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## NEWS BRIEFS

### AF survey begins

Climate survey can be accessed, from work or at home, now through Nov. 23 at <https://afclimate.survey.af.mil>.

### Civilian pay now tracked on MyPay

The web site for Smart Docs has been integrated with MyPay. Civilian and military pay can be tracked at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

### Honor Guard banquet set

301st Honor Guard banquet will be Nov. 4 at the Desert Storm Conference Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any honor guard member or by calling 817.782.3849.

### Angel Tree begins in December

Family Support will be putting up this year's Angel Tree before the Dec. UTA in the 301st Fighter Wing Headquarters building. Wrapped gifts will be distributed by the First Sgts. after Dec. 4. For more details, or to submit a family for the Angel Tree, call Jay Evans at 817.782.7435.

Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia

Public Affairs

**E**ngines roaring, the crew chief motions "444" into place under the sunlit canopy. With a few adjustments, the aircraft inches up to rest at the edge of the red painted semicircle on the Tarmac. The chocks are positioned around the wheels and a thumbs up to the pilot lets him know he's home safe and sound.

Col. Bill Schauffert, F-16 pilot and 301st Fighter Wing vice commander, took pride in bringing home one of the wing's F-16C+s which had been in depot at Hill AFB, Utah, for more than three years.

"The flight back here to Texas from Hill AFB went quite smoothly," said Colonel Schauffert. "In spite of the fact that the aft section of the jet now consists of US Navy F-16 parts, the jet handled as perfectly as it looks. The Spads are happy to have her home."

Back in March 2002, Senior Master Sgt. Klaus Winter, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was on duty working as an expeditor on the wing's flightline.

"I was standing on the opposite side of the jet from

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### Good as new

Senior Master Sgt. Klaus Winter, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron expeditor, shows Col. Bill "Sureshot" Schauffert, 301st Fighter Wing vice commander, an area where the fuel tank ruptured more than three years earlier causing structural damage on aircraft 444. The depot at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, where the jet was repaired, is home to the 649th Combat Logistics Support Squadron--experts who specialize in crash damage repairs that are beyond the limits of other units. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

**Holiday message****Thank you for your extreme sacrifices****Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley**

Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

**WASHINGTON** – As the holiday season and another year approach, let us take time to consider what is really important – family and friends.

During this time of year, we tend to hold our families a little closer, realizing that what we take for granted can change in an instant. We need to remember our

friends who have endured great sacrifices or those who have suffered great loss on the Gulf Coast.

It is your realization of what is important, coupled with your dedication to duty, that enables you to serve our great nation so well. You know the price of freedom and you are willing to pay it.

I salute those who have deployed in harm's way and supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as those who have worked so hard to assist with hurricane rescue and relief.



As in the past, we face new challenges in 2006 – aircraft conversions, participation in air and space expeditionary force deployments and mission changes, to name a few. I am confident you will once again

do our country proud.

Jan and I wish you and yours happy holidays and a safe, joyous New Year. We are proud of you and what you do for America. (*AFRC News Service*)

**Person on the street...****What have you done in support of the hurricane evacuees?**

**Senior Master Sgt.  
Steven Baker  
457th First Sergeant**

I donated to the Red Cross. With 301st Services support, I donated MREs to weather services in the gulf region area.



**Senior Airman  
Jamie Futrell  
Safety**

I supported my church in providing food, shelter and furniture.



**Tech. Sgt.  
Drake Brown  
Life Support**

I made donations to the American Red Cross.



**Master Sgt.  
Tracy Kukawka  
Command Section**

I donated through my job at WalMart and with donation boxes at my church.

