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Pallets of cargo fall to the ice Dec. 20 during the first C-17 Globemaster III airdrop to the South Pole. Airmen from the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings delivered 70 tons of supplies to the National Science Foundation team wintering there. The mission was a “proof concept” flight for the C-17 and was part of Joint Task Force-Supported Forces Antarctica’s Operation Deep Freeze.

C-17 makes first South Pole airdrop

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – A C-17 Globemaster III, flown by a McChord crew, made its debut airdrop to the South Pole, Antarctica Dec. 20.

This airdrop delivery gives McChord’s joint active-duty and Reserve crew the opportunity to train and test the capabilities of the C-17 while supporting the National Science Foundation research facilities on “the Ice.”

“The purpose of this mission is essentially a proof of concept; it gives proof that the airplane and systems are able to do an airdrop in the conditions present at the pole,” Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, commander of the Air Force Reserve’s 446th Airlift Wing said.

Lt. Col. James McGann, 62nd Operations Group deputy commander- Antarctica added, “It also validates our ability to support the National Science Foundation in the world’s most hostile environment and gives the NSF another option in Antarctic logistics.”

In July 1999, a McChord crew airdropped cancer treatment supplies for a National Science Foundation doctor stranded at the South Pole through the winter with the now retired C-141 Starlifter. This was the last mid-winter airdrop McChord crews made until today.

“This is a heavy equipment drop,” said the drop zone control officer, Lt. Col. Greg Pyke, a Reserve C-17 pilot in the 97th Airlift Squadron here who helped plan the historic air drop. “There are four pallets containing supplies totaling approximately 70,000 pounds, dropped in a single pass.”

The pallets of food were built by the Royal New Zealand Defense Force under the direction of the Army’s 82nd Airborne stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Dried foods, flour, and canned goods were dropped to hold the scientists who are ‘wintering over’ from February 15 to October 25 or so,” said Colonel McGann, a veteran of Operation Deep Freeze support operations.

The Royal New Zealand Defense Force also helped on the ground at the drop zone by recovering the chutes used to drop the pallets. Lt. Col. Pyke and Senior Master Sgt. James Masura, a senior Reserve loadmaster with the 446th Airlift Wing, were at the South Pole for several days coordinating the airdrop. Lt. Col. Pyke, who flew the 1999 airdrop as a captain, said that almost all of the National Science Foundation employees at the South Pole turned out to see the pallets delivered.

Although only five members of the crew actually dropped the supplies at the South Pole, the remaining nine members aboard became familiarized with the flying conditions at the pole.

“This ensures we have a large cadre of people qualified in the Antarctic airdrop mission, should the need arise to execute an emergency or requested drop,” said Colonel McGann.

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All articles and photographs must be turned in to the 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office, Bldg. 1214, Room 124 by 4 p.m.

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Now is time to prepare for compliance visits

By Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree
Wing commander

Welcome to 2007! As we start another year there are a couple of things we need to focus on. Preparations start now for the Unit Compliance Inspection next January, and the staff assistance visit from 4th Air Force that will occur at the end of March. Another focus is the pending conversion of part of our air reserve technician and civilian workforce to the new National Security Personnel System. All require considerable preparation and coordination to be successful.

The staff assistance visit will give us our first chance to get our paperwork, training and records management looked at since our last Unit Compliance Inspection in December 2003. To take full advantage of the help we will get requires each unit to do a pre-scrub and evaluate its own areas. If units do not do that, the 4th Air Force personnel will be advising us on major course corrections instead of small heading changes.

Some units approach a SAV as a first look and expect the team members to find all the errors in a unit's processes and paperwork. The problem is, there isn't enough time on a short SAV to find all the small errors if you start from ground zero.

Lt. Col. Pat Kearney in our performance planning office has thrown down the gauntlet to all of our commanders to be the first unit to finish an UCI with no reportable findings. This is an aggressive goal, but

one that is entirely achievable for the team at McChord AFB. To get there we need to be down to minute refinements by September or October this year. To be at that level, we need to get the big findings and corrections taken care of before the 4th Air Force visit in March.

So, what I am telling you is that to reach the goal of zero reportable findings, the time to bear down and clean up is now. When you talk to the evaluators from 4th Air Force it will be great for you if they can give you tiny changes that are easy to make and count as style points rather than major corrections. Please get everyone in your unit in that mind set and the SAV and UCI will be real triumphs for all of us.

