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NEWS BRIEFS

July 4 festivities cancelled

The area needed to perform a July 4th fireworks show this year on base is unavailable due to lake's current high water conditions.

Reunion tickets still available

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 Hotel. Tickets are on sale. See page 2 for more information on the reunion.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the west end of the 301st Fighter Wing headquarters, building 1654, will be closed through Oct. 24, 2007, due to construction activities.

Spouse support group meets

The family support office will sponsor a support group meeting July 7 at 2 p.m. in building 1776. The meeting is for the spouses of deployed members. For more details, call Jay Evans at 817.782.7435.

Remember ...

There is no "B" UTA in July or August.



Checking it twice

Master Sgt. Mike observes as Senior Airman David performs preflight checks on an F-16 while deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq. Both Air Force Reserve Airmen are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

AFRC Command Chief takes in 301st excellence

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

The 301st Fighter Wing got a welcomed visit from one its top leaders June 2 when Air Force Reserve Command's Command Chief Master Sergeant Troy McIntosh spoke to the troops. He praised them for their hard work and gave them insight towards what the future may look like.

While visiting most of the

301st squadrons, the chief shared his vision on how together we all can make the Air Force Reserve even better.

"Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett brought this command into the future and paved the path in creating the 'unrivaled Airman,' providing an endless potential for all Airmen. My goal is to take us to the next level by building new programs and repairing or replacing those that are no longer viable in our operational environment. I believe the statement,

'knowledge is power, is now truer than ever before. If we understand the 'why,' we are committed to the end result and I believe that is success.'

As someone who has seen a few things during his 12 years of active duty service, and 15 years as an Air Reserve Technician, Active Guard Reservist and traditional reservist, Chief McIntosh said he is determined to provide new opportunities for

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Dedication to wing, members is celebrated with 35 years of heritage

Public Affairs proved they can play tricks on his old dog. I neglected to provide a title for my article last month so they made one up for me. They gave me “decades of experience” – why didn’t they just call me “old”? Anyway you put it, “seasoned,” “mature,” “experienced” or just plain “old,” I must reluctantly admit I’m no longer a young pup.

Nevertheless, as a benefit of my military career longevity, I’ve had the good fortune to observe in flight every aircraft model the 301st Fighter Wing has flown. As a second lieutenant going through initial fighter training in AT-38s, I have the opportunity to observe an F-105 Thunderchief take off while awaiting our turn at the departure end. What a sight! I can still feel how that AT-38 shook when that Thud lit afterburner.

Of course, I’m partial to the F-4 Phantom II. I have hundreds of operational flight

hours in multiple F-4 fighter types. I believe that the F-4s alongside Military Parkway are unarguably the meanest looking fighters on base.

Moving to our current aircraft, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, is undeniably the most combat effective of all aircraft on static display on base. Even though I’m no longer in the cockpit, I take great pride in watching our F-16s takeoff and land after a successful mission. I hope you do too.

We can all get an up-close look at these aircraft – although not in flight – in the 301st Airpark, dedicated upon the 301st FW’s 25th anniversary, behind the base exchange. At present, these awe-inspiring fighter aircraft appear somewhat weathered. (Isn’t this just one more way of saying “old”?) We have a plan to make them spiffy and shiny later this year.

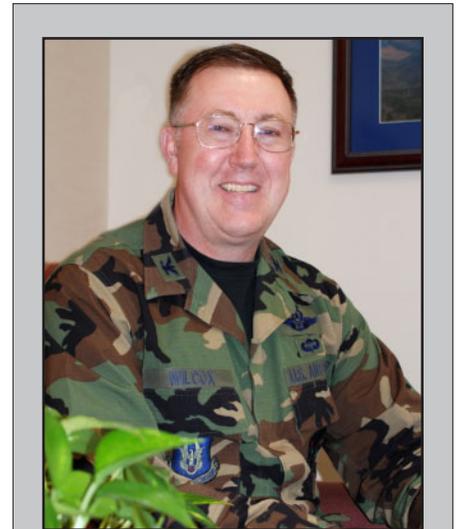
These aircraft represent the 35 years of 301st Fighter Wing heritage. Far more important than these awesome aircraft are the people who came before us and built up the 301st to the outstanding organization it is today.

