

Promotions policy changes Jan. 1

By Senior Airman Grant Saylor
 Wing Public Affairs

Changes to enlisted policies will soon affect the way Reservists at McChord AFB and throughout the command get promoted.

Air Force Reserve leaders announced eight policy changes taking effect Jan 1. Officials from the 446th Mission Support Squadron's career enhancement office recommend Reservists pay particular attention to three of the policy changes.

The first policy change may

encourage Airmen to maintain excellent attendance records. Reservists with any unexcused absences in the 12 months prior to the promotion effective date are no longer eligible for promotion.

Current policy allows promotion consideration for Reservists with fewer than nine unexcused absences. The policy change will ensure commanders closely monitor Reservists' participation in drill weekends.

"This doesn't mean the squadron commanders do not currently take absenteeism into

consideration when reviewing a member's promotion application," said Chief Master Sgt. Janice Kallinen, 446th Mission Support Squadron. "It's just that now, he won't have the authority (to promote if a member has any unexcused absences)."

The second change streamlines the Promotion Enhancement Program. PEP boards, currently held twice a year, will be once a year. However, AFRC officials say this will not change the number of PEP slots available.

In addition, Senior Master

Sgt. Lyle Harvey, 446th MSS, chief of career enhancement, said PEP board changes do not affect the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program, which will still convene a selection board twice a year.

The third notable change to promotion policies requires chief master sergeant-selects to attend training before assuming the higher grade. Reservists selected for E-9 will attend either the Chief Orientation Course at Robins AFB, Ga., or the active-

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Photo by Senior Airman Nestor Cruz
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Jankord discusses an investigation with a co-worker. Sergeant Jankord worked in the security forces investigations section while on temporary duty at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Reservist investigates temporary duty in Japan

By Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt
 Wing Public Affairs

There are not many jobs that offer opportunities to travel the world and find a new career niche at the same time. However, opportunities like these are a few of the perks that come with serving in the Air Force Reserve.

Such is the case with Staff Sgt. Jennifer Jankord, 446th Security Forces Squadron. After serving at Kadena Air Base, Japan, for 90 days, she decided to extend her stay for an additional 90 days.

By doing so, Sergeant Jankord was able to explore another side of her career field.

At Kadena, Sergeant Jankord was asked if she was interested in working with the Security Forces Investigations section. At the time, Investigations was busy with a full case load and short on manpower.

"I've never worked investigations before so it has been a great opportunity to learn different aspects of law enforcement and to

better understand the judicial process," said Sergeant Jankord, who has been a 446th SFS Reservist for the last three years and works as a contract security guard at Naval Base Kitsap in her civilian life.

Although it was initially overwhelming, the investigators quickly got her up-to-speed. She was issued temporary security police investigator credentials and before long, was taking the lead on a few cases.

"Most of what we've asked Sergeant Jankord to do here in investigations has been covered through on-the-job training," said her supervisor, Lawrence Vaden, 18th SFS at Kadena.

Her quick adaptability to the difficult position left an impression on her supervisor.

"Seeing her in action is like a parent seeing his child hit her first home run. She's done an exceptional job and I would hire her if she was permanent party here. She has the characteristics to be very good investigator," Mr. Vaden said.

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Family support can help you through the holidays

By Col. Craig Petersen

■ — 446th Mission Support Squadron commander

The holiday season is upon us. Americans around the world, from all walks of life, generations of young and old, are preparing to commemorate joyful time-honored customs and celebrate sacred traditions.

Many will gather to participate in age-old festive events along with associates, friends and loved-ones; some may spend time alone. For many of our wing's Airmen the holidays provide a source for fellowship and happiness, yet for others it can sometimes be an occasion filled with emotional stress and financial burden, even sadness.

Oftentimes anxiety and tensions increase during the holidays; the result of a Reserve Airman being deployed for extended periods or perhaps when one finds their finances are stretched too thin. Fortunately, programs such as Angel Tree, Care and Share, and Christmas food baskets are highly successful; designed to provide assistance to families in need.

