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NEWS BRIEFS

Religious services offered around unit

The 301st Fighter Wing's Chaplain Team is now conducting worship services at three different locations each Sunday of the 'A' UTA. The schedule is:

7:30 to 8 a.m. - Aerial Port Squadron, Bldg. 1615

11:30 to noon - Wing Auditorium, Bldg. 1654

3 to 3:30 p.m. - 701st Medical Squadron's Conference Room, Bldg. 1780

Blood needed

The Carter Blood Mobile will be at the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron's Bldg. 1615, Sat., Mar. 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed! For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michele Ozuna at 817.782.5389.

Online tax prep free for military

TurboTax offers military free tax preparation and e-filing. Enter the site at www.statetaxfreedom.com; click on "Am I eligible?" If you've already started a tax return with Turbo Tax, go through this site; after it states you're qualified, log in normally and it takes the charges off!

You can also call Lt. Col. Jay Evans, our 301st Fighter Wing tax center rep., at 817.782.6051/2 during UTA weekends.



Pint-sized water spout

This little "white tornado" is a common phenomenon, making its frequent appearance in front of the F-16 intake during humid or wet weather. The intake suction always produces this vortex, but the moisture in the air or on the surface makes it visible.

As harmless as it seems, it is a reminder that severe weather season is upon us! March 6 through 12 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. See page eight for details and some tornado safety tips. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

Wing homepage gets new face-lift

Staff Sgt. Eddie Martin

301st Communications Flight

The 301st Fighter Wing web site has been *completely* redesigned and is published for view-

ing. "This project deserves a big thanks to your Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and some "very talented people" like Chief Master Sgt. Brad Scott, Master Sgt. Johnny Sampson, Staff Sgt. Eddie Martin, Jim Wruck and Dan

Tipton," said Col. Craig Gourley, 301st Fighter Wing vice commander.

Our HRDC goal was to provide

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Taking initiative for our future

Brig. Gen. Neil A. Rohan
301st Fighter Wing
Commander

Future Total Force (FTF)...Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)... Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)... you read and hear these buzzwords more and more each day. These three initiatives will have a profound effect on our future Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. Indeed, they have the potential to radically change the way we do business here in the 301st Fighter Wing. Let's look at them one at a time.

FTF has been making the Air Staff rounds since 1997. In its initial form, this study raised the possibility of regularly assigning elements of the Air Reserve Components (the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve) to active duty fighter wings—as well as putting active duty associate units in Guard and Reserve wings. The original impetus for the study was the pilot shortage in the nineties.

The active duty was short almost 1,400 pilots in 1999 and shortages of up to 2000 pilots were projected down the road. Then 9/11 happened and everything changed. Instead of hiring, airlines began furloughing. The Air Force's pilot exodus stopped. Many airlines are now fighting for their lives in bankruptcy courts.

So, we no longer needed FTF, right? Wrong. FTF is alive and well; the reason is that today's Air Force faces the challenges of a shrinking budget, aging aircraft fleet, and new and emerging missions. New aircraft like the F/A-22 and F-35 will not replace the existing fleets of F-16s and F-15s on a one-for-one basis. Fewer cockpits mean either a new mission for units retiring their aircraft—or sharing cockpits with active duty units.

The first of six new FTF test initiatives was announced in December. One of these affects the Reserve 419th Fighter Wing, which will become an Associate Unit of the active duty 388th Fighter Wing at Hill. The 419th pilots will fly active duty Block-50s; their Block-30 F-16s could be programmed for redistribution to existing Reserve fighter wings; how many and when are still being discussed.

A similar associate initiative involves the Virginia Air National Guard's 192nd Fighter Wing and the active Air Force's 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base in their transition to the F/A-22. FTF has many more initiatives than just these six. Expect the entire FTF plan to be released next year.

QDR is an in-depth look at U.S. strategy, forces and policies conducted by DoD every four years to ensure each

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— Brigadier General Neil A. Rohan, 301st Fighter Wing Commander



service has the right mix of people, skill-sets and capabilities to meet current and future challenges to national security. The next report is due to Congress January 2006.

