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Lookin' good!

Getting together with friends and co-workers, the motorcycle-riding Air Force Reserve recruiters show off their modes of transportation prior to the wing's recent Post Unit Compliance Inspection and Welcome Home Picnic during April's Unit Training Assembly. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

NEWS BRIEF

ORM is vital to all

Operational Risk Management is extremely important because it reduces the loss of valuable Air Force assets, whether an aircraft or a 301st Fighter Wing team member.

If all our efforts can save an aircraft or someone from injury or death, it's all worthwhile.

Exercise keeps us ready, prepared

Chuck Stewart
Disaster Preparedness Chief

The Enemy Attack Exercise, scheduled for Sunday, May 7, is required every 15 months.

Wing personnel should be in MOPP level 2 by 8 a.m. Supervisors have identified specific individual tasks to be completed in the exercise. Evaluators will monitor task

completion and the proper use of self-aid items.

Exercise objectives include response to alarm changes, proper wear of the chemical ensemble, and performing tasks while wearing the gear.

Safety is paramount. Personnel are authorized to remove the gear if heat stress becomes an issue. The base fire department will have medical

technicians on standby. Heat stress aid measures are in AFMAN 10-100, Airman's Manual. Report emergencies by calling 9-1-1.

This is not an Operational Readiness Inspection. It's an opportunity for wing personnel to demonstrate Nuclear Biological and Chemical survival skills and complete Task Qualification Training.

Wing gives thanks, farewell

I hope you had as good a time as I did at the Welcome Home and TGIF (*Thank God It's Finished*) celebration at the picnic area last month.

Thanks again to Lt. Col. Janet Slayton for organizing things and for the individual efforts of all who pitched in, especially Maj. John Moyer and Senior Master Sgt. Jim Stevens. And a special thanks to Chaplain (Maj.) Mark McDaniel for keeping the rain away, which kept everything dry! Of course, it hasn't rained since, so it makes me wonder if Mark prayed a little too hard.

We also said goodbye to Chief Master Sgt. Brad Scott, our Command Chief. For those who couldn't be there, Brad received a very nice sendoff on Friday night at the Desert Storm Club, followed by his military retirement ceremony Saturday at Commander's Call.

As has been stated a thousand times, he will be missed. Chief Master Sgt. Jack Mills has taken over the Command Chief position and pledges to carry on the initiatives that Chief Scott implemented, as well as jump starting a few of his own.

For those of you who haven't heard the news, our own Col. Max Mendoza will be heading off to Saudi Arabia later this month for a six-month AEF deployment at Eskan Village where he takes over duties as the 64 AEG commander. I know I speak for all of us when I wish him good luck and Godspeed.

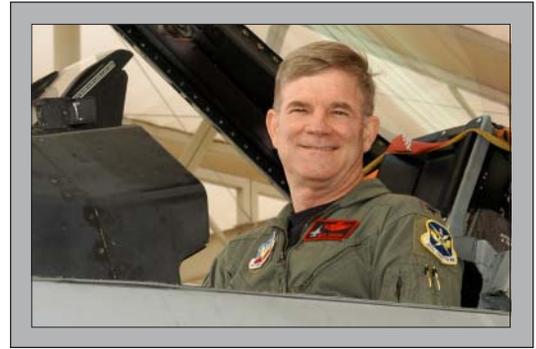
In his absence, Lt. Col. Slayton will run things at the Mission Support Group while Lt. Col. Pat Walsh will look after the civilian side of things.

I've seen a lot of really great people move on in recent days. In addition to Chief Scott, we've

bid farewell to Col. Bill Schauffert (CV), Jennifer Crow (CPO), Steve Goetz (FM), Lt. Col. Greg Jones (457 FS), Maj. Dave Booher (LRS), Jim Cook (Supply), Maj. Bill Davies (CF) and Calvin Nolen (LGRT) just to name a few. These people were giants in their respective career fields and it's tough to see folks of this caliber leave.

At the same time, I'm truly thankful for the time they spent with the 301st Fighter Wing and know that our solid reputation is due in part to their excellence. I'm also thankful that we've been extremely fortunate to get quality folks to come in behind them and take their places.

To that list, I need to add one



other name. Capt Clay Sanford, 301FW public affairs, will be moving on soon. He has accepted a promotion to become the public affairs officer for the Internal Revenue Service's Dallas office.

Clay has taken the public affairs function of the 301st to new heights since coming from 10th AF. The completely new look of the publication you're holding in your hands, *The Fighter Line*, was one of his ideas.

Clay, too, will be sorely missed.

Education, not just career stepping stones



from the First Sergeant's desk

Chief Master Sgt. Jack Mills

301st Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt.