Carl Supplee, 446th Mission Support Squadron's family support services director, praises his organization's ability to source, as-

semble and distribute food, while also fulfilling children's gift item wishes. These are a few of the beneficial service-oriented programs the Reserve wing's family support organization offers to all members, military or civilian and their families. These services help our

Airmen navigate through difficult situations.

If you are aware of a disadvantaged Reservist and his or her family, you're encouraged to confidentially notify the Reservest's commander, first sergeant, supervisor or Mr. Supplee at 982-5330.

Take time out each day to think about our outstanding citizen Airmen as they proudly serve with honor and distinction, answering the nation's call both at home and abroad. Also, remember their family's lasting contributions and sacrifices. We care about our Airmen, so let's show them we do through our actions. Please have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



Col. Craig Petersen

Wingmen helping wingmen

By Chief Master Sgt. Gloria Bennett

■ — Command chief

Several days ago, I was driving home from Eastern Washington when I decided to stop for a cup of coffee. As those of you who drive on Interstate 90 between Spokane and Moses Lake know, there is not much to focus on, so I was totally lost in my thoughts.

When I pulled off the interstate, I caught sight of a person getting out of the car next to me. Although a total stranger, the man greeted me with a hearty good morning and smiled. This small gesture made me smile back and put me in a good mood for the rest of the day.

Going into the hectic and stressful holiday season, we should be mindful of how we affect people around us, even those we do not know.



Chief Master Sgt. Gloria Bennett

Several years ago, the Air Force Wingman program began to help Airmen and their families deal with stress. It is an Air Force tradition for Airmen to take care of Airmen. Under this program, Airmen are encouraged to act as wingmen and look out for each other's well-being.

As Reservists, we pull off an incredible balancing act. Not only do we manage our civilian careers and family life, but also we have the added responsibility of our military careers.

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Aircrews donate during Antarctic mission

By Staff Sgt. Nick Przybyciel

Wing Public Affairs

As if bettering the world by supporting scientific research isn't enough, a group of Reserve Airmen from the 446th Airlift Wing are doing even more for an already altruistic mission.

While supporting Operation Deep Freeze, the 446th AW Reservists and their active-duty teammates from the 62nd AW have donated more than \$10,000 to local charities in the mission's staging area, Christchurch, New Zealand. Operation Deep Freeze is the Air Force's re-supply mission for National Science Foundation researchers working in Antarctica.

"We've been donating formally for the last three years, but we've been involved in the community since I first started deploying here in 1997," said Lt. Col. Jim McGann, 304th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander.

Each year, the McChord AFB Deep Freeze team selects a different local charity to focus its efforts on, according to Chief Master Sgt. James Masura, a 446th AW loadmaster who helped start the program.

Most of the money comes from sales of Deep Freeze merchandise, such as hats, T-shirts and coffee cups. Chief Masura heads-up the merchandise program, and he has been credited by Colonel McGann as being integral to the success of both boosting morale and helping the local community.

"The whole idea of the merchandise was to give the profits back to the crews in terms of picnics and holiday activities, provide gifts to local Deep Freeze-friendly establishments, and give back to the overall



Courtesy photo

The joint 446th and 62nd Airlift Wing team taking part in Operation Deep Freeze presents a check to the "Cookie Munchers" organization. Each year the Airmen from McChord contribute to a different organization located in their Operation Deep Freeze staging area, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Christchurch community through support of local children's charities," Chief Masura said.

Aside from raising funds by selling merchandise, the aircrews also receive donations from anyone who wants to help the cause.

"We get contributions ranging from \$2 to \$200," Colonel McGann said. "We've raised nearly \$10,000 over the last three years, and that's not too bad. We're here to help, and we mean that."

Deep Freeze crews provide more than just monetary help to the people of Christchurch. Aircrews spend six months each year

staged there, landing their enormous C-17 Globemaster III aircraft loaded with supplies onto a temporary ice airstrip in Antarctica. In between missions, the Airmen spend time reaching out to the local community.

