

Wing change of command is Sept. 9

By **Sandra Pishner**
 Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash., – One man is going from tankers to transports, the other from planes to people.

Col. William Flanigan takes command of the 446th Airlift Wing Sept. 9 at 10 a.m., in front of Hangar 4, flightline side. Relinquishing command of this C-17 Reserve associate wing will be Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree.

General Crabtree departs McChord to assume command of the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colo. In the meantime, Colonel Flanigan has said goodbye to his KC-135 tanker wing, the 939th Air Refueling Wing, Portland, Ore., which is scheduled to deactivate under the Base Realignment and Closing process.

Presiding at the ceremony is Maj. Gen. Duignan, 4th Air Force commander.

Guests attending the ceremony should be in their seats by 9:30 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be an open reception at McChord's consolidated club.

A graduate of California State University, Colonel Flanigan was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of California in June 1977. He has a bachelor of science in mathematics and a bachelor of in science statistics.

After serving seven years on active duty, the colonel separated active duty and joined the Air Force Reserve in May 1986. He became an air reserve technician in 1987. Colonel Flanigan is a command pilot with more than 6,500 flying hours. He has flown the T-37- T-38, KC-135A/R, and KC-10A.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jorge Rodriguez
Col. William Flanigan addresses Reservists assigned to the 939th Air Refueling Wing, Portland before the last KC-135 aircraft takes off. Colonel Flanigan will take command of the 446th Airlift Wing here Sept. 8 after serving as the last commander of the 939th ARW, which is being deactivated.

Greetings! How 'nose' it with you?

Maj. Bill Eberhardt, 728th Airlift Squadron, touches noses with a Maori warrior during a Powhiri, or traditional welcoming ceremony Aug. 18 at Christchurch, New Zealand. The touching of noses signifies a mingling together in peace of "two sides," in this case, the Maori and Airmen from McChord. A mix of Reserve and active-duty Airmen are at Christchurch to begin the annual winter fly-in for Operation Deep Freeze. For more on the role of the 446th Airlift Wing in Operation Deep Freeze, see Page 4.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo



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Letter to Airmen

Honorable Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

Tuesday, August 07, 2007

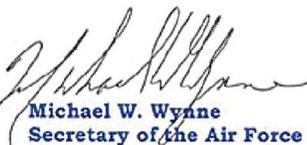
Stress, Mental Health, and Suicide Prevention

As Airmen fight terrorism in the far corners of the world, the sacrifices asked of them and their families have increased significantly. These sacrifices have been accepted with courage and valor, and I am very proud of their contributions both at home and abroad. Nevertheless, under such circumstances, it is natural for our people to feel the stress of these demands and to be overwhelmed at times. Tragically, too often, these pressures end in suicide. This year the Air Force has lost more Airmen to suicide than to direct enemy action.

In stressful times such as these, with so many Airmen deployed and with so many others pushed to the breaking point, it is vital that we all understand that we are not alone. We are partnered in this war and bonded in the service. It is up to us to look out for one another. We must make every effort to understand the people around us, to talk to them and to get to know them on a personal level. We must treat our people with respect and demonstrate integrity and empathy up and down the line. Airmen must understand that they can talk through their difficulties. They must know that there is a wingman available to listen, be it a chaplain, family counselor, day care provider, or simply a friend.

In the battle against suicide, knowledge is one of our main weapons. Understanding the signs of stress and depression in yourself and others can empower you to know when to seek help and wingmen to know how to help each other. All Airmen should know that treating depression improves quality of life and job performance. It is extremely unusual for an Airman's career to suffer negative effects from seeking help for emotional difficulties. Getting help when you're hurting is the right thing to do. Smart Airmen seek out help when they need it and great wingmen know when to encourage their peers to get help.

Many suicides can be prevented. By working together, we can all make a difference and save lives. It is the responsibility of every Airman to be a good wingman and to reach out to those in need.


Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force





Courtesy photo
 Although the role of the flight surgeon was developed in World War I, it was not until November 1942, when the School of Air Evacuation opened at Bowman Field, Ky., that the flight surgeon's counterpart -- the flight nurse -- became a member of the medical flight team. Before World War II, no care was provided to wounded Soldiers during evacuation flights.

File photo
 Flashing through the sky above a C-124 "Globemaster," F-84G "Thunderjets" of the 27th Fighter Escort Wing arrive at a Japan Air Defense Force base in northern Japan after completing a trans-Pacific flight in October 1952. The 446th Airlift Wing flew the C-124 from 1971-1972.

Wing activated one year after Air Force

By Sandra Pishner
 — Wing Public Affairs

From dropping bombs to dropping cargo and people, the 446th Airlift Wing carries honors bestowed as far back as World War II.