Some of the 301st’s past warriors formed an organization appropriately named the “Restin’ Crew.” The Restin’ Crew has been a driving and organizing force behind 301st reunions – the 25th, 30th and now the 35th. The 35th reunion will be held Saturday,

July 14, 6 p.m. at the Green Oaks Inn. This reunion is for *all* 301st warriors, past and present. The reunion timing could be better but you don’t get to pick your birthday, do you?

Attending Restin’ Crew members would relish visiting with current 301st warriors and enjoy hearing about our current-day challenges and successes. I bet you’d get a lot of gratification from listening to “war stories” and how it was “back in the day.” I attended the 30th reunion and found it thoroughly enjoyable. Please consider attending – you won’t regret it. For tickets, see Chief Master Sgt. Mark Godfrey, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at 817.782.5628 or Lt. Col. John Moyer, 301st FW executive officer at 817.782.6875.

Five years from now, when time for the 40th reunion rolls around, I hope the timing for a gathering is more favorable. Personally, I anticipate being a Restin’ Crew member. For those of you with fewer grey hairs than me, when you see me there, please be courteous to me and fellow Restin’ Crew members - don’t use the “old” word. “Keepers of the 301st heritage” is much more dignified.



Col. Vince Wilcox
301st Fighter Wing
Vice Commander

Tickets still available for wing reunion

The 301st Fighter Wing’s 35th anniversary will have many very impressive attendees, including Maj. Gen. (Ret.) John Taylor, a SPAD warrior from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam and recipient of the Order of the Sword.

The evening’s event, requiring very casual dress, will follow a like agenda – no speeches, no presentations – just plenty of time to tell war stories and renew old friendships.

Ticket prices for E-6 and below are now reduced from \$30 to \$20.



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Air Force Reserve Command's Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy J. McIntosh recently visited various squadrons within the 301st Fighter Wing during a June visit to praise the troops and pass on his insight on the future. While visiting the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron, he modeled and elaborated on the new Air Force utility uniform's features. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

AFRC Command Chief takes on many faces to answer Airmen's questions

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those who desire more.

"I will continually emphasize the endless possibilities available to all reservists – the sky is the limit when it comes to your military career. With enlisted force development, we will make every effort to break down the barriers and obstacles to you, our future leaders. Opportunities will be crystal clear to all Airmen."

An exciting objective of Chief McIntosh's seems to be in grooming the next chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Remarking to those in attendance he said, "Who's to say that a member of the active Guard and Reserve

cannot be a command chief, or an Air Reserve Technician, a first sergeant, a traditional reservist or a recruiter? Barriers to career progression would be nonexistent. As a result, the young Airman sitting next to you could be the next numbered Air Force command chief or even chief master sergeant of the Air Force."

Offering opportunities through development channels, challenging our men and women to do something different and to grow in their careers more, as well as grabbing hold of the mission opportunities that they normally don't take advantage of, are just a few of the goals the chief wants

to help accomplish.

"I believe we all want to do better – I will work hard to ensure everyone has the chance to succeed in their careers."

As for the 301st, the chief said he was quite impressed on how high the morale seems to be. "Everyone seems very proud of the work they do – they all have a 'glad to be here' attitude. I also see a good working relationship between officers and enlisted which is a credit to Colonel [Kevin] Pottinger and Chief [Master Sgt. Jack] Mills who I know have worked very hard to accomplish this," Chief McIntosh said.

Other important issues the chief talked about included the Base Realignment and

Closure and the changes it has brought. "We must continue to embrace members who have been affected by BRAC. BRAC can affect all of us so we need to make sacrifices for the team by appreciating everyone. Today you are not on the BRAC list but who knows about tomorrow. We need to have open arms to those affected."

As for the future, Chief McIntosh doesn't feel like it will slow down very much. "We will continue to take on new missions and continue to show our Air Force Reserve excellence in everything we do – people see the outstanding work we do everyday and it's that kind of service and performance that makes a lasting impression."

Bear takes on adventurous mission for support, morale

Story collaborated by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia and Maj. Dave Public Affairs

This deployment came as a surprise to one Air Force Reserve major — having about two weeks notice — after being informed he was a last minute substitution. “When I told my wife the news, the response was exactly as expected — 100 percent support.” They agreed telling the children might return mixed reactions, but they did need time to digest it, not wait until he was walking out the door.

