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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Awards Banquet planned

Tickets are now available for the Third Annual Awards Banquet at the Fort Worth Convention Center Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009. Contact any 301st chief or first sergeant for more information or to purchase tickets.

Armed Forces Bowl tickets available

NCAA Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl football tickets are now available at ITT located in the TexPlex bowling alley. These are free tickets for military and their immediate family members. Game kickoff time is 11 a.m. on Dec. 31 at TCU's Amon Carter Stadium.

Santa Claus comes to visit

Santa will visit 301st Fighter Wing families Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the maintenance hangar, Bldg. 1643. Wrapped and labeled gifts should be dropped off to Family Support Center, Bldg. 1776, before 10:30 a.m. that morning. For more info, call Master Sgt. Gloria Miller at 817.782.3069, ext 112.



In with the new

Col. Richard Walters (center), new 301st Medical Squadron commander, observes Staff Sgt. Todd Ryan, 301st MDS member, unfurling the guidon during the recent reactivation of the 301st MDS. November 2 was a historical date for the medical squadrons in the 301st Fighter Wing as the 701st Medical Squadron and 301st Aerospace Medicine Squadron merged to form the only unit's medical squadron, the 301st MDS. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)

Merger brings together two medical squadrons

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey

Public Affairs

Described by wing officials as a *great opportunity for future successes*, the 301st Medical Squadron's activation Nov. 2 sparked renewed excitement as

the merger of two medical squadrons took center stage with more than 200 people in attendance.

"Combining the missions of the 301st Aerospace Medicine and 701st Medical Squadrons together are good for the wing

as a whole and the right move for where our country is heading," said Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander.

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Message from commander brings holiday greetings

WASHINGTON – As we look forward to this Holiday Season and the start of 2009, I want to express my gratitude to each of you, your families and employers for the sacrifices you make for our great country each and every day.

Much has been asked and each reservist and family member has given of themselves for their country. You've stepped up to the challenge smartly, without hesitation.

For those who are able to celebrate this Holiday Season with friends and family at home, I ask that you remember our brave men and women who are serving around the world far from family and friends.

About 2,000 of our Air Force Reserve warriors are serving overseas with incredible distinction in global operations every day by saving lives and thwarting terrorism. The entire Air Force Reserve family has you in our hearts and looks forward to your safe return.

The holiday season provides an opportunity to remind us all to set aside time for friends and family who share and support those sacrifices.

Dee and I wish you and your families the very best this Holiday Season and for 2009! (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)



Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr.
Commander,
Air Force Reserve Command

Angel Tree helps sustain spirit of giving

The season has arrived for the Angel Tree project. This special project goal is to provide gifts to 301st Fighter Wing families who may need "a little help" this Christmas.

Cards are placed on the tree located in the 301st Fighter Wing headquarters front hallway, Bldg. 1654, for the next two to three weeks. The information for the child is written on each card. Please pick a card from the tree and notify the Family Support Center that you selected a child you wish to help.

Take these appropriately wrapped gift(s) to the Family Support Center in building 1776 prior to Dec. 7. The presents will be distributed to the First Sergeants who will provide the gifts to the proper 301st families after the December Unit Training Assembly.

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 at 817.782.7435. Family names will not be known to the gift bearers and cards will have only a child's gender, age, size, and desired gift.

Thank you to all those who have participated in this project in the past years. Your generosity has helped make this special Angel Tree a success. We hope all 301st families have a joyful holiday season.

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Articles should be typed, single-spaced, and, if possible, submitted via email to the public affairs office at 301fw.pa@carswell.af.mil.

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Let your voice be heard

Tell us what you think

It's been one year since the stand-up of our Air Force Reserve Strategic Communications' Directorate (AF/RES) on the Air Staff. Dedicated to communicating the strategic messages of the Air Force Reserve (AFR), AF/RES seeks to improve its processes and methods of communication. To do this, we need to know what our Reserve Airmen are thinking!

This year, Reservists will be invited to participate in Internal Communication Assessment Groups (ICAGs) and Focus

Groups conducted by our partner, the Everett Group. In the ICAGs, Reservists will be asked to join their REGAF and ANG partners by participating in monthly surveys. Personnel will be asked to provide their input on questions and issues related to the Air Force Reserve Command and its personnel.

