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NEWS BRIEFS

Angel Tree efforts continue

The Angel Tree has many children awaiting your help. Gifts are accepted through the Dec. UTA at Family Support, building 1776. Wrapped gifts will be distributed by the First Sgts. after Dec. 4. For more details, call Jay Evans at 817.782.7435.

Santa Claus makes wing pit stop

This year, Santa will stop by at the 301st Fighter Wing hangar Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m. to hand out gifts to the boys and girls. Parents should have a wrapped gift, labeled with child's first and last name, to Family Support by 11 a.m. Dec. 3. For more details, call Capt. Dave Edwards at 817.782.3069, ext. 112.

East gate runs on holiday hours

The east gate will be closed from 6 p.m. Nov. 23 to 6 a.m. Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Christmas and New Year's hours are from 6 p.m. on Dec. 23 to 6 a.m. Jan. 3, 2006.

Deployed spouses meeting scheduled

Anyone with a deployed spouse is invited to join the growing support group on Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Family Support building 1776.



Tech. Sgts. James and Jeff, 301st Communications Flight telephone craftsmen, finish hanging up a Texas flag over the hangar now known as the Texas HAZ. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Stacey, U.S. Central Command Air Forces.) Note--last names are omitted for security purposes of deployed members.

301st Fighter Wing F-16s patrol skies over Iraq

Senior Master Sgt.
Bill Goben, Jr.

10th Air Force Public Affairs

457th Fighter Squadron as well as other Air Force Reserve Command F-16 Fighting Falcon fighters are providing combat air support for U.S. and coal-

ition forces in Iraq.

Hundreds of aircrews and support people from four fighter wings began flying close-air-support and combat air patrol missions in September on a rotational basis. The last contingent of reservists from the 10th Air Force units returns home in January.

The aircrews and support people are from the 301st FW; 419th FW, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; 482nd FW, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.; and 944th FW, Luke AFB, Ariz. They are flying and maintaining more than

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Deployed or home station, thanks for giving

Brig. Gen. Neil A. Rohan

301st Fighter Wing

Commander

I was giving a briefing to Mr. John Truesdell the other day. He is the Air Force Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs. In putting together my briefing, I thought it might be useful to show a couple of slides depicting our currently deployed personnel. A couple of slides indeed; it took 14 slides with over 20 names per slide to cover all the 301st folks who are gone. Wow; that's a lot of people!

I made it a point to say a few words at the pre-deployment briefings of the men and women who were about to deploy. I personally thanked each of them for their service, for their spirit of volunteerism, but most especially for their sacrifice. Taking the time away from job and family to go off and take care of America's business is hard on everyone. I couldn't be more proud of these folks and



am indebted to their families for keeping the home fires burning while their loved ones serve.

Now for some good news. Although the dates were not firm prior to my deadline for writing this article, I do know that approximately one week after the December UTA, the main body of our AEF "B" rotation will land here at

Carswell with nearly 150 of our 301st warriors on board. Plans are underway for a brief reception the day of their arrival and then we'll follow-up within a week or so with a full-fledged Welcome Home celebration. We'll get the word out as soon as plans are firmed up. Even with the arrival of 150 folks, there will still be 150 more folks deployed all over the world. We need to keep those folks and their families in our thoughts and prayers, especially during the holiday season.

Speaking of the holidays, I want to once again remind you to please be careful doing all of your holiday activities – from stringing Christmas lights in the front yard, to the party activities on your schedule, to your travel plans. If you drink, do it responsibly. If you drive, don't drink. If you follow just those two simple rules, 90% of the bad stuff that can happen will be manageable.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.



from the First Sergeant's desk

I gave at the office

Senior Master Sgt.

Don Olson

First Sergeant, 301st Security Forces Squadron

I will admit. I have avoided the bell-ringers standing out in front of the stores at Christmas time. It's amazing the facing movements that we will undergo

to avoid parting with a simple quarter. Hey, at least they will say "thank you."

I'm certain that we all feel "tapped out" this year with hurricane relief, tsunami relief, earthquake relief, Farm Aid, Band-Aid, Kool-Aid, etc. It seems that everywhere we go – somebody wants our money.

The problem is that we live in

a very blessed nation. We are also very giving people. But a giving nation is made up of giving people. People like you and me.

