

# Maintenance group fades away as new materiel group rises Oct. 1

By 2nd Lt. Candice Allen  
 Wing Public Affairs

Out with the old and in with the new. Effective Oct. 1, the 446th Maintenance Group will stand down and the 446th Materiel Group will take its place.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, announced on Dec. 7, the reorganization of Air Force wing operations and logistics functions.

“With this reorganization, the Air Force is given an oppor-

tunity to create a new process-aligned structure that will better support the logistics enterprise, flying wings and combatant commanders,” said General Moseley.

Under the reorganization the old 446th MXG will ab-

sorb about 350 Reservists from the 446th Logistics Readiness Flight and 36th and 86th Aerial Port Squadrons and become the 446th Materiel Group. Currently, both logistics readiness and the aerial port squadrons fall under the 446th Mission Support Group.

“The transition will be as seamless as possible,” said Col. Jon Huguley, 446th MXG commander. “All that will change will be their reporting group commander.”

With the creation of the materiel groups across the Air Force, aircraft maintenance units will leave the maintenance groups and realign to the operations groups. This reorganization immediately affects the fighter, bomber, and rescue aircraft maintenance units and will be implemented between July and November.

However, for the airlift com-



File photo by Abner Guzman

These Reserve maintenance Airmen will no longer fall under the 446th Maintenance Group come Oct. 1. In place of the 446th MXG will be the 446th Materiel Group, will also include the 36th and 86th Aerial Port Squadrons and the 446th Logistics Readiness Flight.

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# Support agencies move to one UTA

By Sandra Pishner  
 Wing Public Affairs

Forget everything you’ve heard about the 446th Airlift Wing moving to just one drill weekend, or UTA. It’s not true, not really.

That’s not to say there aren’t some changes coming with the new fiscal year, but to fling about the phrase “one UTA,” is

misleading, according to Col. William Flanigan, 446th Airlift Wing commander.

There will still be an A UTA and a B UTA come October. The big difference is that customer service functions such as those provided by the 446th Mission Support Squadron and some wing staff agencies, will only be available on the wing’s primary UTA, commonly known as the A UTA.

“Our military personnel flight is not

manned for two UTAs,” said Colonel Flanigan. “It’s not good to have our MPF people out twice a month and it doesn’t allow for great unit and wing staff cohesion.”

According to Col. Rainie Myr, 446th MSS commander, the MPF, similar to other wing service providers, has provided support

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# Living easy in the Summertime

By Col. Jon Huguley

■ — 446th Maintenance Group

There's a popular song (from my perspective) that begins "Summertime and the living is easy." Well, summer is coming, so says the calendar (only wish Mother Nature could read a calendar).

Summertime can be easy living. It is normally the time to relax, take vacations and participate in outdoor activities. Many of us enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, boating, water skiing, and biking, especially here in the Northwest.

Summer also is the time to do chores such as painting, building projects, landscaping, etc., that are not easily accomplished during the winter months. However, these activities require new skills or skills that are rusty since we do not normally use them during the winter. This application of skills can result, unfortunately, in mishaps and fatalities.

For these reasons we start receiving vital information through command messages,

posters, and briefings on 101 Critical Days of Summer. This puts additional focus on doing things safely and reminds us of our wingman responsibilities.

Since the late 1960s, the Air Force has employed this campaign to counter the increase in mishaps during the summer. This year the campaign began May 23 and ends Sept. 2.

The briefings, posters, and special activities employed are our attempt to heighten your awareness of risks associated with these activities and to encourage you to take appropriate actions to eliminate the hazards.

It is estimated that 90 percent of mishaps are due to human error. Our goal through the 101 Critical Days of Summer is to take a bite out of mishaps to protect our most valued resource – you. You are the key component in making this happen. When you take on the mantle of wingman and become engaged in this campaign, we all receive huge dividends by reducing and eliminating mishaps and fatalities. When we all get involved



Col. Jon Huguley

we build and develop a culture of responsible choices and fulfill our commitment to look out for one another.

There is an additional benefit we gain by enhancing our wingman skills and safety awareness during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Those improved skills and practices will assist us in making the other 264 days mishap free.

So let's take seriously our role in reducing mishaps and fatalities so we can all enjoy that easy summertime living. Have a wonderful 101 Critical Days of Summer.