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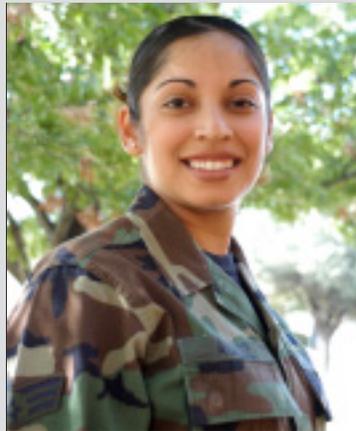
## 301st Fighter Wing

Airman of the Quarter  
July to Sept. 2005

**Senior Airman  
Marcela Avaloz**

**Traffic Management  
Journeyman**

301st Logistic Readiness  
Squadron



### Senior Airman Avaloz's accomplishments:

Senior Airman Avaloz recently volunteered to support Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, for 60 days where she shipped and processed more than 100 tons of support equipment. Airman Avaloz is also the training monitor for the Traffic Management Officer, TMO database recall roster and continuity binder monitor. She received an AF Commendation Medal for her performance during the 2004 Operational Readiness Inspection. Airman Avaloz is also an asset to her community — she's an active volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club and the women's night shelter. She strives to attain new experiences while seeking the opportunity to help others.

## 301st Fighter Wing

NCO of the Quarter  
July to Sept. 2005

**Tech. Sgt. Barbara L.  
Therrien**

**NCOIC Information  
Management**

457th Fighter Squadron



### Tech. Sgt. Therrien's accomplishments:

Tech. Sgt. Therrien directly improved the 457th Fighter Squadron's combat capability, ensuring daily operations ran smooth and effectively. The wing's Information Management functional manager lauded her by benchmarking her squadron programs and using them as other units' models. She built a master file plan from scratch establishing file plans for six other work centers and set a new standard for the entire wing to follow. Sergeant Therrien stood in as First Sergeant when the role was left critically vacant. She also volunteers her time to mentor high school students through a program called "Operation Meet a Hero."

## 301st Fighter Wing

SNCO of the Quarter  
July to Sept. 2005

**Master Sgt. Bryce A.  
Hardin**

**Air Transportation  
Craftsman**

73rd Aerial Port Squadron



### Master Sgt. Hardin's accomplishments:

Master Sgt. Hardin led multi-service teams to NAS JRB New Orleans, La., and Dobbins ARB, Ga., where he managed the upload and downloading of 42 C-130 and 22 KC-135 aircraft. He planned and led a 21-person team on a deployment to Dobbins ARB, and led a nine-member team in support of Red Flag '05. Sergeant Hardin completely overhauled the unit's newcomer training process reducing the training time by nearly one third. He was also selected as the 301st Honor Guardsman of the Month, May 2005. He excels in his civilian profession as a Fort Worth police officer and devotes himself to the welfare of those less fortunate.



Master Sgt. David Arsement, a 301st maintenance technician, works on new lyrics during off-duty time. A talented musician and songwriter since childhood, Sergeant Arsement has published enough tunes to fill several albums. He hopes to someday have his work performed by famous artists. (Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Chris Lohring)

## Maintenance tech works on music legacy

**Capt. Clay Sanford**  
Public Affairs

Love of family, country, and music inspired a 301st Fighter Wing reservist to transform life experiences into lyrics.

Master Sgt. David Arsement, a longtime 301st Fighter Wing maintenance specialist and Air Reserve Technician, is an expert at

fixing F-16s in phase doc, and, in his spare time, equally adept at turning words into songs.

Growing up in the southern, “Urban Cowboy” atmosphere of Highlands, Texas (near Houston), Sergeant Arsement has had a knack for making music since he was a child.

“We had a big family — four brothers and two sisters — and there was always music at my house — constantly somebody sitting around

strumming a guitar or listening to the radio,” Sergeant Arsement warmly recalled.

“My older brother played guitar and sang when I was a teenager, and I always admired him for that. I have memories of my dad singing in the smaller clubs around Pasadena and Baytown. Even a friend next door was musical and taught me how to play.”

Still in high school and in the early stages of learning music, Sergeant Arsement began to write his own songs along with his brother, who had encouraged him to take up his passionate hobby that has flourished for nearly thirty years.

Many of Sergeant Arsement’s songs have been published and

professionally recorded. He has produced several discs with both a country and — what the music industry might label — a “religious” theme, although Sergeant Arsement doesn’t call it that.

“I don’t like to call myself religious,” he said. “Spiritual is more like it; I couldn’t write without my beliefs.”