Often we wonder what we can do? Well, we can do much. Sure, we can always write a check or toss a quarter into a bucket. We could bring a needy family a meal during the holidays. Fix someone's car. Buy gifts for a financially strapped family. Invite a single mom and her kids over for Christmas. Help serve food at a homeless shelter.

The biggest reward to giving is to help those that probably cannot pay you back. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

It is always right to give. It is always right to help others.

So, if you want to feel good helping others. Then be creative about helping others during this holiday season. Challenge your family to think up ways to help others. Set aside a day, a morning or evening this Christmas season to help someone less fortunate. It was once said, "I complained that I had no shoes until I met a man without any feet."

I am very grateful to the men and women in uniform who have given so much this last year. You are all heroes in my book. Thank you for serving your country. Thanks for giving!

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301st Fighter Wing
Airman of the Year 2005

**Senior Airman
Lindsay Estell**

**Medical Services
Journeyman**

301st Aerospace Medicine
Squadron



**Senior Airman Estell's
accomplishments:**

Senior Airman Estell's expertise develops quickly in every arena from primary care clinic, medical records, hearing conservation and immunizations; he's a Self-Aid and Buddy Care instructor who volunteers many off duty hours with program management and is a major asset for the team; Airman Estell brought order to the medical records section by revising over 500 records to meet new requirements; his help in the hearing conservation program helped him attain his certification in record time; he's also a member of the Honor Guard Squadron and is involved in a church youth organization; he raises spirits in shelters ministering to the homeless.

301st Fighter Wing
NCO of the Year 2005

**Tech. Sgt. Nathan J.
Robin**

F-16 Crew Chief

301st Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron



**Tech. Sgt. Robin's
accomplishments:**

Tech. Sgt. Robin was selected as a 'Superior Performer' during the 2004 Operational Readiness Inspection. He "stood" alert for all Homeland Defense unit commitments from 2002 to present ensuring aircraft were fully mission capable, personnel were trained and assets were in place. He was hand-picked to perform duties as night shift expeditor during a deployment to Luke AFB, Ariz., earlier this year and he completed the Senior NCO Academy as a Staff Sgt. He's a staff member of "Helping Inner-city Kids in Danger" also serving as their bus driver for "Super Saturday Ministry." He volunteers as assistant basketball coach for Crowley Youth Association.

301st Fighter Wing
SNCO of the Year 2005

**Senior Master Sgt.
Dennis Walter**
**Aircraft Production
Superintendent**

301st Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron



**Senior Master Sgt. Walter's
accomplishments:**

Senior Master Sgt. Walter directed the squadron during last year's Operational Readiness Inspection with no sorties lost due to maintenance. The Inspector General noted his team as 'best overall maintenance unit seen to date.' His assets have ensured the squadron's highest success rate with his outstanding organization and leadership skills resulting in his selection as the unit's Crash Recovery Manager. Sergeant Walter supports the local Cub Scout Pack 380, volunteers his time coaching baseball and football with children as well as assisting with the first-ever 301st Fighter Wing Pilot for a Day program.

Insurgents ensure security forces are ready

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey

Public Affairs

U.S. Military security forces are trained to be ready always – period.

This was put to task Nov. 5 when the 301st Fighter Wing went head to head with the Lewisville S.W.A.T. team in a 24-hour test of security forces training conducted within a bare-base urban terrain environment.

Picture this: A lone insurgent has taken position in an abandoned building where repeated automatic weapon fire is then directed towards a U.S. security forces team patrolling the area. The team, that is trained to take evasive actions, works systematically to locate the intruder, return fire, secure the area, surround and enter the building, and then wait for the “all clear – intruder down.”

Repeated scenarios like this one, along with nighttime firefights, attacks, and rescue activities, were just a few of the events that rounded out the weekend’s exercise.

“The purpose for the weekend was to provide realistic training scenarios enabling the wing to keep at the forefront of their readiness capability,” said Tech. Sgt. Ron Zumwalt, 301st Security Forces Squadron and event team coordinator.

Joining the event were several other 301st agencies including teams from the 701st Medical Squadron and the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron. Together they worked, alongside the Lewisville S.W.A.T., testing their offensive and defensive measures. “We couldn’t have asked for better support from Lewisville – they provided us with realistic intruder scenarios that will only go to strengthen our abilities,” Sergeant Zumwalt said.

