters ARPC/DPPK toll free at 1-800-525-0102 for questions and concerns about credit of points. They can access the vMPF by going to: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/)

**Air Expo takes off July 30-31 here**

McChord AFB's Air Expo is July 30-31. The two-day air show will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds, as well as many static displays and ground demonstrations, including the Air Force Reserve Jet Car.

**Reserve TRICARE information on Web**

New TRICARE Reserve Select health plan materials have been added to the TRICARE Web site. Beneficiary education and staff training materials are being added weekly, so be sure to check the site often for the most current TRS information. New materials added recently include: a TRS Brochure, updated Frequently Asked Questions, and a TRS Briefing with Speaker's Guide and Suggested Uses. It is important for National Guard and Reserve families to know about this new TRICARE benefit in order to make an informed health care choice. The TRS Web site is located at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect/index.cfm>

**Legal offices can help with living wills**

The Terry Schiavo saga has spurred a huge increase

in living wills over the past couple of months. A living will is a legal document that expresses a person's personal health-care wishes in the event he or she is unable to make decisions. There is no federal standard for living wills; many states have developed their own format. They are particularly important for people heading into risky situations, such as combat or medical procedures.

It's best to have one for the state you live in or move to so a doctor has a familiar document to deal with. Any military legal assistance office can prepare living wills free of charge to active-duty servicemembers, family members, retirees and Reservists on active duty for 30 or more days. For more information, go to the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010183>.

**Passes to theme parks free to military**

Anheuser-Busch again will open the gates to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place theme parks for free as a way of saying thanks to servicemembers and their families. The company's latest promotion, dubbed "Here's to the Heroes," offers a free single-day admission to all servicemembers and as many as three "direct dependents."

The offer runs through Dec. 31. Eligible servicemembers can register for free admission online or in the entrance plaza of participating parks. Military family members also can take advantage of the offer without their military sponsor; however, an adult must accompany minor children.

**Motorcycle safety course available here**

The Experience Motorcycle Rider Course is conducted by the 62nd Airlift Wing every third Friday of the month from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Personal protective requirements can be found in AFI 91-207. To register, call 982-2154.

## Promotions

### Lieutenant Colonel

Lawrence Feltman

### Chief Master Sergeant

James Docherty, 446th CES  
Tracey White, 36th APS

### Senior Master Sergeant

Dorothy Baczuk, 446th AMDS  
Steven Bautista, 446th MXS  
Jimmy Brazzle, 97th AS  
Tony Towne, 36th APS

### Master Sergeant

Bruce Carter, 36th APS  
Charity Dorn, 446th AMDS

Deana Harvey, 36th APS  
Franklin Heerspink, 36th APS  
Keith Millette, 728th AS  
Fernando Navarro, 446th AMXS  
Bruce Perkins, 446th ALCF  
Edgar Reinfeld, 446th MXS  
William Robison, 446th AMDS  
Scot Sherbert, 446th MXG  
Janice Storbakken, 446th OSF  
Gary West, 446th AMXS  
Kevin Zweber, 446th CES

Karl Renfro, 446th LRF  
Darenda Santillo, 446th ASTS  
Glen Trowbridge, 446th AMXS  
Kevin Wetzel, 313th AS  
Lin Yin, 728th AS

### Airman First Class

Samuel Hayes, 446th CES  
Brant Ketner, 446th CES

## Newcomers

### Captains

Peter Gbelia, 313th AS  
Jennifer Ranous, 446th MSS  
Jason Taylor, 728th AS

### Technical Sergeant

Mark Candaso, 446th SVF

### Staff Sergeant

Melissa Oberg, 446th AMDS  
David Timney, 446th AMXS

### Senior Airman

Michael Christensen, 446th AMXS  
Brandy Kerker, 446th AMDS  
Daniel Nichols, 446th MXS  
Leslie Teuscher, 36th APS

### Airman First Class

Jeffrey Bettner, 97th AS  
Dale Dixon, 36th APS  
Ronald Lagman, 446th CES  
Patrick Molinos, 446th AMXS

### Airman Basic

Elizabeth McNichols, 446th  
ASTS

## Retirements

### Senior Master Sergeant

Aaron Colts, 446th CES  
Jeffrey Pritchard, 446th AMXS

### Technical Sergeant

Martin Hamm, 446th MXS  
Brian Horton, 97th AS  
Randall McCann, 446th CES  
Derrick Vigil, 446th AMXS

### Staff Sergeant

Scott Rusinko, 446th ASTS

Flat Stanley traveled from Alabama to visit Col. Jon and Susan Huguley in April. Not only did he spend time with Colonel Huguley at McChord, but he had an opportunity to visit Mount St. Helens. Flat Stanley will share his experiences in the Northwest with his grade school friends through his journal.