The 446th AW can trace its roots back to the 446th Bombardment Group (Heavy) of the Eighth Air Force, which flew B-24 bombers over Europe in WW II. Constituted in 1943 as part of the Army Air Corps, the bomb group inactivated in 1945, re-activated in 1948, and was inactivated again in 1951.

When the unit re-emerged

in 1955, it was redesignated as a Reserve unit, the 446th Troop Carrier Group at Ellington AFB, Texas. The group was inactivated one more time, in 1972, and brought back in 1973 at McChord as the 446th Military Airlift Wing (Associate). Dropping one word, the wing became the 446th Airlift Wing in 1992.

The 446th AW changed aircraft as often as it changed designations over the years. It has flown the C-45, C-46, C-119, C-130, RC-130, C-124, C-141, and today, the C-17.

While flying the C-119 from 1957 to 1968, the group entered the space age by air-dropping Gemini space capsule

mock ups for NASA parachute recovery tests.

A switch to C-130s in 1968 saw the 446th TCG train many new crews, as well as ferrying C-130s to Asia.

With the move to McChord in 1973, the wing began flying the C-141 Starlifter.

For the next 25 years, the wing made it's bread and butter flying the C-141 in operations such as Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and missions of humanitarian aid for victims of hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters. It even came to the aid of a whale named Keiko.

The Airmen of the wing also were key in the repatriation of servicemembers killed in past wars, bringing home 11 sets of remains from Vietnam

and Korea in 1999 alone.

In addition, the wing has supported, and continues to support with the C-17, the National Science Foundation through re-supply missions into Antarctica.

Many claims to being the first can be found in the wing's history. The 446th AW was the first Reserve unit to implement the air reserve technician program. It was also the first Reserve unit to train active duty Airmen, when it operated a combat crew training school from 1958 to 1972.

Today, the 446th AW continues to contribute to Air Force history, to include the first Antarctica air drop, its role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and through the professional Reservists across the wing.

C-17 impresses in any language

RAMENSKOYE AIRFIELD, Russia – In contrast to the old, no-longer-usable aircraft left to rust, guests soon find themselves in the shadow of a C-17 Globemaster, courtesy of the 446th Airlift Wing. Welcome to The Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon.

The air show in Russia Aug. 21-26 is one of the premier events of its type in the world. U.S. participation demonstrates our commitment to international security, promotes international cooperation and contributes to U.S. foreign policy objectives, according to officials at U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

About 65 airmen from bases in Europe and the United States were part of this year's air show.

Eight Reservists, six aircrew and two maintainers, from the 446th AW brought the

McChord C-17 to Moscow.

All the U.S. Airmen spoke with many thousands of people during the duration of the air show, talking with them through an interpreter, shaking their hands, and having their photo taken, including Maj. John Bowser, 313th AS pilot.

"It's been an excellent experience. I went to college during the '80s, when we [Russia and America] were enemies, and to now be friends and to be able to see these [Russian] aircraft up close -- which I never thought I'd see in real life -- was fantastic," said Major Bowser.

This year celebrates 200 years of diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States, and the major said, given both countries' history of animosity, he thinks it's great to "show the flag and show that we have a cooperative relationship now. (USAFE staff report)



Photo by Maj. Pamela Cook

The view from the tail of the C-17 Globemaster III shows just some of the thousands of people who visited The Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon Aug. 21-26. The air show had more than 500,000 visitors. U.S. Air Force participation consisted of static displays and aerial flight demonstrations. The air show is one of the premier events of its type in the world.



Photo by Maj. Pamela Cook

Maj. Jon Bowser, 313th Airlift Squadron, gives a flight deck tour of the C-17 Globemaster to Russian Gen.-Maj. Aleksey Konstantinovich Odintcev, chief of Russian Airlift Headquarters (right) and Sergey Mikhailovich Potseluyev, director of an aviation research institute (center), Aug. 23 at The Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon.



Photo by Karen Abeyasekera

Staff Sgt. Phil White, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, signs autographs Aug. 24 for visitors at The Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon.

Reserve Airmen give patient lift off the ice

By Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
Air Force News Agency

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AFP) – Airmen of the 304th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron flew a C-17 Globemaster III on a medical evacuation mission to bring a patient requiring immediate medical attention Aug. 28 out of Antarctica.

Twenty-four hours after completing their winter fly-in season for Operation Deep Freeze, Airmen from McChord's 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings were asked to stay in place for an additional 24 hours for a possible medical evacuation mission.

The next day the crews and a medical team assigned to the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron from McChord AFB, on a routine training mission to Christchurch, were assembled and waited for word that the medical evacuation was approved and prepared to return to Pegasus



Master Sgt. Howard Halter, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, does a functional check on medical equipment on a C-17 before taking off on a medical evacuation mission to Antarctica, Aug. 28 from Christchurch, New Zealand.

White Ice Runway in Antarctica.

