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Beth Crabtree, left, and Ruth Crabtree, right, pin on Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree's stars during his promotion ceremony April 1. General Crabtree is the commander of the 446th Airlift Wing. Along with his wife and mother, General Crabtree's two sons, Josh Crabtree and Clinton Melendez helped their father slip on his uniform shoulder boards during the April 1 ceremony.

Crabtree pins on first star April 1

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., – In a flashback to his childhood, Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree found himself in a position of having his mother help him put the finishing touches on his outfit. In this case, it was a star on his shoulder.

In a ceremony April 1, hosted by 4th Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Bob Duignan, then-Colonel Crabtree was promoted to brigadier general.

His mother, Ruth Crabtree and wife Beth Crabtree, pinned on his stars in front of an audience of friends, family and Reservists from the 446th Airlift Wing.

His sons, Josh Crabtree and Clinton Melendez, helped seal the deal by putting on his one-star shoulder boards.

In his remarks to the crowd General Duignan credited General Crabtree's promotion to hard work at every assignment and to the success of the 446th AW in performing its global C-17 mission.

General Crabtree said that he is not expecting to move from the top spot in the wing for at least a year, and that he appreciates the hard work and support of the wing as Reservists continue to support the Global War on Terrorism.

Activated squadron garners award

By Sandra Pishner
 Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., – Winston Churchill can relate to the 313th Airlift Squadron. The flying warriors of this C-17 squadron have done so much for so many so effectively that they have earned the 4th Air Force's nomination for the Verne Orr Award.

The award recognizes an Air Force unit (active or Reserve) that makes the most effective use of its human resources. The Air Force Association established this award in honor of former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr.

Mobilized throughout 2005, the 313th AS Airmen flew 50 percent more missions than any other Reserve C-17 unit; missions that included aeromedical evacuations, airlifting armor plating and newly-armored Humvees into the Iraq theater, as well as humanitarian relief airlifts carrying aid to

regions hit by an earthquake, tsunami or hurricane.

"We've airlifted more than 100 million pounds of mission-essential war cargo and more than 33,000 combat troops to austere fields in the war zone," said Lt. Col. Eric Newhouse, 313th AS commander. "Our citizen Airmen contribute directly to the global war on terrorism."

In addition to their operational achievements, the Reserve Airmen used their talents to create three benchmark programs that provided flexible, comprehensive management tools. Tools for managing information about: individual/squadron missions, mobility equipment tracking and maintenance, and training issues such as currency for flyers.

"We had a tremendous year opera-

At A Glance
 "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

– Speech made Winston Churchill in the House of Commons as the Battle Britain peaked on Aug. 20, 1940. The home front was totally involved in the war because of the German bombing raids and Britain was "a whole nation fighting and suffering together." But special gratitude was directed toward the airmen whose prowess and devotion were capable of turning the tide of the war.

tionally, but we really set ourselves apart through innovation," said Maj. Mark Boyd, squadron executive officer.

"The 313th AS has history of creating, then sharing, useful new programs. We spearheaded the C-17s transition to electronic publications, or 'E-Pubs', a couple

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Promotion result of wing, co-workers' solid support

By Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree
Wing commander

The first thing I would like to do this month is say thank you to all of you for your help and support over the last two and one half years. My recent promotion would not have been possible without the strong support and hard work of each of you in the 446th Airlift Wing.

It is certainly an honor for me to be selected for promotion, but a big part of that honor belongs to the great people I have had the opportunity to work and associate with during my military career. You have all been nothing short of superb in accomplishing the mission of the Air Force and fighting the war on terrorism.

Many people have asked me if this means I will be moving from McChord. The best answer I can give at this time is no; there are no open one-star positions for me to go to for the near term. As you gain more seniority in the command, your choices of where to move get fewer and fewer.

The good news for Beth and I is that we get to stay here a while longer before we have to move. I look forward to seeing all of you this summer and enjoying the Pacific Northwest at its picturesque best.

Transformation

Speaking of the Pacific Northwest, I had an opportunity to attend the Pacific Northwest Security Forum in Tacoma two weeks ago. It was an interesting forum with representatives of each service branch there to discuss the future of their force in supporting

national defense. As most of us are well aware, the services are all undergoing significant challenges as they transform into the defense force for the rest of the 21st century. The real challenge is the ever-tightening defense budget.

Air Force

The Air Force's priorities are purchasing the F-22 and Joint Strike Fighter to replace the F-15s, F-16s and A-10s.

The replacement for the KC-135 tanker is high on the list also. It now looks like that program will be a match-up between a Boeing product and an Airbus Industries product.

There is also significant desire to purchase a smaller theater airlift aircraft to move loads smaller than C-130-size movements. And finally, there is the desire to add more C-17s to the inventory, beyond the 180 aircraft already spoken for in the contract with Boeing.