Additionally, The Everett Group will be visiting selected Reserve units based on their mobilization, deployment and projected AEF tasking schedules and will be asking Reserve personnel to voluntarily

participate in confidential round table discussions and surveys in what we call Focus Groups. An assortment of AFSC's, ranks, and gender will be used to ensure we capture an honest assessment.

Reservists are encouraged to participate in these ICAGs and Focus Groups. If you are asked to fill out a survey or join a Focus Group, please consider taking time to tell us what you think. Your input will help senior leaders make informed key communiqués regarding the Air Force Reserve. Let your voice be heard! (*AFRC News*)



(MERGER, continued from page 1)

The merger process, which started nearly two years ago, has been the brain child of several commanders and enlisted leaders who have been anxiously waiting for this change, many who moved on in their careers returned for the formal event.

As for their history, the 20th Medical Services Squadron (701st) started at Carswell in 1964 and is now the Bureau of Prisons women's medical facility. In 1994, the name was changed to the 701st Medical Squadron and was considered a mobility unit with humanitarian support to such locations including Qatar, Afghanistan and Iraq. The 301st Tactical Hospital started at Carswell in 1976.

In 1991, the name was changed to the 301st Medical Squadron. In 2000, the 301st MDS became the Aerospace Medical Squadron and primarily turn into a physical exam package responsible for keeping unit members' mission ready.

"These units have done extraordinarily well throughout the years," said Col. Richard Walters, 301st Medical Squadron commander, "the merger now combines two of the best into one great medical squadron."

Merger team officials worked tirelessly every two to three weeks during the past two years to ensure the process was streamlined to help realign staff duties for the two units, combine Air Force Specialty Code groups, implement computer enhancements and upgrades in accommodating the new squadron, combine orderly room, and supply responsibilities, and develop organizational and leadership roles for each of the merged sections.

"It was a long road to this

point, but we are all glad to be on one team and will look forward to our new mission of both supporting physical exams and deploying with our fellow airman to support our war time mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Samantha Boswell, 301st MDS health services section chief.

"The merger of these two fine units has been challenging at times," Colonel Pottinger said, "but, with the changes happening in our world today, this merger has become

necessary; and I believe will serve as a great opportunity for us to perform our jobs in a more efficient and professional manner. I am also glad to say that everyone from both the 301st and 701st have worked in this merger process with a spirit of cooperation ensuring its success.

"I know both units have had a long and distinguished history that, now together, will serve the 301st Medical Squadron in becoming the best medical unit in the Air Force Reserve Command."

While some may miss the two individual squadrons, others were quick to point out that the merger provides greater opportunities for promotion, career growth and development. The elimination of duplicate services and functions also gives broader and more efficient support to the Fighter Wing mission.

"I am so proud of the men and women of the 301st Medical Squadron and I commend you for the excellent work you do every day," said Colonel Walters. "We have experienced great teamwork in getting us to this point and it's that kind of determination and professionalism that will ensure our successful future."



I assume command

Col Richard Walters, new 301st Medical Squadron commander (right), assumes the 301st Medical Squadron's guidon and command from 301st Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Kevin Pottinger while Master Sgt. Chris Bottoms, 301st MDS first sergeant waits. (*U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey*)

Navy, Air Force combine air space efforts

Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia
Public Affairs

“We’re not co-located, we’re one team! One team, one fight,” stated Roy Queretaro, 301st Operations Group air space coordinator.

The combining of Navy and Air Force air space management assets cumulated last week in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest joint venture at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. Navy Capt. T.D. Smyers, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth commander, assisted by Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, cut a ribbon signifying the official opening of the Joint Air Space Facility. This newest joint venture was one that both services wanted to accomplish as a customer service improvement.

The 301st Operations Group air space office move to base operations gives the two services a chance to help each other.

“We’re partnering together to enhance our mission readiness,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Lauren Scott, Navy air traffic control specialist. “Our job is to update our equipment status so people know what’s up and what’s down. We advise on weather conditions, process flight plans, assist transient pilots as well as work any In Flight Emergencies that may arise. It’s a true jointness and definitely a step in the right direction.”

