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NEWS BRIEFS

Wing reunion set for July

301st Fighter Wing Booster Club is sponsoring the 301st FW Reunion to be held July 14, 2007 at 6 p.m. at the Green Oaks Inn. Tickets are on sale by contacting Chief Master Sgt. Mark Godfrey, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at 817.782.5628. See page 3 for more information.

IG position opens

The 301st Fighter Wing Inspection General position is open for any full colonel to apply. For more information, call Lt. Col. John Moyer, 817.782.6875.

vPC-GR account a must for military

All Reservists and Air Reserve Technicians must access <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> to create a vPC-GR (virtual Personnel Center Guard Reserve) account. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rich Ernst at 817.782.6864 for details.

Uniform info online

This is a great site with a lot of information and links regarding uniform issues: <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/afp40/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?command=org&channelPageId=1361111&pageId=681742>.

Defending freedom

The 301st Fighter Wing recently deployed nearly 300 members to support the current Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle. Hundreds of aircraft maintainers, weapons loaders, pilots, and support troops left the Dallas/Fort Worth area via commercial and contract aircraft, or military transport to include a C-5 from 433rd Airlift Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and a C-17 from 446th Air Wing, McChord AFB, Washington. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Reserve Airmen build homes, relationships

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey

Public Affairs

(Editor's note: This is the first story in a two-part series on the civil engineer project in Hawaii.)

Texas is known for doing things right and for doing them BIG, so it was no surprise when a group of Texas Air Force Reservists got involved in a big Hawaii-style 'labor of love' honoring some of its most

valued citizens.

Twenty-two civil engineers from the 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base Carswell Field, Texas, are the most recent reserve Airmen working on homebuilding projects for the elderly and handicapped next to the Helemano Plantation.

"My guys have hit the ground running," said Chief Master Sgt.

Ronnie Barham, 301st Civil Engineer Squadron team leader. "They came here wanting to make a big difference because they knew the work wasn't just another construction project — it was impacting the lives of some very important people."

The chief explained that the

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Col. Vince Wilcox
301st Fighter Wing
Vice Commander

New vice brings decades of Fighter Wing experience

I left active duty in 1984 and joined the 457th Spads as an F-4 Weapons Systems Officer, the same job I performed while active. As a new reservist I learned that Air Reserve Technicians and civilians are crucial in making the reserve unit program viable. ARTs and civilians enable traditional reservists to laser-focus on honing their warrior skills.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to be a part of the very special connection between 301st maintenance and operations, the likes of

which I had never experienced on active duty. Our outstanding and supremely dedicated maintenance took active-duty trouble-prone hand-me-down F-4s and turned them into reliable fighting machines. Their stellar record continues, as proven by the perfect F-16 deployment to the area of responsibility last month.

For those not ops or maintenance, who are already fully knowledgeable, I have flown as a WSO with Colonels Bachelor, Williams and Mortensen and can personally attest to their top-flight fighter pilot prowess and leadership. Rest assured, as I do, that they have, and continue to hire and retain only America's best

fighter pilots as Spads.

Flying the F-4 was the most fun and exhilarating job I've ever had. It was emotionally trying as the wing transitioned to F-16s and my position evaporated.

Little did I know what opportunities lay ahead. In retrospect, I was so fortunate to get a position in the civil engineer squadron. This quickly opened my eyes to the support arm of the wing, of which I was previously only vaguely aware.

I came to realize that support units accomplish amazing things with meager resources. I

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I'm utterly thrilled to be your Vice Wing Commander! Let me tell you a little of what I've learned during my wonder-filled career with the 301st.

Only the best will do for our Air Force image



from the First Sergeant's desk

Senior Master Sgt. Chari Petrie

610th Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant

Have you ever read a quote that made you really stop and think? One that really got me was from Oprah Winfrey. She stated "Doing your best at this moment puts you in the best position for the next."

In our world of constant deployments and unknown time lines, it is imperative we make the most of our training, keep ourselves fit and current in our job responsibilities. By doing so, we give ourselves the confidence and preparedness we need for whatever comes 'next'.

Do you apply the same level of preparedness to every day life and while in uniform? How do you conduct yourself when you

are at work? Do you go above and beyond for just a couple of weeks before a possible raise or promotion or do you work hard every day? Do your best not only for yourself, but for those that depend on you – your family, friends and your unit.

Cutting corners and putting only halfhearted efforts into the work you do will eventually catch up with you. It may not be visible immediately, but will shine the brightest when you don't want it to. Then you have a constant shadow or "black mark" against you that you will work a lifetime to erase.