QDR decisions help shape our force structure. For example, General John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, believes the Air Force needs 381 F/A-22s. OSD analysts think the number should be around 180 aircraft. The QDR will help sort this out.

Ultimately, the number of active duty and ARC fighter wings, as well as the scope of the FTF initiatives, will be affected by QDR decisions.

Finally, there is BRAC. BRAC is essentially an excess-infrastructure drill. It's tied into QDR because the resultant infrastructure must effectively support the projected missions and force structure which QDR mandates; FTF will have to flex accordingly.

The 301st has been affected by BRAC in the past. The 1993 BRAC commission closed NAS Dallas, moved their aircraft and

support organizations to Carswell ARS, and renamed the new base NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base.

BRAC 2005 is a work in progress. In March 2005, the BRAC commission members will be named. In May 2005, the Secretary of Defense will submit his list of recommended base closures/realignments to the commission. In September 2005, the commission will forward their recommendations to the President. You can see this is a fast moving train.

So, the question on everyone's mind is this: what's going to happen to the 301st? I wish I knew the answer, but realistically, no one does ... yet.

In the days and weeks to come, you'll read articles in the newspaper and see news reports on television about these three processes, both positive and negative. My advice? Keep your eye on the ball and continue doing your job to the best of your abilities. Do that, and the future will take care of itself.

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Deadline for unsolicited submissions is close of business Monday after the "A" schedule unit training assembly.

Articles should be typed, single-spaced, and, if possible, submitted via email to the public affairs office at 301fw.pa@carswell.af.mil. For more information, call the 301st Fighter Wing public affairs office at 817.782.7170.

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301st personnel with a site which is easy to use and provides “one stop shopping” on a wide range of frequently needed information added Col. Gourley.

Some information links listed include: myPay, RCPHA and locally provided 301st FW services. The *Fighter Line*, UTA Schedule, local news and weather and Outlook Web Access are also available.

Users should pay attention to the “Hot Items” link. When this link is on “fire”, new or updated information has been added from the wing or wing agencies.

Users can only access the web site from a military network. This means unless you use remote access, you will not be able to access the site from home.

Experience the new design at <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/301fw/> or log on to any 301st Fighter Wing computer by opening Internet Explorer.

Ready, set, exercise

ARE you prepared for another

Chuck Stewart

Readiness Flight Chief

In keeping with our ‘ready at a moment’s notice’ requirement, the Full Spectrum Threat Response (FSTR) Attack Response Exercise (ARE) is scheduled for Apr. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Goals for the ARE, a 15-month requirement per AFI 10-2501, include command and control, task completion while wearing the chemical ensemble and buddy care. Be prepared to react to alarm conditions and Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) levels.

The ARE provides an opportunity to complete some readiness Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) items for your Task Qualification Training (TQT). A UCI team will review your task completion documentation which shows your ability to perform your duties while

encumbered in chemical gear (MOPP 4).

TQT is documented by annotating task completed and date in your On-the-Job-Training folder, AF Form 623, or, for officers and those not required to have an AF Form 623, a memo for record. Exercise participation doesn’t count toward Refresher Nuclear Biological Chemical (NBC) training.

Everyone is required to be in MOPP 2 no later than 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Apr. 17.

Sand-bagging or bunker building is currently not on the schedule unless the unit decides to do so or selects this as a specific wartime task.

Unit supervisors should identify TQT tasks their

subordinates will perform during this exercise. If these tasks are not found in your TQT, look for the training plan located in the Master Task Listing and select a task to complete when in MOPP 4.

The current plan calls for two attacks resulting in Black/MOPP 4 not lasting more than an hour each. During these attacks, some UXOs, as well as marked M-8 paper, will be placed for sweep team detection.

Six facilities have been selected to actually report and be manned by sweep teams and facility monitors. Although we normally have five sectors reporting NBC hazard results, only one sector will actually report and be required to sweep the sector.

An Exercise Evaluation Team (EET), composed of section supervisors, has been assigned to assist and train.

Safety is enforced and evaluated. We don’t want anyone injured or any equipment damaged. Don’t freelance by adding to the scenario unless the EET chief, Col. William Schauffert, 301st Fighter Wing, Inspector General, has approved the event. Document, document, document; the UCI team will look at your internal training records.