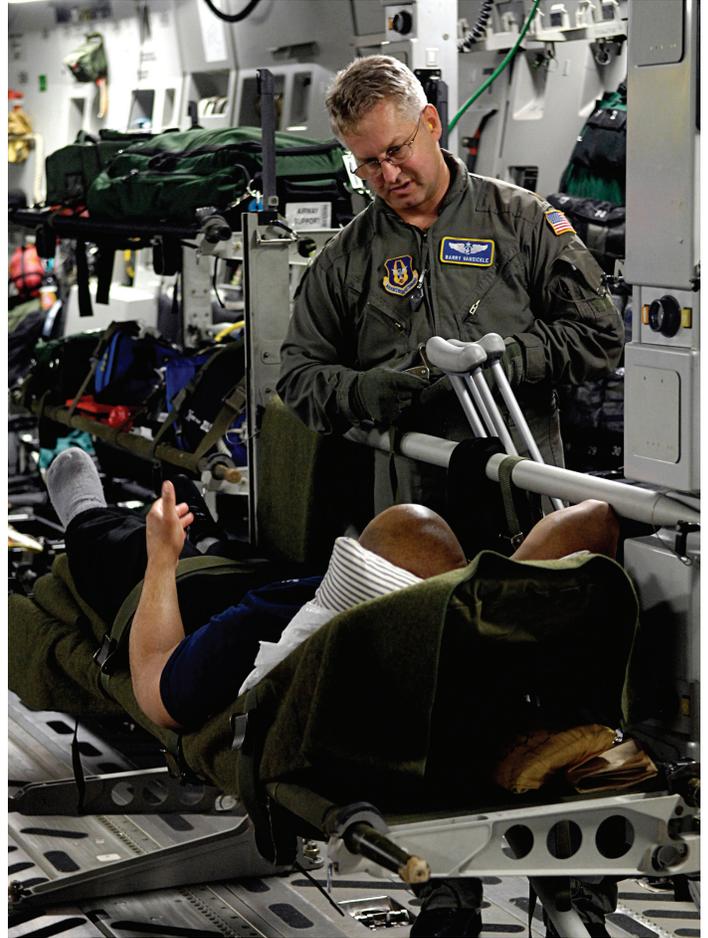
Like all missions, a medical evacuation requires some time to coordinate. Once the mission was given the go-ahead, there were still requirements that had to be met. Paperwork, phone calls, e-mails, mission planning and weather support all had to be in line before the mission could be launched.

"It takes several hours to get in touch with everyone," said Maj. Bill Eberhardt, the 304th EAS director of operations. "We were at the end of (the winter fly-in season), so they had already started to disassemble the runway at Pegasus. They had to stop and get everyone back in place. All the forecasters, air traffic controllers and everyone had to be back in place just for this flight."

The medical team transformed the C-17 from a cargo transport to a patient transport, setting up and checking their equipment for the patient pick up.

"We can do pretty much whatever is required of us," said Maj. Judy Krill, a 446th AES critical care nurse. "We have two nurses and three medical technicians who are trained to provide basic care all the way up through advanced life support care."

The patient was not in a life-threatening situation, but still required surgery within 48 hours, said Maj. Barry VanSickle, a 446th AES critical care nurse. The Antarctic station members had done all they could for



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
Maj. Barry VanSickle talks to his patient on board a C-17 Globemaster III medical evacuation flight Aug. 28 from Antarctica. Major VanSickle is assigned to the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The medical evacuation mission was flown for a patient who required more definitive medical treatment than can be provided in Antarctica.

the patient and as the ramp was lowered on the aircraft, the ambulatory patient walked with assistance onto the C-17.

"He needed surgery and he couldn't get it down there," Major VanSickle said. "The sooner we could get him into surgery, the faster he could recover, so it's better not to waste time."

As the patient laid on the litter in the C-17, the medical team kept busy ensuring the patient was comfortable and taken care of at all times.

Although medical evacuations from Antarctica are not uncommon, to have an entire Air Force crew is. During the season, the National Science Foundation hires a medical nurse to handle evacuations on the C-17. Since the main season had yet begun there were few options and the Air Force took the lead.