Conversely, always doing your best is a compliment waiting to happen. People notice those who consistently put out their best efforts. Take Volvo for example. They are known as strong, safe and dependable – consistently delivering a quality product. When someone hears the name Volvo, they subconsciously know what it stands for. It is known but unspoken.

When someone hears your name, do they subconsciously think of quality workmanship or are they wary of the end result? Make quality your signature on everything you do. Be the name that speaks for itself and be ready for the "next moment".

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101 Critical Days of Summer 2007: A time to exercise caution

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

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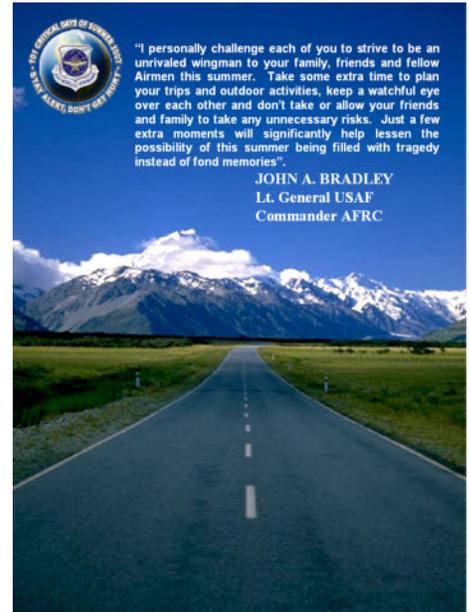
The “101 Critical Days of Summer” between Memorial Day and Labor Day, are once again upon us. In the past this is a historically hazardous time where we sometimes forgo our usual cautious nature and enjoy the warm weather and sunny days without taking the necessary steps to stay safe. Last summer alone the Air Force lost 18 Airmen in accidents during the “101 Critical Days of Summer”; a trend which has remained unacceptably high. Motor vehicle fatalities accounted for most of our losses. Collectively, we lost seven Airmen to automobile mishaps and another four to motorcycle mishaps. Too many of these tragedies involved speeding, alcohol, and a lack of use of

seatbelts or a helmet.

There are still several other factors that make us vulnerable during the “101 Critical Days of Summer”. An increase in sports and recreational activities, high-risk acts, outdoor-leisure pursuits, lack of proper risk management/planning and failing to know your physical limits are just a few of those reasons.

I personally challenge each of you to strive to be an unrivaled wingman to your family, friends and fellow Airmen this summer. Take some extra time to plan your trips and outdoor activities, keep a watchful eye over each other and don’t take or allow your friends and family to take any unnecessary risks. Just a few extra moments will significantly help lessen the possibility of this summer being filled with tragedy instead of fond memories.

I hope your family and you enjoy



these summer months by taking full advantage of what your contributions to this great country have made available. But, please enjoy them responsibly.



Reunite with old 301st comrades

Purchase your tickets now for the 35th anniversary of the 301st Fighter Wing. This reunion will be held at the Green Oaks Inn on July 14 at 6 p.m. The evening will begin with heavy hors d’oeuvres and conclude with a brief program. Call Lt. Col. John Moyer at 817.782.6875 or Chief Master Sgt. Mark Godfrey at 817.782.5628 for tickets.

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seized the opportunity to enhance my officership skills – develop, care for and lead the enlisted force. I may be biased, but I can’t keep myself from saying that I’ve never been around a team that worked physically any harder than the civil engineers.

As I look back, the CE officer position has been the most fulfilling of my Air Force career.

Again, but this time due to downsizing, my position went away in CE.

Fortuitously, the Mission Support Group deputy retired and I was asked to take the position. I had less hesitancy about change this time, and jumped at the opportunity. While I was CE operations officer, I further developed my skills as second-in-command under superlative

mentors. I learned about holding commanders accountable for accomplishing their unit’s mission and caring for their people while aiding them with problems outside their span of control. Furthermore, I developed an appreciation of each support unit’s distinctive ethos, including the medical squadrons’.

We are all Airman first, but each unit has its own tailored culture and that draws and retains its members. And support unit members are both incredibly talented and widely diverse.

Once again, I was pushed out as MSG deputy, this time due to the great fortune of being promoted to colonel.

Serendipitously, a retirement opened a position for me at 10th Air Force, as the Inspector General complaints resolution.