As the Air Force makes changes, professional development takes on more importance because advancement is becoming increasingly competitive. I use the word competitive as opposed to difficult.

Brig. Gen. August V. Kautz nailed it in his book, *The 1865*

Customs of Service for Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers. He contends every military member should strive for competencies of the next higher grade. He also advocates that it is the inherent responsibility of the senior person to ensure the junior person is ready to take on the

responsibilities of the senior's job.

Our two-tier system for advancement requires you to attain both general military training (Professional Military Education) and specialty training (job proficiency) in order to advance in both skill level and pay grade. I'm perplexed about the issues surrounding timely PME completion.

Why would any Tech. Sgt. not have completed the NCO Academy within 24 months time-in-grade or why would any

Master Sgt. not have completed the SNCO Academy within 24 months time-in-grade?

It basically sends a message -- you are not interested or qualified in further advancement. I don't know of a single NCO who wants to intentionally send that message.

Beyond PME, we have the opportunity to attain an associate degree with very little difficulty. Specifically, I want to challenge every enlisted

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301st Fighter Wing

Airman of the Quarter
April - June 2006

**Senior Airman
Cary M. Cox**

Operations Intel Technician
457th Fighter Squadron



Senior Airman Cox's accomplishments:
Senior Airman Cox proved himself by stepping up and providing outstanding support to the wing commander as a key member of the battle staff while the 457th Fighter Squadron was at war. His presence helped mission critical information being passed between home station and the FS while deployed to Iraq, ensuring both were successful. Airman Cox's dedication fostered his growth into an outstanding instructor of Threat Weapons Systems and Targeting Principles. He revamped the digital map library leading to a 100 percent accountability of classified and unclassified map data. Airman Cox also received an outstanding academic certificate -- scoring 90 on his Career Development Course.

301st Fighter Wing

NCO of the Quarter
April - June 2006

**Staff Sgt.
John M. Storm**

Operations Intel Technician
457th Fighter Squadron



Staff Sgt. Storm's accomplishments:
Staff Sgt. Storm's involvement in acquiring, preparing and packing more than 5,000 lbs. of mission essential equipment assisted in a smooth 2005 Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment and redeployment. He was a vital Mission Planning Cell member in Balad AB, Iraq, for the 457th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Oct. 2005 to Jan. 2006. Sergeant Storm's dedication to his mission-related duties was integral to the success of more than 500 sorties, more than 2,000 combat hours flown and 24 bombs on target. He was also a member of the Balad AB Patriot Detail and, now back home again, he remains a dedicated volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

301st Fighter Wing

Senior NCO of the Quarter
April - June 2006

**Master Sgt.
Eugene P. Gaspar**

Aircraft Ordnance Systems
Mechanic

301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Master Sgt. Gaspar's accomplishments:
Master Sgt. Gaspar ensures all his 52 weapons tech's and 13 three-man weapon's crews remain trained and certified in all mission-related areas. His load training is the backbone to bombs on target and crucial aircrew capabilities. Sergeant Gaspar volunteered for a 90-plus day deployment to Balad AB, Iraq, in AEF 7/8 ensuring a smooth transition and continuity during a 40-day swap-out of AFRC F-16 units. His load crew management enabled quick repairs and ensured aircraft were weapon-ready resulting in no sorties lost. Sergeant Gaspar also volunteers his time to distribute food to needy and elderly church members and is an assistant coach for the Arlington Soccer Association.

Reservist satisfies the *need for speed...* in the driver's seat

Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack

Public Affairs

Growing up around motorcycles, Staff Sgt. Patrick Tharp has always been fascinated by the magnificence of high-powered machinery. That's why sitting in the driver's seat of a super cart, roaring around a race track pushing 2.5 G's for a living, is like a dream come true for this reservist.

Now, with a career as a support driver for a formula Mazda testing team and professional full-tail super cart racer, he is always in the driver's seat -- spending time where his true passion lies.

For Sergeant Tharp, 73rd Aerial Port Squadron transportation craftsman, his dream began in Brownwood, Texas, where his parents owned a motorcycle dealership. Throughout his childhood years, he witnessed his older brother, Jep, do master motorcycle racing. He took on the sport himself when he turned eight.

"I was born into racing," said Sergeant

Tharp, "and that's all there is to it."

He spent 30 years racing bikes and won nearly 20 national championships before suffering a traumatic crash resulting in several injuries, and sending Sergeant Tharp to look for another vehicle to race.

"I got bored (of motorcycle racing) and sold my motorcycle stuff and started to look for something safer and cheaper-- that is where I found my love for cart racing," Sergeant Tharp said.