The exercise location was depicted to team players as an area which had been utilized as a weapons and munitions cache by local indigenous enemy forces for the past 36 months. However, during the past 30 days, local intelligence sources have revealed that the site has been abandoned for no known reason. Intelligence sources believe the forces have intentionally left the site, knowing that coalition forces will



Master Sgt. Scott Lacey, 301st Civil Engineer Squadron, peeks around the corner of a building as Staff Sgt. Don Smith, 301st Security Forces Squadron, calls in the direction of sniper fire taken from the Lewisville Police SWAT Team. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey, Public Affairs)

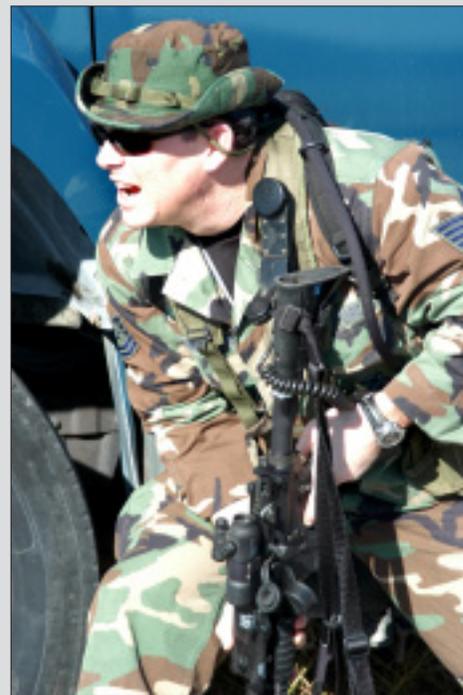
attempt to utilize the area.

Sergeant Zumwalt explained once the forces entered the exercise location, they keyed on successfully performing these tasks: military operations in urban terrain; full spectrum threat reduction; leadership decision making in a non-traditional environment; integrated base defense; small unit tactics; integration of civilian law enforcement elements; and interpretation of intelligence data from various sources.

“We did a great job in performance and in learning specific training methods,” said Sergeant Zumwalt. “Our mission was to deploy to a Forward Operating Location in support of on-going coalition force actions – this, I believe, we did successfully.”

The security forces training during the exercise was similar to that received during ground combat skills which included: rules of engagement specific to the mission; patrolling techniques; land navigation; use of night vision devices; camouflage techniques; actions on enemy contact; combat patrol actions; small team (fire team) tactics; preparation and execution of situation report; and explosive ordinance reconnaissance.

“We accomplished what we set out to



Tech. Sgt. Clyde Buchanan, 301st SFS squad leader, calls in direction of fire on his Scope Shield II Radio while positioning his squad members to take over an opposing force team barricaded in a building.

do this weekend – this makes us ready, either for the next planned exercise or for the real thing, Tech. Sgt. Zumwalt said. “Either way, we’re ready.”



301st Fighter Wing First Sergeant of the Year 2005

Master Sgt. Sean P. Gouge

301st Maintenance
Operations Flight



Master Sgt. Gouge's accomplishments:

Master Sgt. Gouge deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq for 156 days as the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron 1st Shift. He balanced his operations and administrative duties contributing to 4500 Operation Iraqi Freedom combat flight hours. Sergeant Gouge built group and squadron recognition programs from scratch and is a teacher as well as a leader to NCOs and his peers. He is an inspirational leader and persistent morale-builder. Sergeant Gouge was also voted in as Vice President of the 301st First Sergeants Council and constructed the first NCO Induction Ceremony for the 301st.

301st Fighter Wing Henry D. Green Award 2005

Master Sgt. Heather E. Schuhmacher Air Transportation Craftsman

73rd Aerial Port Squadron



Master Sgt. Schuhmacher's accomplishments:

Master Sgt. Schuhmacher adopted a Hurricane Katrina evacuee family of seven and provided clothing, food and monetary donations for them. She is a major promoter of the 301st Food Locker, the North Texas Food Bank, as well as Mission Arlington -- regularly providing donations and volunteering countless hours and assistance. Sergeant Schuhmacher participated in more than 25 hours with Cub Scout Pack 518 as a den leader on a multitude of projects. She also manages, edits, publishes and distributes the 73rd's newsletter "The Connection" to deployed members' families, and now to all 73rd members.