When new Navy personnel arrive at base operations, an extra set of hands helps to keep the flow moving is an asset said PO Scott.

Having the 301st come to base ops frees up Navy instructors to work radar and tower issues. This gives the new Navy member the chance to complete their Local Qualification Standards which is equivalent to the Air Force Job Qualification Standards. When a Navy person arrives, they start at base ops for refresher or original training before moving on to the control tower commented Petty Officer Scott. This training can range from one to three months. Having the Air Force available gives the instructors more time to concentrate on upgrading troops to a greater proficiency.

The idea to combine these efforts took five short months from conception to completion. Working on the Host Tenant Support Agreement, a document that governs the dealings between the base host and tenant units, took the most time said Mr. Queretaro. “The rest was just a matter of working office space for us and moving the people and furniture.”

“I personally enjoy it,” said Ann Marchione, Air Traffic Control specialist. “I started my career in this building in 1992 and here’s where I’ll finish. I really enjoy the interaction with people verses how it was in the old office, just waiting around for the phone to ring. Its good for us old folks to get with the Navy and help with training to keep the job uniform. It’s good!”

The Navy seems to feel the same way about the new arrangement. “It’s great having them [301st Fighter Wing] down here, it gives us more opportunities to get our people trained,” said Petty Officer Genz, Air Traffic Control specialist.



Navy Capt. T.D. Smyers, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth skipper, (center left), assists Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, in a ribbon cutting signifying the official opening of the Joint Air Space Facility. This newest joint venture for NAS JRB Fort Worth combines the Navy and Air Force assets for all incoming and outgoing Air Space requests. Ann Marchione, 301st FW Air Traffic Control specialist, holds the left end of the ribbon with Navy counterpart, Petty Officer 2nd Class Genz holding the right. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Air Force announces NASCAR sponsorship for fiscal 2009



RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Air Force officials announced Nov. 12 that it will begin a new NASCAR partnership with Gillett Evernham Motorsports when it sponsors the No. 10 car driven by Reed Sorenson for the 2009 NASCAR Nextel Cup season. The Air Force's advertising agency, GSD&M Idea City, organized the sponsorship and will roll out a multimedia advertising campaign to support the partnership in early 2009.

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor for the No. 10 car driven by Reed Sorenson, a 22-year-old three-time winner in the Nationwide Series. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in four of 38 NASCAR races this season.

For the 2009 season, the Air Force is changing their marketing strategy to rebalance their sponsorship and activation programs to increase public awareness about the Air Force and to attract more recruits.

"Advertising and marketing that goes beyond the race track will help us connect with fans and emphasize the speed, power, precision and team work that is common to both NASCAR and the Air Force," said Col. Timothy Hanson, Air Force Recruiting Service Strategic Communications director.

The Air Force has had a long-standing relationship with Wood Brothers Racing and the No. 21 car.

"They are perhaps the most respected team in NASCAR and they have been strong supporters of the Air Force," Colonel Hanson said. "While our sponsorship has changed we will always value the services they have provided us."

The colonel added that he is ex-

cited about this new venture and confident that Gillett Evernham Motorsports and driver Reed Sorenson will provide new opportunities for the Air Force to achieve their sponsorship goals and inspire young Americans to consider the Air Force as a great career choice.

Salute in civvies during anthem

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Veterans and servicemembers not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect in October.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Dr. James B. Peake, secretary of Veterans Affairs. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to servicemembers while not in uniform.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform servicemembers during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008. (Courtesy of VA News)

'Perspective' highlights care for wounded warriors

SAN ANTONIO (AFNS) — In his latest "Enlisted Perspective," the Air

Force's top enlisted Airman joins other Air Force leaders by focusing his attention on taking care of Airmen and their families, especially those Airmen who have been wounded in the defense of the nation.

"Our medical professionals are on the ground at forward bases in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the globe," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "Once wounded warriors reach these treatment facilities, they have a 97 percent chance of surviving, the highest survival rate in the history of warfare."