With spending so much time racing bikes, it was a smooth transition to the world of super cart racing for this 42-year-old Texan. The maximum speed of his motorcycles was 180 mph, while his super carts top out at 160 mph.

It was again the influence of his brother who spurred his new racing career in super carts to full throttle. When others began to see his talent, he soon gained sponsorship and was offered a job as a cart tester through a family connection.

Now, as a cart racer, Sergeant Tharp travels to Las Vegas, Nev., Daytona Beach,

Fla., and other places around the country competing in up to four races a weekend every month. He also is very fortunate to have his wife's support. She accompanies him to the races and performs mechanical checks on the cart.

"She checks every part that can go wrong before each race, said Sergeant Tharp. "So I know my cart is completely safe every time I go out."

In the three years Sergeant Tharp has been racing, he's already taken home three championships, one for the Formula Unlimited and two in the Intercontinental Unlimited.

"My ultimate goal is to win the Sports Car Club of America Championship and Formula Mazda," said Sergeant Tharp. "Right now I'm working on my SCCA license to eventually qualify for NASCAR-- you have to get your education before you can drive."

His Air Force Reserve career with the 73rd APS has an equal priority in his life. He couldn't continue doing both careers he loves without the unwavering support from his unit -- since both careers involve a one weekend a month commitment.

"My unit supports me," said Sergeant Tharp. "I have the cooperation of my commander and unit to ensure the duty is done and I don't have to stop my cart racing."

At one point his Reserve and racing career clashed due to scheduling conflicts. He almost had to separate from the service to continue racing -- his full-time career. But his commander stepped in and allowed him the flexibility to perform his duty and continue racing.

"You are a part of our family and we want to be part of yours," said Lt. Col. Robert Skeans, 73rd APS commander. "We are extremely proud of his racing career and want to try to work with him so



Staff Sgt. Patrick Tharp, 73rd Aerial Port Squadron transportation craftsman, stands next to his super cart in Baton Rouge, La., shortly after winning two national championships for professional super cart racing in 2004. Sergeant Tharp placed first in the Formula Unlimited and second place in the Formula Intercontinental championships since he began racing three years ago in nationwide competitions. (Courtesy photo)

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Sergeant gives aid, support to car accident victim

Capt. Clay Sanford
Chief, Public Affairs

A 301st Fighter Wing security forces squadron member was praised by a local resident for helping her out of what she described as a potentially fatal traffic accident Feb. 18.

Donna Irwin of Santo, Texas, explained the traumatic situation in a letter of appreciation to the 301st Fighter Wing commander.

"I would like to thank and highly commend Master Sgt. Paul Wright," she wrote. "When Sergeant Wright arrived at the accident, I was hanging upside down as my car had rolled and was on its roof."

Sergeant Wright, an Air Reserve Technician serving as NCOIC, Security Administration, was on his way to the base on that chilly Saturday morning. North Texas had fallen victim to a round of icy weather, and Sergeant Wright was about to witness one of several accidents that dotted the winter landscape on Interstate 30.

"The accident involved four vehicles, and I could see that

Mrs. Irwin's auto was overturned just beyond an overpass. I quickly stopped and rushed over to her vehicle to help her get out," Sergeant Wright recalled.

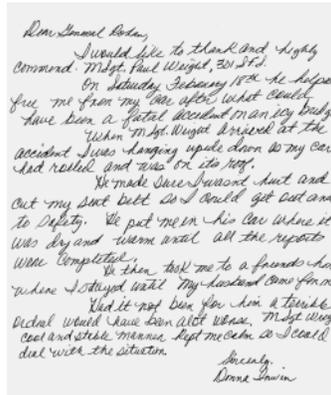
Instinctively, as one would expect from a law enforcement veteran such as Sergeant Wright, he ensured that Mrs. Irwin had sustained no injury and made her as comfortable as possible.

"I helped her into my vehicle

and out of the cold wind. I stayed with her through the police report and as the emergency medical technicians checked her again," Sergeant Wright said. "Sometimes reassuring words help more than anything else in circumstances like these."

Once the police report was finished, Sergeant Wright drove Mrs. Irwin to a friend's house where she waited for her husband to arrive.

"Had it not been for him, a terrible ordeal would have been a lot worse," Mrs. Irwin declared. Master Sergeant Wright's cool and stable manner kept me calm so I could deal with the situation."



Officials say network passwords will soon be obsolete

Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Airmen have been carrying around high-tech identification cards in their wallets for quite a while now. That technology will soon be put to good use.

For many, the Common Access Card is just a replacement for the green military ID card used for so many years. But the card can be used for more than getting Airmen past gate security. The cards carry digital "certificates" that allow a user to more securely identify themselves.

It is that secure networking capability the Air Force expects to begin taking advantage of, said Lt. Gen. Michael W.