Personnel conversion

The NSPS conversion will take place for the non-bargaining unit/supervisory personnel as of Jan. 21. This means supervisors have attended a lot of training sessions, appraisals for their non-union eligible personnel were completed in December, and new performance plans will have been written to comply with the change in programs. The changes from the old system will not be major on a day-to-day look. What will change is the rating system process at the close out of ratings next year.

Under the NSPS rating process, awards will be allocated based on the number of "shares" a supervisor feels an employee has earned. Each share will have a standard value and the multiplication of the two will determine how much bonus the employee re-



Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree

ceives. The intent is to reward each individual for the quality of their work in contributing to the wing mission.

If and when the court cases are settled dealing with collective bargaining for union-eligible employees, the rest of the ART and civilian workforce will convert to the same system. In the meantime, we get to do a test run on a smaller number of people to see how it works. As with any change, there will be some unknowns, but it should be an improvement and with some effort we can make it work fine for us. Please help each other as we work our way through the first year and pass on the lessons you learn.

I hope all of you are looking forward to this new year and its challenges. We are still being promised relief on ancillary training and we have the Air Mobility Rodeo to look forward to this summer. Thanks again for all your hard work and diligence in fighting the Global War on Terrorism. You are all heroes.



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The airdrop has been in the planning stages since August 2006. The long range planning was needed because of the complexity of flying in the remote Antarctic region. South Pole temperatures range from -21 to -29 degrees Fahrenheit or -29 to -34 degrees Celsius. Those temperatures coupled with longitude, latitude and altitude cause technical challenges for man and machine.

“Navigation is more complex down there,” said Capt. Jennie Steldt, the aircraft commander, an active duty pilot with the 10th Airlift Squadron. “Instruments in the plane work differently due to flying that close to the magnetic South Pole.”

The elevation of the South Pole, which is 9,300 feet above sea level, is another challenge for aircrews, said Captain Steldt.

“We will have to drop 1,000 feet above that so the parachutes attached to the load have time to inflate,” she said. “That means we’ll be dropping above 10,000 feet in temperatures approximately -30 degrees Celsius.”

“This Antarctic drop is an excellent show of the C-17’s versatility,” said Col. Shane Hershman, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander. “No matter what the cargo is or where we’re taking it, the C-17’s flexibility continues to prove that it is the backbone of air mobility.”

Above: A McChord C-17 drops cargo Dec. 20 over South Pole, Antarctica. Right: Cargo lands on the ice. Below: The drop zone was marked with large canvas material. Bottom: A member of the National Science Foundation wintering in the Antarctic checks a cargo pallet airdropped by a C-17.



Courtesy photos

New pay, personnel system on tap

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

—American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new system coming in 2008 to the Army and Air Force will integrate pay and personnel and make life easier for servicemembers everywhere, the general in charge of the system's deployment said.

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, or DIMHRS, integrates the two services' pay and personnel systems into one Web-based system, Army Maj. Gen. Carlos "Butch" Pair, the defense business systems acquisition executive in the Business Transformation Agency, said.

"DIMHRS is an enterprise solution, really a revolution in how the military is approaching pay and personnel," General Pair said. "It's really more than an acronym; it's a solution for the future."

The unique advantage of DIMHRS is that it will be Web-based, accessible from

anywhere with a common access card, and will be a one-stop shop for servicemembers with pay and personnel issues, General Pair said. Servicemembers will be able to view their entire record, and even make certain changes themselves.

"We know many of our young Soldiers today, and Airmen, understand how to self-service on the Web," he said.

Army and Air Force commanders also will have access to the system to resolve any issues the troops can't handle themselves, General Pair said. This will be especially helpful in today's joint environment, where troops from different services fight alongside each other and often aren't near personnel or finance support, he said.

"It's conceivable today that if you're an Airman in an Army task force, you might have to get in a Humvee and travel 30 or 40 kilometers to find a personnel service unit to support you," he said. "Under DIMHRS, that won't happen."

Army officials will launch DIMHRS in March 2008. Air Force officials will launch DIMHRS later that summer, General Pair said. Navy and Marine Corps officials have not yet decided whether to use DIMHRS, but whatever system they select will have to be compatible with DIMHRS, creating a seamless partnership across the military, he said.