Army

The Army is working to determine what its future combat vehicle needs to look like. As with the Air Force, they know every generation of equipment must be lighter, faster and more lethal than its predecessor. The battlefields of today are places of rapid change and precision targeting. If you are not able to be transported quickly to a position close to the front lines and move quickly while inflicting maximum damage, you are soon a destroyed target.

Navy

The Navy is working on a generation of fast, shallow draft ships that can deliver naval and Marine Corps assets to



Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree

beaches quickly and directly. The notion of deep draft ships pulling into major ports to unload troops, equipment and cargo is disappearing. They are also increasing the capability of their air assets to defend shipping groups and combat assets as they go ashore in the far flung reaches of the world.

Coast Guard

Finally, the Coast Guard is working to modernize its fleet and preparing to safely operate ports at home and abroad, while securing the coastline of the United States. As we become more of a global trading partner to the world, the challenges of securing those sea ports becomes astronomically greater, especially in the face of growing terrorist threats.

The bottom line to all these efforts is they are required by the world situation. The challenge is finding the money to purchase all of these competing priorities. High technology assets are lethal, but expensive. Fighting wars across a spectrum of threats from primitive terrorist devices to high tech weapons sold on world arms markets is an expensive and challenging proposition.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Wollenberg

Staff Sgt. Courtney Lalla, 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, sits with Marine Lance Cpl. Andy Vestrand as they talk about his experiences in Iraq while he waits for transport to Kuwait.

McChord Reservists offer care, support in Iraq duty

By Staff Sgt. Robert Wollenberg

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – They're all Reservists, they all volunteered to serve here, and they all work at the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, part of the 332nd Expeditionary Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

They're also many who call the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at McChord home.

The McChord contingent of 71 Reservists started arriving at Balad at the end of December 2005, with most arriving in January 2006.

The CASF serves several functions. It ensures patients from the Air Force Theater Hospital here are prepared, both clinically and administratively, for flights to Germany or Kuwait and cares for them until their departure from Balad. The CASF is also responsible for the safe and expeditious movement of patients to the flight line and onto waiting aircraft.

On average, the McChord Airmen at the Balad CASF see about 500 patients a month. CASF personnel provide care to all patients, from ambulatory to ventilated and have moved as many as 47 patients in a single mission.

"Some people get the impression we just put patients on the airplane," said Lt. Col. Dean Wagner, CASF commander. "Our expertise is preparation of patients

for long distance fixed-wing aerial transport. As a CASF, we're part air passenger terminal, and part hospital."

A patient's movement out of Iraq begins with the flight clinic coordinators located at the hospital. The FCC plays a vital role in the CASF mission, ensuring all the necessary paperwork and clinical care has been completed and the patients are prepared for transport.

"The FCC is the fulcrum; everything else moves around what they do," said Colonel Wagner. "They make sure the doctors have made all the proper orders for the patents, and put the patient's information in a system called TRAC²ES, which is basically an electronic medical record and UPS (type) tracking record."

TRAC²ES is short for United States Transportation Command Regulating and Command & Control Evaluation System.

"TRAC²ES allows a detailed picture of the patient to be painted so anybody receiving the patient down the line can know what to expect; what the patient needs," explained Capt. Lynn Clark, CASF flight clinical coordinator.

Once the FCC ensures patients and their paperwork are in order, the patients are transported to the CASF facility, where they're allowed to rest and decompress. The CASF offers several amenities to help the patients begin their transition out of the combat environment.

"We help significantly with the healing



Tech. Sgt. Paul Hall, left, and Capt. Noel Omine, help load Sam Lee, a labor foreman from forward operating base Warrior, onto a C-17 for transport from Balad AB, Iraq. Sergeant Hall is from the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at McChord, while Captain Omine is normally assigned to the 624th ASTS at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

process by helping patients get their mental pieces in order too," said Colonel Wagner. "That's why we have things like flushing toilets, hot showers, a break room, an outdoor area, and the ability to connect with their families."

Another less conventional service offered by the staff helps patients with their psychological trauma ... lending a friendly ear.

"The patients really need to talk, but are scared to talk to people at home," said Maj. Kelly Compas, a clinical nurse with the CASF. "It's a mom job. You get a 20 year old in here with zero life experience and they just saw their best friend get killed, something normal 20 year olds are never going to see. You just walk outside with them and it just comes out ... they just start talking."

"I think that's a significant thing that we're able to contribute to the healing of the person in their eventual return to duty," added Colonel Wagner.

The 446th ASTS Reservists will return to their duty at McChord, and their civilian jobs, at the end of May, beginning of June.

446th Airlift Wing C-17 milestones



July 29, 1999: McChord AFB receives its first C-17.



1999: Reserve and 62nd AW aircrew makes first C-17 landing on Antarctica.