“My son, Robert, expressed concern for our safety, but took a logical approach and trusted that my squadron buddies and I would be safe.” On the other hand, his daughter, Lauren, was afraid.

Lauren has a favorite stuffed animal she received from her Nana years ago. She named it “Lars”. The bear goes everywhere with her; his fur coat shows their strong relationship. In school last year, her class had a “bring a teddy bear to school” day. When Lauren showed up with Lars, her teacher took one look at Lars, picked it up in front of the class and said, “This bear is loved.” The rest of our family has accepted Lars as a regular family member as he eats dinner with us every night and sits on the couch with us to watch TV.

Last Christmas, Lauren gave her father a gift she had bought with her own money. She presented him with a stuffed animal, smaller than Lars, but similar in appearance. She also hand sewed a tiny heart shaped pillow that matched the bear’s clothes. The miniature bear’s name is Lars Junior, call sign “LJ.”

“My daughter is physically tough, vowing to be able to do anything her big brother can, but she remains sensitive and expressive of her feelings.”

Lauren had images of the war in Iraq straight from the front page of a popular news magazine. Not that this magazine image isn’t true, but it’s just a different picture than the 457th Fighter Squadron’s job here at Balad Air Base. She was extremely scared for the



Maj. Dave gives Lars, Jr. (center) support during a visit with a deployed F-16 pilot, Maj. Steve. Having LJ, as she’s called for short, deployed with Maj. Dave to keep him safe and ensure his daughter back home that they are protected and having many adventures together. Both officers are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

entire squadron’s safety.

The major assured her everything there was very well planned and secure on base — a well defined and defended perimeter. He could, deep down, tell she didn’t accept that answer, but on the outside she agreed to support him and helped her father pack.

“As we loaded my required items into my A-3 bag together, she picked up the bear she had given me and said, ‘Maybe you should take LJ?’ He sat with his head poking out of my A-3 bag until we departed for the base the next morning.”

Since being in Balad, LJ is a regular SPAD. He usually hangs out on Maj. Dave’s desk, but occasionally will sit outside under the shade of the camouflaged patio cover. One day, LJ took a tour of an F-16 where we got some photos sitting in various places on the jet.

Since arriving at Balad, LJ has done a ‘bear’ good job earning recognition for helping out the troops’ morale while in

Southwest Asia supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“I’ve sent home several pictures of LJ in action and hope that Lauren feels some comfort in knowing the LJ and I are having a good time.”



Maj. Dave shows his appreciation to his daughter’s school back home who continues to support his family while he is deployed. The major has received numerous cards from the school and will be bringing home a flag that was flown in an F-16 mission in Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



New Air Combat Command commander appointed

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — Air Force officials announced June 20 that the commander of Air Combat Command will retire from the Air Force this fall.

The president has nominated Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John D. W. Corley to the Senate to succeed Gen. Ronald E. Keys as the ACC commander.

General Keys assumed command of the Air Force's largest major command in May 2005. During his tenure, he's championed the need for the Air Force to balance its resources between fighting today's wars, looking forward to and preparing for tomorrow's threats, and developing future technologies to more effectively and efficiently accomplish the Air Force mission.

Taking the position this fall, Gen. Corley brings years of experience. General Corley entered the Air Force after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. He earned his wings at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, in 1974. His aviation career includes more than 3,000 flying hours with combat experience. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. His staff positions comprise a mix of operational and joint duties in Tactical Air Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and the Joint Staff.

As a young officer, General Corley served as a combat analyst in the Headquarters Air Force Studies and Analyses branch, which was responsible for building the modeling and simulation foundation that defined the service's next-generation fighters. Following the air war over Serbia, he served as director of studies and analysis at U.S. Air Forces in Europe, developing the lessons-learned report for the Air Force.

General Corley has significant experience in intense combat, most recently during Operation Enduring Freedom. As Combined Air



Gen. John D. W. Corley

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Uniform officials warn Airmen about knockoff ABUs



Airman Battle Uniform

Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Commercial manufacturers have begun to advertise sale of the new Airman Battle Uniform at various online Web sites. Air Force officials warn Airmen these uniforms are not the authorized items provided by the Air Force's official source, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, and may not meet the service's stringent specifications.