Mask inspections and accountability are big items for the UCI. Since staff assistance visits have identified some deficiencies in these areas, all UCI members will have a checklist directing them to look at all gas masks. After the ARE, everyone should ensure their mask is serviceable and stored correctly.

For more details, call your unit FSTR representative or the Readiness Flight at 817.782.7553.



The WeatherPack 2000, a portable weather station, stands nine feet tall and weighs only 60 pounds. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

Technology turns tubular

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

The 301st Fighter Wing literally has its head in the clouds with the recent purchase of the WeatherPack 2000.

The turn of the century weather forecasting equipment, a long-awaited wish-list purchase, is a welcomed addition for wing readiness personnel.

The \$12,000 portable weather station now allows for vital instant weather information when wing personnel are involved in hazardous material (HAZMAT) issues, or in preparing for wartime scenarios, and when necessary, provides information during aircraft accident situations.

“The WeatherPack 2000 is a great asset to our inventory and now gives us the edge in weather forecasting. This equipment saves time, man-hours, and most importantly, it can help save lives,” said Master Sgt. Joel Cherry, 301st FW readiness superintendent.

Noted for its ability to

measure air temperature, and the speed, direction and stability class of the wind, the WeatherPack 2000 makes the former way of calling weather stations for data completely obsolete.

“The unit can measure barometric pressure and relative humidity,” explained Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hammond, NCOIC readiness flight. “The information we get can be sampled every two seconds and then computed into a five-minute average. We can literally receive updated lines of weather data every 30 seconds.”

The unit also has the flexibility to work in line with on-site computers incorporating weather information with important readiness plotting software.

“This is a very important aspect in that it provides us with critical data during short-notice situations—when a crisis occurs, we need the information right away—the WeatherPack 2000 does just that,” said Sergeant Cherry.

According to officials, the unit is basic and simple.

Depicting what some say is a windmill-looking device, it’s nine feet tall and weighs about 60 pounds.

“It takes us about two minutes to set it up, and when placed in an open area, its range is about seven miles,” explained Sergeant Cherry. The unit is also suitable for portable use when mounted on a van or a portable tower.

Most recently, the WeatherPack 2000 was used during a hydrazine maintenance response action. “The unit did exactly what it was designed to do—making our jobs easier to accomplish and safer,” Sergeant Cherry said.



Chuck Stewart, 301st Readiness Flight chief, steadied the top half of the WeatherPack 2000 as Master Sgt. Joel Cherry, Readiness superintendent, attached the base. This \$12K equipment piece can give instantaneous weather readings for hundreds of chemical components

Preparing for the future

Put your heart into your fitness training

You know, when it gets right down to it, success in this life is more about how we react to life's events rather than the events themselves. It's very easy to get caught up in the moment and miss the bigger picture if you don't realize there is a bigger picture. I'll give you one example: "Fit to Fight."

For almost a year now we've been digesting the thought of "Fit to Fight." We are slowly progressing to the point where our reserve personnel will be tested on their personal physical fitness. There should be no person in our ranks who does not understand what is expected in terms of personal performance. However, minimal preparation for the upcoming event will yield minimal results. Preparing the week before your next test will only leave you sore the week after your next test. There's still time to change that course.

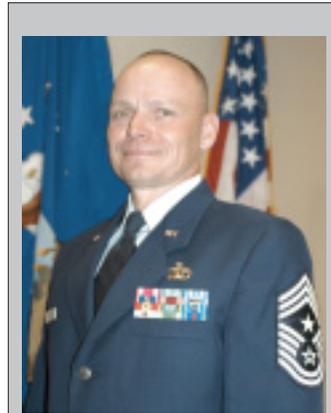
There may still be some members asking themselves why this program is so important. I offer those

members simple answers to this simple question and a glimpse at the bigger picture. **"Your life depends on it."**

This program is about improving the quality of your life in peacetime and about improving your ability to survive in wartime. It's no more complicated than those two items.