His wife, who is equally spiritual, and who Sergeant Arsement admiringly calls his best friend, has inspired many of his songs as well. He is quick to admit that almost every element of his life has had some kind of influence on his collection. By now, he has written enough songs to easily fill several albums.

“Most of my country-flavored songs come from my childhood memories, and most of my love songs come from my wife,” he added. “I have written a song with each of my family members in mind.”

Like most songwriters,

Sergeant Arsement would like for at least some of his work to become famous, but even when he gets optimistic about a run on the big time, this definitive family man still thinks about the impact this prospect would have on his children.

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“I want to get these produced mainly for my kids — kind of a legacy — something to leave behind,” he

confirmed.

A strong work ethic, a patriotic attitude, and an undying respect for war veterans all find places in Sergeant Arsement’s compositions. One of his songs, *Rusted Wheelchair*, speaks of his brother who was shot down in Vietnam — three times.

No stranger to deployments, or to desert uniforms, his twenty-year military career at the 301st Fighter Wing has had an undeniable impact on his musical artwork and provides a basis for his successful outlook about where his songs might take him someday.

“The dedication and commitment of the people in the 301st is outstanding. I look at the great leaders here, and if I can just stick to my commitment to music the way my fellow reservists stick to their commitment of serving their country — I know something good will happen.”



## Fighter Focus on...

### Senior Airman Michael Evans



**Hometown:**  
Orange, Texas

**Organization:**  
301st Aerospace Medicine  
Squadron

**301st member since:**  
January 2003

**Position:**  
Aerospace Medical Apprentice

**Which means:**  
“I am a registered emergency medical technician (EMT) trained to perform life saving emergency care and to train others to care for those in need.”

**When not at NAS JRB:**  
“I help my brother run a plumbing company.”

**The most rewarding aspect of my job:**  
“...is knowing I have gained the knowledge to help others instead of standing by in a bad situation; teaching others skills to stay alive and looking out for their fellow Airmen.”

**Favorite pastime/hobbies:**  
“I love to ride my Honda -- it's a great way to relax and unwind.”

**Goals:**  
“My goals are to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and hopefully get a commission; I plan to retire from the Air Force.”

## Annual CFC kicks off

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Following the record-setting campaign of a year ago, the nation's largest workplace charity campaign is under way for both overseas and U.S. military installations.

The 301st Fighter Wing's 2005-2006 Combined Federal Campaign runs from Oct. 17 to Nov. 14, 2005. The overseas CFC campaign will be conducted for six consecutive weeks at a designated period between Oct. 1 and Dec. 15.

CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This annual fall fund-raising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and servicemembers to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and servicemembers reached into their pockets to donate a record \$257 million to CFC. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from CFC charities this year, CFC officials said. Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card.

Group CFC project officers are: **Senior Master Sgt. Ronnie Elmore-MXG, Dave Flurry-MSG, Mr. Roy Queretaro-OG, and Maj. John Moyer-FW.** Call 817.782.6875 for more information, or visit the CFC Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

## Support our troops during the holidays

With the holidays approaching, thousands of Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

Below are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas. While it would be inappropriate for the Department of Defense to endorse any specifically, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of

support:

✔ Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org/>.

✔ Send a greeting via email through Operation Dear Abby at <http://any.servicemember.navy.mil/> or [www.OperationDearAbby.net](http://www.OperationDearAbby.net).

✔ Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>.

✔ Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

✔ Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org/>; Navy/Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrrs.org/>; Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org/>; Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at <http://www.cgmahq.org/>.

✔ Donate to “Operation USO Care Package” at <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html>.

✔ Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at [http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/0,1082,0\\_321\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/0,1082,0_321_,00.html).

✔ Volunteer at a VA hospital to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

✔ Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

✔ Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Please do not flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, DoD cannot accept items to be mailed to “Any Servicemember.” Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address, which, however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of many servicemembers deployed overseas. For more details call Public Affairs at 817.782.7170. (DoD News Release No. 623-02)

# Hurricane brings out members' best

**Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey**

Public Affairs

The effects of Hurricane Katrina touched the lives of Americans in every state causing a massive surge in charitable events.