He said today's Airmen have a unique advantage over other wounded warriors in the past. The reach of Air Force aeromedical evacuation, and the ability to move patients within days or hours if necessary is phenomenal. Since 2001, the system has treated and transferred more than 54,720 patients from the battlefield to medical facilities outside the war zone.

"Many of our great Airmen are suffering from traumatic brain injury, and even more suffer the effects of post traumatic stress," Chief McKinley said.

"These warriors need our understanding and attention," he said. "They need appropriate guidance and support from their leadership, peers and medical professionals to obtain the best treatment possible."

This "Enlisted Perspective" and other senior leader viewpoints can be found on the Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints>.

Remember...

Our fallen heroes during the holidays



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Winter safety protects your home

Lt. Col. Kevin Zeller
Safety Officer

December, January, and February are the leading months for home fires and associated deaths in the United States. About one-third of the 3,250 home-fire deaths in 1998 occurred during these three months. Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home-fire deaths in the U.S. and the leading cause during December and January.

Keeping your home safe and warm

Follow these safety tips from Center for Disease Control, the National Fire Protection Association, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to prevent injuries and deaths related to heating your home.

*Install a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a nine-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

*Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath. If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air right away and contact a doctor for proper diagnosis.

*Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year.

*Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn, including bedding, furniture, and clothing. Never drape clothing over a space heater to dry.

*Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room alone when a space heater is in use.

*If you use a kerosene heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never put gasoline in a kerosene heater—it could explode. Before you refuel the heater, turn it off and let it cool down. Refuel outside only.

*When using a kerosene heater, keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly. This will reduce the chance of carbon monoxide build-up in the room.

*Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed. Open the flue and use a sturdy fireplace screen when you have a fire. Burn only untreated wood; never burn paper or pine branches — pieces can float out the chimney and ignite your roof, a neighbor's roof, or nearby trees. The same goes for a wood burning stove.

*Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

Keep these simple rules in mind as we enter the winter months here in North Texas. We want everyone here in the 301st Fighter Wing to enjoy the holidays and stay safe doing it.



301st Fighter Wing
Chief's Group



Cordially invites you to attend the

301st Fighter Wing
2008 Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, 10 January 2009
Fort Worth Convention Center,

Check In at 1800 hrs / Seals at 1845 hrs / Social & Dance at 2100 hrs

GUEST SPEAKER
Capt. T.D. Smyers

NAS JRB Fort Worth COMMANDING OFFICER

Dress:
Military - Formal / Semi-formal

Civilian - Black Tie / Suit / Evening or
Cocktail Dress

Contact your Chiefs/ First

Sergeant for tickets

For assigned seating, call CMSgt

Godfrey at

mark.godfrey@carswell.af.mil or

817.782.7946

Meal Choice of Chicken or Beef



OPSEC tip of the month -

"The 301st Fighter Wing OPSEC team wishes you happy holidays and a very healthy 2009."



Praise him for the gifts He brings this holiday season

Chaplain (Maj) Mark McDaniel
301st Fighter Wing Chaplain

One morning, on the way to work at my civilian job, I heard an interview from a 106-year old woman on National Public Radio's Morning Edition. She was the daughter of an emancipated slave. The interviewer enumerated all of the historical events this woman had witnessed - many of which were horrific. Outside of the political rancor and debate, what occurred last night, November 4, 2008, was stunningly historic.

This one woman's life bridges two very distinct era's in our history. Today, the United States of America has moved one step closer to the dream envisioned by our founders, Abraham Lincoln, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's election displayed the greatness of our country where once an individual from an enslaved and segregated race could now be elected President of our nation.

President Elect Obama does not reflect the political views of almost 50 percent of our country, but he is will

now become our president. The challenges of the ensuing days will be keen. As military members we must adjust to a new commander-in-chief. As people of faith, we must follow the admonishment of the Scriptures and be committed to pray for our leaders, especially our president.

In the end, we must remember that no political figure can save us completely from economic hardship or external threats to our national security. We must trust in the Sovereign King who reigns above the leaders of nations. Providence has brought us to this point in history, and providence will continue to direct and lead all nations until the consummation of days.