The expeditionary nature of our transforming Air Force means the majority of us could, and most likely will, see a deployment sometime in our future. The stressors associated with a deployment are emotional, financial, mental, spiritual and physical. Much like we should prepare our families for that deployment event in any way possible, our bodies, minds and spirits deserve the same level of preparation. Simply by obtaining a higher level of fitness we can greatly influence the areas of spiritual and emotional endurance. In simple words, "your mind works better when your body works better."

In terms of physical fitness,



**Chief Master Sgt.
Bradley Scott**
301st Fighter Wing
Command Chief Master Sergeant

our active duty brothers and sisters are vigorously perusing a path to better health. Two reasons for this may be that they are given the time to prepare themselves and the enthusiasm for the program is contagious on active duty bases. Perhaps, it's because they will be the first to see the effects that poor fitness scores

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Locate past relations

The Air Force Worldwide Locator handles official and unofficial requests to locate Air Force Personnel and Civilians.

The AF Worldwide Locator only has location information on individuals who are currently receiving compensation from the USAF to include Guard, Reserve and Retirees. Air Force Civil Service personnel can be located only if they are still working for the Air Force. The locator handles on average nearly 5,000 official requests and more than 1,200 unofficial requests each month.

Official requests are received from any government agency and the Department of Defense. All other requests are considered unofficial in nature.

For unofficial requests, the individual writes a letter to the person they are trying to contact, seals it and applies postage. The letter is put in a separate envelope with a description of the individual they are trying to contact. Private individuals or companies must include a money order for \$3.50 per DoD policy. Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and retired military personnel, immediate family members and government (federal and state) are exempt from the fee.

The Air Force Worldwide Locator will confirm if they find the individual and then forward the letter to them.

For more information, call DSN 665.2660 or Cmc1: 210.565.2660 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST or visit website <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/IM/AFLocator&FOIA/afwwloc.htm>. You can also write to:

HQ AFPC/DPDXIDL
550 C. St. West Ste. 50
Randolph AFB TX
78150-4752



Matthew McConaughey

Reach for the stars Actor visits NAS JRB to say 'thank you'

Matthew McConaughey will stop off in Dallas while on a cross-country road trip promoting his upcoming movie. He will make a personal visit to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth to thank the men and women for their continuing contributions and efforts during these exceptional times.

He'll arrive in Hangar 1049

Mar. 11 and stay from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. He will sign autographs and may be available for a few photos. This event is open to all base personnel (military and civilians) and their families, but *not* the general public.

For more information, call Don Ray, Navy Public Affairs, at 817.782.7815.

CANCELLED



Short snorts

Tech. Sgt. Troy Luety, 73rd Aerial Port Squadron air transportation craftsman, steadies himself for his recent flu inoculation. This year's flu vaccine supply was in mist form and applied through the nose. Unless the recipient was over 50, then the member received the traditional needle application. Vaccinations were in short supply this flu season and were not considered mandatory for military members until the supply was reestablished in January. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)



Land cruiser

Speeds approaching 400 mph combined with 20-foot flames and billowing smoke can be seen from the *Above & Beyond*, the Air Force Reserve's Jet Car. Show officials have lined up other demonstration teams, numerous static aircraft displays, military hardware, vehicle displays and family activities, along with a variety of food and souvenir vendors to round out two full days of fun and excitement. (Courtesy photo)