As IG, I learned to exercise an extra measure of compassion while remaining objective and impartial. Also, I gained a better understanding of 10th’s

mission, facilitating the success of subordinate wings in succeeding in mission accomplishment and excelling at inspections.

When I saw the 301st IG position advertised two years ago, I immediately applied, to get back home to the 301st. Using a gearbox metaphor, as the 301st IG working with my fellow wing staffers, I soon recognized that each and every one of the wing staff functions is either a vital cog or lubricant that’s indispensable to keeping this fantastic wing running continuously at full throttle.

I’m blessed, honored, and humbled to be 301st Vice Commander. Thank you for your service and choice to serve with the 301st. Keep up the great work. Stay proud.

In closing, please keep the currently deployed 301st warriors, along with all our fellow comrades in arms in harm’s way, in your thoughts and prayers.

History never ends, it just goes fishing

Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack

Public Affairs

After almost three decades of service Chief Master Sergeant Dale Nickelson concluded his military career as the last active serving Air Force member of the 558th Tactical Fighter Squadron who served duty in Vietnam.

His varied military career began in 1966 when he left the family meat packing business he enjoyed all throughout school to join the service as a means to stay ahead of the draft and chose the branch of service he would serve in.

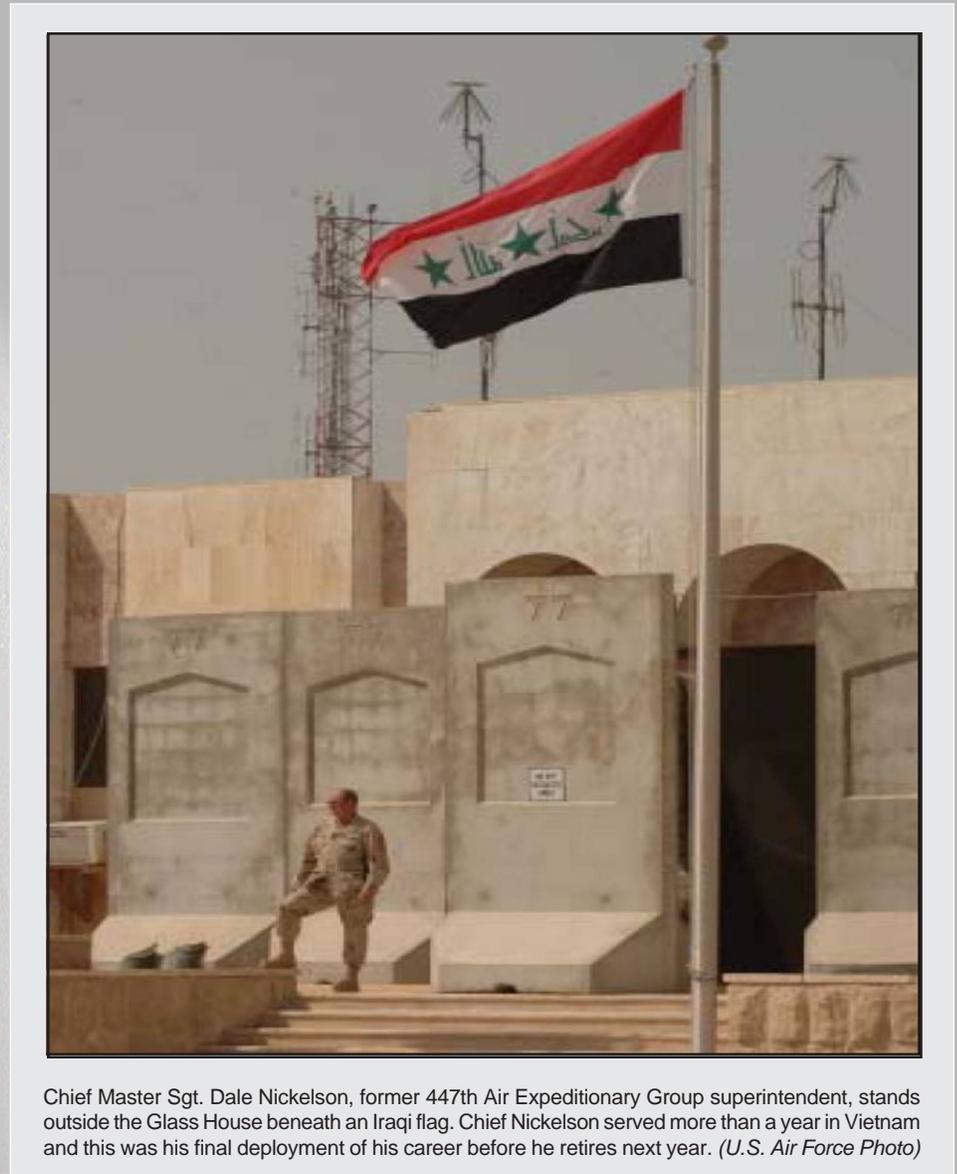
“Instead of being chosen [for the draft] I joined to get my service out of the way and pick the Air Force,” said Chief Nickelson.

