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JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Air Force Reservists Master Sgt. Darrel Brownlee and his son, Senior Airman Kevin Brownlee, 332nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft crew chiefs, perform maintenance on an F-16 Falcon, here, Jan. 26. Brownlee and his son are deployed from the 301st Fighter Wing in Fort Worth, Texas, for an 80-day rotation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca)

NEWS BRIEFS

Wing wins fifth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Congratulations to all 301st Fighter Wing members for winning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ...



again! This is the fifth time in 12 years the 301st FW has won this very prestigious award. Airmen are authorized to wear this ribbon with an appropriate device provided you served anytime in the 301st FW between Oct. 1, 2006 and Sept. 30, 2008. The 301st FW could not win this award without the continual support from our 301st FW civilian employees. Fighting the Global War On Terror could not be done without you!

Father, son duo deploy to prep jets for the fight

Staff Sgt. John Gordinier
332nd Air Expeditionary
Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 301st Fighter Wing out of Fort Worth Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas, pulls into a hangar here for alert-status

preparation. A frenzy of crew chiefs work together to get the aircraft turned around quickly for the next go. Among the crew chiefs, a master sergeant and a senior airman with the same last name on their nametapes work

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The Air Force provides vital capabilities to the Joint team in support of the Global War on Terror. Part of the missions and capabilities we deliver have until recently fallen into a broad category of tasks designated as "In-Lieu-Of" (ILO). The Department of Defense enacted several changes to Joint terminology in October 2008, replacing most ILO designations with other terms that more accurately describe the nature of the tasks.

With the introduction of these new DoD terms, the Air Force is launching the term "Joint Expeditionary Tasking" (JET) to describe the critical nature of the work Airmen are performing within the Joint team. Currently, there are a little more than 4,000

Airmen supporting JET.

The following are some facts about JET:

* In nearly all cases Airmen are filling jobs very similar to their Air Force jobs, duties which are within their core competencies. In 80 percent of the cases, Airmen are doing the same job they would be doing in the Air Force

* Nearly all force sourcing requirements being filled by our Airmen fall into Air Force core capabilities or competencies or involve us doing something for which no service has listed as a capability or competency

* Examples of JET include security forces cops guarding detainees, enlisted transportation personnel driving convoy trucks across the desert and civil engineers

rebuilding infrastructure in Afghanistan Airmen working JET are excited and motivated to perform their mission. Many of them are volunteers and many more wait impatiently for the opportunity to fill these critical roles. They are doing an incredible job and we should celebrate their accomplishments and recognize that working JET gives them invaluable joint war-fighting experience.

Find Airman's Roll Call Online Here: [http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/Airman's Roll Call](http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/Airman's%20Roll%20Call) is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.

You can count on me cause I'm your Wingman



from the First Sergeant's desk

Master Sgt. Robert Lumby

301st Civil Engineer Squadron

You can count on me, even when it's not convenient ... can I count on you? Do you know why I ask? It's because I'm your wingman. I have your back. Even when I've worked 16 hours and I finally get a few hours sleep in a rickety bunk-bed in the desert ... even when I have no idea how to help you. I'll figure out how to help you, or find someone who can.

If you're bleeding, I'll draw on my training to make it stop. If you've had too much to drink, I'm going to take your keys and help get you home safely. Since I work so closely with you, I'm going to make a point to notice if you're depressed, hurting or scared ... and I'm going to ask you about it. I'm not going to ignore those signs of distress, because I'm your wingman.

No matter if its day or night, if you need help, I will help you.

Even if you aren't able to ask for my help, I'll be there for you. I'm your wingman.

I cannot stress how important a wingman is, especially when you're deployed. Things happen without warning, unexpected things, gross things, depressing things happen, and they usually happen in the dead of night. But consider this ... when your wingman needs you ... they *need you* to step up and be there.

The way you react has a great impact on that Airman's ability to perform the assigned mission.

Is that sobering enough? Need more? Okay then, the way you react may affect that Airman mentally and physically for the rest of their life. That's a lot of responsibility -- it rests squarely on your shoulders.