Peterson, the Air Force chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer.

"So much of our warfighting capability is inherent to our networks," the general said. "We have got to lock



the networks down. Passwords and usernames are no longer sufficient against sophisticated hackers. It is time to move on to the CAC."

Eddie Martin, 301st Communications Flight assistant network administrator, says the 301st Fighter Wing is on track

to have CAC access by this summer.

"Our requirements are to have at least 50 percent of all 301st network users logging in with their CAC cards by the end of May, 75 percent by June's end, and 100 percent by July 31."

Once implemented, users can forget their network account names and passwords. Instead, they will log in to work computers by sliding their CAC into readers and entering a personal identification number. The need to have a physical product, a card, to get into the network, provides a level of security beyond the traditional password and login name combination, General Peterson said.

Because the CAC also serves as a military ID and is used to gain physical access to Air Force installations and re-

sources, Airmen know how important it is to protect it. General Peterson said he believes the emphasis Airmen put on protecting their CAC from loss will translate to protecting the Air Force network when they begin using it to log in there.

The CAC is not unique to the Department of Defense. Similar cards are used throughout the civilian world and government agencies, both in the United States and other countries. The technology is similar to the "Security Identity Module" or SIM chips used in cellular phones. The microchips on CACs hold 65,000 characters of information, equivalent to two and a half copies of the United States Constitution.

The unique digital certificates stored on the CAC are of critical importance. Those certificates

are used to confirm the identity of cardholders to Air Force computer networks.

In addition to certificates, the cards also store a member's full name, e-mail address, date of birth, gender, blood type, organ donor status, military exchange and commissary status, and meal plan status. While a fingerprint was taken at the time the cards were issued, that data is not stored on the card, but rather in an online database. All the information is protected by a personal identification number.

"Members can have new ID cards issued at the base visitor's center," says Mr. Martin, "and they can have their PIN reset at the Network Communications Center, bldg. 1730. The 301st Military Personnel Flight will issue the cards by appointment only."

301st FW welcome home Celebration!

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

For most, the nearly 120 days spent in the desert gave true meaning to sacrifice and call to duty and made coming home even more meaningful.

Sweltering 120-degree around-the-clock temperatures, blistering pellets of sand whipping past ones face while at the same time drinking more bottled water than is humanly possible, made **freedom first and terrorism never** an important message and put credence into one 301st Fighter Wing songwriter's words, "*Hurts a little, but it helps a lot.*"

Welcome home 301st – job well done!

These team members and their families were welcomed home and their efforts applauded during a huge gathering April 1 at the base marina. Drinks, music, lots of laughs, entertainment, and the first-ever classic motorcycle contest were just a few of the many highlights of the day.

The events that surrounded the last six months have certainly held some special stories and accomplishments for the men and women who volunteered for the deployments that began September 2005. The Aerospace Expeditionary Force tasking by Air Force Reserve Command involved the deployment of F-16 aircraft, along with maintenance and support personnel, to ensure the wing's mission could be carried out in support of the nation's fight against terrorism.

"The wing did an exceptional job representing the Air Force Reserve," said Maj. Camille Juenke, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. "The accomplishments were truly a team effort with every single person contributing to the fight against terrorism."

Wing personnel worked 24/7 in maintaining a flying schedule and ready aircraft for alert operations. According to Major Juenke, the significant increase in flying hours 'sped' up the inspections accomplished on different intervals.

"For example, we are required to accomplish an aircraft inspection every 300 flying hours. Since we flew so many hours during the AEF, these inspections had to be done more frequently. When you take into account we allot 14-17 days to complete the inspections at home station – we were performing them on an average of three days time – a huge credit to everyone involved."

Some of the other notable accomplishments during the 'B' rotation included:

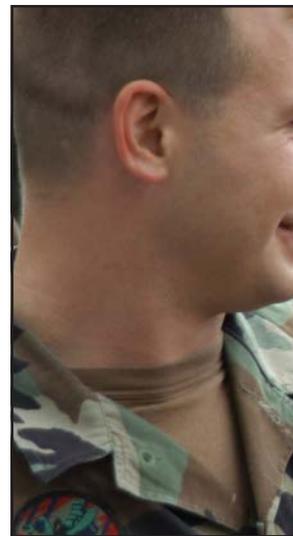
- Supporting more than 2,250 hours and 490 sorties (the wing normally completes 4,000 flying hours a year at home station).

- Completed eight phase inspections (this would take six months at home station).

- Averaged 79-80 percent mission capable rate.

- Achieved 100 percent fully mission capable rate.