Many Airmen who want to get the uniform immediately may be tempted to purchase these uniforms, potentially

sacrificing the safety and quality of the DSCP-procured uniforms scheduled to be available for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchanges Service locations in October, said Maj. Randall Smith of the Air Force Uniform and Recognition Branch.

"Many of these Web sites are advertising their uniforms as 'official' and 'fully certified,' however, no commercial vendors currently have Air Force certification," he said. "All uniforms must be purchased through DSCP or AAFES when they become available."

When the Army introduced its Army Combat Uniform, it faced similar issues, said Maj. Brian Schooley, the program manager for Air Force Military Clothing at AAFES. Many soldiers purchased uniforms from uncertified commercial vendors, and the uniforms did not meet Army specifications.

In many cases, the pockets

were improperly sewn or sized, the stitching was incorrect, and the weight, quality and feel of the garments were inferior, he said. There were also safety issues.

"The (certified) ACU (and ABU) have an inherent non-infrared quality that makes them undetectable by night-vision equipment," Major Schooley said. "The knockoffs may not have that same quality."

Additionally, when soldiers purchased knockoff uniforms that did not meet military specifications, they were not able to return them for refunds, and military clothing sales cannot exchange them because they are not certified, he said. DSCP uniforms have a replacement warranty and may be exchanged at AAFES locations.

"DSCP provides high-level quality with all our products," said Al Esposito, a supervisory product service specialist with DSCP. "We only award (contracts) to the best vendors to give (members) the best quality."

While the military can not

legally stop vendors from advertising and selling knockoff uniforms, it can educate military members on the importance of buying their uniforms from certified vendors.

"Our folks deserve to know what they are, or are not, buying," Major Smith said. "Airmen, especially those who are deploying, don't need hassles, and when you buy something uncertain, you run the risk of having your uniform fall apart at a very inconvenient time."

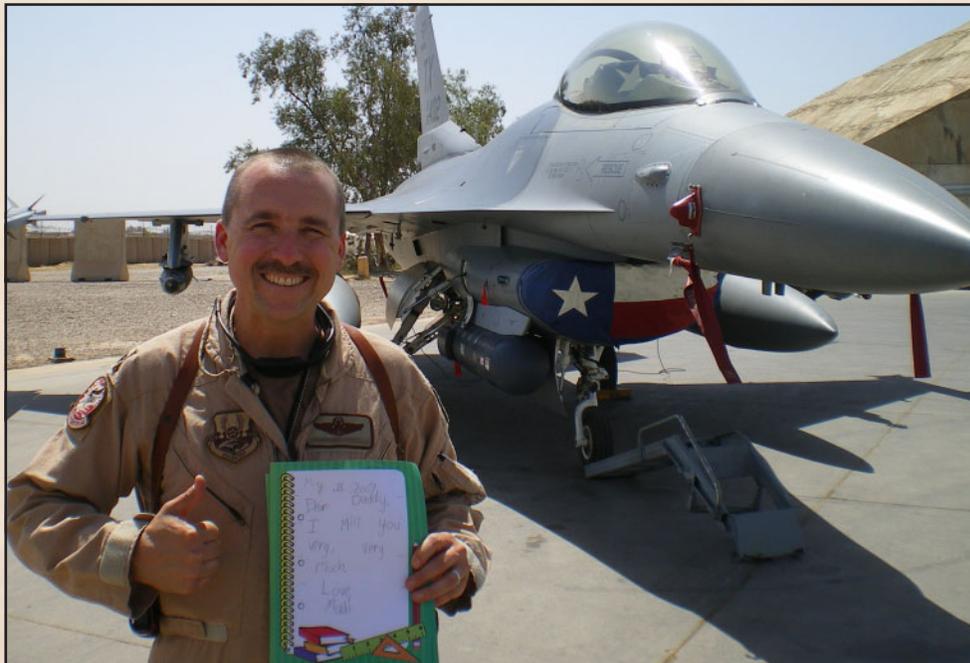
The ABU is being issued to Airmen scheduled to deploy and those already in deployed locations. It will be issued to Airmen in basic training and available in select AAFES locations in October. The mandatory wear date is in 2011.

"We're getting great reviews about the uniform, and we're thrilled that folks want to get it now," Major Smith said. "We are working as hard as possible with DSCP and AAFES to get it out while meeting the AEF and AOR requirements. We ask Airmen to hold on. It's coming, and it's worth the wait."