Top three

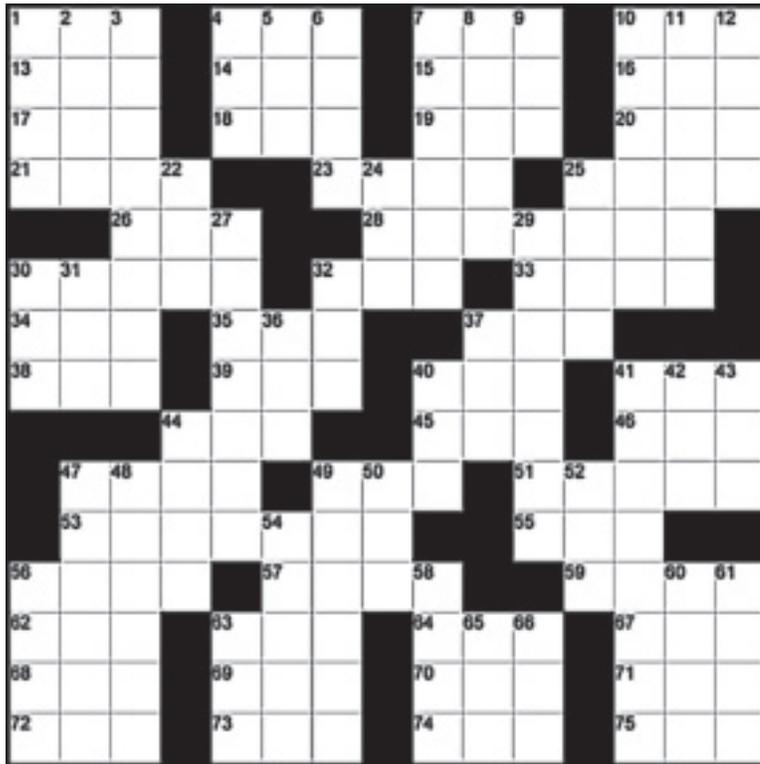
Officiating over the annual Top-3 Induction Ceremony presentations were (l to r), Brig. Gen. Neil Rohan, 301st Fighter Wing commander, Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Ronald Cunning, and Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett, Air Force Reserve Command's Command CMSgt. This year's event was held at the Green Oaks Parks Hotel prior to February's UTA. There were 59 Master Sgts., four Senior Master Sgts. and eight Chief Master Sgts. inducted that evening. (Photo by Laura Dermarderosian-Smith, Public Affairs.)



Spring training

Texas Rangers' Manager Buck Showalter autographs a baseball for a Reserve family member during their visit to the 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz. The team holds spring training in nearby Surprise, Ariz., and for the second year in a row, visited the 944th to thank Reservists for their service, sign autographs, view a 301st Fighter Wing F-16 static display and hold their annual spring training meeting. F-16s from the 301st were at Luke for joint training exercises with the 944th. (Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach, 944th Fighter Wing, Public Affairs.)

Women's History Month



1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Constrictor
- 4. Compute
- 7. Distant
- 10. Horse feed
- 13. Inventor Whitney
- 14. 3, in ancient Rome
- 15. Period
- 16. Medical scan, in brief
- 17. USA equivalent to EPR
- 18. Terminate
- 19. Sass
- 20. Mistake
- 21. First woman state governor (WY-1925)
- 23. Gorge
- 25. Burn soother
- 26. Possesses
- 28. First African-American woman Sen. (IL-1992) Carol ___-Braun
- 30. First woman nominated for president by major party (Rep-64)
- 32. First American-born saint Elizabeth ___ Seton
- 33. Singing voice
- 34. Siphon
- 35. Golfer Ernie
- 37. Attempt
- 38. Statement of approval
- 39. Lick, as a dog
- 40. Acting CSAF from Sep-Oct 1990
- 41. Carpet
- 44. Commercials
- 45. Federal org. concerned with environment

- 46. Bullring cheer
- 47. Group of three
- 49. Auto club
- 51. In the country
- 53. First woman secretary of a branch of the U.S. military
- 55. Road material
- 56. *Yahtzee* need
- 57. First woman to receive a patent
- 59. Ireland, formerly
- 62. Pen need
- 63. Mining goal
- 64. One ___ _ time
- 67. Imbibe
- 68. Bronze or Iron
- 69. Music group ___ Jovi
- 70. Vietnam Veterans' Memorial architect Maya
- 71. Lyrical poem
- 72. Guided
- 73. Federal org. concerned with immigration
- 74. Dine
- 75. Indicates maiden name