When DIMHRS is launched, it will include a requirement that servicemembers can go to any military installation and get their pay or personnel issues resolved, General Pair said.

"It's about providing and serving our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines with the very best possible service that they can get," he said.

Army and Air Force officials will start teaching DIMHRS at their personnel and finance schools in 2007, General Pair said. When the system is launched in 2008, the active, Guard and Reserve components of the Army and Air Force will

all be included at the same time, he said.

The concept for DIMHRS was first developed about 10 years ago, when pay and personnel problems arose in the first Gulf War, General Pair said. The system has been developed over the years to solve problems such as a lag in pay when reservists or guardsmen are activated or pay inaccuracies for active-duty troops, he said.

This new system is long overdue, because the individual systems the services have are outdated and don't work well together, General Pair said. The Army alone has more than 70 different systems, he said, which haven't been refreshed in a long time.

"Here we are in the year 2006 and about to be 2007, and it's just time to realize some savings that new types of software and solutions out there can provide," he said. "It's to solve problems; it's to provide better service and more accuracy to the servicemembers."

Air Force News

At A Glance

Roll Call to help supervisors keep Airmen in the know

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A new weekly publication titled "Roll Call" is designed to help shop- and office-level supervisors explain complex, yet important Air Force issues to their Airmen during daily or weekly meetings.

Roll Call is a one-page print product, posted online every Friday. It covers one or two topics, in full sentences, and is written so supervisors can read it to their Airmen during morning roll calls or weekly gatherings. <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123035603>

New Legislation facilitates Total Force

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- When President George W. Bush signed the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act into law Oct. 17, important clarifications were made regarding Title 10 and 32, the laws governing the legal distinctions between the armed forces of the United States and the armed forces of the National Guard and Reserve.

With the president's authorization of the proposed amendments to Title 10 and Title 32, he removed some of the critical roadblocks to the Air Force's organizational construct of integrating active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve component assets to produce a smaller, more capable and more affordable Total Force. <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123035670>

Editor's Note: *Air Force News – At A Glance features the top stories on the Air Force News web site recommended by Air Force Leaders as essential reading. For the full story, type the hyperlink into your web browser.*

10 C-17s, 2 wings, 1 launch

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – Local residents saw a rare sight when they looked to the skies Dec. 20.

Several McChord agencies combined efforts to fly a formation training exercise consisting of 10 C-17s here.

The objective of the exercise was to test all aspects of the mission and the units that must come together to facilitate launching, executing and recovering a large formation of C-17s in a short period of time.

“One of the key capabilities the C-17 gives the Air Force is the ability to resupply forward locations with people and equipment by airdrop,” said Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, 446th Airlift Wing commander. “The opportunity for the active duty and Reserve

units at McChord to practice these large formation missions together is a testament to the total force nature of C-17 operations. Both wings are true professionals in the business of combat airlift.”

Once the 10 aircraft launched, aircrews from the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings worked together to drop container delivery system bundles, typically used to re-supply troops in isolated forward operating bases; single heavy equipment platforms, which simulates infiltration or delivery of large pieces of equipment; and dual row equipment drop, typically used during the insertion of a combat force to seize an airfield or other piece of high value terrain.

“This type of exercise takes a concen-

trated effort from many organizations on base to pull off,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Schwartz, 8th Airlift Squadron and mission commander. “It’s a great chance to get some valuable training and test our abilities to work together to meet a significant mission requirement.”

Key players included the 62nd and 446th Maintenance Groups which generated, launched and recovered the aircraft; the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron which built and recovered the various platforms for the airdrop portion of the mission; and the 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron which supplied the transportation and fuel for the aircraft.



Photo by Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz

Well, let me tell you how we airdrop

Students from Aviation High School tour a C-17 Dec. 10. Tours for students interested in aviation or the Air Force Reserve can be arranged through the 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office by calling 982-3330.

Reservist receives award for heroism

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., – A 446th Maintenance Operations Flight Airman received an Award of Merit Dec. 8 from the Washington State Patrol- District 8 at the Washington State Patrol- Port Angeles Detachment.

On July 3, Tech. Sgt. Phillip White displayed heroic efforts after arriving to the scene of a head-on collision on State Route 101, where he rescued two children trapped in the back seat of a burning SUV.

In the police report, Jim Bucher, another rescuer at the scene, credited Sergeant White with using a rock to break the rear window to gain access to the occupants, and physically going inside the burning vehicle and handing the children out to other rescuers.