It's *that* important. So, train the way you fight. Be a wingman during the Unit Training Assemblies and annual tours. Practice being a wingman now so you can be a great wingman later. Notice their moods, attitudes and personality changes, notice intoxication levels, notice your wingman -- *act!*

You can count on me, even when it's not convenient ... can I count on you? You know why I ask? Because I'm your wingman.

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301st Fighter Wing

Airman of the Year
2008



**Senior Airman
Terra S. Swint**
**Aircraft Structural Maintenance
Repairman**

301st Maintenance Squadron

301st Fighter Wing

NCO of the Year
2008



**Tech. Sgt.
Mary E. Staffeld**
**Formal Schools Program
Manager**

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301st Fighter Wing

Senior NCO of the Year
2008



**Senior Master Sgt.
Samantha B. Boswell**
Health Services Section Chief

301st Medical Squadron



301st Fighter Wing's Third Annual Awards Banquet is a sellout



And the winner is...

Waiting in anticipation for the First Sergeant of the Year announcement at this year's Awards Banquet are nine of the 301st Fighter Wing's first sgts. Master Sgt. Michael Lumby (third from the left), 301st Civil Engineer Squadron, took the honors for 2008. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Laura Dermarderosian-Smith)



What a cutie

The Cactus Cuties, a Lubbock, Texas-based singing group, performed at the 301st Fighter Wing's Third Annual Awards Banquet. The group, ranging in ages from 9 to 14 years old, have captured the ears and hearts of audiences all over the nation including the former President George W. Bush this past Christmas in Washington, D.C. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Laura Dermarderosian-Smith)



Flying on common ground

Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander (left) presents Navy Capt. T.D. Smyers, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth's installation commander with a lithograph titled "No Sanctuary" during the Third Annual Awards Banquet. The picture is an artist rendition of 457th Fighter Squadron F-16Cs "Spads" bombing Afghan positions following the attacks of 9/11. Capt. Smyers was the guest speaker for this year's event at the Hilton Downtown Fort Worth. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Laura Dermarderosian-Smith)



AIR FORCE RESERVE

301st Fighter Wing
First Sergeant of the Year
2008



Master Sgt. Robert B. Lumby
First Sergeant
301st Civil Engineer Squadron

301st Fighter Wing
Company Grade Officer
of the Year 2008

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Capt. Travis J. Hatley
Air Traffic Operations Officer
73rd Aerial Port Squadron

301st Fighter Wing
Henry D. Green Award
2008



Tech. Sgt. George S. Sherman
F-16 Crew Chief
301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

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side-by-side preparing the jet for the fight.

Air Force Reservists Master Sgt. Darrel Brownlee and his son, Senior Airman Kevin Brownlee, 332nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance unit, recently deployed here for an 80-day rotation from their hometown of Ft. Worth, Texas.

“It’s great working with my son. He finally does what I tell him to do,” Sergeant Brownlee said jokingly while staring at his son with a grin. “We work very well together, and it’s great to have family by my side during this deployment.”

“At first, it was just me deploying and my wife, Troy Lynn, was a little bothered by that,” the master sergeant said. “Later, we found out Kevin was going as well; needless to say, my wife blamed me a little at first, but she got over it pretty fast.”

“I have a good time working with my dad, because I get to teach him something every once in a while,” Airman Brownlee responded, poking fun back at his dad. “My dad didn’t push me into the Air Force at all, it was my decision, and I’m very happy with my experience thus far. Not many people can say they work on F-16 fighter jets.”

Sergeant Brownlee has seven years of active-duty and 17 years of Reserve service while his son has spent three years as a Reservist.

“Sergeant and Airman Brownlee are the epitome of dedication and service and help complete the total-force chain,” said Capt. Robert Mehan, 332nd AMXS AMU officer-in-charge. “As citizen Airmen, they bring the same combat capability our active-duty Air Force counterparts bring into the (area of responsibility) without missing a beat.”

Crew chief duties are different in the Balad environment in several ways, Mehan said. Back home, it is rare to work around aircraft with live munitions. Here, they are all loaded. Here, crew chiefs work any aircraft in order to support the flying mission, while back home, they are assigned to specific jets.