Disaster takes 701st volunteers to Louisiana

Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack Public Affairs

In August, Hurricane Katrina pummeled through the Southern Coastal area affecting lives and depleting resources, but also sparking an aura of generosity from many.

This spirit of giving caused a ripple effect throughout the country. It brought forth numerous celebrities, military members and civilians to offer their skills and resources to contribute to the rescue and restoration of New Orleans.

Numerous military agencies were called to provide troops to assist in rescue and clean up efforts. The 701st Medical Squadron heard more volunteer medical providers were needed.

When Captain William

Houston's physician assistant and medical readiness officer, heard of this opportunity, he didn't think twice about stepping up. After gaining approval from his civilian employer and support from his family, he submitted his request.

"I volunteered because I wanted to help out in some way with this catastrophe, and this was a great way to assist," said Captain Houston.

Given a week to put his affairs and bags in order for the thirty-day deployment, he said goodbye to his wife and eight year-old son. Capt. Houston, along with Col. Frank Zucconi, 701st Medical Squadron deputy commander, rented a car and drove to New Orleans to perform the mission they were called to do by profession

and honor.

"I feel it's the nature of public servants, such as the military, police, fire fighters and medical personnel, who desire to become involved with this type of situation," said Captain Houston.

**"It was like
something from
a Stephen King
novel, ..."**

--Capt. William
Houston, 701st
Medical Squadron

When they arrived at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, the 926th

Medical Squadron greeted them with a warm welcome. They were escorted to their staged living quarters at the Navy clinic, a large room lined with wall-to-wall cots.

"We had it pretty good," said Captain Houston. As many as 26 thousand troops supported this mission, most occupying one of the 220 tents. Some personnel slept outside for a time under the aircraft awnings until tent city was ready.

With little time to settle, the two doctors began rotating 12-hour shifts performing post deployment physicals on reservists as they departed New Orleans.

With barely enough time to

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(above) 301st members process through the deployment line in preparation to support an Aerospace Expeditionary Forces requirement. (Photo by Laura Dermarderosian-Smith, Public Affairs.)



(right) 301st Avionics Station Technician, Tech. Sgt. Chris, gets an unusual care package from the states. There's got to be more to this story than what the apron tells. (U.S. Air Force Photo.)



(left) A 301st member returns to a warm hug after an Aerospace Expeditionary Forces deployment. (Photo by Master Sgt. Ruth Lewis, Plans and Programs.)

(right) 457th Fighter Squadron pilot, Maj. Stephen, stops for a photo opportunity before heading to the flightline during his recent AEF deployment. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Drake, Life Support.)



(right) Cheri McGovern gets help from Noah (left) and Jill Peters (center) preparing a care package for deployed 73rd Aerial Port Squadron troops. At least a dozen family members joined forces Nov. 4 to help send the boxes filled with treats for the holiday season to more than 70 members. Deployed 73rd members are due to return in April 2006. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)





(left) Tech. Sgt. Barbara unfolds one of the more than 600 flags the Fighter Squadron has flown during their three month deployment. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Drake, 457th FS Life Support.) (right) Tech Sgt. Drake crosses the road in front of the Spad operations facility located in the Area of Respons-ibility. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Javier, 482nd Fighter Wing life support, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.)



Holidays were her time of year



Greenwood Cemetery, stories poured out about a mother, sister, comrade, and friend who made their holidays memorable with confetti-filled cards for every occasion or a small surprise planted on their desks. These were many of the memories shared for Sergeant Frank's years of service in the Air Force Reserve as well.

Comments about her career at the 301st were how she never let up and never gave up on anyone she watched over—whether it be for upgrade training, career develop-

ment course work, or for a promotion; she pushed people to their full potential.

The one image of Teri most people said they'll always remember is her smile. It was found everywhere: the family picnic children's booth, the flightline, formal events, and just down the hallway. Although she won't be there, some people will still hear her comment after a UTA, "This was fun, let's do it again next month, yeehaw!"