One local event included Master Sgt. Beverlin Smith, NCOIC 301st Financial Management customer service. She worked with the Lake Como Area Council where they provided food, clothing, and shelter to several groups of evacuees.

"The council normally helps with finding people temporary residences, but when the hurricane hit, it prompted them to do even more," Sergeant Smith said. "A friend of mine told me of their efforts

and I knew I had to get involved—I'm so glad I did because it was extremely rewarding."

Nearly 200 people volunteered to arrange housing, gather and distribute clothing, and prepare and serve food to the evacuees. "I primarily worked with gathering and sorting of the clothes that came in. We had a large number of people to give [contributions] so it took quite a while to organize the donations, but once it was done, the recipients were very thankful for everything being done for them," Sergeant Smith explained.

As a single parent, Sergeant Smith indicated one of her motives in helping was that this situation could

happen to anyone. "We take so many things for granted. I thought for a moment, 'What if it was my son and I coming off of that bus with no home, no possessions – nothing?' Basically, I wanted to be there for them just like I would want someone to be there for me."

Another example of support includes Tech. Sgt. Larry Jefferson, 301st Logistics Readiness Squadron's supply, who has been highly involved with the Dallas Recovery Center, which included state and federal agencies designed to assist evacuees into the surrounding areas.

As a Texas Workforce Commission specialist, the Air Force reservist has been

working 12-14 hour days. He helps evacuees by assisting them with filing for unemployment benefits, preparing job resumes, and in giving one-on-one counseling sessions to help with personal issues.

"The work we have done here is extremely essential in helping to restore the lives of the evacuees," Sergeant Jefferson said. "I am so glad to be able to do something with my job that is making a difference in so many people's lives."

According to Sergeant Jefferson, the work at the Dallas Recovery Center is scheduled to continue through December and has made, to date, more than 4,000 job search inquiries.



*from the First Sergeant's desk*

## Veterans Day (formerly Armistice Day) carries history

**Master Sgt. Sean Gouge**

301st Military Operations Flight  
First Sergeant

November 11, is the anniversary of the Armistice which was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I after four years of conflict.

At 5 a.m. on Monday, November 11, 1918, the Germans signed the Armistice -- an order was issued for all firing to cease, ending hostilities of World War I. This day began with the laying down of arms, and continued with whistle blowing, impromptu parades, and business closings. All over the globe there were many demonstrations -- undoubtedly, the world had never witnessed such rejoicing.

Instead of an Armistice Day program in Emporia, Kansas, November 11, 1953, there was a Veterans Day observance. Representative, D-Kan., Ed Rees, was so impressed he introduced a bill into the House to change the name to Veterans' Day nationwide.

After this passed, Rep. Rees wrote to all state governors and asked for their approval and cooperation in observing the changed holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day by act of Congress on May 24, 1954.

President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly. The President referred to the name change to Veterans Day in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

So, who is a veteran?

He's the retiree wearing the Vietnam ball cap at the base exchange; she's the school teacher who served four years prior to college; he graduated basic training last week; she's a mom deployed to Iraq. Thank a veteran who has gone before you. Without them, we would not have a country to serve today.

For veterans benefits information visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov); for a list of Texas veterans organizations, see [www.tvc.state.tx.us/VetOrgn.htm](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/VetOrgn.htm). (Excerpts from this article were obtained from [www.patriotism.org](http://www.patriotism.org).)

## Don't leave home without it...

Too many drinks mixed with driving can be a costly mistake on the pocket book and on a military career.

DFW Yellow Cab service has made getting home safely possible for our military members. This holiday season make sure you have this information with you.

### Yellow Cab Service

Fort Worth 817.534.5555

Dallas 214.426.6262



If you are in doubt of your ability to drive, call Yellow Cab for service. If you can't afford the bill, it will

be charged to MWR and you can pay later. To receive this service, you will need to show the cab driver your military I.D. and social security number. Restricted to a 50-mile radius from the DFW area.



## E-exam schedule

### Weekdays:

Tuesday - 1 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m.

### “A” UTAs:

Saturday - 1 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m.

