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Support offices move temporarily

By 2nd Lt. Reed Robertson
◆ Wing Public Affairs

In extreme versions of home makeover television shows, families leave their homes for a few days and return to see their living conditions improved greatly. Some Reservists on base will undergo their own version of a home makeover; returning to improved working conditions.

The twist – it will last seven and a half months, instead of seven days.

Bldg. 1205, which houses both the 446th Mission Support Group and the 446th Mission Support Squadron, will undergo a renovation starting in April and finishing by mid-December.

On April 20 the mission support squadron offices, to include the military personnel flight, will

close for three days; reopening in their new location April 23.

"During the (upcoming) renovation project, all of the offices currently housed in Bldg. 1205 will relocate to Bldg. 708," said to Master Sgt. Stephanie Rumley, administrative assistant to the 446th Mission Support Group commander. "All of the phone numbers will remain the same throughout the relocation."

Also making moves in April will be several offices previously moved out of Bldg. 1207.

"Keeping our fingers crossed that the furniture will arrive in time, we anticipate the former occupants of Bldg. 1207 moving back into their renovated building about April 11," said Sergeant Rumley.

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Reaching new heights

By Senior Airman Paul Haley
◆ Wing Public Affairs

If you stepped onto an airplane today, and it didn't land for a year, you would still have less time in the air than Chief Master Sgt. James Caron. A loadmaster with the 97th Airlift Squadron, he has more than 12,500 flying hours to his credit.

This career milestone is a rare one. He is the only loadmaster in the 446th Airlift Wing to have achieved such a feat.

The chief has accumulated his frequent flier miles in the C-141 Starlifter, as well as the C-17 Globemaster III. This 27-year Air Force veteran was deactivated with the rest of the 97th AS on his younger son Nicholas' 10th birthday Feb.



Photo by Senior Airman Paul Haley
Chief Master Sgt. James Caron



20. That's after just over two years of full-time flying in active-duty status.

"He says it's the best birthday present he could ask for," said Chief Caron, father of

two sons (older son is Steven). While he plans on slowing down to spend more time with his family, he would like to reach 15,000 hours before retirement in eight years.

Asked if he had any advice for young Airmen just starting as loadmasters, Chief Caron said, "It'll be the most fun, and hardest time of their life. It'll be well worth it; they'll have nothing but fond memories."