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# All for one, one for all

## Military personnel, pay converge into one DOD system

By Capt. Jennifer Gerhardt  
 Wing Public Affairs

In 2009, 2.6 million military people will access their personnel and pay records via one Web site, eliminating the need for multiple human resources databases, paper forms and Web sites.

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, or DIMHRS for short, is a Congressionally-mandated program to provide the military services with an all-encompassing personnel and pay human resource system throughout their careers and into retirement.

The Army is currently test-

ing the system and the Air Force is expected to begin using it in 2009.

DIMHRS will allow individuals to update personal information 24 hours a day.

"This will totally revamp the personnel system," said Maj. Jeff Rodi, 446th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight commander. "It will replace approximately 80 existing processing systems across the four Services, as well as DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service)."

For the Air Force, that means MilPDS, virtual military personnel flight, MyPay (military only), and the Defense Joint

Military-pay System.

When DIMHRS is implemented, it will standardize data across all military branches, combine personnel and pay functions, and record both pay and service credit for Reservists – becoming in a sense a cradle to grave record keeping system. All military records will be transferred to DIMHRS.

Civilian employees' records will not make the switch, as their personnel records will remain in the current Defense Civilian Personnel Data System. Air Reserve Technicians will continue to be maintained in two separate personnel systems -- military and civilian. Military

retiree records will also transfer to DIMHRS. Retirees will have self-service capability in DIMHRS from any computer, and access with a user ID and password.

"Any individual who manages or provides administrative support to the wing, group or unit commander, whether he or she is an ART or straight civilian, will use DIMHRS to perform personnel and pay-related transactions on Reservists' records," said Master Sgt. Nancy Teal, 446th Mission Support Squadron.

For more information about DIMHRS, visit the Web site, [www.dimhrs.mil](http://www.dimhrs.mil).

### MATERIEL

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munity, the decision on the structure of aircraft maintenance in operations and when they will move has not been finalized. According to Colonel Huguley, several options have been presented to the commander of Air Mobility Command, with a decision expected within a few months.

"Air Force Reserve Command is fully engaged with AMC and will align our organizations based on AMC directives," said Colonel Huguley. "They'll also provide a programming plan on how to implement the changes."

When the decision is made about the path aircraft maintenance units will take under this reorganization, the results will be released through command and public affairs channels.



Photo by Sandra Pishner

Both the 36th and 86th Aerial Port Squadrons will fall under the new 446th Materiel Group effective Oct. 1.



Photo by Adamarie Lewis-Page

Master Sgt. Dave Allen, foreground, and Master Sgt. Marla Gilson, Reserve Airmen from the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, configure 50 mannequins on a C-130 aircraft during a national-level mass casualty response exercise May 6.

## Reservists support national exercise

By 2nd Lt. Candice Allen  
Wing Public Affairs

On May 5 and 6, 12 Airmen of the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, McChord, made their participation in a national level exercise seem like a walk in the park.

The exercise, Ultimate Caduceus, was one of nine simultaneous exercises taking place across the nation. The exercise tests how civilians respond to a mass casualty incident. This exercise was part of the National Level Exercise 02-08.

Over the two days, Reservists of the 446th AES placed and off loaded 152 simulated patients from a C-130, flown by the 133rd Airlift Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard. Flights took place between McChord AFB and Portland International Airport. The aeromedical Reservists also assisted the Army in an engine running off load of 16

patients from two UH-60 Black Hawks.

“We had an experienced, qualified crew. They were fluid and flexible,” said Lt. Col. Ken Winslow, deputy commander of the operations flight in the 446th AES.

This fluidity allowed the crew to perform an impromptu training session with civilian responders on how to properly off load critical patients.

“By the second day, there was a seamless integration between civilians (responders) and (our) Airmen,” said Master Sgt. Marla Gilson, a 446th AES in-flight nurse.

This seamless integration extended to Airmen from West Virginia and North Carolina Air National Guard, active-duty Airmen from Scott AFB, Ill., and the Army.

“Whether we are Air Force, Army, or civilians, we are working together for the good of the patient,” said Sergeant Gilson.

The 446th AES participates in a mini-

mum of two exercises per year, usually Pacific Life Line in January and Global Medic in June.