Being a crew chief is a great thing, Sergeant Brownlee said. At most bases across the U.S., a crew chief is responsible for one aircraft and its maintainers. In the AOR, all crew chiefs work together as a team to make sure each alert jet that comes through is safely and quickly turned around or fully armed for mission success.

“We’re proud to be part of that,” Airman Brownlee quickly added.

Sergeant Brownlee paused and replied, “It’s good to see him confident in his work.”



JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Air Force Reservists Master Sgt. Darrel Brownlee and his son, Senior Airman Kevin Brownlee, 332nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft crew chiefs, stand together in front of an F-16 Falcon, here, Jan. 26. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca)

Preparing for the fight

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Senior Airman Kevin Brownlee, 332nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs an inspection on an F-16 Falcon, here, Jan. 26. Brownlee is deployed from the 301st Fighter Wing out of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca)





Reservists may qualify for early retired pay

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS) — Department of Defense officials here have issued new guidelines for early receipt of retired pay for members of the Reserve components.

Instead of having to wait until age 60 to receive Reserve retired pay, eligible members may receive retired pay prior to age 60 but not before age 50.

Under interim changes to Department of Defense Instruction 1215.07, Service Credit for Reserve Retirement, issued under a law passed by Congress effective Jan. 28, 2008, Reserve component members are able to reduce the age at which they are eligible to receive retirement pay by three months for each cumulative period of 90 days served on active duty in any fiscal year.

Under the new law, members eligible to receive retired pay earlier than age 60 must still wait until age 60 to receive health-care benefits.

Qualifying active-duty service performed after Jan. 28, 2008, the date on which the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act was enacted, is creditable. The law does not provide credit for time served on or before that date.

All Airmen are encouraged to ensure their orders specify the statutory provision under which their active-duty service is performed. Airmen are also encouraged to keep track of their active-duty service and orders to ensure they receive proper credit and they meet the cumulative 90-day thresholds to reduce retirement age.

More information is available on the Air Reserve Personnel Center Web site at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil.

Officials request NCO feedback for future assessments

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Staff sergeants through chief master sergeants throughout the Air Force are encouraged to share feedback with

officials from the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron here right now.

This feedback will help NCOs have a voice their own career advancements.

Input from the Military Knowledge and Testing Standard Survey, which can be taken online, will be used in the Professional Development Guide in 2011 and to develop future Promotion Fitness and Supervisory Examinations.

The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will remain posted until March 6, 2009. Participation requires the use of a Common Access Card. Results will be made available in July 2009.

“We would like Airmen to complete this survey because they are in a position to identify areas of professional knowledge needed to carry out their Airman responsibilities,” Chief McKinley said. “Input will help me and the (major command) command chiefs make important decisions regarding the professional development of our Airmen.”

Airmen can participate in the survey by clicking <https://surveys.afoms.randolph.af.mil/survey124>.

Military Saves

The Military Saves program is a DoD Financial Readiness Campaign adopted by the Air Force to promote personal financial readiness among all Airmen and family members. The cornerstone of the Military Saves campaign is Military Saves Week. Throughout the week emphasis will be placed on financial readiness and the principles of building wealth through automatic savings.

Military Saves Week will be Feb. 22 through Mar. 1, 2009. Mission readiness is closely linked to financial readiness; in continuation of our efforts to improve the financial readiness of Airmen, each installation will be required to host a minimum of one event during the week promoting the Military Saves message of “Build wealth, not debt.”

This year, we will expand our focus to include the Military Youth Saves program at all Air Force locations, The Air Force enjoys long-standing

partnerships with 4-H and the Boys and Girls Club of America. You are encouraged to work with your local organizational representative to plan interactive youth programs that will energize them to develop and participate in their own savings strategy.

The installation office of primary responsibility for the Military Saves campaign is the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more details, call Jay Evans at 817.782.7435.

TRICARE Reserve premiums reduced

The Tricare Management Activity announced new monthly rates effective Jan. 1, 2009, decreasing the current amounts for both member and family coverage. The new rates will decrease from \$81 to \$47.51 for member only coverage and from \$253 to \$180.17 for member and family coverage.

You can visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Plans/ReserveSelect> to obtain further information on the Tricare Reserve Select program.