Attention to detail

(l to r) Staff Sgt. Sterling, Senior Airman Bayle and Staff Sgt. Todd work together to change out an F-16's right flaperon Integrated Servo Actuator while deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq. The Air Force Reserve members are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Letters from home

Lt. Col. John, F-16 fighter pilot, shows his appreciation after receiving a letter from home. The Air Force Reserve colonel is assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

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Operation Iraqi Freedom

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Commander, Air Force Reserve Command and Chief, Air Force Reserve stops by to visit with maintenance members deployed from the 301st Fighter Wing out of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. General Bradley visited Airmen throughout Southwest Asia to thank them for their service supporting the Global War on Terror. (U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rick Sforza)



Protection

als the latest in desert attire before reporting e Reserve sergeant is assigned to the 332nd ft Maintenance Squadron, Balad Air Base, eration Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Show me the way

Maintenance crews put life in perspective with direction and distance to where some call home. The Texas Air Force Reserve team is assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

CSAF's VECTOR

Unrivaled Wingmen maintain commitment in today's Air Force

One of my top three priorities is developing our Airmen and taking care of them and their families. It's a notion that's deeply rooted in our Air Force culture and heritage. "Taking care of Airmen" means more than just providing them with the training, equipment and quality of life they deserve. It also calls for providing leadership they can trust unconditionally. The wingman concept - the bond we all share as Airmen - is at the core of this conviction. It reflects the ultimate confidence in our fellow Airmen: we trust each other, quite literally, with our lives. It may have begun at the tactical level, with pilots checking each others' six for mutual support, but it has come to transcend flying. Now it extends from taking care of our wingmen during every day routine ops - both on and off duty - to saving lives in combat, and beyond.

One of the most vivid examples of wingmen's commitment to each other began on March 10, 1967. That day a strike force of F-105s from the 388 TFW and 355 TFW and F-4s from the 8 TFW "Wolfpack" attacked an iron and steel production complex north of Hanoi at Thai Nguyen, an area considered one of the most heavily defended in the history of air warfare. Thai Nguyen was North Vietnam's only steel mill dedicated to war matériel, and intelligence sources

indicated it was protected by six SAM sites and more than 1,000 AAA pieces. Seventy-five miles prior to their bomb run, AAA barrage fire hit the F-4 flown by Captain Earl Aman and 1st Lt Robert Houghton, and fuel poured out of their jet. Determined to strike this operationally important target, they continued their attack and were hit again. AAA fire also hit the F-4 flown by Captain Bob Pardo and 1st Lt. Steve Wayne. Their F-4 also began leaking fuel, and engine warning lights flashed in the cockpit.

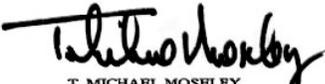
On egress, both crews quickly realized Aman and Houghton's F-4 would not make it safely to the Laotian border and the two would have to bail out over hostile territory. Pardo and Wayne had enough fuel to limp away from the targets they'd just struck, but doing so would have forced them to abandon their 433 TFS "Satan's Angels" wingmen, possibly to be killed or captured by the enemy. Realizing the only way to save their wingmen was to somehow push the crippled F-4 out of harm's way, Pardo and Wayne first tried to nudge it with their jet's nose. This dangerous maneuver failed. With time running out, Pardo told Aman to drop his tail-hook, and then maneuvered to push his own windscreen against Aman's tail-hook. The desperate measure worked for about 30 seconds at a time before turbulence caused Pardo to

lose contact. Time and again he backed off, maneuvered back into position, and tried again. Even after one of his own engines caught fire and had to be shut down, Pardo repeated this "push" until all four Airmen could eject safely over Laos. They were subsequently rescued by Airmen in HH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopters escorted by A-1E Sandys, who also risked their lives to bring back fellow Airmen.

The story doesn't end there; the bond between Pardo and Aman outlasted the war. Pardo continued to care for his friend and wingman Aman through years of disability brought on by Lou Gehrig's disease. Pardo exemplified the commitment embodied in the phrase, "I will never leave an Airman behind," well before we captured it in our new Airman's Creed. The enduring

bond between these two Airmen - and among all Airmen - reinforces the notion that, though all of us will eventually hang up our uniforms for good, we'll continue to serve our Nation, Air Force, and wingmen in myriad ways.