"We invite the kids and family members out to the aircraft for a personal tour and we like to present the checks to them at the plane. It's a big hit with the kids to see something they might not otherwise have the chance to," said Colonel McGann.

Last year, all the proceeds raised went to benefit "Cookie Munchers," a school for dyslexic children.

Wingman

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With this incredible burden, it is easy to be overwhelmed. The holiday season can bring great joy, but also adds another layer of stress to our already inundated lives.

Whether you are a supervisor, a co-worker or a subordinate, you can be aware of your fellow Airmen. Just showing

someone you are interested in his or her life may be enough to help him or her through a rough day. You can also direct Reservists to resources to assist with any particular issue.

If you are feeling you cannot deal with the pressures of your life, help is available. Help can come in the form of a friend, supervisor, first sergeant, commander, or a trained

professional such as the chaplain, family support specialist, or life skills provider.

Another resource available to you is Military OneSource. A wide spectrum of assistance is available to Reservists and their families online or by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To contact a Military OneSource consultant for assis-

tance, dial the toll-free number 1-800-342-9647. The Web site provides a myriad of information and is accessible from any personal computer at www.militaryonesource.com.

The 446th Airlift Wing is the premier wing in the Air Force Reserve Command because of your dedication, skill and teamwork. I wish you all a great and joyous holiday.

Reservists donate time to charity

By Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt

Wing Public Affairs

Super heroes by definition are people endowed with superhuman powers, usually used in fighting evil, saving lives and ultimately, changing the world.

Every McChord Reservist could fit that description, including three Reservists who have gone completely different routes to help change the world.

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Hamel's route leads him around the world to help people. He is a volunteer with Volunteer Medics Worldwide, a non-profit, non-government agency run by another Reservist in Kokoma, Ind.

"We do humanitarian medical relief missions around the world at our own expense," said Sergeant Hamel, 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. "We also do disaster assistance work, such as the tsunami, hurricanes and wildfires."

Volunteer Medics Worldwide is made up of nurses, emergency medical technicians, medics, doctors, pilots and teachers who all work without salary and pay their own expenses to get to and stay at the designated locations. They provide basic medical care, food and education to those in troubled times.

Sergeant Hamel's first mission was to Ethiopia for one month where people had been waiting days for them to arrive.

"I found it very challenging to work with a culture completely different from my own for long days, often under far less than ideal conditions. Often there were far too many for us to treat," said Sergeant Hamel. "It is one of the most life-changing events that I can ever remember."

Closer to home, Master Sgt. Neal Therrien, 446th Mission Support Squadron, helps save lives through the Internet. He is the webmaster for the WHALE program.

The acronym WHALE stands for "We Have A Little Emergency." It is an identification program which provides rescuers with pertinent information about children riding in car seats who are involved in vehicle accidents and the adult in the vehicle is seriously injured or unable to talk.

Informational stickers are placed on both rear side windows of the car and



Photo by Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz

Master Sgt. Neal Therrien, 446th Mission Support Squadron, is one "WHALE" of a volunteer. But he is just one in an ocean of volunteers in the Air Force Reserve.

on both sides of the child safety seat so emergency workers will know immediately that there is vital information pertaining to the child on the back of the car seat. The WHALE car sticker contains the child's name, medical history, names and phone numbers of two guardians and up to three other emergency names and phone numbers. The program is used by emergency workers in 34 states, including Washington.

"I launched the Web site in 2005, after seeing WHALE kits on an information table at a local baby store," said Sergeant Therrien, who has four children of his own. "The purpose of the Web site was to centralize all the different WHALE programs. Over half the states had programs in place, but no centralized data base. I developed the Web site to do just that. As this site grows, and new programs are added, I update the site with the new information."

For the last five years, Staff Sgt. Hope Funderbunk, 446th Airlift Control Flight, has also been working with mothers and their children. She focuses her attention on families in the Tacoma area.

Sergeant Funderbunk works with an organization called Phoenix Housing.