After completing aircraft maintenance training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, he received orders to Big Spring, Texas, to work as a flightline crew chief on the T-38 “Talon”.

In September 1968, he attended Field Training Detachment training on the F-4 “Phantom” at George Air Force Base, Calif., before reporting Cam Rahn Bay Air Base, Republic of Viet Nam. There, his duties included phase dock chief, crew chief and aircraft battle damage repair team member.

He came to Carswell AFB, Texas, in 1969 and joined the 388th Fighter Wing where the first squadron of FB-111A “Aardvark” fighter-bombers was formed. He began on the flight line but then moved into the phase dock.

Then, in November 1970, the wing split into two squadrons at Pease AFB, Calif., and Plattsburg AFB, N.Y. Chief Nickelson followed the FB-111 to Plattsburg AFB, where he worked mainly in the phase dock. After getting promoted to night-shift dock chief he completed his military service obligation in 1973 then headed back to Texas with his wife to



Chief Master Sgt. Dale Nickelson, former 447th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent, stands outside the Glass House beneath an Iraqi flag. Chief Nickelson served more than a year in Vietnam and this was his final deployment of his career before he retires next year. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

rejoin his former civilian career.

“I like working in meat cutting because it’s a people-oriented job,” said Chief Nickelson. “I enjoy dealing with people.”

During a visit to the commissary at (then) Carswell AFB, Chief Nickelson learned about the Air Force Reserve.

“I didn’t know the Reserve existed,” said Chief Nickelson.

In 1985, after learning the A-4 was coming to Carswell, he decided to rejoin the career he loved as much as meat cutting.

“The best job in the Air Force is working on planes,” said Chief Nickelson. “We get to help provide the pilots with a weapon they can depend on.”

He later applied for a full-time Air Reserve Technician position and was chosen from a list of names by Sergeant Klaus Winter, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the phase doc. Now Senior Master Sgt. Klaus Winter, the 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flightline expeditor, recalls the event.

“I have always enjoyed working with him, said Sergeant Winter. “He always dealt with people fairly.”

Now that Chief Nickelson’s military career has come to a close he will begin a new life, spending more time with his family and his favorite hobby fishing, while living in Granbury, Texas — his retirement domicile.



Remember Flag Day this June 14

Submitted by Senior Master Sgt. Pearletta Ullrich
301st Security Forces Squadron



Hello, I am your flag and, as I so proudly state, the flag of the United States of America. I remember quite some time ago, on Memorial Day, when everyone filled the streets to watch me pass by.

When people saw me coming, everyone would stand up, the men removed their hats,

and children would place their hand over their heart.

They were taught respect in school back then. There were armed forces personnel there too, standing at attention, rendering me a military salute. Civilians, as well as military, paid me respect.

If I sound conceited, ...well,

I have a right to because I represent the greatest country in the world, the United States of America. Many of you have gone overseas to defend me.

Many nations have seen the fury of this freedom loving country. I have been to Normandy, Iwo Jima, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq to name a very few and don't forget the

countless unnamed military engagements as well as the Global War on Terror. A lot of blood has been shed to keep this nation free. I have draped many of your comrades on their journey home. When you salute me, you salute them.

Remember this Memorial Day, that it was originally known as Decoration Day to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.



The 301st Maintenance Squadron family members coordinated a farewell dinner for some of their deploying spouses and children. Everyone dug in and helped prepare and serve dozens of families. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)



Buckets of spaghetti and salad were consumed during a 301st maintenance family get together last UTA. This dinner helps build stronger bonds between wing members and gave families an opportunity to network. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)



Honoring the chief

The Noble Chief Award is presented to chiefs nominated by the 301st Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. for their exemplary performance as a Chief Master Sergeant. Chief Dale Nickelson was the second to receive this award at his recent retirement ceremony from Command Chief Jack Mills. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Sign here

Air Force Reserve Senior Master Sgt. Samantha Boswell, 301st Aerospace Medicine Squadron's senior Air Reserve Technician, helps 301st Fighter Wing members to process through the deployment line before departing for Southwest Asia. Nearly 300 301st Fighter Wing troops deployed recently to support the current Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycles. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Go get 'em