“This was above and beyond what we normally do,” said Sergeant Gilson.

In addition to the large-scale exercises the 446th AES regularly participates in, they continue to support current operations. Over the next several months, the squadron is planning to deploy Airmen in support of Operations Enduring and Iraq Freedom, with the largest group leaving in August.

“We do this because we love the mission and we love to do it,” said Colonel Winslow.

The 446th AES provided the bulk of the Air Force aeromedical evacuation support for the national-level exercise.

# Flight nurse best in the command

By Sandra Pishner  
—Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Carolyn Newhouse, 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, deputy chief nurse, is the 2007 Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Aeromedical Evacuation Crew Member of the Year.

Major Newhouse is an experienced flight nurse and combat veteran. Her experience in deployments and trauma care is a cornerstone of the squadron's

medical training department.

According to Col. Jan Moore-Harbert, 446th AES commander, Major Newhouse's readiness skills verification plan harmonized clinical training requirements for all active-duty and Reserve core nurses.

"The training (she provides) mirrors wartime readiness needs, ensuring our nurses are ready to provide quality care to soldiers."

Chosen by Colonel Moore-Harbert as the 446th AES deputy

chief nurse, Major Newhouse manages six programs providing clinical oversight to 84 flight nurses and aeromedical technicians.

Major Newhouse also holds the position of flight nurse consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General, the only Reservist to ever hold this spot.

For more on this story, go to [www.446aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.446aw.afrc.af.mil)

(Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon, 446th AW, contributed to this story)



Photo by Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz  
**Maj. Carolyn Newhouse is the 2007 Aeromedical Evacuation Crew Member of the Year.**

## UTA

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on both UTAs for a long time.

"We collectively did that through really dedicated people working extra UTAs and with careful use of overages," said Colonel Myr.

While Colonel Myr believes unit cohesion and morale is already high in the 446th MSS, she also is looking forward to having everyone on a single UTA.

The challenge now for mission support is devising a plan for how best to deliver customer support to all Reservists in the 446th AW.

"The mission support group and mission support squadron have formed a working group to look at how best to address the needs of those Reservists working on the alternate UTA," said Colonel Myr.

According to Colonel Flanigan, Reservists serving on the alternate UTA will need to plan ahead when they need mission support, such as the issuance of a new military ID card, testing on a career development course, or even firing a weapon for combat skills currency.

"Most military personnel functions are now being done on the web," said the colonel. "Anything that does require a visit to the MPF, such as getting a new ID card, will dictate that the Reservist either reschedule to the primary UTA, or stop by on a Friday or Monday on either side of the UTA to take care of support business. That's something that will have to be worked out with your supervisor."

Working out reschedules for times a Reservist needs mission support will be

particularly important to the maintenance squadrons. Because the maintenance units are so large, they will remain split between the primary and alternate UTAs.

"We'll certainly need to be in the mind set of thinking ahead," said Chief Master Sgt. Danny Bass, 446th Maintenance Squadron superintendent. "On the plus side, when we're out here on the alternate UTA, it will be pure training and mission accomplishment. There won't be any distractions."

Other issues for some of the squadrons also remain to be worked out. The 36th and 86th Aerial Port Squadrons share a building, which will not be able to accommodate both squadrons on the same UTA. The commanders of those two squadrons are in talks now to negotiate a workable solution to the limitation of shared workspace. This may include taking turns working on the A UTA while the other unit comes on the B UTA.

Another squadron grappling with space issues is the 446th Security Forces Squadron. Enough space to accommodate the entire squadron on one weekend is not the problem in this case. The problem will be having enough space on the firing range for all the Reservists on the A UTA.

"We're really going to have to take a look at how we're going to schedule weapons qualifications for the increased number of people on the primary UTA," said Master Sgt. Lenny Deboma, 46th SFS. "We only have 21 positions on the range on the A UTA weekends. The Air National Guard also shoots on those weekends, so we can't get more range positions."

It's likely there will continue to be weap-

ons training on the B UTA. "This is in keeping with the point of having the B UTA be strictly training," said Colonel Flanigan.

The 446th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, at this point, is planning on continuing to have a small number of people on the alternate UTA in order to stay on top of the annual physicals, drug testing and medical profiles.