It's a women's and children's shelter that helps families with bad circumstances.

"My family and I try to do something big over the holidays since we feel so blessed," said Sergeant Funderbunk, who adopted five moms during one Christmas season. "I spoil the kids as best I can, because everyone deserves to have a good Christmas."

Sergeant Funderbunk became involved because she believes that sometimes good people fall on hard times.

"I believe if you have been blessed in your life, that you should in turn bestow some of that blessing on those who are less fortunate," said Sergeant Funderbunk.

"My parents came from humble beginnings, they really wanted my brother and I to appreciate what we had. I'm not well to do, but I live comfortably and if I have to give up shopping or dinners out to put a smile on a child's face, it is well worth the sacrifice."

Sacrifice, caring, and giving is something Reservists and super heroes know well. Although these three Reservists don't have superhuman powers, they have gone to great lengths and places to save lives and ultimately, change the world.



Photos by Abner Guzman

A pilot from the 97th Airlift Squadron maneuvers into position for an aerial refueling during a training mission Nov. 13.



Chief Master Sgt. James Caron and Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Clarke, 97th Airlift Squadron, secure a pallet before taking off on a training mission Nov. 13. Aside from air dropping the pallet, the loadmasters assisted about 50 Soldiers from Fort Lewis parachute safely that day.

A mission with a view

Soaring seemingly close to the formidable peak of Mount Rainier, two C-17 Globemasters flown by 446th Airlift Wing Reserve pilots double time to a rendezvous with a KC-135.

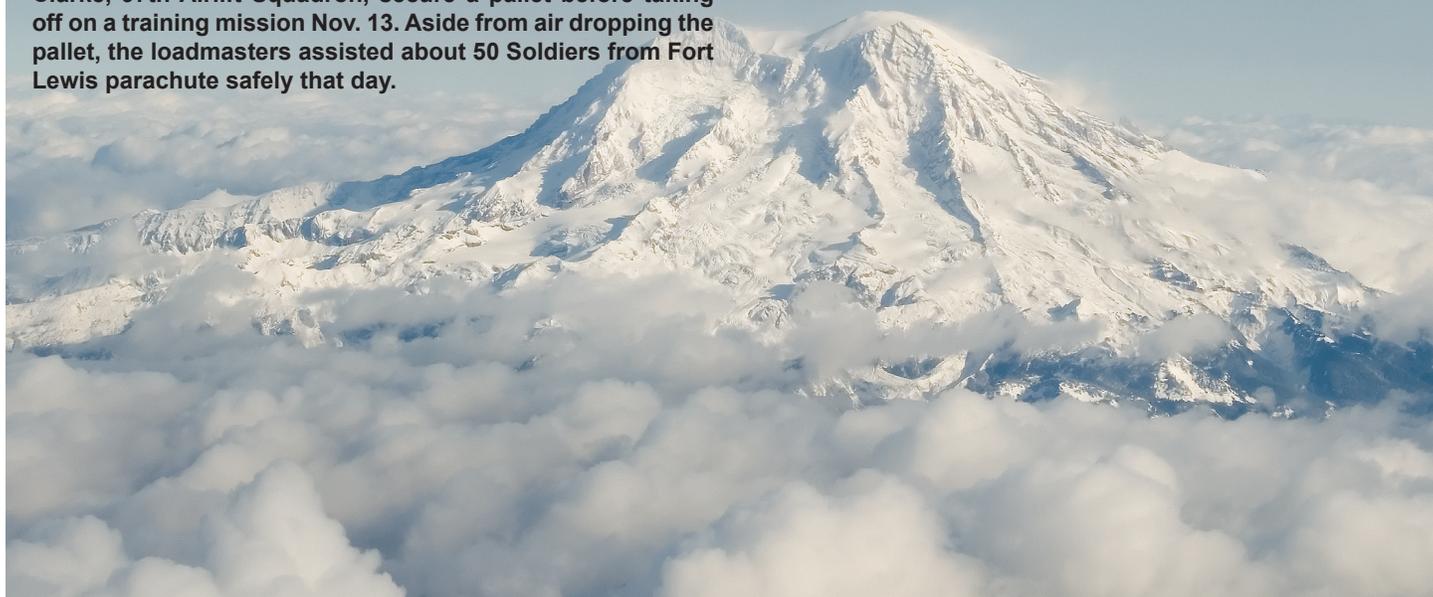
In the back, about 50 paratroopers from nearby Fort Lewis wait with mixed emotions for the C-17's final destination that day. Some doze peacefully, leaning forward against piles of gear strapped to their chests. Others look discernably nervous, with their eyes darting back and forth from the closed aircraft door to the static line that runs the length of the plane's belly.