Team McChord begins flights to Antarctica

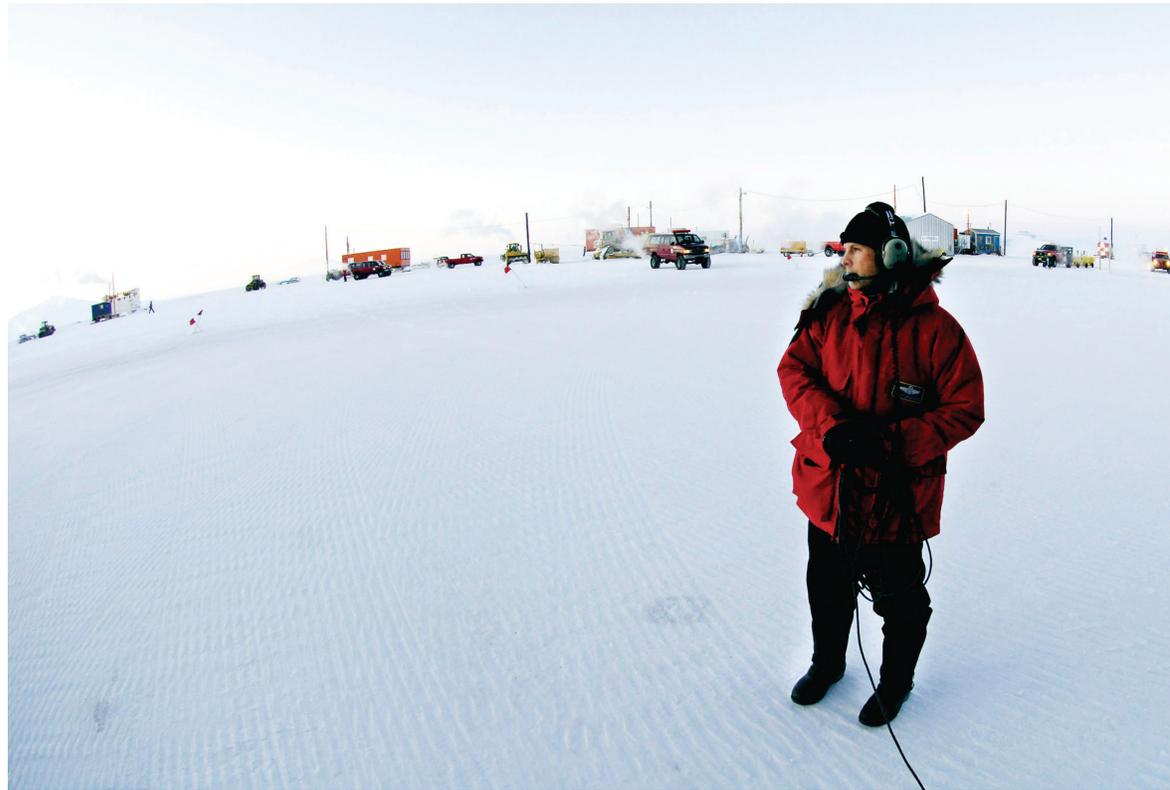
By Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
Air Force News Agency

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AFP) – Operation Deep Freeze 2007-08 winter flights began Aug. 20, as the first C-17 Globemaster III delivered passengers and cargo to McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Landing 15 miles from McMurdo Station at Pegasus Runway, the C-17s will carry in scientists and support members to start early pre-summer projects, augment maintenance personnel and prepare skyways and ice runways at McMurdo Station. Both the active and Reserve C-17 wings at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., fly these resupply missions.

Winter fly-in, called WinFly, is the first of three phases for Operation Deep Freeze that sets the stage for the U.S. Antarctic Program.

“We bring people down that will begin construction on what is called the ‘annual sea ice’ runway, which is very



Senior Master Sgt. Jim Masura, 728th Airlift Squadron, conducts pre-flight checks on his C-17 Globemaster III at Pegasus Runway in Antarctica. A C-17 and 31 Airmen from McChord Air Force Base will fly the annual winter fly-in augmentation of scientists, support personnel, food and equipment for the U.S. Antarctic Program to McMurdo Station. WinFly is the opening of the first flights to McMurdo Station, which closed for the austral winter.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

Senior Master Sgt. Jim Masura, 728th Airlift Squadron, briefs McChord C-17 loadmasters on cold weather gear for the upcoming winter fly-in missions to Antarctica at Christchurch, New Zealand, Aug. 19. Thirty-one Reserve and active-duty Airmen from McChord began the annual winter fly-in augmentation of scientists, support personnel, food and equipment for the U.S. Antarctic Program at McMurdo Station Aug. 20.

close to McMurdo,” said Lt. Col. Jim McGann, the 304th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander.

When people arrive at Antarctica, they have to take about an hour trip from Pegasus Runway to McMurdo Station. Once the 10,000 foot by 220 foot annual sea ice runway is completed, the trip will be just 10 minutes, allowing quicker downloads and less exposure to the weather.

“We like it because they build us a nice runway. They like it because the C-17 is closer and it makes the travel time a lot quicker,” Colonel McGann said.

Operation Deep Freeze is a demanding mission due to the extreme adversity of the environment and remoteness of

Antarctica. For WinFly, and for all of the seasons, there are few options. The C-17 carries unusual loads and has to deal with weather that can change in 30 minutes. To meet the challenges, a joint force of active-duty and Reserve members are assembled to complete the difficult tasks safely and efficiently.

