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Trust me

Members of the Senior NCO Leadership Development Course, first of its kind to be hosted by the 301st Fighter Wing, participate in an exercise of total trust. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

NEWS BRIEFS

Santa scheduled to visit 301st FW

Santa will taxi to the maintenance hangar 1643 in an F-16 Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. to meet and greet 301st Fighter Wing families. *Parents --*

please see story on page 6 for more details.

Angel Tree is up and ready for gifts

If you wish to help a wing member's child, please select a child from the Angel Tree in the 301st Fighter Wing Headquarters hallway,

building 1654, or call Jay Evans in the Family Support Center at 817.782.7435. See page 8 for more details on the Angel Tree program.

Remember...

During the Christmas and New Year's holiday period, the east gate will be closed from 6 p.m., Dec. 17 until 6 a.m., Jan. 6, 2007.

Inaugural awards banquet planned

The first 301st Fighter Wing's Awards Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 3, 2007. Tickets are now on sale. See your first sergeant or any 301st FW chief for additional information.



Unrivaled Wingmen strengthen total force

WASHINGTON — As we look forward to this holiday season and the New Year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you, your families and employers for the sacrifices you’ve made for our country each and every day.

Our Airmen have answered the call to service during a critical time in our nation’s history. Many of you are preparing to deploy overseas, perhaps for the first time in your military careers, while others are deploying for another tour. This courage and willingness to defend our freedom is a beacon

for all Americans.

The New Year promises challenges and changes as we continue our mission to defend our nation and the cause of freedom around the world. Please know that our contributions as “Unrivaled Wingmen” make us valued and respected members of the Total Force.

Jan and I salute you, and wish you and yours Happy Holidays and a safe and joyous New Year. We are proud of your patriotism and loyalty to our great nation. (AFRC News Service)



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Air Force Reserve Command Commander

Every Airman is a role model



from the First Sergeant's desk

Master Sgt. Herlinda Carreon

610th Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant

I’m sure we’ve heard “Every Airman is a Wingman”; “Every Airman is a sensor”; or “Every Airman is a communicator.” These are all catchy phrases that are used in speeches and newspaper articles from Air Force leaders. I would like to offer yet another – “Every Airman is a role model.”

Contrary to what former National Basketball Association star Charles Barkley said, you are a role model. You are paid to be a role model. Think back to your first day of basic training. What do you remember about your T.I.? Aside from the yelling—for me it was the hat and the perfect uniform. For many of us, this was our first military role model.

Next, think back to your favorite military supervisor. I imagine they knew their job very well and were extremely professional. Do you ever catch yourself acting the way they

did? They were a role model.

Fast forward to today; you are getting ready to go to work. Is your uniform neatly pressed, or is it a little bit wrinkled and faded? You are a role model. Are your boots nicely polished, or do they have last month's mud on them? You are a role model. Could you stand to get a haircut, even though you are “okay” for a few more days? You are a role model. Do you enthusiastically seek out your subordinates and discuss your expectations or the days requirements, or do you mumble some unpleasantries and avoid them until you’ve had a few cups of coffee? You are a role model. Do you rush indoors if you hear the first note of the National Anthem, or do you stand at attention, render a sharp salute and remain focused on the flag until the last note? You are a role model. Are you in front of your subordinates in the sign-out line, or do you ensure they are all taken care of before you leave? You are a role model.

What makes a good role model? Here is my role model recipe. It is one part good wingman, one part communicator; add a double dose of integrity and excellence, and an adult portion of service before self. Mix these well and top it off with sincerity. Allow this to grow and spread. If you have all of the ingredients, you will be a positive role model.

What you do today will have an impact. Every Airman is a role model.

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Awards Banquet brings more tradition to wing

Chief Master Sgt. Ricky Hester
301st Maintenance Group Superintendent

Honoring the history and traditions of Air Force enlisted members, the 301st Fighter Wing will host the first-ever Awards Banquet Dining-Out Feb. 3, 2007, at the Downtown Hilton in Fort Worth.

It will be a traditional Air Force Dining-Out affair. Check-in will start at 5:30 p.m. with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. The Honorable Congresswoman Kay Granger is the invited guest speaker. Awards will be presented to 301st Fighter Wing Senior NCO, NCO, and Airman of the Year winners. Special presentations will be

presented to individuals who have been recognized by Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force level for their accomplishments. Celina Rae, recent American Idol finalist, has agreed to provide the entertainment after the ceremony.

The Air Force Dining-In is believed to have originated with General Henry "Hap" Arnold in 1930. While the dinner function follows prescribed rules, the latter part of the evening is designed to further comradeship and esprit-de-corps. It provides an occasion to meet socially at a formal military function. It also



provides a vehicle to recognize individual and unit achievement.