2001: A 728th Airlift Squadron aircrew flew the wing's first C-17 combat mission, airdropping humanitarian relief supplies over Afghanistan.



2003: 97th, 313th, and 728th Airlift Squadrons airdrop almost 1,000 paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade into Iraq.



2005: 446th AW crews evacuate more than 1,100 people from New Orleans and deliver 550 tons of medical supplies and water after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

C-17 reaches 1 millionth hour

By 1st Lt. Ed Gulick
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Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., – After only 15 years in commission, the C-17 Globemaster fleet will reach its one millionth flying hour March 20 - the equivalent of one aircraft flying every minute of every day for more than 114 years without stopping.

The 446th Airlift Wing was instrumental in helping the C-17 reach that milestone.

“From October 2003 to September 2005, the 446th AW generated more than 10,000 sorties and flew more than 108,000 hours,” said Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, the 446th AW commander.

No one in Air Mobility Command or at Boeing anticipated reaching this milestone so soon. According to the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill., the C-17 has flown 59 percent, or about 358,000 additional hours than originally scheduled.

The 446th AW flew a large percentage of the training, global, and wartime missions originating at McChord AFB. However, the missions wouldn't have taken off without maintenance.

“The number of flying hours generated from McChord is a testament to the maintenance organizations' resolve to support the global war on terrorism with the premiere airlifter for moving people and equipment,” said Col. Jon Huguley, 446th Maintenance Group commander. “The (overall) 85.4 mission capability rate coupled with a 91.6 percent worldwide logistics departure rate confirms the outstanding professionalism and technical skills our maintainers demonstrate daily to accomplish the mission.”

Although the additional hours have sped up scheduled maintenance time lines, the fleet has performed with an 84.7 percent mission capable rate when tasked for missions, said Lt. Col. Donald Dickerson, AMC Headquarters Aircraft Maintenance Section deputy chief.

“When you look at the punishment this aircraft takes from the environment it oper-

ates in - landing regularly on unimproved surfaces, lengthy stays away from home station maintenance - the mission capable rate seems to illustrate that the aircraft structures and systems are robust and up to the challenge,” Colonel Dickerson said.

The one millionth flying hour will not occur at a specific time, but rather during the time frame the representative C-17 from the 172nd Airlift Wing of the Mississippi Air National Guard will be returning to Ramstein Air Base, Germany from stops in Iraq. The mission will be an aeromedical evacuation flight transporting wounded soldiers to more advanced medical care at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

“It's an honor for our unit to provide the (tail) for this mission, but it's more than that,” said Lt. Col. Tod Wall, 172nd AW Operations Group commander. “The crew will be composed of active duty, National Guard, Air Force Reserve and international crew members, all in support of the Global War on Terrorism. This is a total force mission ... a real tribute to the warfighter.”

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of years ago and we are proud to lead the way with these new programs now,” adds Lt. Col. Michael Feltman, the squadron's chief executive officer. “These are truly amazing tools

created by some very talented individuals in our squadron and we are excited to share them with other units.”

The squadron will now compete at the Air Force Reserve Command level, where the proud Airmen hope to snag

the AFRC nomination to the Air Force level award.

“The 313th has done it all,” said Lt. Col. Colin Carr, chief pilot for the squadron. “We've flown 5,500 hours in combat, carried essential troops and cargo into a war zone, all the while

keeping up our training and serving the needs of thousands with humanitarian airlifts. All 100 percent safely and 100 percent effectively. Our Reservists have a lot to be proud of.”

Don't wig out when told to 'bug out!'

Know proper evacuation procedures

By 2nd Lt. Carl Siegel

62nd Airlift Wing

Preparing for the operational readiness inspection in June involves practice, practice and practice. And, while practicing, evaluating other unit's ORI results reveals areas in need of even more practice.

Recent operational readiness inspections have emphasized the importance of understanding proper "bug out" procedures. They have also revealed that bug out procedures are an underlying weakness for many units.

What is a bug out? Bugging out is a short-notice evacuation from a primary work facility to a secondary area that can support operations.

The goal of the evacuation is to transport equipment essential to operations and destroy equipment or classified materials that would be of use to the enemy.

The first step in bug out procedures is to ensure the alternate facility permits effective operations in the event people have to evacuate the primary facility.

Next, ensure all Airmen are familiar

with both locations and transit routes to help prevent confusion. As the transition to the alternate facility happens, and if manning and time permits, have a sweep team clear the route for added safety.

Another aspect of preparation involves ensuring all necessary equipment and documentation can be quickly evacuated or that substitutes are available at the alternate location.

One effective way to do this is to have plastic storage containers near the equipment and documents so they can be quickly loaded for transport during the evacuation.

Furthermore, an effective communications plan should enable the work center to inform the survival recovery center and other offices of the location change so information flow and effectiveness are not impeded.