“My pilots are picked because of their judgment and their ability to make the right decision. The loadmasters are the same way,” Colonel McGann said. “Both positions have to be highly intuitive. They have to be able to think on their feet and they have to be able to make the right decisions.”

Transitioning McMurdo Station from a quiet, isolated winter camp to a logistical hub for the U.S. Antarctic Program

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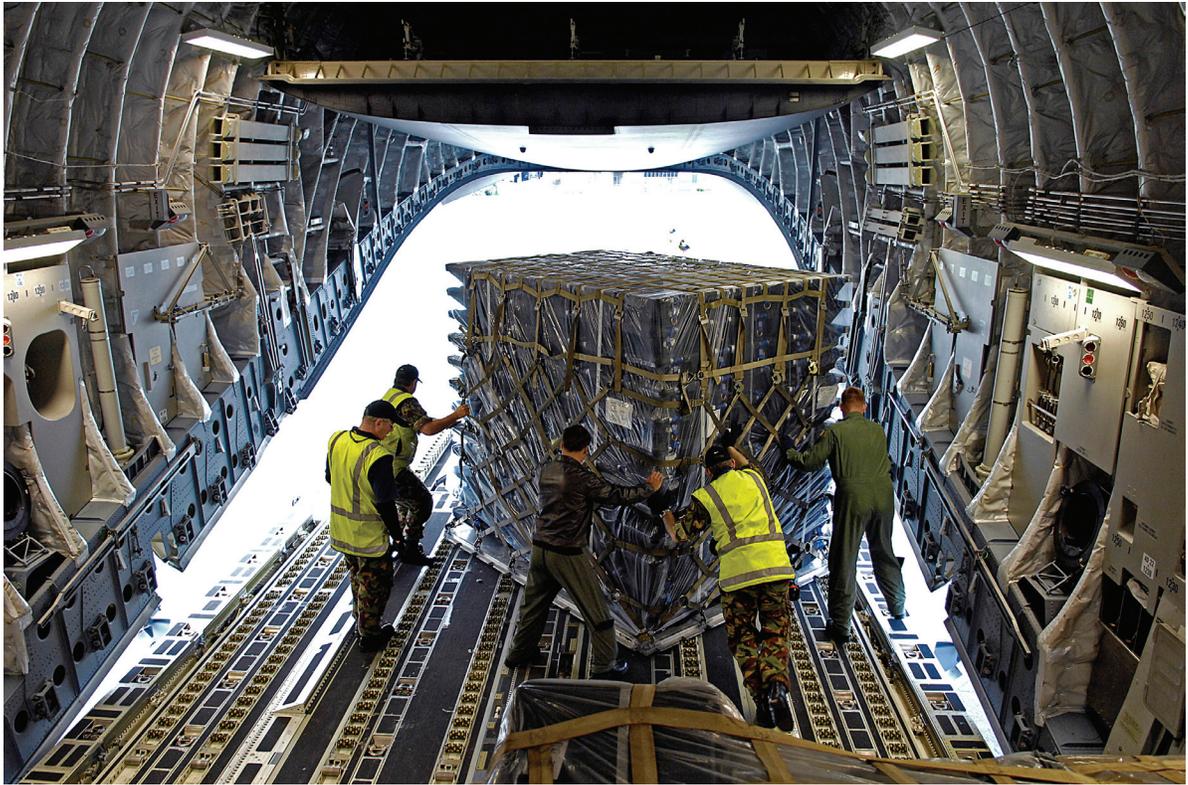


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
Airmen and New Zealand Defense Force terminal operations people off load a pallet from a C-17 Globemaster III at Christchurch, New Zealand, Aug. 18.

by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
**Capt. Cory Simmons, 62nd Operational Support
 Squadron, and Reservist Lt. Col. Scott Weichert,
 728th Airlift Squadron, approach Pegasus White
 Ice Runway, Antarctica, in their C-17 Globemas-
 ter III Aug. 25 during a winter fly-in mission for
 Operation Deep Freeze.**

ity to provide joint operational
 and logistical support around
 the clock.

Operation Deep Freeze is
 divided into three seasons: Win-
 Fly, main body and winter. It
 involves active duty and Reserve
 C-17 support from McChord
 Air Force Base, Wash. LC-130s
 from the New York Air National



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
**Senior Master Sgt. Terry Philon, 728th Airlift Squadron,
 conducts pre-flight checks on his C-17 Globemaster III for
 a winter fly-in mission during Operation Deep Freeze Aug.
 20 at Christchurch, New Zealand.**

Guard and other aircraft neces-
 sary to support the mission, as
 well as Coast Guard icebreakers
 and the Navy Cargo Handling
 Battalion One to provide criti-
 cal port services at McMurdo
 Station.

S a f e t y



Sept. 17, 1947
 -- Despite a host of conferences, studies, and political fights, the National Security Act of 1947 gave formal recognition of what had been virtually an independent air wing since early in World War II.