The Air Force further refined the tradition to include "Dining-Out." This function opens up the Mess dinner to spouses and other non-unit members and allows them to be drawn into the inner circle of the group.

When we come together as a group it brings a sense of unity. It shows that from the no-stripe Airman Basic through the ranks of general officers we all have something in common, "We are all brothers and sisters-in-arms called together to protect our freedoms as Americans."

With the extremely high tempo the wing is operating at within today's Air Force Reserve, it's important we remain in touch with our unique military customs and traditions. It's the responsibility of all senior noncommissioned officers to make certain we pass these traditions down to our younger NCOs and Airman. Without our customs and traditions we are just another body of the government receiving a pay check.

I encourage each Chief, Senior Master Sergeant, and Master Sergeant to relay the importance of attending this function to the overall health of our wing. See your First Sergeant to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

Person on the street answers:

What do you think the Wingman Day program is about?



"Sometimes you have to go above and beyond to take care of your people both in uniform and off duty with family support and employment opportunities."

Tech. Sgt. Patrick McShan
301st Services Flight Supervisor



"Taking care of newcomers who come in, especially with no military experience."

2nd Lt. Cynthia Ramos
701st Medical Squadron



"Whatever is needed on the job you jump in and help regardless of separation of duties. When we are deployed all the branches work together."

Tech. Sgt. DeLeonard Fincher
301st Fighter Wing Equal Employment Opportunity Advisor



"The wingman program is awesome. You're there to help provide leadership, friendship and support no matter what is going on. Everybody should be encouraged to help in any way needed. Everyone needs help no matter what even if they don't ask for it."

Tech. Sgt. Lynn Hrisco
457th Fighter Squadron Flight Management

Taking care of people taking care of the mission



Tech. Sgt. Julie
Briden-Garcia
Public Affairs

Growing up in a family of five brothers and sisters in Bronx, New York, a boy can get himself into some serious trouble unless your father is a Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer-04 of 44 years and a New York city police officer to boot.

Ken Bachelor, born on Veterans Day, was destined to make a name for himself. After his father retired from the police department in 1971 the family moved to Longwood, Fla. where Ken finished up his secondary level education and soon married his high school sweetheart.

His father didn't make life easy said Col. Bachelor. "With five kids to raise, there wasn't a lot of money to go around. He said that if I wanted to go to college, I was going to have to pay for it myself." So for the next eight years, he went to school part-time at Rollins College, near Orlando, Fla., at night to work on his bachelor's degree in business management. while he worked days running a local door factory as a worker and later a manager, building and assembling interior and exterior doors — until an event changed his life.

While attending an air show in 1980, he met a U.S. Navy pilot who talked to him about becoming a pilot. Bachelor, now 25, had thought, until then, that he was too old to become a military pilot, but found out, he was in fact still eligible, age wise. Having talked it over with his wife, he joined the Air Force in August '81 with a pilot slot and graduated Officer Training School that December. After graduating pilot training in 1982, Ken was close to realizing his childhood dream to become a fighter pilot. Years of active duty flight training followed in the F-4 aircraft culminating with a stint as an instructor pilot for the German Luftwaffe at George Air Force Base in California.

Col. Bachelor continued his active duty flying until 1989 where he came to rest with the 301st Fighter Wing

in June of that year. He continued to fly F-4s at Carswell until the wing's transition to the F-16 Fighting Falcon in 1991.

He is now the wing's vice commander and has been married for almost 30 years. His 23-year-old twins are now grown with his son, graduating from Air Force pilot training on Dec. 15 and his daughter, working her way through college in the local area.

His philosophy is simple — take care of your people. "I want to continue to take care of the folks who continue to take care of us. I truly believe that if you take care of the people, they'll take care of the mission."

One of his goals in life as second in command is to 'take things off of people's plates.' "If I can pull something off our Airman's plates, I'll do it. That's what we're trying to teach higher headquarters

right now, is that if you add something, something else must come off."

Amongst his other priorities are to help take pressure off of Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st FW commander, and to get out and visit with the folks who work here, while remembering to take time for his family—off duty.

His favorite off duty activity is water

skiing on Eagle Mountain Lake. This has led him to another interesting adventure, air-chair cruising. (Ask him about it sometime.)

Another favorite the colonel shared was his most memorable moments in his career.

"Even though my time in the skies over Afghanistan was the highlight of my flying career, the Luftwaffe assignment was my favorite because of the instructing aspect. I even got a MiG-29 flight out of it in 1997 from a previous student-pilot of mine when we were deployed to the former East Germany."

"I've been in the Air Force for more than 25 years and while I'm planning to retire someday," Col. Bachelor said, "I'm going to make sure I give back to the Air Force what they have given me before I call it a day. After that, it's time to relax on the dock with my wife, sipping margaritas."