"I believe our biggest challenge will be switching our people between the UTAs when they need services. That will present a challenge with UTAPS (unit training assembly participation system)," said Chief Master Sgt. Sonja Smith, 446th AMDS.

Planning will be the key as support services are eliminated from the alternate UTA. The below schedule for UTAs in FY 2008 has been approved and Reservists are encouraged to share this schedule with their civilian employers.

PRIMARY (A)	ALTERNATE (B)
Oct. 4 - 5	18 - 19
Nov. 1 - 2	15 - 16
Dec. 6 - 7	13 - 14
Jan. 10 - 11	24 - 25
Feb. 7 - 8	21 - 22
March 7 - 8	21 - 22
April 4 - 5	18 - 19
May 2 - 3	16 - 17
June 6 - 7	27 - 28
July 11-12	25 - 26
Aug. 8 - 9	22 - 23
Sept. 12 - 13	19 - 20

# S a - f e s



## Days to remember

**June 7, 1944**  
Transport aircraft dropped 356 tons of supplies to Allied forces during Operation Overlord.

## Promotions

**Chief Master Sergeant**  
John Huntingdale, 86th APS

**Senior Master Sergeant**  
Beatrice Kist, 446th MXS

**Master Sergeant**  
Keith Chase, 446th MXS  
Jonathan Lapham, 446th ASTS  
Shawnette Reach, 446th ASTS

**Technical Sergeant**  
Gary Graf, 446th AMXS  
Erik Hubbard, 446th MXS  
Robin Voigt, 86th APS

**Staff Sergeant**  
Adam Bauer, 446th AMXS  
Yvonne Chase, 446th ASTS  
Sean Darst, 446th MXS  
Skyler Fowler, 446th MXS  
Samuel Hayes, 446th CES  
Andrew Kariuki, 446th CES  
Laurin Mcelheran, 313th AS  
Daniel Nichols, 446th MXS  
Bradley Owen, 446th CES  
Michael Paredes, 86th APS  
David Shrauger, 86th APS  
Benjamin Thomsen, 86th APS  
Glen Trowbridge, 446th AMXS

**Senior Airman**  
Elizabeth Clark, 446th AES

Aimee Mcfarland, 728th AS  
Christopher Petersen, 446th MXS  
Matthew Seeman, 97th AS

**Airman First Class**  
Tim Keener, 446th CES

## Newcomers

**Captain**  
Heather Vanmaarth, 313th AS

**Chief Master Sergeant**  
William Markgraf, 446th CES

**Senior Master Sergeant**  
David Ridley, 446th SVF  
Steven Watson, 446th CES

**Master Sergeant**  
Gerald Graham, 446th AW

**Staff Sergeant**  
Josh Hodges, 36th APS  
Arnold Renken, 446th CES  
Gary Sunderland, 36th APS  
Nathaniel Terrell, 86th APS  
Jennifer Vorhies, 446th MXG

**Senior Airman**  
Chad Adamson, 446th AMXS  
David Byrd, 36th APS  
Elizabeth Clark, 446th AES  
Alfredo Garza, 446th SFS  
Cheryl Heimbigner, 446th MSS

Jeffrey Hout, 446th AMXS  
Evan Jones, 446th AMXS  
Justin Kelley, 446th AMXS  
Mathew Mathenia, 446th MSS  
Irene Maxwell, 86th APS  
Palmer Sather, 446th CES  
John Thigpen, 446th AMXS

**Airman First Class**  
Ryan Bushnell, 446th MXS  
Rosemary Meeker, 446th ASTS  
Cody Owens, 446th MXS  
Tara Toreno, 446th SFS  
Shawn Walsh, 446th AMXS