DOWN

- 1. Bar beverage
- 2. Margarine
- 3. Blimps and zephyrs
- 4. USAF intel org.
- 5. American social reformer Dorothea ___
- 6. Expires
- 7. First woman senator (GA-1922)
- 8. God of war
- 9. Blockbuster music section
- 10. Breakfast item
- 11. Dry gully
- 12. Vehicle need
- 22. College exam, in brief
- 24. USAF E-2
- 25. TV show ___ *McBeal*
- 27. Writer Sidney
- 29. First woman to fly solo across Atlantic
- 30. Pig's pen
- 31. Sultry American actress West
- 32. Cleo killer
- 36. ___ Vegas
- 37. Uppermost
- 40. Actress Thompson
- 41. First American-American woman Literary Nobel Prize winner
- 42. Southern state, in short
- 43. ___ Aviv
- 44. General's helper
- 47. Pang
- 48. Thatched roof
- 49. UFO fillers
- 50. Pub order
- 52. Country host to Al Dhafra Air Base, in short
- 54. Ohio city
- 56. Ring up
- 58. Store enticing
- 60. First American woman in space
- 61. Fencing tool
- 63. Japanese sash
- 65. Actress Carrere
- 66. Picnic crasher

Tornado season nears

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground, capable of destroying homes and vehicles and causing fatalities.

Before a tornado:

- ✓ Develop a plan for you and your family at home, work, school and when outdoors

- ✓ Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

During a tornado:

- ✓ Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris causes most tornado related fatalities and injuries.

- ✓ Don't take shelter under overpasses or bridges.

- ✓ Do not try to outrun a tornado in a car or truck; instead, leave vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Tornadoes can change direction.

After a tornado:

- ✓ Stay out of damaged buildings
- ✓ Help the injured
- ✓ Listen to broadcasted emergency information.

For more tips, visit the Federal Emergency Management Association website at www.fema.gov/areyouready.

NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base Texas Thunder Air Show, April 2-3



Angels in the spotlight

Navy Blue Angel No. 5 speeds past the No. 6 jet in a maneuver called the Diamond Pass during one of their recent air shows. The F/A-18 aerial demonstration team is scheduled to appear at the upcoming Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base Texas Thunder Air Show April 2-3. Gates will open at 8 a.m. both days. For more information call the air show hotline at 817.782.3094 or visit the website www.best-airshows.com. (Courtesy photo.)

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain (Capt.) Nate Powell 301st Fighter Wing Chaplain's Team

A true friend loves and accepts us just as we are, stays close to us in good or in bad, and is always ready to help in time of need. Because the author of this hymn text found just such a friend in his Lord, he decided to spend his entire life showing real friendship to others.

Joseph Scriven had wealth, education, a devoted family, and a pleasant life in his native Ireland. Then unexpected tragedy happened. On the night before Scriven's scheduled wedding, his fiancée drowned. In his deep sorrow, Joseph realized that he could find the solace and support he needed only in his dearest friend, Jesus. Soon after this tragedy, Scriven dramatically changed his lifestyle. He left Ireland

for Port Hope, Canada, determined to devote all of his extra time in being a friend and helper to others. He often gave away his clothing and possessions to those in need, and he worked—without pay—for anyone who needed him. Scriven became known as “the Good Samaritan of Port Hope.”

When Scriven's mother became ill in Ireland, he wrote a comforting letter to her, enclosing the words of his newly written poem with the prayer that these brief lines would remind her of a never-failing heavenly friend. Sometime later, when Joseph Scriven himself was ill, a friend who came to call on him happened to see a copy of these words scribbled on scratch paper near his bed. The friend read the lines with interest and asked, “Who wrote those beautiful words?” “The Lord and I did it between us,”

was Scriven's reply.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear; what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

301st Fighter Wing Action Line

ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make NAS Fort Worth JRB a better place to live, work and play.

When you call 817.782.5719 or send email to 301action.line@carswell.af.mil your comments will be recorded and staffed through the agency responsible for the action.

Please give your supervisor and chain of command the opportunity to work with you in answering questions and solving problems before calling ACTION LINE. Items of basewide interest to the 301st workforce will be published in the *Fighter Line*.

Q How does a person get an incentive flight?

Editor's note: This response was an excerpt of the May 2004 'Fighter Line' article written by Col. William 'Sureshot' Schauffert, the Operations Group deputy commander at the time of publication. Even though he's now the 301st Fighter Wing's Inspector General, he is still the incentive ride's project officer and offers these words of encouragement for anyone desiring an F-16 incentive ride from the 457th Fighter Squadron.