Fighter Focus On Staff Sgt. Marc Cooper



Hometown:
Waco, Texas

Organization:
301st Logistics Support
Squadron

301st member since:
Sept. 2003

Position:
Traffic Management
Journeyman

Which means:
“I package and crate different types of equipment to send anywhere CONUS or overseas. I also maintain status on all shipments sent via air, land and sea.”

When not at NAS JRB:
“I’m a part-time student and am attending the Police Academy, graduating in Dec.”

The most rewarding aspect of my job:

“I like being able to keep our troops at a wartime ready.”

Favorite pastime/hobbies:
“I enjoy playing guitar and trumpet, coaching and playing soccer.”

Goals:
“To graduate from college and get a commission.”

Reservists health care highlighted in bill

WASHINGTON — In addition to a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise, Air Force reservists can look forward to better health care options in 2007.

Since Oct. 1, drilling reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system. The first tier of the current plan starts with \$81 monthly premiums for reservists without dependents who recently participated in a contingency operation. Cost of the plan jumps to \$767 a month for non-deployed reservists and their families who are eligible to sign up for employer-provided health care.

Individuals covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program are not eligible for the new plan.

More information about the authorization act is available on the Office of Air Force Reserve Web site under the Policy Integration Directorate’s information page. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

‘Blue to Green’ allows Airmen to transfer to Army

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As the Air Force and Navy continue to transform themselves, the two services are reducing the number of people they have. A program called “Operation Blue to Green,” gives an option for Airmen and Sailors who are chosen for separation the chance to transfer to the Army and remain on active duty.

The two “blue” services are scrubbing their officer and enlisted ranks and eliminating jobs.

The Air Force, for example, will draw down by 40,000 jobs in the next few years.

“These are highly qualified and motivated people,” said Army Lt. Col. Deborah Stewart, the chief of officer accessions policy at the directorate of manpower and personnel management at the Pentagon. “The Blue to

Green program allows them to continue to serve.”

The program allows qualified Airmen and Sailors to transfer to the Army. This year, there is a \$10,000 bonus for those accepted into the program.

Enlisted personnel in grades E-1 to E-5 retain their ranks and time in grade when they transfer. Officers retain their rank and date of rank. All who transfer go through the Army’s Warrior Transition Course — a four-week course to show the Airmen and Sailors how the Army does things.

If those who wish to transfer have specialty codes that translate to Army jobs, then they do not need to retrain, Stewart said. “(A military policeman) is an MP, whether Army or Air Force,” she said.

Other career fields that transfer easily are military intelligence, administration, supply and transportation.

“The majority of the jobs that are open are in combat support, and combat service support specialties,” said Stewart.

Support troops during the holidays

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AFPN) — Just in time for the holidays, Operation Homefront has launched “eCare Package,” an online service that allows citizens to send care packages to deployed troops and their families.

“Operation Homefront” is part of CinCHouse.com, a community for military wives, and is a team member of “America Supports You”, a Department of Defense program connecting U.S. citizens with members of the military.

Servicemembers and families can register on www.ecarepackage.org, which protects their identity and location. Visitors can “adopt” the troops or family based on common interests. Then visitors select individual items to create a customized care package for their chosen servicemember or family and include a personal message.

Operation Homefront’s team of volunteers takes the order, boxes the selected items and ships them directly to the servicemember or family — always protecting their identity and physical location.

Santa Claus is coming to town

On Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. Santa will taxi up to Bldg. 1643, 301st Fighter Wing Maintenance Hangar, to bring presents to all the children of our families.

Parents are asked to bring a wrapped gift with the child's first and last name clearly printed on the package to the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1776. All presents must be dropped off no later than 11 a.m. Dec. 2. Gifts are then picked up and will be waiting in the hangar when Santa arrives. If anyone forgets a gift, they can purchase one from the BX-Mart on Saturday morning.

Children and parents can meet in the hangar starting after 2 p.m. Drinks and cookies will be available to everyone while waiting for the big event to start. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Sign here

Master Sgt. John Shaffner, 301st Fighter Wing recruiter, helps two new Air Force Reserve recruits sign on the "dotted line" at this year's Alliance Air Show. There were six new 301st FW recruits there who took their oath to serve. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Senior Master Sgt. Jeannine Pratt)



Free tickets are available to all military members and their immediate family members to the Armed Forces Bowl, the annual college BCS football game played at the TCU stadium.

This year's game will be played at 7 p.m. on Dec. 23; military uniform is optional, but would look sharp when ESPN televises the game.