**Airman**  
Kristina Hansen, 446th AMDS  
Ignacio Rodriguez III, 36th APS

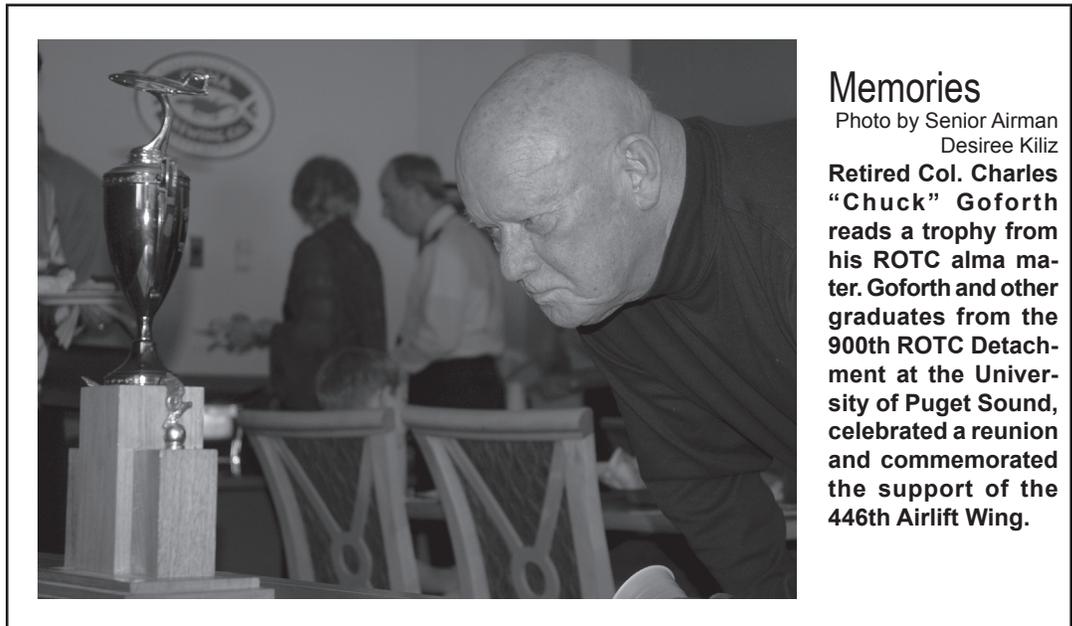
## Retirements

**Colonel**  
John Lenihan, 446th AMDS

**Lieutenant Colonel**  
Dewey Smith Jr., 728th AS

**Master Sergeant**  
Joyce Miller, 446th ASTS

**Technical Sergeant**  
Darlene Emineth, 446th AES  
Clarence Mollenhauer, 86th APS



## Memories

Photo by Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz  
**Retired Col. Charles "Chuck" Goforth** reads a trophy from his ROTC alma mater. Goforth and other graduates from the 900th ROTC Detachment at the University of Puget Sound, celebrated a reunion and commemorated the support of the 446th Airlift Wing.

# Just Briefly

## Do you find it difficult to be a father while in the Reserve?

### Missed activities

I found it difficult being gone. On weekends it made it hard to plan things sometimes. Missing out on extra curricular activities was a downer.



◆ Master Sgt. Alan Kelly  
728th Airlift Squadron

### Help at home

When I'm activated it's difficult. As long as someone is back home to help out, it makes it easier.



◆ Tech. Sgt. Michael Ping  
728th Airlift Squadron

### Good children

When you're activated it makes it hard. My parents, my wife and my mother-in-law help out while I'm away. I have very well-behaved children.



◆ Tech. Sgt. Brian Petro  
97th Airlift Squadron

### Good Wife

No, I have got a good wife.



◆ Master Sgt. Kelly Henderson  
97th Airlift Squadron

## Annual tour orders for FY 08 must be cut by June 30

All annual tour orders must be cut no later than June 30. Any remaining annual tour days for fiscal year 2008 will be lost if orders are not created by the deadline.

## Wing joint basing officer position available for local Reservist

A joint basing officer position is available. The application deadline is June 15.

The position is for an officer who will report to the 446th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Craig Petersen.

The 446th AW/CC is funding a traditional Reserve officer for at least 90 days beginning early July 2008 or earlier.

The individual in this position will oversee the 446th Airlift Wing's overall requirements within the joint basing implementation process in order to maintain the wing's operational mission and training capabilities.

Please respond only if you reside in the local area.

Contact the 446th Mission Support Group commander by calling 982-2446 if you are interested in this position.

## Office of civilian personnel to host retirement tutorial in July

The 62nd Airlift Wing office of civilian personnel is scheduled to host both a Civil Service Retirement System seminar and a Federal Retirement System seminar in July 2008.