Promotions

Captain
 Terry Rosenbalm, 446th MOF

Senior Master Sergeant
 Lee Henry, 36th APS

Newcomers

Captain
 Matthew Coleman, 313th AS
 Tammy Westphal, 97th AS

Second Lieutenant
 Dahan Autry, 446th AW
 John Putnam, 97th AS

Master Sergeant
 Neal Therrien, 446th MSS

Technical Sergeant
 Kenneth Bachmeier, 446th ASTS
 Terry Joyner, 446th MSS

Staff Sergeant
 Joseph Brown, 446th CES
 Judson Hoyt, 446th LRF
 Erik Matteson, 446th MXS
 Bret Terwilliger, 446th SFS
 Brett Wheeler, 446th MXS

Senior Airman
 Stephen Boynton, 86th APS
 Ariel Carmichael, 446th ASTS
 Lacreia Clark, 446th AMXS
 Olga Fedorovskaya, 86th APS
 Buell Richardson, 446th MXS
 Stevan Novoa Saldana, 446th LRF
 Jorge Sanchez, 446th MXS
 Heather Sattergren, 86th APS
 Cory Short, 446th AMXS

Matthew Shy, 446th AMXS
 Tracey Springer, 446th ASTS

Airman First Class
 Cory Brockman, 446th AMXS
 Joseph Frances, 446th MXS
 Tyler Hooper, 86th APS
 Trevor Messenger, 97th AS
 Johnathon Vinson, 446th CES
 Rachel Ward, 446th AMXS

Retirements

Colonel
 Murry Peterman, 446th AW
 Dennis Roberton, 446th AMDS

Chief Master Sergeant
 Sandra Cooper, 446th CES

Senior Master Sergeant
 Dean Hardman, 446th CES
 Andrew Joseph, 446th AMXS

Master Sergeant
 Stephen Ferguson, 446th CES
 Helen Porter, 446th CES
 Richard Roper, 86th APS
 Scott Scheitzach, 446th MXS
 Philip Zurcher, 446th AES

Technical Sergeant
 Laquita Fields, 36th APS
 Denise Simms, 46th APS
 Danny Wilson, 446th MXS

Quarterly Awards

Winners of the second quarter in the 446th Airlift Wing Quarterly Awards program are: Airman - Senior Airman Christopher Kaplan, 446th MXS; NCO - Tech. Sgt. David Ewbank, 446th CES; SNCO - Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sursely, 446th CES.

Hal Iverson Award

Winners of the Hal Iverson Award are:
 Mark Cherrix, supervisor category, 446th AMXS
 Stephanie Rumley, non-supervisor category, 446th MSG.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Scott McCalla

Manas Warrior

Senior Airman Kimberly Shadlow, a C-17 crew chief from the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is currently deployed to Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan. She was recognized by her supervisors as a Manas Warrior of the Week for her hard work, initiative, and motivation.

Just Briefly

What is the most significant moment in *your* Air Force history?

Easing Pain

Every flight where I brought a patient home; whose pain I was able to ease. One who still stands out is a severely burned woman from Puerto Rico.



◆ *Master Sergeant Aaron Maness*
446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Humanitarian

I can't single out one thing, but all the humanitarian missions we do stand out. I'm thrilled that's part of our mission.



◆ *Master Sgt. Linda Mortensen*
313th Airlift Squadron

9-11

9-11. That's the moment when I realized we were going to be involved in a long, difficult conflict.



◆ *Lt. Col. Colin Carr*
446th Operations Group

Ops Focus

I've been here for half the Air Force's history! As Reservists, we are so ops oriented. It's significant that we're here whenever the rubber meets the road.



◆ *Senior Master Sgt. Dave Kist*
97th Airlift Squadron

Seattle Mariners celebrate Air Force Night on Sept. 16

The Seattle Mariners play the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for Air Force Night at 1:05 p.m. on Sept. 16 at Safeco Field. All Air Force members, retirees, family and friends are invited to the game at discount prices. The game will feature the Air Force with a ceremonial first pitch, national anthem performance, color guard presentation and video recognition. View Reserved Seats are \$10 and Field Level Seats are \$30. Tickets may be ordered online. Send an e-mail to: usafgroup@mariners.com, putting "invitation request" in the subject line. For more information contact public affairs at 982-3330.

Remember safety when jogging, listening to your tunes

The 446th Airlift Wing safety office staff would like to remind all wing Airmen and civilian employees that Air Force Instruction 91-207 prohibits wearing portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while running, jogging, or walking, on Air Force installation roadways. This includes when you are on the jogging path and crossing the streets.

Air Force Ball Sept. 16 marks 60th Anniversary celebration

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force and a commemorative ball is slated for Sept. 15 in Hangar 3 at McChord. Dinner includes a choice of London broil or stuffed chicken saltimbocca. Prices are \$17 for E1-E6; \$22 for E7-O3, retirees and guests; and \$27 for O4- above (equivalent GS grades). Entertainment will be provided by the band Aphrodisiac.