Courtesy photo by Susan Huguley

# Flat Stanley visits McChord Reservist

*Editor's Note:* Flat Stanley recently spent some time with Col. Jon Huguley, 446th Maintenance Group commander, and Mrs. Susan Huguley. Flat Stanley is an international literacy and communications activity for primary and junior students, teachers and families, based on the book Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown. In the book, Stanley is squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. One of the many advantages is that Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by travelling in an envelope. The following is an excerpt from Flat Stanley's journal of his visit with the Huguleys.

My friend, Will, decided to help me have an adventure. He mailed me to his aunt and uncle who live in Washington State, which is all the way across the United States from where he lives.

It took several days to travel by plane, but I finally arrived at the home of his Uncle Jon and

Aunt Susan.

I went to work with Uncle Jon. He is Colonel Huguley at work, not Uncle Jon and works at McChord Air Force Base. He showed me the planes his people take care of; they are C-17 Globemaster III planes. These people

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### Technical Sergeant

Donald Burton, 86th APS  
Jennifer Delucia, 446th MOF  
Scotty Douglass, 446th AMXS  
Troy Ethengain, 36th APS  
David Ewbank, 446th CES  
Eric Hanna, 86th APS  
Michael Kramer, 86th APS  
Erika McFarlane, 446th AW  
Roderick McLeod, 36th APS  
Darryl Pyatt, 446th AMXS  
Robert Rawlings, 446th AMXS  
Terrance Schlatter, 446th AMXS  
Kelley Smith, 446th AMXS  
John Smith, 446th ASTS  
Curtis Tyler, 446th LRF  
William White, 446th AMXS

### Staff Sergeant

Michael Hill, 446th AMDS  
Allen Jackson, 446th AW  
John Lewis, 446th AMXS  
Eric Maland, 97th AS  
Khalilah, Oliver, 446th MSS  
Patrick Spell, 446th MXS  
Michael Whitney, 446th MXS

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Jeffrey Bettner, 97th AS  
Dominicke Bryant, 446th AMXS  
Christopher Buck, 446th AMXS  
Yeli Buonya, 86th APS  
Darryl Castellano, 446th AMXS  
Desiree Cordas-Henderson, 446th MXS  
Shay Dennis, 36th APS  
Allen Ellzey, 446th MXS  
Kirk Engnes, 446th AMXS  
Trisha Feist, 446th AMDS  
Gary Griffin, 86th APS  
Andrew Kariuki, 446th CES  
Stevan Harris, 446th AMDS  
Steven Light, 446th AMXS  
Laurin McElheran, 446th AMXS  
Heather Norman, 728th AS



Photo by Maj. Eric Von Trotha

**Flat Stanley tries on an oxygen mask while visiting the flight deck of a C-17 out on a training mission.**

## **Stanley**

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are in the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings. The C stands for cargo, which means they take people, tanks, food and all kinds of things all over the world. They took lots of things to the people who lost their homes and belongings because of the tsunamis. They also take supplies to our soldiers in countries like Iraq and Afghanistan. These planes can be set up to bring wounded soldiers home, too.

Their motto is "Combat Airlift". Uncle Jon took me on one of the planes and showed me all around inside. These planes are huge! It can carry the army's biggest, heaviest tank with no problem. (That's 135,000 pounds!) More than two helicopters can fit inside, too. Then Uncle Jon took me up to the cockpit where the pilots sit. This is called the flight deck and I got to meet the pilots. They let me fly with them for five hours. I got to watch them refuel our plane from another plane while flying. We did a lot of practice landings and flew over the Cascade Mountains and flew as

high as 30,000 feet. I even got to put on the pilot's oxygen mask, but it was just for fun – there was no emergency. Since the flight was so long, I even took a nap on a special bunk bed for the pilots. It is an awesome plane and I had a great time. I may want to be a pilot when I grow up.

The Pacific Northwest is a pretty place and a great place to visit, but I am ready to go home to Alabama and see my friend, Will. I enjoyed my trip and I hope you enjoyed reading my journal.

**– Flat Stanley**

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