Master Sgt. Teri Ann Frank served

her country, active duty and Air Force Reserve, for over 30 years and loved every second of it. We'll miss you, but we'll never forget your smile!

Master Sgt. Teri Ann Frank's loss was felt as far away as Iraq. The inside panel of aircraft 553 is painted in her memory and flown by Lt. Col. Bruce, 457th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot. (Photo by Master Sgt. Victoria, 301st Maintenance Squadron.)

Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia

Public Affairs

Many 301st members will be missing a wing tradition this holiday season. Master Sgt. Teri Ann Frank passed away on her favorite holiday of the year, Halloween. This point was warmly recalled by one longtime friend, Master Sgt. Diana Brown, 301st Mission Support Squadron.

With hundreds of family and friends attending her funeral services Nov. 5 at



Vigilance during holidays should bring memories, not despair

Master Sgt. J. Douglas Quiroga

301st Fighter Wing Safety

The Yule season is here. This special time of the year brings happiness to children and adults alike. There is the Christmas tree magic and the warmth of the fireplace. The season also brings the joy of opening presents and the great taste of smoked turkeys and hams. It is a time for relaxation.

But the holiday season also brings a host of unseen dangers that can ruin the mood and happiness of the occasion. Planning ahead for safety can minimize or eliminate these dangers altogether. The following safety suggestions will help you ensure a safe holiday season.

For a live tree:

- ✦ Make sure the tree is fresh with no falling needles

- ✦ To keep the tree fresh, keep it in a bucket of water until you are ready to bring it inside the house

- ✦ It would be ideal to set the tree in a sturdy stand that can hold water

- ✦ Keep the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, gas or electric heaters and heat ducts.

- ✦ After the season, recycle or discard the tree – *never* burn it.

- ✦ If you are considering an artificial tree, ensure it's made of flame retardant material

For decorative lights:

- ✦ If you string lights together, don't string more than 200 midget or 50 larger bulbs through one string

- ✦ Don't connect more than three sets of lights on the same extension cord

- ✦ Keep cords and plugs away from the water in the tree stand

- ✦ Keep cords out of walkways to prevent tripping

- ✦ Don't run cords under carpets or rugs

- ✦ Take care not to pinch cords when placing them behind furniture

For fireplaces:

- ✦ Don't use your fireplace to burn wrapping materials; these can create toxic fumes or even a flash fire

- ✦ Use kindling or wood matches to light fires; not flammable liquids

- ✦ Keep flammable decorations away from the fireplace

- ✦ Don't close the chimney flue until the fire is completely out

- ✦ Make sure the fire is out before leaving the house or going to bed

- ✦ Dispose of ashes in a metal container and never in or near the house – cinders can easily start unnoticed fires.

For smoke detectors:

- ✦ Ensure smoke detectors are installed on each floor and outside each bedroom

- ✦ Don't place smoke detectors near or above the stove – false alarms are common in these areas

- ✦ Test the smoke detectors at least once a month and replace the batteries at least annually

- ✦ Have fire extinguishers available in several areas of your house.

- ✦ Have a safe and merry Christmas!



Chaplain's Corner

Blessings come in all sizes, learning from them gives us assurance

Chaplain (Capt.) Nate Powell

301st Fighter Wing Chaplain's Team

Although she was blinded at six weeks of age through improper medical treatment, Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 gospel songs in her lifetime of 95 years. Perhaps, her favorite song was "Blessed Assurance." How could someone speak of God's blessings this way, when it was God who allowed her to be blind? Sister Fanny could have such assurance because she learned how to see life through her Savior's eyes. Although she was blind physically, she had the light of life spiritually. When much of the world continues to walk by sight and not

by faith, can we still have God's blessed assurance in the midst of overwhelming circumstances?

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission—all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the*

*day long; this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

When faced with one of the many uncomfortable, and even tragic, situations that are sure to come our way, we must first place our faith totally in God because He is our refuge and strength. Life is very unpredictable, but we must still press our way through with God's help. God does not want us to give up or give in. He simply wants us to remain faithful and trust Him. Remember God had answers before we had questions. God had solutions before we ever had problems. Therefore, we can have His blessed assurance if we simply trust Him wholeheartedly!

Fighter Focus on...