Adequately preparing, planning and practicing for bug out scenarios should help Team McChord's ability to survive and operate during the ORI in June.

ORI TRIVIA

Q:

What steps would you take to challenge an intruder?

A:

Command to "Halt!" Ask "Who goes there?" After they answer, give the command "Advance to be recognized!" When 10 feet away, command "Halt!" and issue the challenge word. (Page 63 of the Airman's Manual)

Q:

As a minimum, what legal documents should you have prepared before you deploy?

A:

Will, Life Insurance, Power of Attorney. (Page 11 of the Airman's Manual)

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Spotlight
on the
stuff you
need to know

What to pack

Along with mobility bags, you must prepare a personal bag based on the most probable deployment scenario. Below are some things normally require for a deployment and additional items you may wish to take when authorized. For the 446th Airlift Wing portion of the June ORI, follow your unit deployment checklist for mandatory items and quantities.

- Uniform sets
- Civilian clothing
- Athletic clothing
- Cold/Wet weather gear
- Undergarments and socks
- Clothes hangers
- Waterproof bags
- Sunblock, lip balm, lotions, insect repellent
- Towels, washcloths, pre-moistened towelettes
- Mirror, comb/brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, toothpicks, shampoo, soap, razor, tissues, hygiene products
- Snacks, gum, candy, antacids, vitamins, aspirin, prescription medicines
- Extra prescription glasses/sunglasses
- Radio, audio player, alarm clock, wristwatch, flashlight, spare batteries, camera, film
- Zipper bag with powdered laundry detergent (but laundry facilities may not be immediately available)
- Religious material, magazines, crossword puzzles, photos, paperbacks, study guides, stationary kit, address book
- Some emergency cash, a checkbook, and a credit card (Transport aircraft can be diverted or break down en route... be prepared!)

New uniform ready for production

Mandatory wear date sometime in fiscal 2011

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

"We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain," he said. "We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn't need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain."

Also, Airmen's feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

"We listened to the Air-

men's request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools, and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable," General Allardice said.

As a result of the feedback, the ABU will have four pockets on the front of the shirt, and a small pencil pocket on the left forearm. There also will be two pockets on the lower legs. Inside the side pockets and breast pockets there will be smaller pockets.

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with four soft earth tones consisting of tan, grey, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric, eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

With cleaning cost savings in mind, the new ABU is made with material that will not need to be starched and pressed.

"I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it," General Al-

lardice said. "We don't want people putting an iron to it."

The uniform will come in more sizes, tailored for men and women.

ABU accessory items:

-- A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and Air Force on the back.

-- Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available in men's and women's sizes.

-- The color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; background is tan.

-- The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will determine that soon, General Allardice said.



Web site for military families gets upgrade

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force A1 office of family matters unveils this month its updated Air Force Crossroads Web site for Airmen and families to gather facts about installations, military moves, education and more.

Though the current site contains a lot of information, its many layers made the site difficult to navigate, said Brenda Liston, chief of Airmen and family readiness policy at the Pentagon.

"With the new site, the information is a lot more accessible," she said. "It's more user-friendly so that customers can sign in and begin surfing for information immediately."

The site also remains committed to a Total Force concept.

"The site will continue to give information for the Guard and Reserve Airmen and families, too," Ms. Liston said.

From employment resources to education and health to spouses' forums, customers will be connected to links and other resources geared to the military lifestyle.

Ms. Liston said the dot-com address allows those not familiar with the military to gain insight into how things work for families.

"Anyone can access the site, such as grandparents and friends of the family, and learn more about life in the Air Force," Ms. Liston said. "While some of the specific sites, such as installations, will require an account name and password, it's now much

easier for all users to get what they need."

Based on feedback and analysis, the new Web site was built to address the ever-changing needs of the military family, including helping former Airmen find employment outside the gates. Employers looking to specifically employ former Airmen have recently been contacting the Crossroads Web site. Those recruitment announcements are also included in the job banks on the new Web site.

"You could say that our changing times have dictated our need to change the site," she said. "But the need to get information out to the families remains the same, and that's our goal."

The Crossroads site is available on www.afcrossroads.com.

Reservists serve those who gave all

By Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt
—Wing Public Affairs

The national news reports another warrior has died. For a fleeting moment, sadness and anger mix with a feeling of disheartenment. Yet, in the next moment, most of us move forward with our lives without stopping to think of our fallen comrade's final journey home.

Most of us, but not all of us. Not five Reservists from the 446th Services Flight.

Five 446th Services Flight members recently returned to McChord AFB after a solemn 120-day deployment to the Department of Defense Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Del. A deployment that weighs heavily on the soul. But it is a weight they volunteer to bear.