For more information and to register on-line, visit the Web site: <https://62msg.mcchord.af.mil/62MSS/cpf/default.aspx>.

## McChord hosts Thunderbirds at Air Expo, July 19-20

McChord AFB will host the general public at its McChord Air Expo July 19-20.

Headlining the air expo will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

For more information on exhibits planned for the air expo, visit its Web site at [www.mcchordairexpo.com](http://www.mcchordairexpo.com)

## Reserve Care and Share Golf Tournament set for August

The 446th Airlift Wing's Care and Share golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 15. Volunteers are needed to assist in this tournament, which benefits the wing's Care and Share program. If you are interested in helping, contact Senior Master Sgt. Mary Smith, 97th Airlift Squadron, at 982-3540 or Carl Supplee, director of the Airman and Family Readiness office, at 982-5330.

## Junior Officer Leadership course is Aug 16-23 in Switzerland

The Professional Development Center is hosting the International Junior Officer Leadership Development course in Lend, Switzerland Aug. 16-28. Please contact 446th Airlift Wing command section for more information. Nominations will be submitted through your group commander for approval.

## Family Days for groups, squadrons set for July, August

Family Days are set for the following units on the dates listed:

July 26 - 446th Mission Support Group, 44th Mission Support Squadron and wing staff.

Aug. 9 - 446th Operations Group, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, 446th Logistics Readiness Flight and 446th Services Flight.

Aug. 24 - 446th Maintenance Group, 36th APS, 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, 446th Security Forces Squadron.

## Thunderbirds demonstration team selects Reserve pilot to join

Maj. Sean Gustafson, 93rd FS pilot has been selected by the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds. His selection marks the first time a member from the Air Force Reserve will fly with the elite demonstration team since its formation. His selection marks the first time a member from the Air Force Reserve will fly with the elite demonstration team since its formation in 1953.

The Thunderbirds, based out of Nellis AFB, Nev., perform precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to millions of people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.

Major Gustafson will fly the No. 4 slot aircraft during the 2009 and 2010 demonstration seasons.

## Top Air Force leaders resign

The Air Force's top civilian and uniformed leader tendered their resignations to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates June 5.

Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, who was appointed the 18th Air Force chief of staff in September 2005, have both tendered their resignations.

# Bill increases time off for Reservists, gives military spouses unpaid leave

By Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle  
Wing Public Affairs

An amendment to the Washington State Senate Bill 6447, Military Family Leave, now gives Guardsmen and Reservists 21 days of military leave per fiscal year, up from 15, after serving on active duty.

The amendment does not apply to federal employees in the state.

A new chapter has also been added to the act. The chapter states that spouses of Guard and Reserve members are given 15 days of unpaid leave from their employer while their military

spouse is on rest and recreation leave after being deployed during a wartime tour.

The amendment and the chapter are effective June 12.

“There was a separate bill for leave that was from 15 to 21 days of leave,” said Sen. Steven Hobbs, bill sponsor.

“The bill was dying so we threw it in as an amendment. I’m glad it worked out.”

The amendment reads that every public employee of the state, county, or local level who is a member of the Guard or Reserve and has been on any kind of active duty, including annual tour, is entitled to this leave.

The leave is in addition to any vacation or sick leave that the employee is already entitled to, said Senator Hobbs. A Reservist or Guardsmen should not lose any privileges or pay. During the leave period, the employee should receive his or her normal pay from the state, county or local division that he works for.

The new chapter of the bill applies to spouses of Reservists who have been deployed in support of a wartime tour, said Senator Hobbs. Spouses take their 15 days of unpaid leave while the Reservist is on rest and recreation time off.

“It was actually sad,” said Senator Hobbs. “We had spouses come in and say that their employer would give them only two days off. Some of the spouses’ employers would threaten to fire them if they took days off to be with their spouse. The new chapter worked out well.”

Any Reservist having any problems with a civilian employer, should contact Lt. Col. Anna Sullivan, a representative with Employer Support Guard and Reserve. She can be reached at (253) 982-2060 or you can send an e-mail to [anna.sullivan@mcchord.af.mil](mailto:anna.sullivan@mcchord.af.mil)



McChord Air Expo 2008 will be July 19-20, featuring a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

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