The wingman bonds we share today are a direct link to our proud heritage and yet another way we're standing on the shoulders of the giants who preceded us. While we fly, fight, and win, we're also obliged to treasure and foster our wingman concept, to take care of each other every day, and to never forget, "**once an Airman, always an Airman.**" (Thursday, June 07, 2007)


T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

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Operations Center Director, he orchestrated more than 11,000 combat missions striking more than 4,700 targets, including 250 attacks against the Al Qaida and Taliban leadership. He directed the safe recovery of isolated personnel during the largest combat search and rescue mission in 50 years and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

As the person ultimately

responsible for providing combat airpower to America's warfighting commands, the general has tackled issues that include evaluating the need for a next-generation bomber, the first overseas deployment of the F-22 Raptor — the world's only fifth-generation fighter aircraft — the evolving role of unmanned aerial vehicles, and alerting the American public to the decaying state of the Air Force's legacy aircraft. (Courtesy Air Combat Command News Service)



FIGHTER LINE Focus On

Master Sgt. Michael Murray



Hometown:

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Organization:

301st Mission Support
Squadron

301st member since:

August 2006

Position:

Family Support NCOIC

Which means:

"I lead the Family Support office, supervise operations such as the newcomer's briefing and wing activities."

When not at NAS JRB:

"I'm a Lighting II rRadar electronics engineer."

The most rewarding aspect of my job:

"...is talking directly to families and knowing I am contributing to a great program."

Favorite pastime/hobbies:

"I enjoy time with my family of six; they are my time. However, I like working with electronics, using the HAM radio and camping outdoors."

Goals:

"My goals are to be a good father, a good husband and continually improve myself."

Commander to get national award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The commander of the Air Force Reserve Command received the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award at the Reserve Officers Association national convention June 27-30 in San Francisco.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley accepted the association's highest honor for contributing to "the advancement of ROA programs and objectives," according to an association press release.

General Bradley is chief of the Air Force Reserve, and his office is at Headquarters Air Force in the Pentagon. Headquarters AFRC is at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

As chief of Air Force Reserve, the general serves as principal adviser on Reserve matters to the Air Force chief of staff. In his capacity as AFRC commander, he supervises command units around the world.

Created in 1958, the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award is conferred annually on a military or civilian citizen to honor a public servant for his or her contribution to national defense. Previous inductees include Presidents Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy, and Gens. Colin Powell and Merrill McPeak. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)

First Air Force Combat Action Medals presented

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force chief of staff presented the first Air Force Combat Action Medals to six Airmen during a ceremony June 12 at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley awarded the new medals to recognize Air Force members who were engaged in air or ground combat "outside the wire" in a combat zone.

The Air Force Combat Action Medal was also awarded to members who were under direct and hostile fire,



or who personally engaged hostile forces with direct and lethal fire.

The design of the new medal was inspired by a personal insignia Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell had painted on the aircraft that he flew over the St. Mihiel while developing his plans for what would be the first major American offensive in World War I. General Mitchell was one of the military's earliest advocates of Air Power. Members of General Mitchell's family also took part in the ceremony.

AFSC eligibility for RIF updated

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — New vulnerability charts for force shaping have been released on the Air Force Personnel Center Force Shaping Web site, removing eight officer career fields from the reduction in force.

Based on current Air Force projections for operational stress and strong voluntary separation rates, officers with the following Air Force speciality codes have been removed from consideration by the June RIF board: 11R, 12R, 13B, 14N, 21R, 31P, 64P and 71S.

Officers with approved Voluntary Separation Pay packages may not request withdrawal of their separation date except in cases of "severe personal hardship or selection for promotion," according to the force shaping Web site.

Final vulnerability charts are posted on the AFPC Web site now.

For more information, call the 301st Military Personnel Flight at 817.782.6870, or visit the AFPC Force Shaping Web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/forceshape/>.

Airmen can earn bachelor's degrees through Air University

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) — Airmen can now apply their Community College of the Air Force credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of universities and colleges. This can be done through the Air Force Virtual

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Chaplain's Corner

Celebrate your independence each, every day

Tech. Sgt. George Jones
301st FW Chaplain's Team

The Fourth of July is a festive holiday most Americans celebrate as the "birth date of our country." How it's celebrated varies by people and culture. Some may involve friends, family and, my favorite, some good old fashion Texas BBQ. Flags wave, bands march and bystanders cheer as the procession marches. But after the confetti blows away and the parades have run their course, what is the true meaning of the day?