(r to l) Lt. Gen. John Bradley, commander Air Force Reserve Command, and Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, give the Spads send-off way to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Karl Lewis)



Call to duty

301st Fighter Wing members wait to check in their bags before leaving Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on their way to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Cookies boost smiles

Senior Airman Rita Davis, 301st Mission Support Group education and training technician, helps decorate and wrap some 200-plus cookies for deploying wing members. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Farewell

301st Fighter Wing members before boarding a contract aircraft. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Karl Lewis)



apt. Shelia Dembowski, executive assistant to the AFRC commander, and off to 457th Fighter Squadron pilots as they taxi down the flightline on their



Hurry and wait

301st Fighter Wing members wait to check in their bags before leaving Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on their way to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



s met with wing and 10th Air Force commanders aircraft to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/



Ready for action

On the 301st Fighter Wing flightline, 457th and 482nd Fighter Squadrons' F-16s sit ready and waiting to take part in the current Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment activities. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Karl Lewis)

DFAS adds new security measure to the myPay system

ARLINGTON, Va.- myPay officials announced today another new security feature has been added to protect customers' data on the pay account system.

As part of our on-going commitment to strengthen password and account security to protect our customers' data, Defense Finance and Accounting Service has implemented the "virtual keyboard" to assist in protecting against malicious software such as spyware, trojans and keylogging.

The virtual keyboard is available beginning mid-May. Each time a user arrives at myPay to log on, the virtual keyboard will appear on the screen.

The user will type in their Login ID and then the user will "press" the keys on the screen by clicking on them with their mouse to enter their Personal Identification Number (PIN) instead of typing the actual keys. The virtual keyboard is to be used only for the user's PIN.

To enhance security, the keyboard layout changes or keys are displayed randomly every time the page is refreshed.

"This is a significant move toward adding yet another layer of security to our myPay system," said Pat Shine, director of

operations for DFAS. "We want to reassure our customers that we are proactively working to secure their pay account information."

DFAS uses a variety of security features to protect your data on the myPay system, yet we ask that customers do everything they can to protect data from being compromised or captured on home computers. Under frequently asked question on the myPay homepage (<https://mypay.dfas.mil>) customers can find more information on steps to secure their home computers.

To Login to myPay using the Virtual Keyboard:

① Type Login ID under Account Access on the homepage.

② Next, click on the numbers and letters (if using a restricted access PIN) of your PIN using the mouse and virtual keyboard on the screen. (Each number and/or letter will appear as an asterisk in the textbox above the virtual keyboard.) When finished, click the "GO" button.

③ Once in myPay users will continue to navigate as usual.

For more about DFAS visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

Air Force Enlisted's 1st top chief reflects on historic career

Carl Bergquist

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNEWS) — The year was 1967, the United States was embroiled in a bloody and unpopular war in Vietnam and the then Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John McConnell decided the Air Force needed a senior NCO to represent NCO concerns and issues and present them directly to senior Air Force leadership.

The position the general had in mind was chief master sergeant of the Air Force, and the man he chose to serve was Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey.

It has been 40 years since the decision was made, and the first CMSAF took a few

moments to reflect on what the early days on the job were like for him.

"It is scary how fast the time has gone," retired Chief Airey said during a recent visit

here. "It is difficult to believe we are on our 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force."

He said over the past 40 years the job has broadened, and today the CMSAF is involved in "considerably more" than he was.

"In my day, my biggest problem was keeping the job going, as we were up to our necks in Vietnam," the chief



said. "Now, the CMSAF goes to Corona. I think this change is for the better because it shows the job has proven itself to be worthwhile for the Air Force."

Chief Airey said he also feels the position is important to the service because it gives every Airman going through basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, a goal to shoot for.

Additionally, enlisted Airmen know there is someone representing them at the Pentagon level.

The chief described the two years and four months he served as CMSAF as, "a very

gratifying experience" and said his greatest accomplishment was his assistance in making the Weighted Airman Promotion System a reality.

"I'm proudest of helping the WAPS program get going. One of the biggest problems I faced as CMSAF was promotions," he said. "When I came in, we had a terrible promotions system. It was so bad we had thousands of Airmen writing their congressmen about it. The WAPS program cleared up the problem."

Chief Airey said he was also proud of helping to get the assignment system straightened out.