"Our wartime mission is to deploy to Dover and prepare human remains to be returned to their families with the dignity, honor and respect they deserve," said Maj. Bruce Simpson, 446th SVF commander. "We have deployed to Dover in support of aircraft crashes, the embassy bombings in Kenya, the Space Shuttle Columbia crash and the 9/11 Pentagon attack."

Out of respect for families' privacy, defense officials do not allow media coverage of deceased military personnel returning to Dover. However, the fallen military personnel do receive a private, "Dignified Transfer" where honor guard members help transfer the remains in flag-draped metal cases from the aircraft to the Port Mortuary.

Once the transfer is complete, the Port Mortuary team members meticulously handle every part of a 15-stage mortuary process that includes thorough identification, autopsy and embalming as well as preparing full dress uniforms and caskets. From Dover, the remains are shipped, with personal escorts, to various funeral homes across the country.

"What we do is for the families," said Master Sgt. Anita Barnes, 446th SVF. "We help get their loved ones home, and we take painstaking measures to make sure everything is perfect."

The entire process can take 24 to 36 hours. The nature of the business can produce high levels of stress for those involved.



Photo by Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt

Maj. Bruce Simpson, 446th Services Port Mortuary Flight, recently returned from his deployment to Dover AFB, Del. While at Dover, he cared for more than 400 remains. During his career, he's helped process remains from aircraft crashes, the Kenya embassy bombings, the Space Shuttle Columbia crash and the 9/11 Pentagon attack.

"You feel bad because your fellow military members have died; but at the same time you feel good about the mission you are doing at Dover. Then you sort of feel bad for feeling good," said Major Simpson. "It can be an emotional roller coaster at times."

To help with those emotions, chaplains and other people trained in Critical Incident Stress Management are on hand to help. The chaplains and CISM staff give deployed teams an opportunity to talk about feelings and realize others have the same exact feelings about experiences on the deployment.

"You have to detach yourself from it," said Sergeant Barnes. "But everyone is going through the same thing, so you have people to talk to. You become a close-knit family and get the support you need,"

Dealing with emotional toll and stress eases slightly with each deployment.

"My first deployment was for a National Guard aircraft crash in 2001," said Major Simpson. "On the first day I felt sad and uncomfortable because I viewed the bodies almost as if they were alive. On the second day, I felt different. I saw the

bodies more as human remains and realized that everything that made them alive was gone. Then I felt bad for not feeling bad. But as I talked with others, I realized I could still care about them, but in a different way. I just couldn't continue to feel like I did on the first day or I would not be able to do my job effectively. Looking back, I was making the transition from novice to experienced."

Training makes the transition easier. Not only do they learn the technical side of their work, but they develop the mental skills to help handle the stress and strain of this emotional mission.

"Our mental preparation is based on training. It is kind of like asking a Soldier how he mentally prepares to go to combat and he says he hopes his training will take care of him," said Major Simpson. "Even though it's not the same as combat for us, you hope your training is successful to get you through."

Consistent rotating schedules also help the Port Mortuary teams mentally prepare for their mission.

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Wing Care and Share program needs board of officers to operate

By 1st Lt. Larry Kohlman
Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – When emergencies happen to 446th Airlift Wing Reservists, they can turn to the wing Care and Share program. But for this program to be viable, it needs a board of officers to run it.

Sponsored by the 446th AW Family Support Center, the Care and Share program can give Reservists a one-time monetary gift to help in time of crisis.

In order to be a legal entity

on base, the Care and Share program is required to have a board of officers. The board members are fellow wing Reservists, and they have direct control on how the funds are distributed.

Currently, volunteers are needed to be officers on the board. “Volunteers can expect to participate approximately two hours per month, depending on the number of requests for assistance we receive,” said Mr. Carl Supplee, chief of family readiness.

The position of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer all need to be filled.

Any 446th AW Reservist who would like to volunteer can contact Mr. Supplee at 982-2755.

In the last five years, the Care and Share program has helped 55 Reservists and their families. The types of emergencies range from immediate airfare home for a funeral to providing for a Reservist’s basic needs when everything has been lost to a fire or natural disaster.

Care and Share board members are committed to generating monies to help ease the ever-increasing financial burden of Reservists, according to

Senior Master Sgt. Tom Henry, current treasurer for the program.

“We will accept all donations, large or small. And the donations are tax deductible,” he said.

Reservists in the wing also conduct fund-raisers, which is the main source of income for the program.

Since 2000, people in the wing have raised more than \$12,500 for the Care and Share program and more than \$11,500 has been distributed to families requiring assistance.

Port Mortuary

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Photo by Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt

Master Sgt. Anita Barnes, 446th Services Flight port mortuary, recently returned from her deployment to Dover AFB, Del. While at Dover, she helped process more than 400 remains. During her career, she’s helped process remains for aircraft crashes, the Kenya embassy bombings, the Space Shuttle Columbia crash and the 9/11 Pentagon attack.