Dress is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for servicemembers and appropriate ball attire for guests. Contact Chief Master Sgt. David Marston at 982- 8372 or e-mail at David.Marston@mcchord.af.mil for more information.

Employer Orientation Day on schedule for Oct. 20

Reservists interested in bringing their civilian supervisors to the Oct. 20 Employer Orientation Day must turn in their nomination forms by Oct. 1.

Forms are available in the 446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 1214, Room 125. The orientation day will allow supervisors to see what Reservists need to prepare for deployments and include a flight on an airdrop mission.

Please contact public affairs at 982-3330 for more information.

Maintenance offers quarterly mentoring classes to all

The 446th Maintenance Group hosts a mentoring class once a quarter. The one-hour class provides introduction to the practical application of the processes, procedures and expectations of mentoring. The next class will be in November. The class will be conducted in Bldg. 1142, upstairs, in the Blue auditorium, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday of the A and B Reserve weekends. Members from all units are welcomed to attend. For more information please contact Master Sgt. Scot Sherbert or Master Sgt. LuCinda Oglesby at 982-1081.

Volunteers needed to plan Hispanic Heritage celebration

The 446th Mission Support Group staff is looking for volunteers who would like to be involved with Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Hispanic Heritage and to become a part of it. For more information on how to you can help, call 2-2446 on UTA weekends.

Maintenance anticipates commissioning position

The 446th Maintenance Group is announcing a projected vacant aircraft maintenance officer position for calendar year 2008. Enlisted Airmen selected via the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program are required to attend and successfully complete Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. This is a 12-week course scheduled to start May 6 May, with graduation on Aug. 6, 2008. This date may change.

Candidates will be required to complete the Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas within one year of commission.

Eligibility criteria and application requirements are governed by AFI 36-2005. The maximum age that a candidate can be to be considered for this program is 35. No age waivers will be considered. The 446th Maintenance Group will be accepting candidacy packages until Nov. 4. Please forward packages to 446 MXG/CC, attention to Col. Jon Huguley or deliver to 446 MXG/CC, Bldg. 100, Room 2052.

A panel of senior officers will review all submissions and conduct interviews during the November B UTA, Nov. 17 - 18.

For additional information contact Colonel Huguley at 982-5251 or through e-mail.

Ancillary training takes 90 minutes

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – In the near future, Airmen will finish annual ancillary training online in 90 minutes. They currently spend six times that much time attending briefings.

Slated to start as early as Oct. 1, the new program will give Air Force Reservists more time to train in other areas during their monthly unit training assemblies.

The implementation steps determin-

ing which briefings will be part of the new ancillary training program have not been released. However, many of the briefings Airmen have to attend annually will be combined into a new “block instruction” plan. Instead of getting time-consuming briefings on several subjects, the reservists will receive the information more efficiently.

The 90 minutes of briefings will satisfy

most annual training requirements. However, new Airmen arriving at their first duty station or Airmen deploying overseas will continue to get the standard briefings.

The new training format doesn’t affect “functional” training, such as chemical biological nuclear explosive defense training and weapons training. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

60th Anniversary Air Force Display

Four-year-old Kaiden takes a closer look inside a 60th Anniversary Air Force display during Air Force New England Science Day Aug. 21 in Concord, N.H. “It looks like the big airplane is having a helicopter baby,” said Kaiden of the picture of a crew unloading a Blackhawk helicopter from a McChord C-17 Globemaster III.

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Create your own Air Force video

By Maj. Sean McKenna

■ Air Force Recruiting Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)—As part of the “Do Something Amazing” national advertising campaign, Air Force officials are offering Airmen the opportunity to submit videos showing Air Force members in action, and the best videos will be posted to the official Web site -- www.dosomethingamazing.com.

To submit a video for consideration, Airmen simply have to click on the Web site www.dosomethingamazing.com/airmen, register, then upload the video.

“In the spirit of the ad campaign, we want to give everyone across the Air Force the chance to show off their skills to the public,” said Master Sgt. Deshan Woods, the Air Force Recruiting Service’s interactive account executive. “This effort falls right in line with amazing



videos we see every day across the Internet.”

The next round of “Do Something Amazing” videos are slated for public release this fall and the best videos submitted will be featured as part of the campaign. Air Force Recruiting Service Airmen and its advertising agency will work with individuals and their respective public affairs offices to ensure the highest quality product is posted.

Some things to keep in mind as videos are being made:

Do

- Send your amazing footage/stories
- Show what you do and tell why it’s amazing
- Tell your name, full rank

job title, and describe your job.

-- Hold on to all your footage just in case more is needed.

-- Review the submission guidelines on the Web site.