“I did what anyone else would have done and I would do it all over again today,” said Sergeant White recalling the actions he took that day.

Another rescuer, Adrian Cushman, also received an



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Theodore Stanley

Tech. Sgt. Phillip White was presented the Award of Merit by the Washington State Patrol - District 8 for his heroic actions at the scene of a vehicle accident July 3, 2006.

Award of Merit. Seven other individuals who also responded to the accident that day were presented Commendation Awards for the selfless actions they took.

All the awards were signed by the Chief of Washington State Patrol, John Batiste.



Kevin Hall crosses the finish line at the Ford Ironman 70.3 World Championships in November.



Kevin Hall, a loadmaster with the 728th Airlift Squadron, rode 56 miles in the Ford Ironman triathlon in Clearwater, Fla., Nov. 11.

Loadmaster competes in Ironman

By Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz
Wing Public Affairs

The stinging sensation has dissipated and numbness has taken over. A groove of concentration has been dug; you're in the zone. A final push and then it is over.

The birth of a triathlete is complete. Kevin Hall, a master sergeant with the 728th Airlift Squadron, qualified for and finished the Ford Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Clearwater, Fla., on Nov. 11.

Hall, a loadmaster in the Air Force Reserve, began his running career six years ago, and what a journey it has been to get to a level of world competition.

Although many may find it difficult to get started with triathlons, it was easy for Hall because he had his friend and multiple triathlon runner Steve Howe as an inspiration.

"Kevin has a real motivation in him to compete," said Howe, a fraud investigator for social security, who met Hall at church years ago. "I guess I inspired him because

he'd seen me doing this (racing) and I talked him into running. Since then we've done lots of races together."

Six years of competition in duathlons and multi-sport racing also helped give the sergeant the background to begin triathlons. He qualified at the Lake Stevens, Wash., triathlon for the chance to compete in 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and 13.1 mile run world championship.

"With my flying schedule, it is hard to have a routine, so I just did long, slow days when I had lots of time and short, hard days when I didn't have much time," said Hall. "I try to get a good mix of biking one day and running the next, and swim on either or both days."

With an always increasing number of athletes in the 728th AS, Hall, who also serves as his unit's fitness monitor, says he is sometimes able to get other crew members to go out for a group workout rather than his usual individual exercise.

To avoid training ruts, the loadmaster keeps his motivation high by cross training. Not only does this certified spin class

instructor kayak and mountain bike for variation, but he also does weight training and takes yoga classes a couple of times each week.

Healthy eating habits with a diet consisting of fresh and low fat foods, in addition to pastas, also contribute to the sergeant's training.

"Not only is it important to eat right so that your energy needs are met, but it also helps you recover from the big training days," emphasized Hall. "A lot of people will spend big money on super light bikes, but if you lose a couple of pounds of body weight it doesn't cost you anything and your power-to-weight ratio increases."

All of Hall's dedication and hard work paid off when he completed the championship triathlon, placing 70 out of 115 in the 45- 49 age group.

Looking back at the 1,700 competitor race, Hall said, "I felt a great sense of accomplishment knowing I can compete with a field of world class triathletes from all over the United States and 40 other countries."

You don't have to be a triathlete, but goals help you achieve fitness

By Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz
Wing Public Affairs

Now that all the holiday festivities have come to a close and turkey has been gobbled up, it's time to jump back on the fit wagon.

Fitness is imperative for Airmen to maintain in order to meet the fitness standards set upon them by the Air Force. Although it may be difficult for some to get back into the groove, fellow Airmen are here to provide guidance and motivation.

"The first step is to set a goal of what you want to do and where you want to be," said 1st Lt. Ernest Wong, logistics readiness officer in the 86th Aerial

Port Squadron and distance runner and tri athlete for 10 years.

This goal could be anything from running a 5 kilometer race to competing in a triathlon, or improving your fitness test scores.

Chief Master Sgt. Jeanmarie Kautzman, 446th Mission Support Squadron chief of information systems, set a goal last year to lose 10 pounds. She not only met her goal, she exceeded it.

"Even though I had set a personal goal, I did it mostly due to the fitness program the Air Force has," said Chief Kautzman. "My goal was only to lose 10 pounds and I ended up losing 30."

The 86th APS lieutenant emphasized that having a stick-to-it mentality is key.