“In the past, when a mass casualty event happened, it was more of a last minute deployment and you didn’t have much time to mentally prepare,” said Major Simpson.

“You just got on the plane as quickly as you could to get to Dover. Now we have Port Mortuary AEF cycles to support the Global War on Terrorism so we know when we’ll be going (to Dover) in advance and we can be mentally ready.”

Another aspect of mental preparation, for some, is not paying attention to news reports.

“We try not to listen to the news because we don’t want to get a connection,” said Sergeant Barnes. “Once you have that connection with a person, it makes it really hard to go and do your job. If I do hear about past incidents on the news, I get choked up because I know that person and I remember how they looked. It can be really tough at times.”

Not only does the mortuary affairs team prepare mentally to deploy, they also

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–Maj. Bruce Simpson

must prepare their emotions for the trip home.

“My last deployment was hard because I have a 16-year-old son at home, and I was working on 19-year-olds who were shot,” recalled Sergeant Barnes. “I thought to myself that this could be my kid someday. In order to deal with it, I went into mother-mode. I fussed over these boys and made sure everything was neat, tidy and perfect for their return to their families.”

Mortuary Affairs is a tough job.

However, the people who work mortuary affairs take their job seriously because they know a tiny detail may mean the world to those who have lost a loved one.

“No one ever forgets that we are working with someone’s son, daughter, mom, dad, or spouse,” said Major Simpson. “That’s why we work hard at getting everything perfect.”

The final perfect touch delivered by these caring Reservists comes in the form of a salute.

“Rain or shine, we line up outside and render a final salute each time a hearse leaves the Port Mortuary. It’s our way of saying goodbye as we send them off to their next destination,” said Major Simpson.

Reservist coach of year

By Senior Airman Paul Haley
Wing Public Affairs

Stan Harris, a master sergeant with the 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron here, has been named All

Area Coach of the Year by the Tacoma News Tribune.

A high-school gym teacher and basketball coach in Tacoma, Harris' boys basketball team at Franklin-Pierce High School went undefeated this year in the Seamount League.

The team posted the best win-loss record in school history, leading to the award, said Harris.

His road to coach of the year began four years ago when he took over as head coach at the school. Harris set a goal with his team to go to the Washington State 3A Boys Basketball Championship.

"This is the first time I've had everyone on the team from the time they were freshman until they were seniors," he said. "We had a goal of going to state in four years, and the boys held to that."

Harris said skills he has gained in the Air Force Reserve contribute to his off-duty achievements.

"Being a substance abuse counselor (in the Air Force Reserve) definitely helps. Substance abuse is something you have to deal with all the time when working with high schoolers," he said. "There's also the discipline and coordination you get from the military."

On the other hand, being

a coach and gym teacher also helps him in his military career, said Harris. Motivational techniques used on the court apply directly to supervising people in the Reserve. The energy he receives from working with young men helps keep him motivated.

"They keep you young, but they make you lose your hair," he joked.

It's his leadership skills, not lack of hair, that sets Harris apart, according to his school's principal.

"Stan Harris is a dynamic leader at Franklin Pierce High School, whether it be on the basketball court, (in) his classes, or his many interactions with students around campus," said Eric Hogan, Franklin Pierce High School principal.

"He is committed to helping students build and refine quality character and acquire academic achievement. I am proud to have him as one of our teachers," Hogan added.

Harris said without the help of his outstanding assistant coach and team, as well as support from his squadron, he wouldn't have received the award.

The unit supported Harris by allowing him to reschedule UTA weekends when they conflict with games, and the commander keeps the unit up to date during commander's calls with his team's successes. Additionally, members of his squadron would come to the games to cheer on the team, he said.

Harris has been coaching for 12 years, eight years at Franklin-Pierce and four at Charles-Wright Academy in Tacoma, and has been named league coach of the year four times previously.



Photo by Kevin Tosh

Stan Harris, named coach of the year, works out in the weight room of the base gym when on duty for Reserve weekends. During the week, he's a gym teacher and basketball coach at Franklin-Pierce High School.

At A Glance

Leading his Franklin-Pierce High School boys basketball team through an undefeated season, Stan Harris is named Coach of the Year by the Tacoma News Tribune.