-- Find out who your wing public affairs officer is before registering. For Reservists assigned to the 446th Airlift Wing, the PAO is Lt. Col. Anna Sullivan at 982-2060.

Don’t

-- Send videos with a sound track or background music (though suggestions are welcome).

-- Send videos of non-Air Force activities.

-- Send videos that violate Air Force code of ethics standards.

Submission guidelines

-- Quantity: There is no limit to the number of videos you can upload.

-- File Size: Videos should be no larger than 40mb.

-- Dimensions: The minimum video dimensions acceptable are 640 x 480.

-- Format: Acceptable video formats are QuickTime, MPEG1, MPEG4, Windows Media and AVI.

Preferred specifications

-- Windows Media Video 9. Total bit rate of 700 kbps at 480 x 360.

-- QuickTime (MPEG4 h.264 codec). Total bit rate of 700 kbps at 480 x 360.

Copyright infringement

Avoid filming anything that could be construed as copyright infringement. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Background music
- Visible logos.
- Endorsing a product
- Using any video footage that does not belong to you.

AF Reserve to form F-15E associate unit

WASHINGTON – As part of the Air Force’s Total Force Integration, the Air Force Reserve is teaming up with Air Combat Command to establish an F-15E Strike Eagle associate unit in October.

A detachment of eight instructor pilots, four instructor weapon systems officers and two administrative specialists will augment the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Although the Reservists will integrate functionally into the active-duty unit, their administrative support will come from AFRC’s 307th FS at Langley AFB, Va.

“The associate unit program begun in 1968 has served the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve well over the years,” said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander. “By sharing equipment, we are able to train more people and make better use of resources.”

General Bradley said associate units make good business sense in another way



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Strang

An F-15E Strike Eagle flies over Southwest Asia in April 2006. The aircraft is assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., where an Air Force Reserve is forming an associate fighter unit.

because they capitalize on the experience and skills of Reservists. Many Reservists receive their training while serving on active-duty before joining the Reserve.

“Through the associate unit programs, that training investment can be multiplied over and over as people come and go in a

unit,” General Bradley said.

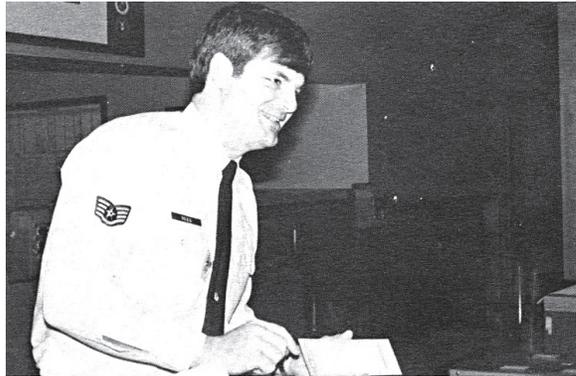
The success of a test program led to the signing of an agreement in April 2003 by the commanders of ACC and AFRC to establish fighter associate units at F-16 and F-15 locations with in ACC. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)

Once upon a time ...

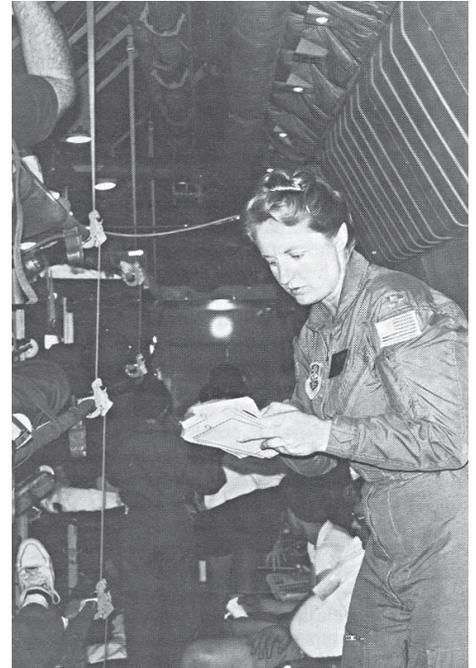
Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force brings to mind the people who have helped sustain the mission. Digging into the 446th Airlift Wing's history, the public affairs office came up with these "historical" photos.



1991 - Maj. Jan Moore-Harbert



1982 - Staff Sgt. Dale Rees



1991 - 1st Lt. Jennette Zmaeff



1989 - Pam Batayola



1980 - Tech. Sgt. Cheri Lewis



1989 - Staff Sgt. Joe Steinbacher

... happily ever after

Left to right: Col. Jan Moore-Harbert, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Lt. Col. Dale Rees, 36th Aerial Port Squadron; Lt. Col. Jennette Zmaeff, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Pam Batayola, 446th Airlift Wing; Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Lewis, 446th Mission Support Squadron; and Senior Master Sgt. Joe Steinbacher, 446th Maintenance Group.

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