During this holiday season, may our focus be returned to the ancient of days and praise Him for his gifts of liberty, freedom, and prosperity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to deployed and deploying members of our unit and their families. We ask for God's richest blessings upon the 301st Fighter Wing as she continues to fight against those who oppose our values, principles and way of life.



Giving time to care

301st Civil Engineer Squadron members volunteered their time and effort to organize donations for Operation Care. Operation Care is a charity organization that benefits displaced refugees and Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRT) Afghan members in the Afghanistan war zone. Lt. Col. Chris Yancy, 301st Operations Group deputy commander and Operation Care project officer, helped collect close to 20 thousand pounds of donation items this year alone. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



PROMOTIONS, NEWCOMERS and REENLISTMENTS

Promotions

301 MSS

Staff Sgt. Johannah Archuletta
Senior Master Sgt. Ellecia L. Saye

301 AMXS

Staff Sgt. David J. Tigges
Staff Sgt. Aaron K. Dawson
Tech. Sgt. Jonathan D. Erb
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Gipson
Tech. Sgt. Todd B. McMillen
Master Sgt. Kyle E. Hutchison

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Theresa C. Pierce
Staff Sgt. Amy Grace Ventenilla

301 MXS

Tech. Sgt. Christina M. Brant
Tech. Sgt. Stephen R. Cayton
Tech. Sgt. Dennis M. Hardesty
Tech. Sgt. John P. Morgan
Tech. Sgt. David A. Munoz
Master Sgt. Bradley Williams

301 CES

Tech. Sgt. Gary L. James

301 LRS

Tech. Sgt. Frances L. Smith

301 MOF

Master Sgt. Edward L. English, Jr.

301 FW

Master Sgt. Theresa M. Furbush

610 SFS

Master Sgt. Joseph L. Hall
Master Sgt. Brian L. Sell

Newcomers

301 MSS

Senior Airman Tynisha Adams

301 SVF

Airman Tyketra S. Carr
Airman 1st Class Jimmy Boykin

301 CES

Senior Airman Jessica B. Lunger
Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Burke

701 MDS

Tech. Sgt. Natalie L. King
2nd Lt. Richard L. Burrow

301 AMXS

Airman Reginald B. Stoker
Senior Airman Bobby G. Mitchell
Staff Sgt. Shayne L. Carter
Tech. Sgt. Jackson P. Hembree

Tech. Sgt. Tonia McCord

Tech. Sgt. Angela Perez

457 FS

Staff Sgt. James R. Sells
Capt. David Densmore
Capt. Peter J. Hefty

301 MXS

Airman 1st Class Lauren Stoker
Senior Airman Daniel Ethridge
Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Goff
Staff Sgt. Lantz G. Rinne
Senior Master Sgt. Kenellias Smith

301 AMDS

Staff Sgt. Danielle R. Guillory

73 APS

Senior Airman Buddy L. Hughes
Senior Airman Nakita L. Williams

610 RSG

Tech. Sgt. Peter L. Palmer
Senior Master Sgt. Christopher McKinley

301 MOF

Senior Airman Darryl L. Moore
Senior Airman Brenda L. Wise

301 CF

Airman 1st Class Mary E. Munoz-McGee
Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Vernum

301 LRS

Airman 1st Class Linda M. Ozuna

10 AF

Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Seaman
Senior Master Sgt. Marcus A. Taite
Lt. Col. Mark B. Peabody

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Jose A. Robles
Staff Sgt. Gregory H. Vonrump

301 OSF

Tech. Sgt. Troy M. Stewart, Jr.

301 MSG

Tech. Sgt. Rita F. Webb

Reenlistments

610 SVF

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Ranieri

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Lloyd Brydie
Tech. Sgt. Kyle Cornelius
Senior Master Sgt. John Gaines
Staff Sgt. Andrew Lutz
Staff Sgt. Thomas Nunes

301 MXS

Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Dearman
Tech. Sgt. Chevez Morris-Sion
Senior Master Sgt. Reginald Taylor

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Rhan Burrell
Master Sgt. Ronald Chidester
Staff Sgt. Stephen Cook