According to many who volunteered for the deployment, the work was long and intense with not much time for relaxation. Some even volunteered for additional duties following a regular 14-hour day. Staff Sgt. Ezra Simmons, Jr., 301st Maintenance Squadron, was just one of many who volunteered to work at Balad Area Hospital. Combined with exhaustion and dedication, the aircraft armament systems craftsman said he witnessed many things the news reports back home failed to document.



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Denver Mc... during the celebration. (Left) E... Master Sgt. Jim Stevens, 301... contributions to the wing. (Be... decide 'best of show' for this... Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia and





Cullough and son spend some quality father-son time together. Brig. Gen. Neil A. Rohan, 301st FW commander presents Senior CES, with the first-ever Spirit Award for his voluntary (below) Participants display their classic motorcycles for judges to year's first-ever wing motorcycle contest. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey, Public Affairs.)



Tech Sgt. Danyale Warren, 301st Communications Flight orderly room, gives her best motorcycle 'bad girl' look during the wing's celebration in April. A motorcycle contest was one of the events held during the welcome back event. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey, Public Affairs.)



301st Fighter Wing motorcycle riders got the chance to gather on the flight line to pose in front of an F-16C+. This event preceded the motorcycle judging contest that took place at the pavilion during the Welcome Home Picnic. Rider, Master Sgt. Diana Brown, 301st Mission Support Squadron, gives her approval as she exits the tarmac. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

“We tried to help out by cleaning up areas within the hospital. One night I met a U.S. Marine who had been injured when a bomb detonated just a few feet from their Humvee. He had received only minor injuries while his fellow marine had been killed instantly. Speaking with him the realization of war set in — I was now able to put faces with the names making all our participation

even more important. Despite being hurt, this marine’s only request was to have just five minutes to call his family back home and tell them he was OK. He told me he had not been able to speak to them for a whole month, Sergeant Simmons said.”
Tech. Sgt. Mike Donnelly, 301st AMXS crew chief, was another one who

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AIR FORCE CLIMATE SURVEY

SPEAK TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW



Results are in:

Airmen voice opinions in 2005 climate survey

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — More than half of all Airmen participated in the 2005 chief of staff organization climate survey, which allows participants to voice their opinions on issues affecting them and their jobs.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley released the results of the survey to all the major commands March 31.

Strong leadership focus on the survey was credited for the 53 percent total force participation rate, an increase from previous years.

Overall, many of the numbers stayed the same,

with only minor declines in some areas.

“The results are encouraging on a couple of fronts. First, the responses

were from our total force team, and secondly, there was no noticeable difference in overall satisfaction from those deployed and those at home station,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

He said job satisfaction is an important area of concern as Air Force expeditionary commitments continue to rise.

According to the results,

More than 53 percent of the Total Force completed the survey

active duty senior airmen are the least satisfied among active duty personnel, although job satisfac-

tion remained about the same overall. Trust in leadership was also an area introduced in the recent survey. From a total force perspective, middle enlisted member’s trust in unit senior leadership is significantly lower than all other ranks, although overall job satisfaction increased slightly.

“There will always be areas where we need to focus and

improve,” Chief Murray said. “From the enlisted perspective, ensuring NCOs and senior NCOs are stepping up to their leadership responsibility is critical.”

The majority of Airmen indicated, too, that Air Force leaders used the results from the 2003 survey in a positive way, and Chief Murray vowed that will continue with the 2005 results.

“We’ll take data from this survey and continue enhancing our professional development at all levels,” he said. “Our core value — excellence in all we do — is a goal of constant pursuit.”

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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: Who is responsible for painting lines in the roadway immediately outside the NAS JRB Fort Worth main gate? Many people ride the “center-line” and are creating a hazardous condition.

A: According to Lieutenant Commander Ray Pyle with the base public works office, the city of Westworth Village is responsible for maintenance and repair of Pumphrey road. Unfortunately, because the road is not federal property, the Department of Defense can not spend funds to repair it.

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volunteered at the hospital. “The hardest part was seeing so many Iraqi children who had been injured and were confined to the hospital beds. I told my children back home about the kids their own age and they sent over beanie babies which were given to the children. These toy dolls became the only source of comfort since their parents could not stay on base during the children’s stay at the hospital.”

“This was a challenging deployment for everyone involved because it was something we had never done before,” said Major Juenke. “Being under attacks and with the aircraft flying as much as they did made this deployment different than

any we had done before. Everyone worked hard and kept a positive attitude and stepped up to the challenge. Through solid maintenance management and superb execution by all of the technicians we were able to keep up the demanding flying schedule and provide the 457th Fighter Squadron pilots with the best maintained aircraft.”

According to many at the picnic, this was a gathering of a superb team and their families who worked to make a difference, not only for the wing, but for the cause of freedom.