"Independence Day" is a critically important title. It signifies the fundamental meaning of this nation, not just of the holiday.

The American Revolution remains unique in human history: a revolution — a nation — founded on a moral principle, the principle of individual rights. We must never forget the horrific battles and wars that lead to our emancipation. In addition, we must never forget the lives of those who in yesteryear sacrificed their blood for the freedoms we hold so

near and dear today.

As we continue to ponder acquired freedoms covered with the sacrificial blood of patriots, we must also remember the great cost of an even greater freedom. This occurred during a war fought for the whole human race in which freedom from sin and death were purchased. This freedom was purchased at great cost as well. The symbol of this cost is not a historical marker or hillsides littered with white crosses.

As precious as these symbols are, they do not compare to the symbols of the cross and the empty tomb. These symbols transcend ethnic, geographical, and national boundaries. The cross and empty tomb are our symbols of the cost of true freedom for all people — the cost of Jesus leaving the security and safety of heaven and becoming earthbound and mortal. It is the symbol of the degradation of a crucifixion, the humiliation of mockers, the agonizing death on a cross, and three days in the tomb.

However, the words to this tune are different. "Find the cost of freedom, no longer in the ground."

You see, the empty tomb is the sign of ultimate freedom. It is the reminder that we no longer have to fear death. All of our mortal fears are conquered. As the apostle Paul says, "*Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*"... *How we thank God, who gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!*" (1 Corinthians 15:54-57 NLT)

For the Christian, Independence Day doesn't come once a year, but every week. The early Christians met on the first day of the week, Sunday, to take of the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7) This was their Independence Day celebration.

By the end of the first century, Sunday had become the Lord's Day. (Revelation 1:10) On this day, they remembered the Lord's death and anticipated his return because their freedom from sin and death had been won. The ultimate Independence Day for Christians is the day of the empty tomb!

So as each Sunday approaches, let's remember the cost of our freedom and give thanks!

Officer position open for deserving Airman

The 301st Maintenance Group has an officer opening for a deserving Airman through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. The commissioning board is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 8, 2007.

Eligible applicants must be of high moral character; be a United States citizen; medically qualified; a college graduate; possess a baccalaureate degree; at least 18 years old but under 35 years old as of the commissioning date; have completed one year of your military service obligation; obtain qualifying scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test; previously not held a commission; have a satisfactory participation record; and agree in writing to meet training requirements

assigned and remain in category "A" or "B" training for three years. For more details, refer to AFI 36-2005.

Initial applications are due to Master Sgt. Suzanne Grant, 301st Mission Support Squadron career enhancement, not later than Aug. 4.

To meet with the board, candidates under consideration need to complete the following requirements:

- * Letter of recommendation from your current supervisor, indorsed by your commander
- * Typed resume with military and civilian experience and goals, in accordance with AFH 33-337, The Tongue and Quill
- * Verification of AFOQT scores. Please complete an AFOQT request letter and call

Tech. Sgt. Mary Staffeld at 817.782.6981 to schedule an appointment to test on July 8, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

* Official transcripts from all colleges attended;

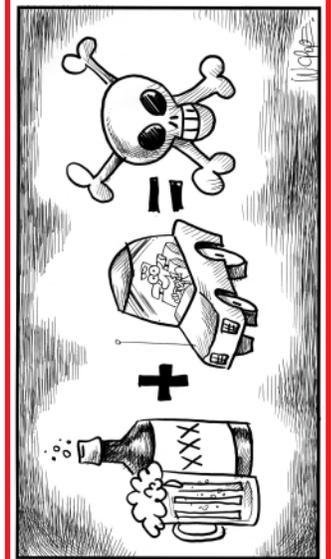
* Have transcripts sent directly to 301 MSS/DPMSC-H, 1654 Lyons Drive, Suite 110, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas, 76127-6200

* A composition, not to exceed one typed page, addressing, "Why do I desire to become an officer?" and "Why do I think I would make a good officer?"

* Candidates will appear before the wing commissioning board in service dress uniform, in accordance with AFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance,

For more details, call Sergeant Grant at 817.782.6870.

Have a safe and happy July 4 weekend.