He said there were Air

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Air Force personnel services transformed

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Airmen around the world are trading in long lines and filling out lengthy paperwork at personnel offices for the convenience of online and phone-based self-service capabilities.

These advances in technology allow individuals to manage their personal tasks more efficiently and conveniently, even from the comfort of their own home. As part of a broad transformation effort, Air Force leaders are actively working to bring those same conveniences to valued Airmen and civilian employees.

The personnel communities within each component — active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian — are going through the largest and most comprehensive transformation effort since the inception of the Air Force. This effort is commonly referred to as Personnel Service Delivery transformation.

Assignment preference, duty history updates, career job reservation and selective reenlistment programs used to generate an estimated 2,500 MPF visits per month or 300,000 per year. However, since centralizing these processes earlier this year, most personnel requests are now processed electronically through self-service applications.

The Air National Guard and Reserve components have their own success stories with the deployment of the virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve, which is an Internet-based automated tool available to Airmen year round any time of the day or night and can be accessed from home, work or deployed location.

Airmen can request retirement applications and corrections to awards and decorations, or nominate members for awards. In January 2007, nearly 5,000 online requests were received through vPC-GR.

Since PSD is a total-force effort, the Air Force civilian personnel community has, and continues to play, a strong and vital role. Since October 1996, all civilian OPF documents are now stored electronically.

Another tool civilian employees

have used for several years is the Electronic Benefits Information System, or EBIS. Through EBIS, employees can obtain general, personal and projected benefit transaction information such as a complete benefits summary, on-the-spot retirement estimates, information on health insurance, life insurance and thrift savings plan benefit transactions.

Two upcoming civilian initiatives include an automated retirement package self-service application which allows an employee to complete and

submit a retirement package online, and a new recruitment tool called USA Staffing which

is designed to increase staffing efficiencies.

Another important goal of PSD is the integration of two civilian contact centers — the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and the Recruitment Service Center — with the active-duty Air Force Contact Center and the Air Reserve Personnel Center Contact Center. For more details call the 301st Mission Support Squadron customer service at 817.782.6864 or visit the Web site <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>.

Airports allow family to extend farewell

In January 2004, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a security directive pertaining to military passengers (see attached) that allows commercial airlines to issue a special access pass that allows family members to accompany the service member through airport security check points or to meet them at the arrival gates.

According to TSA Security Directive 1544-01-10w (Access to Sterile Concourse for Non-traveling Individuals), Military Passenger Family Members may be given a pass to escort the military passenger to the gate or to meet a military passenger's inbound arrival at the gate.

According to a TSA spokesperson, family members who want to escort the servicemember to the departure gate need to process through the air-

line ticket line when the servicemember checks in or checks their baggage. The airline will, at that point, issue the special access pass and the family member will need to proceed through the security station at the same time as the military member.

Family members who want to meet their servicemember at the arrival gate should first check to see if the airport has a USO office. The USO is working with TSA and the airlines to secure the special access passes. If the airport does not have a USO office, family members should go to the ticket counter of the airline that the military member is flying on and request the passes.

Family members will need to present the pass and photo ID (i.e., driver's license) to get through the security checkpoint.

The TSA spokesperson stated that "not all airports or airlines" are able to issue the special access pass to meet returning service members at the gate due to local security situations. They also stated "one way to make this process easier, is for the traveling servicemember to inform the ticket agent at check-in, that family members will be contacting the ticket office at the arrival destination to request the special pass."

This TSA Security Directive primarily affects military personnel who are on leave from Afghanistan or Iraq. It will offer a better "welcome home" for those service members as they exit the airplane to see their family at the gate as well as provide servicemembers more time with their families before leaving. This policy is in effect at U.S. airports only.

For more information regarding the attached TSA Security Directive, contact TSA at 1.866.289.9673. (*Information acquired from Air Force Office of Special Investigations*)



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organization spearheading the project, ORI Anuenue Hale ('Rainbow House'), is a nonprofit group dedicated to providing relief to and promoting the general welfare of the elderly, disadvantaged and disabled people of Oahu. Members of the group — the initials of which stand for "Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc." — have been supporting the elderly and disabled communities since 1980.

The group's newest development is the Aloha Gardens, a 40-acre project that will include a day-care and wellness center for the elderly; a vocational training center; a campground area; agricultural and aquaculture operations; a country market and mini-golf area; and short-term respite care facilities.