"Consistency matters more than duration when you're getting into shape. Even if you only have 20 minutes you have got to stick with your schedule," he said.

Lieutenant Wong suggests a five-day workout regimen for beginners because it allows for flexibility. Weights, core training or calisthenics two days a week can also provide nice cross-training.

"I worked out six days a week at the gym on base and that (one) day off gave me enough rest to recuperate for the next week," remarked Chief Kautzman.

Healthy diets are also a key factor in weight loss and getting

back into shape.

"While I was losing weight I controlled portion sizes and I still continue to do that," said the chief. "Making a conscious decision on what goes in my mouth was key."

The lieutenant advises that not only do we need to "eat more of what doesn't come in a package," but also to drink more water and fewer carbonated beverages.

Motivation is sometimes a "killer" for workout plans; however, choosing a fun activity and involving family and friends can create better relationships and provide inspiration

"Rewarding yourself is also important," said Lieutenant Wong. "For example, I started putting a dollar in a jar every time I worked out and then at the end of the month I spent the money collected on something to reward myself."

Numerous fitness resources are available for Reservists on base. The 446th Airlift Wing's SharePoint Web page even holds a link for FitLinxx, an online fitness resource. Plus, individuals can speak with their unit fitness monitor for additional guidance.

With fellow Airmen pushing their limits and various resources readily available, the Air Force fitness standards should easily be met and those pounds should melt away, just as the holidays do.

competition in Clear-



Courtesy photos provided by Master Sgt. Kevin Hall

After a 1.2 mile swim, Kevin Hall begins to shed his wet suit for his bicycling gear during the Ford Ironman competition. Hall is a master sergeant with the 728th Airlift Squadron, where he also serves as the unit's fitness monitor.

Reserve, Guard part of rescue effort

By Donna Mills

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – After finding the body of one missing climber on Mount Hood, Ore., members of the Oregon Army National Guard, Nevada Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units continued to search for two other lost climbers until local officials called off the search Dec. 20.

Rescue crews, joined by civilian volunteers, were hampered in their rescue attempts with several days of snow, ice and winds, according to Capt. Christopher Bernard of the Air Force Reserve's 304th Rescue Squadron, based in Portland.

The 304th Rescue Squadron was the first aircrew on the scene Dec. 11 after three climbers set out Dec. 7 for what was to be a two-day climbing trip, said Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel, of the 446th Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash.

Nine pararescue team members and three combat rescue officers conducted ground surveillance through Dec. 14 before pausing operations during inclement weather as they geared up to launch the air mission, Sergeant Przybyciel said.

The squadron left one crewmember on the mountain to serve as a spotter for a Nevada Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft. The aircraft is part of the only Air Force wing equipped with "scathe view" technology that provides real-time imagery of ground activity via electro-optical and infrared sensors mounted on military

aircraft, Sergeant Przybyciel said.

Meanwhile, three Oregon Army National Guard helicopter crews joined the search Dec. 15. Twelve flight crews and medics aboard two UH-60 Black Hawks from the 1042nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), based in Salem, Ore., and a CH-47D Chinook from Detachment 1, D Company, 113th Aviation Battalion, based in Pendleton, Ore., were involved in the search.

In the morning of Dec. 18, a Nevada Air National Guard C-130 aircraft from Reno headed to the summit to retrieve a body found in a snow cave on Mount Hood's north face.

Joe Wimpler, Mount Hood County sheriff, compared locating the snow cave to finding "a needle in a haystack" and praised the "excellent spot on the part of the aircrews."

The search for the other two climbers focused on "The Gullies," an avalanche-prone area with a sheer 2,500-foot drop.

Captain Bernard noted the aircrews involved in the operation are combat veterans who have served in the mountains of Afghanistan.

"There's a wide set of skills coming together to support this mission," he said.

Army Col. Dave Greenwood, Oregon's state aviation officer who had been flying UH-60 missions during the search, said the military is uniquely qualified to carry out the mission.

"When we see something like this, we realize that we're the only ones with our



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel

Air Force Reserve officials found footprints Dec. 17 from the three lost climbers on Mount Hood, Ore. Rescue teams gave up any hope of finding Brian Hall, 37, of Dallas, and Jerry 'Nikko' Cooke, 36, of New York City alive on stormy Mount Hood and abandoned the frustrating, nine-day search Dec. 20, 2006.

type of capabilities, so we are always ready to roll," he said.