Meanwhile, with the stoic ease of an expert who has performed his craft a million times, a loadmaster readies a cargo pallet for airdrop.

An air refueling, a cargo drop and a troop drop – all three missions are flown on this same training flight. And it's nothing out of the ordinary for aircrews to fly these multi-faceted missions on a daily basis, here and overseas.

Sure, things get a bit tense at times. When thousands of gallons of jet fuel are being transferred between airplanes at 25,000 feet, there is no room for error. And when human beings are about to jump out of that same aircraft, there are no excuses for an "off day." If you mess up, people die.

Sound like a lot of pressure? You bet it is – it's a mountain of responsibility. But, then again, not many jobs have an office with a view like this.



S A F E T Y



Days to remember

Dec. 1, 1984 – The C-5A Galaxy enters service with the U.S. Air Force Reserve at Kelly AFB, Texas.

Promotions

Chief Master Sergeant
Arthur Green, 36th APS

Senior Master Sergeant
Marvin Hitt, 446th AMXS
William Smith, 446th CES
Chris Webster, 446th CES

Master Sergeant
John Adams, 446th MXS
Nicole Carman, 446th ASTS
Felix Colonblanco, 36th APS
Kenneth Corbin, 36th APS
David Ewbank, 446th CES
Mark Gosling, 36th APS
Jacob Green, 446th CES
Rodney Keister, 446th CES
Lui Lew, 446th MOF
Steven Martin, 97th AS
William Ogans, 446th AES
Jonathan Schliep, 446th MSS

Technical Sergeant
John Barnes, 446th ASTS
Daniel Blas, 36th APS
Carlos Feliciano, 446th AMDS
Jeffrey Harris, 36th APS
Casey Muilenburg, 446th ASTS
Kathleen Myhre, 36th APS
Richard Rodabaugh, 446th AMXS
Jeremiah Specht, 446th MXS
Francis Toves, 36th APS

Staff Sergeant
Andrea Barrow, 446th SVF
Quillan Framstad, 446th AES
Paul Hansen, 446th MOF
Justin Hoapili, 97th AS
Benjamin Kolesar, 446th AMXS
Lanisha Metz, 36th APS
Michael Norman, 446th AMXS
Jorge Sanchez, 446th MXS
Ethan Tanner, 446th AMXS
Megan Watson, 446th MXS

Moosefest awards

Moosefest, the annual maintenance awards event, honored the following Reservists :
Tech. Sgt. Burk Stotts, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Air Reserve Technician of the Year; Tech. Sgt. James Deal, 446th Maintenance Squadron, Senior Maintenance Technician of the Year; Senior Airman Jason Eschette, 446th MXS, Junior Maintenance Technician of the year; and Chief Master Sgt. Horacio Beruti, 2007 Heritage Hall of Fame inductee.