“Everyday, Iraqi nationals would always express their appreciation and thanks for us being there,” Sergeant Simmons said. “For me, yes, it did hurt a little, but it sure helped a lot.”

Fighter Focus On Senior Airman Sean Muya



Hometown:
San Diego, Calif.

Organization:
301st Services Flight

301st member since:
April 2005

Position:
Assistant Fitness Monitor

Which means:
“I help out on sports games; weigh and monitor individuals taking their fitness test and help to take care of the wing.”

When not at NAS JRB:
“I’m a full-time student at the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin.”

The most rewarding aspect of my job:
“...is meeting new people and traveling all over the world seeing new things.”

Favorite pastime/hobbies:
“I enjoy working out in the gym and cooking Italian and French cuisine.”

Goals:
“I look forward to finishing my associate of arts degree then move on to a bachelor’s in business management.”

Letter to Airmen focuses on Sexual Assault Awareness

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — In the latest Letter to Airmen, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force T. Michael Moseley discuss Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Air Force’s strides in sexual assault prevention and response efforts over the past year.

“Your Air Force leadership has been aggressively addressing this national problem. We will continue to dedicate ourselves to preventing it, and if it occurs, responding deliberately to sexual assault within the Air Force.

“We have made significant strides in our prevention and response efforts over the past year with mandatory awareness training to more than 360,000 Airmen, worldwide,” said the Air Force’s top leaders.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed nationally in April with the 6th highlighted as “The Day to End Sexual Violence.”

This Letter to Airmen and other senior leader viewpoints can be found in the Library section of Air Force Link.

Reservists go online to correct duty history

DENVER – As of March 31, Air Force Reserve members around the world can correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Before the ARPC Personnel Service Delivery system went online, Airmen had to visit their local military personnel flight or call several agencies to correct their duty history. Now, no matter the time of day, reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>. If no account is established, they will have to answer a few questions to receive a user name and password.

Once an account is established, Airmen click on the “Correct Duty History” link and annotate their desired changes, attach any relevant supporting documentation such as enlisted performance reports, officer perfor-

mance reports, special orders, general orders, etc., and click on “submit.”

Once correction requests are submitted, customers will receive an e-mail containing a tracking number. Moreover, when the actions are completed, they will receive an e-mail letting them know.

More information visit <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/psd/default.asp> or call Senior Master Sgt. Rich Ernst, 301st Mission Support Squadron at 817.782.6869. (AFRC News Service)

Be prepared for tornado season

When it comes to tornado preparation, “everyone must have a plan and they need to know where they will go for safety,” said 1st Lt. Nicholas Healy, a meteorology instructor at the 20th Operations Support Squadron. They also need to know their surroundings and which rooms have the strongest protection.

For preparation, a person should choose a room that has few windows or no windows at all. If all rooms have windows, the hallway is considered a good spot to take cover because it has close wall support for protection, Lieutenant Healy said.

When outside, a person should head for a substantial building or ditch, if nearby.

When taking cover, it is important to crouch down on your knees and use your arms and hands to protect your head from flying debris, said Staff Sgt. Rachel Marshall, a weather forecaster at the 20th OSS.

Other preparations include having a flashlight and a portable radio with fresh batteries readily available in order to get current weather reports. A radio is recommended since a TV set may not be accessible when taking cover, Lieutenant Healy said.

“The simplest way for people to prepare for tornado season is to know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning,” he said. “Many people get that mixed up.”

A tornado watch means tornadoes are possible in the area. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued, move to the pre-designated place of safety

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Brig. Gen. Neil Rohan, 301st Fighter Wing commander, takes the lead during a recent photo shoot compiling numerous motorcycles on the wing's flight line. Nearly three dozen motorcycles lined the tarmac to pose with an F-16C+ Fighting Falcon and a mock Thunderbird F-16 Air Force Reserve Command recruiting model. The photo preceded the Post Unit Compliant Inspection and Welcome Home Picnic held at the base marina. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, Public Affairs.)

Activation can reactivate Montgomery GI Bill for reservists

There's now an exception to the 10-year time limit for those military reserve personnel still needing to use the Montgomery GI Bill education assistance program.

The exception now allows anyone who rejoins the military for active duty service to have their 10-year limit 'reset.' This is an important factor for military reserve

personnel who are activated to active-duty status and remain for more than a 90-day period.

Previously, the 10-year limit started following a service member's last discharge and could not be extended. Officials confirm the new provision allows for more flexibility in using this important educational benefit.

Previous requirements such as receiving an honorable discharge still apply.

The Montgomery GI bill is an education assistance program enacted by Congress to benefit the high-quality men and women enrolled in the military service.