The Oregon Guard typically conducts about 20 search-and-rescue missions per year, but few of this magnitude, he said.

Colonel Greenwood noted that since returning from Afghanistan in March, the Oregon Guard helicopter crews spent 43 days this summer fighting wildfires.

"It just never stops," he said. "It's a lot of missions for these guys." (*Sergeant Przybyciel was detailed to Mount Hood from McChord to provide Public Affairs assistance to the military units involved in the rescue effort.*)

Commander names new command chief

WASHINGTON – A Reservist stationed here will become Air Force Reserve Command's command chief master sergeant March 8.

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, selected Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh from among 10 nominees for the position. Air Force Reservists from all categories - traditional Reservists, individual mobilization augmentees, air reserve technicians and Active Guard

Reserve members - applied for the position.

Chief McIntosh has been the superintendent of the AGR Management Office in the Pentagon since April 2005. He will be the fifth command chief AFRC has had since it became a major command in 1997 and the 13th person to hold the job in the Air Force Reserve since March 1973.

The position of AFRC command chief master sergeant is a three-year controlled tour at

Robins AFB, Ga. The duties involve communicating with the commander on problems, concerns, morale and attitudes of the enlisted force and, in turn, ensuring the commander's policies are known and understood by the enlisted force.

"I hope as the Air Force Reserve becomes even more of an operational force, the enlisted corps is given every opportunity to train and participate in all Air Force missions," Chief McIntosh said.

Chief McIntosh said he is excited about the continuing work of the enlisted force development team and how this will benefit all AFRC enlisted Airmen by providing clear career paths for their future development.

He will succeed Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett, who has served as the AFRC command chief master sergeant since November 2004. Chief Winsett retires in March 2007. (*AFRC News Service*)

Employer Orientation Day

March 31, 2007

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I acknowledge I am responsible for notifying my military supervisor if my employer will attend. I will be on duty status March 31. I will provide a workplace tour for my supervisor. There is no charge for my employer's lunch. My employer has not participated in an Employer Orientation Day in the past two years.

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S a f e t y



Jan. 4, 1994 – A C-130 Hercules aircraft squadron composed of Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel joins Operation Promise to deliver relief supplies to Bosnia. It is called “Delta Squadron.”

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following October - December 2006 O-5 promotions were previously unreported.

Herbert Adams, 97th AS
 Martie Allison, 313th AS
 Curtis Aubert, 97th AS
 Lancelot Barker, 728th AS
 Melanie Carey, 446th ASTS
 Sharon Carlson, 446th AES
 Jeffrey Cotton, 313th AS
 Stacia Deshon, 446th AMDS
 Richard Grayson, 97th AS
 Thomas Hansen, 446th AES
 Tim May, 86th APS
 Michael McDonough, 313th AS
 Jay McSweeney, 446th MOF
 Michaela Payton, 446th AW
 Carla Pelster, 446th OSF
 Guy Perry, 446th OSF
 Troy Phelps, 728th AS
 Blake Pierson, 728th AS
 Robert Rowe, 97th AS
 Kevin Sampson, 313th AS
 Annie Thomas, 446th OG
 Edward Venner, 313th AS
 Robert Weichert, 313th AS
 Dennis Woxen, 446th OG
 Roger Zander, 728th AS

Chief Master Sergeant

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 Thomas Henderson, 446th AES

Senior Master Sergeant

Anthony Wilds, 446th AES
 Theron Smith, 446th AES

Master Sergeant

Morgan Brodt, 446th AMXS
 Thomas Burke, 446th AMXS
 Michael Clemens, 86th APS
 Mikhail Ekshtut, 446th AW
 Anthony Mehalik, 86th APS
 Christopher Sehr, 36th APS

Technical Sergeant

Candice Allen, 446th OSF
 David Banks, 446th AMDS
 Wayne Duckworth, 86th APS
 Troy Gordon, 446th LRF
 Chad Hampton, 446th AMDS
 Clyde Haynes, 446th SFS
 Bradley Kesterson, 446th OSF
 Dustin Liebhaber, 97th AS

Michael Ping, 728th AS
 Chris Roening, 446th ALCF
 Timothy Simons, 36th APS
 Joshua Warbiany, 86th APS