Senior Airman
Tyler Mohning, 446th AMXS
Michael Wenzel, 446th CES
Alene Yath, 446th MXS

Airman
Tim Keener, 446th CES

Newcomers

Lieutenant Colonel
Eric Johnson, 446th ASTS

Major
Michelle Emerson, 446th AES
David Enfield, 446th MSG
Linda Gusch, 446th ASTS
Cory Myers, 446th ASTS
Noel Omine, 446th ASTS
Luan Tran, 446th AW
Adam Worden, 446th MSG

Second Lieutenant
David Baure, 446th AES
Sarah Rowley, 446th AES

Senior Master Sergeant
Brian Alley, 446th CES

Master Sergeant
Gregory Notti, 446th MXS

Technical Sergeant
Melissa Adams, 446th AMDS
Brandie Brockett, 446th OSF
Joseph Bunten, 446th ASTS
Gordon Elliot, 446th CES

Staff Sergeant
Michael Bishop, 446th SVF
Brandon Church, 446th CES
Brian Durban, 446th AMXS
Robert Fisher, 446th SFS
Lyndi Love, 446th CES
Steven Neeley, 446th CES
Lazare Quintana, 446th CES

Lawrence Reichlin, 446th CES
Brian Rottweiler, 446th AMDS
Jordan Santos, 446th AMDS
Chris Sembroski, 86th APS
Darold Simonson, 446th AMXS
Shaun Straus, 86th APS
Bryan Windhorst, 446th AMDS

Senior Airman
Daniel Becker, 446th SFS
Janusz Byczynski, 446th CES
Jonathan Danley, 446th MXS
Hannah Gill, 446th MSS
Laura McClarigan, 446th ASTS
Timothy Naumann, 36th APS

Airman First Class
Ellen Lokken, 446th CES
John Magno, 446th AMXS
Chris Petersen, 446th MXS
Tiffany Thomas, 446th MSS

Airman Basic
Jaime Cochran, 446th AMDS

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel
Joseph Itaya, 446th MXG
Carl Lanier, 313th AS

Chief Master Sergeant
Horacio Beruti, 446th AMXS

Senior Master Sergeant
Marianne Burr, 446th AES

Master Sergeant
Kurtis Barth, 446th AMXS
David Sullender, 446th AMXS

Technical Sergeant
Jeffrey Nelson, 446th OSF
Andrew Ramona, 446th ALCF
Deborah Yapachino, 36th APS
David Crabtree, 36th APS

Quarterly awards

Quarterly award winners for the third quarter are:
Airman - Senior Airman Ashley Durand, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; NCO - Tech. Sgt. James Hilley, 446th AMXS; Senior NCO - Master Sgt. Howard Halter, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; Company Grade Officer - 1st Lt. Frank Bonnin, 446th AMXS; Field Grade Officer - Maj. Mark Boyd, 446th Operations Support Flight.

Just Briefly

What holiday message would you like to send to deployed Reservists?

Appreciation

Happy Holidays. I appreciate the sacrifices you guys are making to help keep us free.



◆ Staff Sgt. Jansen Balanay
446th Mission Support Squadron

Prayers

Merry Christmas. We never forget about you. Hope you guys are keeping it together. You're in our prayers.



◆ Senior Airman Trevor Volack
446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Safety

Merry Christmas. Best wishes to all. May God keep you safe until you come home.



◆ Col. Joseph Davis
446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Return

Hope you guys get back early. Merry Christmas and Happy Thanksgiving.



◆ Tech. Sgt. Hilda Cornejo
446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Wing's Care and Share committee needs a bookkeeper

Because of new regulations from Homeland Security, the 446th Airlift Wing's charitable organization known as Care & Share is looking for someone who has bookkeeping or accountant experience.

If you are interested, please contact Carl Supplee at 982-5330.

Tops in Blue performs Jan. 19

The Air Force's premier entertainment troupe, Tops in Blue, will perform at McChord Jan. 19, 7 to 9 p.m. in Hangar 9. All ID card holders are welcome.

Fingerprinting done mornings only during Reserve weekends

As a reminder, if Reservists are accomplishing security clearance packages and need fingerprints during the A and B UTAs, they may do so only Saturday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 1202.

Next personnel services delivery system briefing is Jan. 24

The next Air Force Reserve Command Spread the Word briefing on the personnel services delivery will be Jan. 24, 10 a.m.,

in Bldg. 1205, Room 112.