Free tickets are available at

ITT located in the TexPlex Bowling Center and in the base Public Affairs office, NAS JRB Headquarters Bldg. 1510, 2nd deck. The tickets have been paid for by various corporations and are unlimited, but if you take tickets, please use them.

Military retirees and veterans get 50 percent off tickets by calling 817.810.0012.



Congratulations

301st Fighter Wing Honor Guard members receive the Army Commendation Medal from Col. Max Mendoza, 301st Mission Support Squadron commander, at the recent annual Honor Guard Banquet. Also receiving the 2005 Honor Guard Member of the Year is Master Sgt. Jose Munzo, Jr., far right. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

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Angel Tree brightens families' holiday season



Our goal is to provide gifts to the 301st Fighter Wing families who may need "a little help" this Christmas.

Angel ornaments will be placed with information about each child and their Christmas wishes on the tree.

If you wish to help a child, please pick up an angel in the 301st Headquarters hallway, building 1654, or call the Family Support Center at 817.782.7435.

After purchasing the gift(s), please wrap it -- to include the angel ornament on the outside of the gift -- and take them to the Family Support Center, building 1776. The gifts will be distributed to the First Sergeants who, in turn, will provide the gifts to the proper 301st families after the December UTA.

If you know of a family in need and you would like to submit their names for the Angel Tree, please contact your First Sergeant or the Family Support Center. Family names will not be known to the gift

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TO THE FAMILY OF

OPSEC tip of the month -

"The 301st Fighter Wing OPSEC team wishes you happy holidays and a very healthy 2007."

bearers as the angels will only have a child's gender, age, size, and desired gift.

If you desire to make this Christmas a special one in the life of a child, please pick

up an angel from the Angel Tree. Thank you for your help and generosity. We hope all 301st families will have a joyful holiday season.

PROMOTIONS and NEWCOMERS

Promotions

301 FW

Master Sgt. Sonja D. Betts
Senior Master Sgt. Michael R. Sherman

610 SFS

Senior Airman Use Abdurrazzaq
Senior Airman Cesar A. Menzel
Senior Airman Christopher Southern

Tech. Sgt. Toby W. Reed

301 LRS

Senior Airman Tykeytra A. Carr
Staff Sgt. Frances L. Smith
Tech. Sgt. Willie D. Pool
Master Sgt. Carl E. Betts

301 MXS

Senior Airman Michael A. Doughty
Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Bradley
Tech. Sgt. Jason M. Skeen

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Brian S. Percosky
Senior Airman Kerwin D. Webster
Staff Sgt. Jared W. Bowen
Staff Sgt. Cory G. Elkins
Tech. Sgt. Corey D. Rector

301 SFS

Senior Airman Anthony J. Weaver

301 MOF

Staff Sgt. Dede J. Croy

701 MDS

Staff Sgt. Conscience V. Jackson
Tech. Sgt. Pedro C. Barbalena
Master Sgt. Dirk Frantz

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Paul F. Klucking
Staff Sgt. Lance C. VonHollen

301 AMDS

Master Sgt. Darrell F. Tomblin, II

10 AF

Chief Master Sgt. Michael E. Jacobssen

Newcomers

301 FW

Staff Sgt. Michele D. Boyd
Staff Sgt. Eric L. Gomer
Staff Sgt. Sheila D. O'connor
Maj. Karl D. Lewis

301 MXS

Senior Airman Vanessa D. Bredehoft
Staff Sgt. Carlos K. Garay
Staff Sgt. Bryan C. Doucette
Tech. Sgt. Larry E. Sypniewski
Capt. Leo J. Kamphaus, Jr.

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Cantu
Airman 1st Class Derrick Scott Johnson
Airman 1st Class Kevin A. Land
Airman 1st Class Mark E. Torres
Senior Airman Daniel E. Pottinger
Staff Sgt. James M. Etchieson

Staff Sgt. Clinton O. Millican

610 SVF

Tech. Sgt. Phyllis M. Holland

301 SFS

Airman 1st Class Yusherya Marie Jackson
Staff Sgt. Barry T. Key

10 AF

Senior Master Sgt. Tracy A. Kopp
Maj. Paul D. Kvernes
Col. John J. Mooney, III

701 MDS

Tech. Sgt. Donald K. Letterman

810 CEF

Capt. Ramlogan G. Mackay

610 RSG

Senior Master Sgt. Louis P. Martsoff

301 LRS

Senior Airman Marisol R. Ponce
Senior Airman Felix A. Reyes
Staff Sgt. Jennifer J. Meuth

301 AMDS

Airman 1st Class Richard E. Pantoja

73 APS

Airman 1st Class Ricardo R. Ramirez

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Travis Anson Sykes

701 MDS

Airman 1st Class Victoria Taylor

301 AMDS

Capt. David F. Tharp