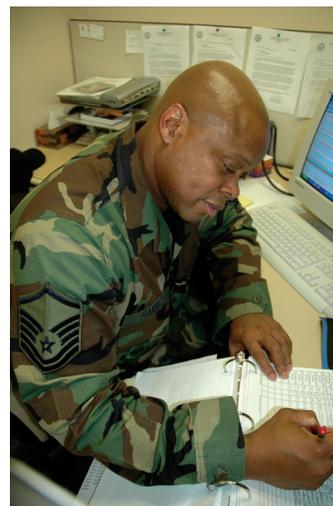


Photo by Senior Airman Paul Haley
When not teaching at Franklin-Pierce High School in Tacoma, Stan Harris serves as a master sergeant with the 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

S a f e t y



On April 1, 1992, the first Air Force Reserve associate C-17 unit, the 317th Airlift Squadron, was activated and assigned to the 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant
Cameron Pence, 446th AMXS

Master Sergeant
Alton Anderson, 446th MSS
David Colgan, 446th CES
Mark Ellwein, 446 ASTS
Lyle Harvey, 446th MSS
Anne Jones, 446th ASTS
Todd Lamphere, 446th AMDS
Paul Olson, 36th APS
Kurt Schafer, 446th AMXS

Technical Sergeant
Darin Blanchard, 446th MXS
Timothy Deselms, 446th AMXS
Charles Doss, 446th ASTS
Courtney Lalla, 446th ASTS
Michael Larson, 446th CES
Vincent Muldrew, 446th MXS
Stanley Rothfuss, 446th MXS
Edward Sundquist, 446th AMXS
Nathan Wright, 446th CES

Staff Sergeant
John Carmack, 86th APS
Mark Cornell, 446th AMXS
Daniel Cummings, 446th MXS
Fern Michael, 446th MSS
Wanwu Huang, 446th MXS
Andrea Illingworth, 446th SFS
Steven Jones, 728th AS
John Lewis, 446th MXS
Elliott Standish, 446th AMXS
Zachary Taylor, 446th MXS
Anthony Weisner, 446th AMXS

Senior Airman
Jeremy Biddle, 446th AMXS
Michael Dunn, 86th APS
Ashley Durand, 446th AMXS
Ryan Garff, 446th AMXS

Demarcel Gilbert, 446th AMXS
Brian Iardella, 446th AMXS
Dustin Jenkins, 86th APS
Tymothy Noles, 446th AMXS
Jamie Miller, 97th AS
Travis Ostler, 446th AMXS
Cicily Perkins, 446th ASTS
Kristofor Russell, 446th AMXS
Michael Scherping, 86th APS
Jeremy Thorpe, 446th SFS
Eric Toves, 446th MXS
Lance Trujillo, 446th MXS

Airman First Class
Victor Dinarte, 446th SVF

Airman
Daniel Urness, 446th AMXS

Newcomers

Captain
Travis Lunasco, 446th ASTS

Master Sergeant
Brandi Winfrey, 86th APS

Staff Sergeant
Michele Clarke, 446th MXS
Long Diep, 86th APS
Trent Farmer, 46th AMXS
Gary Lancaster, 446th AMXS
Robin McVicker, 86th APS
Shane Morgan, 446th MSS
Michael Peters, 313th AS
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Weston Sewall, 728th AS
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Brandi Nealis, 446th AMXS
Michael Rapp, 97th AS

Airman First Class
Melinda Duran, 446th AMDS
Michael Galbraith, 446th AMXS
Tyler Hoops, 446th AMXS
Loren Hoviland, 446th AMXS
Alicia McKinley, 446th MSS
John Merilatt, 446th AMXS
Juliana Swain, 446th MSS

Airman
Jacob Barton, 446th ASTS
Michael Wenzel, 446th CES

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel
Cheryl Price, 86th APS

Major
Chris Santamaria, 97th AS

Master Sergeant
Gregory Bradley, 446th AMXS
Wayne Bosshart, 446th AMXS
Hector Cortez, 446th AMXS
William Harris, 446th MXS
William Weatherby, 446th AMXS

Technical Sergeant
Arnelfo Dejesus, 86th APS
Jeffery Rigby, 36th APS
Dereck Senter, 446th MSS
Marvin Stinson, 446th AMXS

Air Care

Maj. Ken Winslow, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, talks with a patient on a C-17 bound for Germany. The major is a nurse serving with the 791st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron transporting servicemembers from Southwest Asia to health care in Germany and the United States.



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Just Briefly

What's your routine for staying fit for health and to meet Air Force standards?

Six out of seven

"I work out six times per week."



◆ *Tech. Sgt. Dean Marubayashi*
36th Aerial Port Squadron

Body for Life

"I use the Body for Life program."



◆ *Capt. Stephan Oliver*
446th Maintenance Squadron

Three miles

"I walk three miles several times a week."



◆ *Maj. Dorothy Chicoratic*
446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Biking

"I just had knee surgery, but I like to bike and take walks with my family."



◆ *Master Sgt. Steve Burkhardt*
446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Commander authorizes wear of AFRC patch on BDUs, flightsuits

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander, has authorized the wear of the AFRC patch effective immediately. The patch replaces the Air Mobility Command patch currently being worn by wing Reservists. Airmen may replace the patches through uniform attrition.