A The incentive ride program is an opportunity for commanders to visibly reward individuals within their ranks for

exemplary performance. It is also a motivational tool for other unit military personnel to perform at similar levels.

By design, it is not a right, but rather a privilege offered through the wing commander to a select few every year who have proven themselves as an "above and beyond" performer in the 301st FW workplace.

Let me emphasize that it is a *commander's* program. As the program's manager, I do not select who is rewarded with an incentive flight. The wing, Mission Support Group, Maintenance Group, and Operations Group commanders are proportionately allocated a certain amount of incentive flying slots per year based on their group size.

To start the selection process, immediate supervisors forward their candidate recommendations with justification through the chain of command to their group commander, (or the wing commander for wing assigned personnel). The group commander submits his prioritized list through my office and I request the flying slots through 457th FS, to be flown usually during the primary UTA.

301st SFS commander needed

The 301st Security Forces Squadron is looking for a new squadron commander. Individuals interested must be:

- ✓ Grade: Capt. or Maj. (Capts must have completed requirements for promotion)
- ✓ Individuals must be self-starters
- ✓ Organized
- ✓ Have strong leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills
- ✓ Additionally, it's preferred the applicant possess a background in security forces, force protection and integrated base defense-ground combat skills functional areas.

Having operations officer level experience is also highly desirable but not required

✓ Lastly, have availability to work beyond the minimum UTA and annual tour requirements.

To apply send a resume (Tongue and Quill Format), last five OPRs, and your unit commander's indorsement to Col. Max Mendoza by Mar. 6.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Janet Slayton, 301st Mission Support Group, at 817.782.7367.

Sea World offers salute-to-troops

Anheuser-Busch offers free admission to Sea World and Busch Gardens Parks for active-duty military (plus three immediate family members), active reservists, U. S. Coast Guard and National Guardsmen from now until December 31, 2005.

To get free passes, register at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of participating parks and show a Department of Defense photo ID. Check operating schedules at www.herosalute.com.

Defense budget requests more/less

The president's proposed defense budget for next year seeks \$3.9 billion in funding for Air Force Reserve Command and an end-strength of 74,000 reservists, while the fiscal 2006 request asks for 2,100 fewer Air Force reservists than the 76,100 authorized in fiscal 2005.

Senior Department of Defense officials announced the overall defense budget request of \$419.3 billion Feb. 7. The Air Force is to get \$127.5 billion.

IDT policy change gives augmentees flexibility

Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Air Reserve Personnel Center
Public Affairs

DENVER (AFPN) — A recent policy change modifies the inactive duty training policy for individual mobilization augmentees, and gives the reservists more flexibility to schedule training requirements.

"While it is expected our IMAs will participate on a quarterly basis to maintain viability and visibility within their active-duty units, the loss of flexibility in mandating such a policy has shown no substantive improvements in budgetary control or IMA readiness," wrote Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve, in the memorandum changing the policy.

The reservists and their supervisors are free to schedule training whenever they see fit within the first three quarters of the fiscal year; how-

ever, there are stipulations to this new found freedom of choice, according to the memo.

The quarterly training days now are restricted only in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Waivers must be approved by the Air Reserve Personnel Center commander, officials said.

The reservists, along with their supervisor or program managers, still must develop an annual schedule of training periods before each fiscal year. All training periods must be approved in writing by the Airman's supervisor with an information copy sent to the appropriately assigned program manager before the training period.

The training days must prepare the reservist for mobilization, officials said.

For more information, IMAs can contact their program manager or call the personnel center at DSN 926.6503 or commercial 303.676.6503. (Courtesy of ARPC News Service)

Advanced distributed learning and career enhancement exams scheduled

Air Force Institute Advance Distributed Learning end of course testing will be held on the following dates in Bldg. 1654, room 159: Sat., Mar. 5 at noon; Sun., Mar 5. 6 at 9 a.m.; Sat. Mar. 19 at noon and for all Thursdays in Mar., testing is at 9 a.m.

**NOTE: Examinees must report on time with their military identification cards.*

****Note:** Examinees **must** schedule their mandatory testing through their squadron Training Manager. Examinees in voluntary courses may contact the education office directly to schedule an appointment. Seating is limited to 20 examinees in each testing session.