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Education Center which links a prospective student to the new Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative program.

The vision of the Air Force is to provide distance learning and bachelor's degree opportunities for Airmen, and the AU-ABC program aligns with this Air Force vision, said Bettie Varnado, CCAF chief of media and distance learning. It also meets AU's near-term goal of providing enhanced educational opportunities for our enlisted force.

Currently, there are 71 bachelor's degrees offered by the colleges and universities involved in the program that cover every CCAF degree program. Regular visits to the AFVEC will help keep students apprised of all news and updates to AU-ABC, and will allow them to view informational resources on the program.

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Promotions

301 CES

Airman Arval Hawkins

301 SVF

Airman 1st Class Kelli D. Jackson

301 MXS

Airman 1st Class Bradley S. Wheeler

Senior Airman Terra S. Swint

Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Boughton

Tech. Sgt. Christopher J. Nath

Master Sgt. Jeffrey M. Trentham

610 SFS

Senior Airman Derrick S. Johnson

301 LRS

Senior Airman Tashae L. Love

301 SFS

Senior Airman Adrian C. Rodella

Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Hill, III

Staff Sgt. Robert C. Ragland

Tech. Sgt. Siebe A. Bandringa

Tech. Sgt. William L. Wedel

Master Sgt. Matthew D. Moseley

301 FW

Master Sgt. Barbara Therrien

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Jacob A. Schwen

Senior Airman David D. Staffeld

Senior Airman Travis A. Sykes

Senior Airman Cody P. Watson

Staff Sgt. Joel H. Harding

Staff Sgt. David W. Lenahan

Staff Sgt. Sidonio Suarez

Staff Sgt. Carmalita S. Williams

Tech. Sgt. Paul A. Itgen

701 MDS

Senior Airman David Thomas, Jr.

Staff Sgt. Maria Ortega

Staff Sgt. Latoya Richardson

Master Sgt. Jose Gonzalez-Molina

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Susie Henry

Staff Sgt. Cesar Martinez

Reenlistments

301 SVF

Tech. Sgt. Treka Bunkley-McGhee

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Darlene Ipock

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Phipps

Chief Master Sgt. Art Zimmerman

610 SFS

Senior Master Sgt. Terry Ferguson

301 CES

Senior Airman Shermaine Gaskill

Master Sgt. Jose Guajardo

301 AMDS

Tech. Sgt. Dana Ivy

301 FW

Chief Master Sgt. Jack Mills

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Larry Joe

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Senior Master Sgt. Dean Kousek

301 AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Paul Carter

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Hankins

Tech. Sgt. Robert Thompson

Newcomers

301 MXS

Airman 1st Class James M. Garcia

Senior Airman Chad M. Bailey

Senior Airman James M. Burleson

Senior Airman Lemoine L. Logan

Senior Airman Matthew M. Moore

Senior Airman Justin R. Stafford

Senior Airman Raleigh H. Steed, II

Staff Sgt. Brian L. Ray

Staff Sgt. Bobby J. Wright

Master Sgt. Jacqueline R. Yasenchack

810 CEF

Master Sgt. Christopher A. Bowen

Senior Master Sgt. Theodore J. Hodgkiss

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class David B. Carpenter

Senior Airman Michael B. Hobbs

Senior Airman Jose H. Romero

Senior Airman Christopher L. Wall

Staff Sgt. Nimi D. Peterson

Staff Sgt. Marc A. Rude

Staff Sgt. Andrea M. Schmidt

Staff Sgt. Ian A. Senerchia

701 MDS

Senior Airman Anthony Carter

Senior Airman Jarod B. Jackson

Senior Airman Ryan M. Leamon

301 MOF

Senior Airman Jennifer Clark

Staff Sgt. Nancy D. Robinson

301 LRS

Senior Airman Ronak H. Patel

Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Gudmestad

457 FS

Capt. Bradley K. Klemesrud

301 CES

Tech. Sgt. John A. McCall

301 SFS

Staff Sgt. Robert K. Parham

301 AMDS

Capt. Michael J. Reyes

73 APS

Airman 1st Class Deeanne Rosario

Staff Sgt. Harvey Torres

301 FW

Maj. Lara Rowlands

301 CF

Airman Stanley C. Tamale

610 SFS

Airman 1st Class Gina M. Thacher

Staff Sgt. Eugenio Vela