Sunday - 1 p.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. (\*Additional EOC testing)

## UTA Reminders

### -When family status changes

--Update Wills and  
Power of Attorney

--V-red (Emergency  
Data Card)

--Finance office

### -When your address changes

--Update recall roster

--Update changes in  
Finance

--Update changes in  
MPF and orders clerk

--Update changes in  
vMPF

## Two address changes

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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[Senior Master Sgt.] Tommy Shelton,” said Sergeant Winter. “He was refueling trip-4 at the time. All of a sudden, I heard a loud crack.” The aft fuel tank on the left side had ruptured from over-pressurization requiring the jet to undergo major reconstruction due to the structural damage.

“Fuel was spewing everywhere, shooting as high as the tail-section. I immediately got on the radio and hollered, ‘I need everybody out here. We got a fuel spill.’”

The fuel spill’s smooth recovery was a joint effort, to say the least. From the maintainers to the base fire department, they cleaned the area of any evidence of fuel.

Next achievement was getting the jet back in flying condition. Thanks to the expertise of the 649th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and a decommissioned Navy F-16, this would be possible.

“We split the aircraft from the 373 bulkhead (roughly the rear third of the damaged jet),” said Master Sgt. Clint Wyrick, 649th CLSS’s lead production superintendent, “and took the same section off the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center aircraft and spliced them together to make one good aircraft.”

The 120-member crew worked steadily for more than 17 months. With numerous modifications, the aircraft achieved Code 1 condition (zero discrepancies) while costing only 20 percent of the jet’s replacement price. Triple 4 was ready to come home.

*(Portions of this article were contributed by Hilltop Times, Hill AFB, Utah.)*

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## TO THE FAMILY OF

## OPSEC tip of the month -

Complacency is the greatest threat to our Airmen.

### Pilot for a day

Tech. Sgt. Wilburn Battles, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief (left), and Maj. Stephen Nelson, 457th Fighter Squadron pilot (right), give on-the-job training for crew chief-pilot preflight checks on the F-16 to the 301st Fighter Wing’s newest pilot. “Sooner” is the third child inducted into the wing’s Pilot of the Day program. The program, started by the 301st Maintenance Group, is designed to provide critically ill children with a day full of wonderful memories to help sustain them through the bad moments associated with their illness. *(Photo by Laura Dermarderosian-Smith).*



## PROMOTIONS, REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS

### Promotions

#### 301 AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Kyle E. Hutchison

#### 301 LRS

Master Sgt. Kevin B. Humphrey

#### 610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Blankenship

Tech. Sgt. Bobby T. Heath

#### 301 MXS

Tech. Sgt. Cullen W. Rabel

### Reenlistments

#### 301 MXS

Senior Airman Michael B. Smith

Staff Sgt. Kimberly A. Webb

Tech. Sgt. James C. Dickerman

Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Goldsby

#### 301 FW

Tech. Sgt. DeLeonard Fincher

Master Sgt. Tracy L. Kukawka

#### 301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Spencer A. Wight

Staff Sgt. Alex R. Valenzuela

#### 601 SFS

Senior Airman Brett M. Bouyer

Tech. Sgt. Cameron B. Vestal

#### 457 FS

Tech. Sgt. Marcus L. Collier

### Newcomers

#### 301 AMDS

Staff Sgt. Heidi I. Venable

Maj. Joel T. Irhead

#### 301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Aaron M. Black

Airman 1st Class Bryan J. Black

Senior Airman David J. Cruz

Staff Sgt. Joshua P. Crary

Staff Sgt. Ritchie R. Heyne

#### 301 CES

Master Sgt. Joseph P. Canady

#### 301 MSS

Staff Sgt. Marc Anthony Rangel

Staff Sgt. Mary E. Staffeld

#### 301 MXS

Airman Basic Monique N. Briscoe

Staff Sgt. Paul Wilcox

Maj. Heath D. Fowler

#### 10 AF

Lt. Col. Charles W. Eaton, II

#### 73 APS

Airman 1st Class Derick J. Carver

Senior Airman Linda K. Benford

#### 610 RSG

Lt. Col. Marliese C. Haemmerle

#### 610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Eloy F. Tober

#### 810 CEF

Master Sgt. Keith O. Guess