Staff Sgt. Maude “Latrese” Aught



Hometown:
Alexandria, La.

Organization:
457th Fighter Squadron

301st member since:
May 2005

Position:
Aviation Resource Management
Specialist

Which means:
“I am an Operations Technician (Ops Tech) who assists in the management of the unit’s aircrew scheduling and training programs and procedures necessary for flying.”

When not at NAS JRB:
“I’m an Air Reserve Technician at the fighter squadron.”

The most rewarding aspect of my job:

“...is my high confidence and effectiveness in mission requirements that set the example and encourages others to follow.”

Favorite pastime/hobbies:
“I enjoy cooking, baking and collecting ‘whatnots’.”

Goals:
“My goal is to finish getting my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.”

BRAC closures, realignments begins

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Base Realignment and Closure Commission’s recommendations for reshaping the Defense Department’s infrastructure and force structure took effect Nov 9.

Congress allowed the commission recommendations to pass into law at the mandated Nov. 8 deadline.

The nine-member BRAC panel delivered its final report to President George Bush Sept. 8. He, in turn, sent it to Congress for legislative review Sept. 15. Congress had 45 legislative days — until Nov. 9 — to accept or reject the report in its entirety.

However, Congress was not authorized to make any changes to the final report.

By statute, the Defense Department now has until Sept. 15, 2007 — two years from the date the president sent Congress the BRAC commission’s final report — to begin closing and realigning the installations as called for in the report. The process must be completed by Sept. 15, 2011, DOD officials said.

The 2005 BRAC recommendations represent the most aggressive BRAC ever proposed, affecting more than 800 installations, officials said.

Pandemic flu Web site online

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Defense Department went “live” today with a Web site to help meet the objectives outlined in President George Bush’s national strategy for pandemic influenza.

The address is: [deployment link.osd.mil](http://deployment.link.osd.mil).

The site offers information about pandemic flu and avian flu. It has a section of frequently asked questions, a glossary of important terms and health-related information. The site also includes links to other federal government agencies, and more information will be added as it becomes available, officials said.

The site also has a section with information for servicemembers, such as the department’s role in dealing with avian

flu, the risks for servicemembers overseas and protective measures to take.

Wynne sworn in as 21st secretary

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFP) — Michael W. Wynne was sworn in today in front of 4,200 U.S. Air Force Academy cadets, during their noontime meal, as the 21st secretary of the Air Force.

In this role, he is responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, 160,000 civilians and their families.

As head of the Department of the Air Force, Secretary Wynne is responsible for its functioning and efficiency, the formulation of its policies and programs, and the timely implementation of decisions and instructions of the president of the United States and the secretary of defense.

Mr. Wynne replaces Pete Geren, who has served as the acting secretary of the Air Force since July 29.

Airmen should verify deployment credit

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Airmen not issued contingency, exercise or deployment orders should verify their personnel records include credit for those deployments.

A deployment is any temporary duty away from home station filling a validated combatant or component commander or supported major command requirement for forces in support of a named operation or exercise.

Airmen should ensure they received credit for these kind of deployments because, in some instances, units have deployed Airmen under Defense Department Form 1610s or NATO travel orders.

However, to receive deployment credit, Air Force Instruction 36-2134, Air Force Duty Status Program, requires