Eligible participants can use these educational benefits towards any degree programs,

certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship and on the job training, and vocational flight training programs.

Call the 301st Fighter Wing education and training office at 817.782.6979 for details or you can visit the Montgomery GI Bill Web site at www.gibill.va.gov.

Chaplain's Corner

Pay your respects to mother when, where you can

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark McDaniel
301st Fighter Wing Chaplain

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. I wanted to post a quick tribute to both my mother and my mother-in-law.

My mother was born in the 1930s in London, England. She was an 8-year-old girl when the Germans began bombing that city in an attempt to force the United Kingdom to surrender.

In the 1950s, she met my father, who was stationed in England, and married him. My mother made sure my two brothers and I were always cared for. She sacrificed greatly in order to prepare a future for her children. For this, I am eternally

grateful.

If it had not been for her saving her paychecks during my childhood years, I never would have been able to attend college or seminary. What an incredible display of service before self! Her prayers are constantly expressed for this unit, especially during our times of deployment.

My mother is still living in Austin, Texas, and I do my best to see her as often as I can, but not often enough.

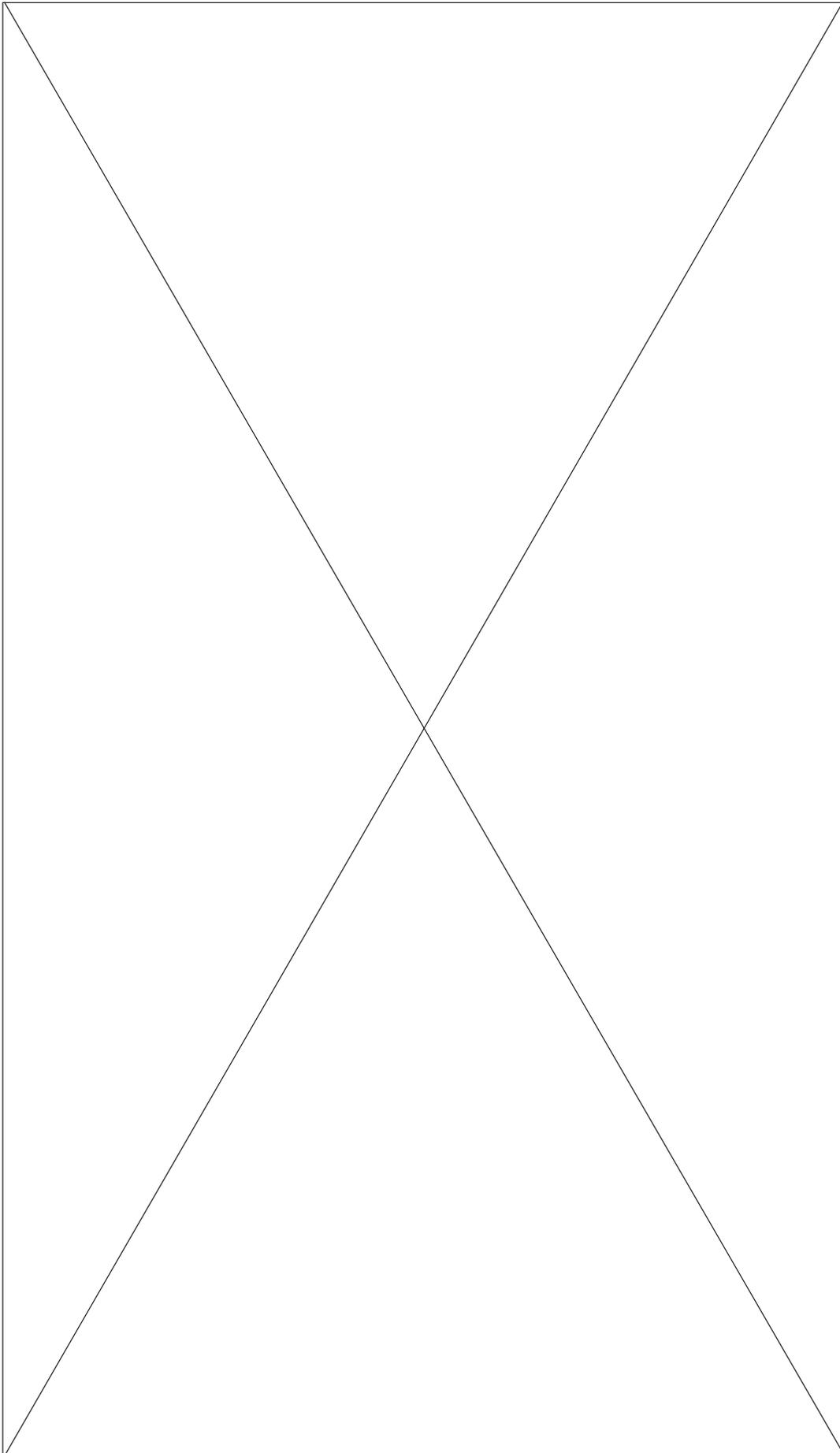
My mother-in-law is another incredible individual who lovingly accepted me into her family from the very beginning. During my deployment to Iraq, I received several long letters from this very special lady. I

was strengthened when I read her warm and encouraging words.