Staff Sergeant

Mark Beres, 446th AMXS
 Benjamin Fraser, 446th MXS
 Hope Funderburk, 446th ALCF
 Luther Hauer, 446th CES
 Casey Hinshaw, 446th AMXS
 Jeffrey Jarvis, 446th ASTS
 Jocelyn Lowe, 86th APS
 Robert Marshall, 446th MXS
 Travis Neeley, 446th SFS
 Ian Ramos, 446th LRF
 Karl Renfro, 446th LRF
 Robert Saka, 446th OSF

Senior Airman

Buddy Bennett, 446th AMXS
 Jose Cioffi, 86th APS
 Maria Engermann, 446th AMXS
 Paul Ford, 446th CES
 Paul Gillon, 446th AMXS
 Caleb Glenmaker, 86th APS
 Spencer Gordon, 446th MXS
 Salome Hansen, 446th SFS
 Cameron Hatton, 86th APS
 Christopher Lingo, 446th MXS
 Christina Miller, 446th AMXS
 Joshua Morris, 446th MXS
 Alisa Olson, 446th AES
 John Padgham, 446th AMXS
 Kimberly Schamp, 446th AES
 Teri Schmidt, 446th OSF
 Erin Somers, 446th SFS
 Matthew Sourichone, 446th AMXS
 William Thias, 728th AS
 Kevin Wilson, 446th AMXS
 Jesse Manaois, 446th AMXS
 Joshua McCabe, 446th AMXS

Newcomers

Major

Charles Metzgar, 97th AS

Captain

Roel Bacani, 446th LRF

2nd Lieutenant

Patrick Hancock, 728th AS

Master Sergeant

Wendy Hutchins, 86th APS
 James Noyes, 446th AMXS
 David Shankle, 446th CES

Technical Sergeant

Mark Brooks, 446th AMDS
 James Castle, 446th AMXS
 Stuart Eagleburger, 446th CES

Staff Sergeant

Angelo Barcelona, 446th AMXS
 Ralph Fowler, 446th AMDS
 Jan Hurtgen, 728th AS
 Thersha Lewis, 446th CES
 Jeremy Proctor, 446th AMXS

Senior Airman

Austin Adams, 446th AMXS
 Brian Debill, 446th AMDS
 Guven Ferrin, 446th AMXS
 Lewis Hinga, 86th APS
 Jidiah Macaraeg, 446th MSS
 Jason Papka, 446th AMDS
 Timothy Redepenning, 446th AW
 Joshua Stepteau, 86th APS

Airman First Class

Collan Knutson, 446th MXS
 Rachel Kohl, 446th AMXS
 Kimberly Schamp, 446th AES
 Corey Sobania, 446th AMXS

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel

James Williams, 446th CES

Major

John Adams, 446th AES
 Scott Holcomb, 313th AS

Chief Master Sergeant

Patrick Lane, 446th CES

Senior Master Sergeant

Christopher Ross, 446th MSS
 Jeffrey Jaenicke, 446th AMXS
 Gregory Atwood, 86th APS
 Mark Riddell, 446th CES
 David Terpening, 86th APS

Master Sergeant

Richard Spence, 313th AS
 Daniel Benjamin, 86th APS
 James Coms, 446th MXS
 Michael Gilbert, 446th CES
 Anthony Mendiola, 36th APS

Technical Sergeant

Dirk Van Nederveen, 728th AS

Just Briefly

What are you doing to prepare for February's mobility exercise?

Records

We've maintained our records (since the operational readiness inspection), so all of my gear and documents are up to speed and I'm good to go.



◆ *Tech. Sgt. Sean Cargill*
446th Security Forces Squadron

Requirements

Ensuring all my folks have their mobility requirements met.



◆ *Chief Master Sgt. Jeanmarie Kautzman*
446th Mission Support Squadron

Updating

Updating my mobility folder, reviewing the ancillary requirements, and maintaining my deployable status.



◆ *Senior Airman Robert Saka*
446th Operations Support Flight

446th Airlift Wing Airmen selected for promotion to colonel are:



- Michael Adler, 446th ASTS
- John Golden, 446th AMDS
- James Kline, 728th AS
- Eric Newhouse, 313th AS
- Craig Peterson, 446th MSG
- Jerry Thayer, 446th AMXS

National Prayer Luncheon set for Feb. 26 at McChord Club

The McChord National Prayer Luncheon will be Feb. 26 at the McChord club, Northwest Connection. Lunch is at 11:30 and cost is \$10. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Van Sickle, Air Mobility Command command chaplain.