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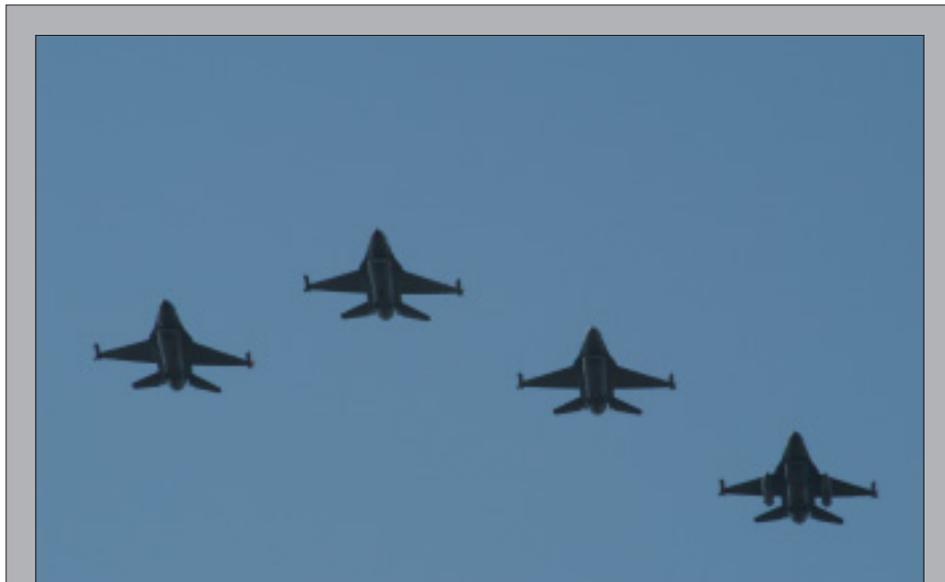
get accustomed to their new surroundings, another hurricane was predicted to hit the area. They were quickly diverted north and linked up with the 917th Medical Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, Texas, for a few days. On Sept. 24, Hurricane Rita tore her way through the surrounding coastal area. Once the weather began to clear, they were able to return to their temporary home.

These two medical personnel evaluated several cases of pneumonia and upper respiratory infections; a handful of members were referred to the psychiatric clinic to be counseled on the emotional trauma they experienced from handling the deceased; but the majority of patients examined were in great health despite their exposure risk during the mission explained Captain Houston.

“Fortunately, there were only a few water born illnesses due to the good field sanitation used,” Captain Houston said. People who worked in the contaminated water were issued a brand new set of boots when they left. This was to help keep anyone from carrying infected material back home.

Due to the nature of their assignment, their work came in segments and they were needed at the station on an on-call basis. During their downtime they worked alongside 926th MDS members at the Navy clinic.

Throughout their stay, Captain Houston took some time off to visit the demolished



Wings of freedom

A four-ship of F-16s from the 457th Fighter Squadron, about to execute a missing man formation, flies over over Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, Texas, for “A Tribute to Veterans” on Nov. 6. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Bill Goben, 10th AF, Public Affairs.)

city’s core, including the devastated Ninth Ward.

“It was like something from a Stephen King novel,” he said. The once bustling city was completely silent. Because of curfew, only officials were allowed in this area, leaving only a few cars or people around.

“It was such an uncanny feeling,” said Captain Houston. “But the most rewarding part of the tour was the people. It was so nice to experience the appreciation of the people in town. They were so happy

to see us here to help. If their restaurant was open and you were in uniform, you couldn’t pay for a meal.”

The tour ended and it was time to pack up and head home; home—a place that would be appreciated now more than ever before. After witnessing such things as a man carrying everything he owned in a duffle bag, the doctors feel it’ll now be easier to appreciate the simple things in life. For them, nothing will ever be taken for granted again.

Web tracks education progress

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Air Force reservists can now track their education progress, request transcripts and update personal education information on the Web.

Going through the Air Force Portal — and accessing the Virtual Education Center’s Web site at <https://afvec.langle.af.mil> — saves reservists time and money. Because now they will be able to perform some tasks previously done by their military personnel flight.



This transformation of customer service is the result of Air Force Reserve Command joining the active-duty Air Force Automated Education Management System.

Under the system, reserve education and training offices have access to the same services as the active-duty counterparts.

Unit reservists can learn more about the news system from wing education and training offices. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Updated 2005-2006 UTA schedule

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February	4-5	
March	4-5	18-19
April	1-2	
May	6-7	
June	3-4	10-11
July	8-9	
August	5-6	
September	9-10	16-17

E-exam schedule

Weekdays:

Tuesday - 1 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m.

“A” UTAs:

Saturday - 1 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m.

“B” UTA

Saturdays - 1 p.m.

If someone needs to test outside the above scheduled times, please call us at 817.782.6977. With a few hours notice, this office may accommodate same-day testing.

E-exam schedule

-When family status changes

- Update Wills and Power of Attorney
- V-red (Emergency Data Card)
- Finance office
- update family care

-When your address changes

- Update recall roster
- Update changes in Finance**
- Update changes in MPF and orders clerk**
- Update changes in vMPF

***If you have an address change, you must initiate this in finance as well as in personnel. Personnel's system will overwrite any update in the finance system and cancel out finance's change.*

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CED orders to update temporary duty, or TDY, histories in the Military Personnel Data System.