"This entire project of love and goodwill has been the vision and dream of one lady, Susanna Cheung," said Chief Master Sgt. Luis S. Ayala, military project coordinator. "Mrs. Cheung is a very determined and passionate person who has seen a great need among the elderly and handicapped and she has done everything in her power to make a difference. I'm glad the military has gotten the chance to be

involved."

Initially, the Air Force Reserve signed on to build three five-bedroom homes and a social hall in 2006 as part of its IRT initiative, which, according to officials, has agreed to continue its support. IRT is a civilian/military partnership through which Reservists receive training while supporting local communities throughout the United States. Reserve civil engineers have been involved in IRT projects for the past 10 years. Aloha Gardens was one of the more than 100 projects across the nation selected in 2006 by the IRT.

"Our people are doing excellent work," said Chief Barham. "They get to work every day by 6 a.m. and they don't finish until late in the evening. We take pride in our work and have been extremely glad to be part of this important humanitarian program."

Yvonne C. de Luna, Helemano Plantation public relations specialist, voiced similar enthusiasm for the 301st Fighter Wing's efforts.

"The military has done an amazing job here — their tremendous support is making Mrs. Cheung's dream a wonderful reality," she said.

During the past two weeks, the 301st has completed the installation of a 750-foot fence, framed up three cabins, installed 10 15-foot



Tech. Sgt. Mark Duran, 301st Civil Engineer Squadron electrical craftsman, secures wood panelling on a fabricated storage trailer. The twenty-person team spent two weeks on various projects which will be used to support and house elderly and disabled community members. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)

street lights, set up and converted a trailer into an office and set up a supply tool system; and installed a water fill station; and dug a 40-foot trench and installed a water line for the fill station.

"I'll go anywhere with these guys — they're a class act," said Chief Ayala. "Very few civil engineer teams specialize, but the 301st FW is a complete civil engineer team. They would be one of my first choices if I had to get a big job done."

The chief added that the 301st has supported other humanitarian projects in Honduras in 1996 and in Guatemala in 2001.

Other reserve units will follow

the 301st to continue the IRT project as a training opportunity.

Team members have been able to train in various fields not directly related to their Air Force specialty.

Senior Airman B.J. Alexis, a heating and air conditioning specialist, said he has got the chance to do more than his regular job here in Hawaii.

"It's been a valuable learning experience," he said. "This is my first time to Hawaii but what has mattered most to me is the training and the work being done. We are helping out people who have difficulty helping themselves. That type of work makes you feel good inside."



(left) 301st CES members help raise the framework on one of the three houses built during their two weeks in Oahu. The team also help construct an office warehouse. (right) Master Sgt. Victor Rice (l) and Staff Sgt. Lonnie Williams, both from 301st CES, set and level a fence post to run 750 feet of fence line to encircle a pond. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)



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Force members who had done two or three tours of duty in Vietnam, while others had not deployed to the country at all, and he was able to help correct that problem.

The chief said concerning the future, he doesn't see many changes in the job of CMSAF. He said the CMSAF serves at the pleasure of the Air Force Chief of Staff, and future CSAFs will steer the job in the direction they want it to go.

He served as a first sergeant for much of his active duty career. After serving more than two years as CMSAF, he retired in August 1970.

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301 MXS

Airman Matthew R. Rhodes
Airman 1st Class James D. Howell
Senior Airman Michael Arredondo
Staff Sgt. Randall L. Burks
Staff Sgt. Gale W. Gleason
Staff Sgt. James T. Leddon
Staff Sgt. Mark A. Orr
Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Walter, Jr.
Tech. Sgt. John A. Harper
Tech. Sgt. Franklin P. Helton
Tech. Sgt. John B. Smithdorff
Master Sgt. Jesus G. San Miguel
Master Sgt. Steven Van Kleeck

701 MDS

Airman 1st Class James P. Roberts
Airman 1st Class Miles E. Thayer, Jr.

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Bayle N. Butler
Staff Sgt. Bryan J. Black
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Daily
Staff Sgt. Robert D. Gentry
Staff Sgt. Timothy C. Gipson
Tech. Sgt. Christopher J. Blas
Tech. Sgt. Kyle J. Cornelius
Tech. Sgt. Joshua P. Crary
Tech. Sgt. Michael S. Greer
Tech. Sgt. Eric Grudzickie
Tech. Sgt. Kristopher D. Harrison
Tech. Sgt. Jason K. Lester
Tech. Sgt. Scott Pecikonis
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey D. Powers
Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Waxenfelter
Master Sgt. Christopher Carrell
Master Sgt. Michael Carocci
Master Sgt. Mike A. Donnelly
Master Sgt. Kyle A. Hankins
Master Sgt. Ryan O. Jones
Master Sgt. Victoria Murdock
Master Sgt. Joseph P. Readyhough
Master Sgt. Ronald L. Sion
Master Sgt. Carol C. White
Master Sgt. Ricky L. Williams