Tickets for lunch are available at the McChord Chapel Support Center.

Flu shots now available and mandatory by February B UTA

Flu shots for all Airmen are required by the February B unit training assembly.

On UTA weekends, shots will be administered at the 62nd Medical Group clinic in Bldg. 690, in the office adjacent to the Immunization Clinic. Shots are available Saturday from 8 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

On weekdays shots will be administered in the 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Bldg. 691, Flight Medicine, Room 104, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Please bring your shot record.

Five maintainers earn Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez awards

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals for their selection as the winners of the 4th Air Force Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Awards:

Supervisor Manager - Senior Master Sgt. Robert Stone, 446th Maintenance Squadron;

Technician Supervisor - Tech. Sgt. Jack Todd, 446th MXS; Aircraft Maintenance

Technician - Senior Airman Kelly Crone, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Aircraft Maintenance Civilian Manager - Mr. Cameron Pence, 446th AMXS; Aircraft Maintenance Civilian Technician - Mr. John Adams, 446th AMXS.

Good luck to them at the Air Force Reserve Command level competition.

Employer and Spouse of the Year nominations due Feb. 23

The 446th Airlift Wing Employer and Spouse of the Year nominations are due Feb. 23.

It's that time to submit your nominations for spouse and employer of the year to be recognized at the annual awards banquet in March. Please submit your nominations to the 446th MSG/CC, Col. Jon Huguley.

Nominations can be e-mailed or mailed.

Spouse of the Year: The award recognizes the spouses of military members for their significant contributions to the Air Force, their community, and spouse's career. Spouse must be legally married to an active member of 446th AW for the entire reporting period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2006.

Spouses who are a military member of any service are not eligible to be nominated for the award. Employer of the Year: The award recognizes employers for employment policies and practices, military and professional organizations involvement, and are supportive of their employees' participation in the Reserve. Employer must be associated with an active member of the 446th AW during the reporting period.

Nominations for both awards are limited to a single-spaced typewritten page in bullet or narrative format.



Photo by Capt. Larry Kohlman
Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Gloria Bennett serve a few meals to Airmen at the dining facility Dec. 2 in the spirit of the holidays.

Air Mobility Rodeo requires many volunteer interpreters, wranglers

By Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz
Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – Preparations for Air Mobility Rodeo 2007, scheduled for July 23- 28, are beginning and McChord Reservists are needed to lend a helping hand for this year's immense event.

"There are 25 countries currently scheduled to attend this year's Rodeo, 11 that will participate and 14 that will observe," said Master Sgt. Aubrey Robertson, Air Mobility Rodeo 2007 international coordinator. In 2005, there were only 15 countries.

Because Air Mobility Rodeo's popularity has grown considerably in two years, more volunteers will be needed to support the event.

Since Sergeant Robertson is in charge of the international section of Air Mobility Rodeo, he is in need of individuals to act as interpreters for the various countries as well as maintenance liaisons. Interpreters will be needed from July 16-28, a perfect fit for annual tour. Squadrons will also be needed to host foreign visitors.

"Host (squadrons) will (be expected to coordinate) with

their prospective country before they arrive to set up itineraries and then help facilitate (what they need) so they are taken care of," said Sergeant Robertson. "Once the teams arrive, some won't speak any English, interpreters will have to help them out."

Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Steinbacher, Wrangler NCOIC, is also looking for about 200 volunteers to be wranglers for the event.

"Wranglers do all the behind the scenes work from set-up to tear-down and all the little things in between," Sergeant Steinbacher explained. "Personnel will be needed for a range of 15 to 30 days. We need volunteers from the Reserve, active duty and even at Fort Lewis."

Sergeant Robertson explained that even though Air Mobility Rodeo is only a week long, it takes months of planning for the occasion and volunteers help the show run smoothly. Plus, the volunteers benefit through learning from other



countries, an invaluable experience.

"This is an airlift competition, but it is also great for training. And, it is a cultural experience for those hosting and attending," emphasized Sergeant Robertson.

If you would like to volun-

teer or have questions, please contact, via e-mail, Sergeant Robertson for international information at Aubrey.robertson@mcchord.af.mil and Sergeant Steinbacher at joseph.steinbacher@mcchord.af.mil for wrangler positions.

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