Reminder: Our limited manpower does

not allow us to conduct testing sessions outside our regular schedule. While some situations are unpredictable and clearly an emergency, **your expiration date or pending promotion board is not considered an emergency.** Timely completion is the examinee's responsibility.

Members enrolled in voluntary PME courses should make note of their expiration date, the lack of testing on the dates identified and plan their completion schedule accordingly. Supervisors must ensure members enrolled in mandatory courses have ample opportunity to test on regularly scheduled dates. Contact Titus Andrews at 817.782.6979/6977 for appointments.

Grants offered to families

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force Aid Society officials said they are offering as many as 4,500 college education grants to Air Force family members through the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program.

Applications must be received by Mar. 11.

The program is open to dependent children of Airmen on active duty, in the Guard or Reserve performing fulltime active duty, retired or deceased. Spouses of active duty and deceased Airmen are also eligible. Applicants must be enrolled as fulltime undergraduates at an accredited college or university during the 2005-2006 academic year, and they are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Students can apply at www.afas.org or call 800.429.9475 for an application brochure.



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creation of an online repository of Air Force basic training flight graduation photos.

The project is a way to help the Air Force and Airmen alike trace their roots. It seeks to collect all of about 119,000 U.S. Air Force basic training flight photos from the inception of the Air Force in 1947 to present.

The collection includes photos from all the bases that conducted Air Force basic training including Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Sampson AFB, N.Y.; Parks AFB, Calif.; Amarillo AFB, Texas; and Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Airmen may look for their graduation photo online at <http://www.lackland.af.mil/info/photos.asp>.

"If you don't see your flight photo, we may not have it yet," said Tech. Sgt. Tracy English, a 37th Training Wing historian at Lackland.

A lot of photographs were missing from the 1980s and 1990s. If the photo is not there, people can check back at a later date. If people have photos not currently online, they can submit them, he said.

People can submit high-quality scanned images via email to 37TRW.HO@Lackland.af.mil. Hard copies can be sent to: 37TRW/HO, 1650 Carswell Ave., Lackland AFB, TX 78236.

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have on their enlisted evaluation reports. Whatever the motivation, the active duty

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OPSEC tip of the month —

The adversary is real, he's listening and wants to know what you know.

personnel we deploy with are more prepared in regard to their "Fitness to Fight."

For those in our ranks who may believe they are too far gone to reach the goal I ask that you refer the first sentence of this article and contact your First Sergeant for guidance, *now!* Your next physical fitness test is important for your *health*, your *survivability*, your *career* and your *future*.

Don't squander the opportunity to improve and don't wait until the last minute to seek advice.

Remember, as reservists we individually decide what our reaction and our level of preparation for the test ahead will be. Consider also, the adage "Every drop of water shapes the stone."

What shape will you take?

REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS

Reenlistments

301 LRS

Tech. Sgt. Donald W. Purciful

301 MXOF

Tech. Sgt. Russell J. Smith

701 MDS

Staff Sgt. Sonda L. Senak

301 SFS

Tech. Sgt. Thomas M. Delgado

301 AMXS

Staff Sgt. Raymond G. Minhoto, Jr.

Master Sgt. Kenneth D. Bunn

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Jason E. Loring

301 MSS

Staff Sgt. Sheryl D. Glenn

Tech. Sgt. Ruthe E. Flores

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Foy J. Cox

Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Hall

Newcomers

701 MDS

Airman 1st Class Emily Ward

301 AMDG

Senior Airman Olga Aquino

301 MXS

Airman 1st Class David Jackson

Airman 1st Class Steven Karlovich

Airman 1st Class Kyle Parks

Airman 1st Class Chad Rodger

Airman 1st Class Robert Willingham

1st Lt. Eileen Frock

610 RSG

Master Sgt. Jonna Guin

301 SVF

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Hinton

Staff Sgt. Siena Mauge

610 SFS

Airman 1st Class Derrick Albright

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class John Huffman

Airman 1st Class David Osowski

Staff Sgt. Joey Lester

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Tanner Maxson

10 AF

Capt. Randall Cason

301 CF

Staff Sgt. Derek Greer