I could never have asked for a better mother-in-law and really would rather drop the "in-law" portion altogether. I know that some people have difficulty with their in-laws, but such has never been the case with mine. For that I am eternally thankful.

I hope you will take some time this coming Mother's Day and pay tribute to your mother, whether she is living or has passed on, and to other mothers around you. We can never say, "thank you," enough for what they have contributed in our lives.

God bless you and your family during this drill weekend and throughout the month of May.



E-exam schedule

If someone needs to test outside the above scheduled times, please call 817-782-6977. Within a few hours notice, this office may accommodate same-day testing.

UTA reminders

- 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

Reminder:

There is no alternate UTA scheduled for May 2006.



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and listen to the radio for tornado information updates.

Tornadoes are measured by the Fujita Scale, which ranges from F0 through F5. The Fujita intensity is determined by the estimation of surface damage and wind speed, he said. An F0 is the smallest tornado and an F5 is the largest.

During tornado season, "be prepared and aware," Lieutenant Healy said. "If you know there is a tornado coming, take action."

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member of the 301st Fighter Wing to enroll in the Community College of the Air Force.

It costs you nothing to enroll and you're probably a lot closer to an associate degree than you may think.

It's entirely possible to complete your degree without ever setting foot in a classroom and without every spending a dollar. No doubt, General Kautz would be proud of this system and, moreover, our Air Force wins when more people utilize this benefit.

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he can continue doing what he does best."

It was during that time a strong synergy was created between the Reserve and Sergeant Tharp's racing cart career.

"My commander has been supportive of my career and this has allowed me to continue my career in the Reserve," said

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TO THE FAMILY OF

OPSEC tip of the month -

"There is one evil I dread, and that is their spies. I could wish, therefore, the most attentive watch is kept..."

-- George Washington

Sergeant Tharp. "I'm in the Reserve because I love wearing the uniform."

Since then, both Sergeant Tharp's cart and trailer have inherited the 73rd APS logo to convey his support and love for his unit and the Air Force Reserve.

"My entire racing club knows I'm in the military," Sergeant Tharp said. "I like having the logo on my cart because now people ask me all of the time about it -- I love getting the chance to tell them about the Reserve."

His ultimate goal in life is to own his

own 2.2-mile racetrack, where he can continue to be involved in the race long after he retires ... which won't be any time soon. This will also allow him to spend time training new drivers who may come along the way.

There is currently one very young, interested driver in his immediate family.

"Every time I turn around my daughter is always in my cart," explained Sergeant Tharp. "I can't keep her out of it."

It seems racing will continue to be a Tharp family tradition.

REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS

Reenlistments

10 AF

Senior Master Sgt. Michael E. Jacobssen

701 MDS

Airman 1st Class Tara L. Neill

Staff Sgt. Kenneth T. Dearman

Master Sgt. Wioleta L. Seifert

457 FS

Tech. Sgt. Ernest M. Larson

610 SFS

Senior Airman Mohamad H. Hammoud

610 RSG

Senior Master Sgt. Robert A. Poisson

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Nettie S. Henton

301 MXS

Master Sgt. Robert Beltran

Newcomers

301 LRS

Senior Airman Yokona S. Bell

Staff Sgt. Troy A. Harvey

Staff Sgt. Briana A. Ware

301 CF

Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn D. Butler

301 FW

Staff Sgt. Mario L. Cabanero

Staff Sgt. John A. Davidson

301 MOF

Senior Airman Dede J. Croy

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Michael A. Doughty

Staff Sgt. Russell W. Rowe

Staff Sgt. Michael A. Stovall

73 APS

Senior Airman Jennifer L. Trahan

Staff Sgt. Jere W. Hunter

301 MSS

Senior Airman Craig J. Jackson

701 MDS

Airman Basic Victoria A. Napoles

Airman 1st Class Rhonda J. Ross

Senior Airman Shahab I. Lawrence

Staff Sgt. Nichole L. Smith

Capt. Regina D. Peterson

301 MXS

Senior Airman Suzanne S.Y. Linseisen

Airman 1st Class Christopher S. Turner

Senior Airman Brian E. Watson