In the future, all Airmen who are not issued CED orders for eligible deployments should make every effort to notify their respective commander's support staff or servicing military personnel flight personnel readiness function before departure. If they cannot correct orders before leaving, they may do so after returning from the deployment.

For more information, call the personnel center's field activities office at DSN 665-2671 or commercial 210. 565.2671 or the 301st Mission Personnel Flight at 817.782.6871. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*

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a dozen F-16s from the Fort Worth, Hill and Homestead wings.

"I am extremely proud of the capabilities our reservists and aircraft bring to the fight in the Global War on Terrorism," said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, 10th Air Force commander. "Our Citizen Airmen are always ready and relevant in carrying out the missions assigned to them in support of national objectives."

Listening targeting pods increase the ability of the F-16s to deliver precision-guided

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munitions on target – day or night under all kinds of weather conditions.

"The advanced targeting pod gives the pilots a greater ability to track aerial targets and increases the accuracy and employment of weapons," said Maj. Kelly Elmore, 10th Air Force weapons and tactics officer. "In their primary role of close-air support, the pods greatly enhance what we do."

In addition, the F-16s use the theater aerial reconnaissance system pod, which provides near-time still imagery of target areas for operational planning.

Each fighter wing rotates people into Iraq and usually swaps them out every 45 days. This kind of troop movement provides seamless coverage during the 120-day rotation in Southwest Asia. *(AFRC News Service)*

PROMOTIONS, REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS

Promotions

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Aaron D. Anderson
Senior Airman David J. Tigges
Senior Airman Spencer A. Wight
Senior Airman Stephen Williams
Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Dambrosia
Tech. Sgt. Raymond G. Minhoto
Tech. Sgt. Bobby W. Powell

301 MXS

Senior Airman Tony J. Echavarria
Senior Airman David L.D. Jackson
Senior Airman Kyle F. McNett
Staff Sgt. Sergio D. Arrieta

701 MDS

Senior Airman Berthan S. Gandara
Staff Sgt. Jenell D. Hamilton
Master Sgt. Kacee K. Benford

73 APS

Senior Airman Theresa C. Pierce
Senior Airman Anthony B. Salas
Staff Sgt. Alfonso Gonzales
Staff Sgt. James M. Mulcady

301 LRS

Senior Airman Mark A. Rains
Tech. Sgt. Rachael A. Kiernan

457 FS

Senior Airman Benjamin L. Welch

301 FW

Tech. Sgt. Monica S. Collado

301 MSS

Tech. Sgt. Marc A. Rangel

610 RSG

Master Sgt. Joseph P. Leineke
Senior Master Sgt. Randy K. Hayes

301 CES

Senior Master Sgt. Roger A. Keye

Reenlistments

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Bryan J. Black
Tech. Sgt. Trent G. Moore

701 MDS

Staff Sgt. Paulette L. Coleman

301 LRS

Master Sgt. Armando G. Hernandez
Master Sgt. Larry L. Spain

610 RSG

Chief Master Sgt. Johnnie A. Castaneda

301 SVF

Staff Sgt. Graciela M. Vargas

301 MOF

Tech. Sgt. Adrian A. Reagan

301 FW

Senior Airman Ashley D. McDaniel

73 APS

Senior Airman Renee Y. Solis-Salcido

301 MXS

Tech. Sgt. Chari L. Petrie

Newcomers

301 AMXS

Staff Sgt. Daniel S. Boothe
Staff Sgt. Chadwick W. Lutz

301 MOF

Airman Tykeytra S. Carr
Master Sgt. Rebecca Hamilton

301 FW

Tech. Sgt. Esther Jean Davis

10 AF

Senior Master Sgt. Donald J. Morton
Lt. Col. Charles W. Eaton, II
Lt. Col. Michael J. Loida

301 MXS

Maj. Heath D. Fowler

610 RSG

Lt. Col. Marliese C. Haemmerle

610 SFS

Airman Sharhonda S. Hawkins
Senior Airman Justin Anthony Marcum

301 SFS

Senior Airman Veronica Rodriguez

701 MDS

Capt. Deana M. Visciotti