Open to all, this briefing provides an update on the personnel actions Reservists can initiate through a personal computer.

Call Chief Master Sgt. Janic Kallinen, 446th Mission Support Squadron, at 982-9109 if you plan on attending. Seating is limited.

Reservists can nominate supportive employers for award

The Department of Defense is accepting nominations for the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees. Nominations will be accepted at www.esgr.org through Jan. 21, 2008. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the U.S. government's highest recognition given to outstanding employers.

For questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Cmdr. Craig Kujawa at (703) 696-1386, Ext. 514 or Bryon Burgess, Executive Director, Washington Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at (253) 512-8768.



Courtesy photo

TDY Teddy

Airman Teddy Cord listens in on the headset during a C-17 mission to Christchurch, New Zealand. Airman Cord is on long-term orders, flying throughout the air mobility system checking up on deployed 446th Airlift Wing Reservists. His supervisor is Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Lewis, 446th Mission Support Squadron.

Legal staff helps Airmen deploy

By Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt
Wing Public Affairs

Throughout their careers, Airmen may encounter situations where they need legal assistance. From completing powers of attorney to deployments, the Air Force Reserve legal assistance program is there to help.

The legal assistance program was created to assist Airmen preparing for their military duties, with a focus on deploying.

“Legal assistance is an incredibly valuable resource available to all Airmen and their families,” said Brig. Gen. Richard Harding, commander of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency at Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. “When you have legal problems, it wears on your mind. You may not understand the laws or what rights you have. Consulting with an attorney allows you to clear your mind and focus on your assigned mission.”

While the active-duty office can provide consultation services, and advise members of their rights and obligations in certain legal

matters, the Reserve legal assistance program is limited to wills, powers of attorney and deployment-related issues. They cannot represent people in a personal capacity for things like divorce, lawsuits, or legal transactions. Reservists on active-duty orders can use the active duty legal office, but unless it is time critical like a short-notice deployment, it is recommended to use the reserve legal office.

“Regardless of whether military members are deploying, having is will is highly recommended,” said Lt. Col. Brad Holmgren, a 446th Airlift Wing judge advocate general attorney. “Durable powers of attorney for both health care and financial matters are essential in case that person becomes incapacitated and is unable to make decisions for themselves.”

Another major legal issue in particular affects military spouses and single parents.

“Military members who are either single parents or are married to another military member are required to have a family care plan regarding who will take care of their children in the event they deploy,” said

Colonel Holmgren.

A legal tool available for Reservists is the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, originally known as the Soldier’s and Sailor’s Civil Relief Act. The Act grants protections in situations where servicemembers might otherwise be at a disadvantage due to their military service. For instance, the act provides protection in civil court and administrative actions, and for issues involving taxation, house and apartment leases, car leases, interest rates and insurance.

“Members who have litigation pending and have to deploy can receive a continuance of the case until such time as they can adequately protect their interest,” said Colonel Holmgren. “This can help the Reservist focus more on his deployment instead of worrying about legal issues at home. The Act also allows military members who are deploying to reduce the interest rate on credit cards, as well as some other forms of debt, to 6 percent.”

(Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, also contributed to this story.)

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duty operated Chief Leadership Course, at Maxwell AFB, Ala. This differs from the past wing policy allowing promotion to chief if they attend one of these courses within one year.

Other changes coming Jan. 1 include:

Promotion dates: Airmen up to the grade of E-4 will be promoted with an effective date of the day all eligibility requirements are met, regardless of status, and Active Guard Reserve Airmen will no longer be required to serve in a position for 90 days before being considered for promotion.

Promotion eligibility: For promotion to E-7 through E-9, Airmen must now have 24 months retainability before being considered for promotion.

Promotion roadblocks: Promotions will no longer be considered for Airmen in units that are within 12 months of base realignment and closure actions,

deactivations or other programmatic actions.

Promotion posthumous: Airmen who have been selected for promotion who become deceased prior to the effective date may still be promoted.

For more information, contact the 446th MSS Career Enhancement Office at 982-3135.

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