301 SFS

Senior Airman Yusheerya Jackson
Senior Airman Adan Marez
Tech. Sgt. Richard Cofield
73 APS
Senior Airman Lucas A. Ortega
Senior Airman Ashley N. Tottress
Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Cook

Chief Master Sgt. Michelle Ozuna

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Timothy W. Coykendall
Staff Sgt. Scott D. Kingston
Staff Sgt. Beau K. Welch
Staff Sgt. Jarahan Young

301 AMDS

Tech. Sgt. Todd P. Dewolve

10 AF Det 3

Tech. Sgt. Paul C. Henning

10 AF

Chief Master Sgt. David C. Wood

301 MSS

Master Sgt. LaWanna M. Veirs

301 MXG

Master Sgt. Samuel B. Ramos
Tech. Sgt. John A. Hutchinson
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Anderson
Senior Master Sgt. Eric J. Hagedorn
Chief Master Sgt. Arthur J. Zimmerman

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Yokona S. Bell

610 RSG

Senior Master Sgt. Vickie L. Spratley

Newcomers

301 MXS

Airman William Andrew Campbell
Airman 1st Class Tyrell J. Billingsley
Airman 1st Class Efrain Gonzales, Jr.
Airman 1st Class Terra S. Swint
Senior Airman James M. Burleson
Senior Airman Brandon J. Lafleur
Senior Airman Lemoine L. Logan
Senior Airman Kermit Rodriguez-Padon
Staff Sgt. Shavon D. Bogan
Staff Sgt. Brian L. Ray
Staff Sgt. Franklin P. Rose
Staff Sgt. Bobby J. Wright
Tech. Sgt. Francis E. Albee
Tech. Sgt. Alfred Bedwell
Tech. Sgt. Robert A. Musgrave
Tech. Sgt. Myron J. Schaan
Tech. Sgt. Romero C. Thomas
Master Sgt. Luis M. Berrelez
Master Sgt. Zane S. Drescher
Master Sgt. Eddie G. Hutton
Master Sgt. Brent M. Marsh
Master Sgt. Karen E. McDonald
Master Sgt. Charles D. Moser
Master Sgt. Pamela A. Stump
Senior Master Sgt. Edward G. Yasenchack
2nd Lt. Robert D. Dossman

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Valerie J. Arreguin
Senior Airman Jose Dominguez
Senior Airman Michael B. Hobbs
Senior Airman Jorge L. Limonta
Senior Airman Kenneth W. Orr, III
Senior Airman Christopher L. Wall
Staff Sgt. Timothy L. Cloud
Staff Sgt. Anthony R. Crayton
Staff Sgt. Brad A. Finger
Staff Sgt. Andrea M. Schmidt
Staff Sgt. Nora J. Turner
Tech. Sgt. Michael S. Brunin
Tech. Sgt. Edwin H. Giles, Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Roger G. Lee
Master Sgt. Raymond E. Knox
Master Sgt. Robert W. Taylor

301 LRS

Senior Airman Steven C. Ashworth
Senior Airman Michael Greene
Senior Airman Ronak H. Patel
Senior Airman Donzonta A. Scott
Staff Sgt. Thang Q. Ta

301 AMDS

Senior Airman Brittany M. Straub
Staff Sgt. Oge J. Bennett

73 APS

Airman 1st Class Charles D. Brister, II
Airman 1st Class Deeanne Rosario
Senior Airman Steve Lopez
Staff Sgt. Shiquell Conner
Staff Sgt. Wayne P. Williams

301 MOF

Senior Airman Princess T. Brown
Senior Airman Jennifer Clark

701 MDS

Senior Airman James M. Lester
Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Brown
Maj. Alexander M. Kasiri

301 SVF

Senior Airman Angel Gallegos (Fine)

301 CES

Senior Airman Shermaine Gaskill
Master Sgt. Cynthia K. Rolfes

457 FS

Staff Sgt. Andrea L. Lopez
Tech. Sgt. Rodney A. Mitchell
Maj. John B. Oglesby

301 FW

Staff Sgt. Christina A. Simon

610 SFS

Airman 1st Class Gina M. Thacher
10 AF
Maj. Donald J. W. Yu