First Sergeant positions available

The 301st Fighter Wing needs professional NCOs to fill vacancies in the 457th Fighter Squadron, 610th Security Forces and future openings that may arise. Serving as a First Sergeant is a challenging and rewarding job, definitely worth considering as a path for career and personal growth.

Interested parties should refer to Air Force Instruction 36-2113, The First Sergeant, to gain insight into the First Sergeant role. The board may ask questions on the subject content in this document during the interview. This notice is intended to satisfy the requirement for publication of notice.

You may refer to AFI 36-2113 and AFI 36-2108 for full requirements and criteria. Anyone interested in this new career path should submit your package electronically to Chief Master Sgt. Rich Ernst by Feb. 27, 2009.

For more information, call Chief Jack Mills, 301st FW Command Chief, at 817.782.6923.

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A warrior in every way

Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, presents "The Warrior" award to Maj. Gen. James Sluder III, prior 301st Fighter Wing member, during his retirement ceremony. The Warrior award is given to an individual who best reflects the characteristics of a true warrior. General Sluder's last assignment was as the Mobilization Assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base. His last 301st position was the 301st FW Vice Commander. General Sluder served 40 years in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

PROMOTIONS, NEWCOMERS and REENLISTMENTS

Promotions

301 MDS

Airman 1st Class Robin E. Cox
 Senior Airman Anthony B. Salas
 Staff Sgt. Pamela D. Reed
 Tech. Sgt. Gary Fabila
 Tech. Sgt. Marilou D. Mote
 Tech. Sgt. Sonda L. Senak

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Joseph M. Herbert
 Senior Airman Gregory A. Tanner
Det. 1 FW

Airman 1st Class Christopher Jarvis
301 MXS

Airman 1st Class Charles Maldonado
 Staff Sgt. Robert J. Wilson, Jr.
 Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Work
73 APS

Senior Airman Jonathan Ferguson
301 SFS

Senior Airman Kyle M. Harris
 Senior Airman Nathaniel P. Vance
610 SFS
 Staff Sgt. Angela H. Garza
301 FSS

Tech. Sgt. Graciela M. Vargas

Newcomers

301 MXS

Airman Basic Landon R. Stinnett

Airman Basic Kenton P. York
 Senior Airman Jamie A. Brewer
 Senior Airman Tairman Basicitha R. Post
 Senior Airman Troy E. Robinson
 Staff Sgt. Shawn L. Bryan
 Staff Sgt. Teri Y. Litten
 Staff Sgt. Peter P. Schneider

301 AMDS

Airman 1st Class Robin E. Cox
 Senior Airman Stephanie J. Wade

Tech. Sgt. Jerry J. Cromer
 Tech. Sgt. Keshia K. House

73 APS

Senior Airman Ryan A. Dane

301 CF

Senior Airman Rosemary Robertson
 Staff Sgt. Jason W. Elmore
 Tech. Sgt. Thomas R. Keeler

301 SFS

Senior Airman Jason C. Smith
 Staff Sgt. Anthony S. Johnson

301 MOF

Senior Airman Jordan R. Kersey
 Staff Sgt. Erick O. Nyatenya

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Roberto Robles
 Senior Airman Andrea E. Sumner
 Staff Sgt. Stephen R. Lindahl
 Tech. Sgt. Tonia McCord

301 MXG

Maj. John M. Nemecek
610 RSG

Tech. Sgt. Peter L. Palmer
 Tech. Sgt. Christopher S. Talley
10 AF

Maj. Timothy E. Pertuis
301 OSF

Tech. Sgt. Timothy R. Stein

Reenlistments

73 APS

Senior Airman Jonathan Ferguson
 Staff Sgt. Nakita Williams

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Sergio Arrieta
301 MDS

Staff Sgt. Michael Evans
 Tech. Sgt. Sonda Senak

301 FW

Senior Master Sgt. Beverlin Smith
301 LRS

Senior Airman Donzonta Scott
301 CF

Tech. Sgt. Tina Edwards
301 SFS

Chief Master Sgt. Russell Frantz
301 AMXS

Staff Sgt. Brad Finger
 Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Grant

Master Sgt. Ryan Jones
 Master Sgt. Victoria Murdock