Medical process designed to work for Reservists

When a Reservist on active duty becomes ill or injured, units should contact Maj. Stacia Deshon, 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron immediately to ensure the Reservist gets timely and appropriate care and medical follow-up. Notification is also important to ensure man days are available to cover any medical follow up. Major Deshon can be contacted 982-3924.

UTA shuttle stop in Utah moves to Hill AFB for pick up, drop off

Beginning this month, the UTA shuttle arrival and departure point will move from Salt Lake City International Airport to Hill AFB. All times remain the same.

Wing commander's calls set for May and June weekends

The Wing commander's call for the B UTA will be May 21. The commander's call for the A UTA is rescheduled for June 4.

Position-vacancy promotions change for Reserve officers

The method of determining the number of early promotions for Air Force Reserve officers, has changed. Air Force Reserve Command now links position-vacancy promotion quotas to mandatory promotion board quotas.

To obtain the number of position vacancy promotions, the command will take a percentage of its mandatory board quotas. For lieutenant colonel, it will be 20 percent of the mandatory board quotas and for major 30 percent. In the past, the command applied a percentage to the number of position-vacancy nominations submitted to determine how many people were promoted.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123015806>

Headquarters Air Force realigns similar to J-staff model

The Air Staff at Headquarters Air Force has adopted a new organizational structure that closely mirrors the Army's G-staff, the Navy's N-staff and the joint J-staff. Air

Force major commands and warfighter headquarters will follow suit by May 1. Similar functions at all levels will be re-mapped to nine standardized A-staff areas of responsibility.

These areas include:

- A1 - Manpower and Personnel
- A2 - Intelligence
- A3 - Air, Space and Information Operations
- A4 - Logistics
- A5 - Plans and Requirements
- A6 - Communications
- A7 - Installations and Mission Support
- A8 - Strategic Plans and Programs
- A9 - Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123015891>

Make sure you know your MyPay web site, avoid look-a-likes

Air Force officials have mandated use of MyPay for receipt of payroll products (leave and earnings statements, net pay advices, etc.). Be advised that there are copycat or look-a-like web sites being developed to make people think they are accessing the official MyPay web site.

These sites request personal information that, if provided, could cause a variety of problems for Airmen. There are also sites that use the words "MyPay" as part of their web address. While they may be legitimate business concerns, they are not in any way affiliated with Defense Finance Accounting Service, or DFAS, and MyPay.

The official MyPay web site is <https://MyPay.dfas.mil>. Make sure you don't mistakenly provide personal information to copycat, look-a-likes, or other sites that use "MyPay" in the web address.



Col. Jerry Martinez

Host unit gets new commander

Col. Jerry Martinez is the new commander for the 62nd Airlift Wing here.

Colonel Martinez took command of the wing from Col. Wayne Schatz Jr. during a change of command ceremony March 13.

Colonel Martinez comes to McChord from McConnell AFB, Kan., where he was vice commander of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing.



Photo by Sandra Pishner

Minett Fernandez goes for two in the 446 team's game against the Retirees March 15. The Retirees won 51-46. The 446 were tied with four minutes remaining, but the Retirees hit a couple of three pointers to take the lead and remain undefeated.

Legends '06 Basketball Standings (as of March 17)					
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT
APS	9	9	0	0	1.000
Retirees	8	8	0	0	1.00
MXS	8	7	1	0	0.875
OSS	8	6	2	0	0.750
446	9	6	3	0	0.667
WADS	8	5	3	0	0.625
LRS	10	5	5	0	0.500
Boeing	9	4	5	0	0.444
AMXS	8	3	5	0	0.375
361 RCS	7	2	5	0	0.333
MSS	7	3	4	0	0.333
SVS	7	2	5	0	0.285
SFS	8	2	6	0	0.250
MOS	14	2	12	0	0.142
COMM	14	0	14	0	0.000

Wing bowling teams in top five

By 1st Lt. Larry Kohlman
Wing Public Affairs

A small group of Reservists, civilian employees and family members give it their all every Tuesday night to strike as many times as possible against 14 other teams of Team McChord in intramural bowling.

With the season nearly over, both teams find themselves ranked in the top five.

"Both teams are doing above average this year," said Gerry Avena.

Although designated as 446th AW Team 2, this group of four is far from being the "also ran" team.

"We are the number 2 team with the 'A' game," said Chris Dietz.

Team 2 maintained first place for four consecutive weeks in the 05 - 06 season, dropping out of first place only recently.

"We had a bad night, but we're fighting to get back

up there," said Rick Pishner, another Team 2 player.

Team 1 ended the 04-05 bowling season in fourth place. This season they started out near the bottom, but are now in fifth place.

"This year we're fighting for it; we're slowly climbing up," said Avena.

The season ends this month, with the final games determining the champs.

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