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NEWS BRIEFS

301st FW change of command set

Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, is scheduled to relenquish his command to Col. Richard W. Scobee Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the 301st Maintenance hangar. All 301st FW members must be in place by 3 p.m.

To learn more about the incoming 301st commander, visit www.944fw.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/bio.asp?id=9017.

Spouse support group meeting set

A Spouse Support Group gathering is scheduled for April 4 at 2 p.m. in the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1776. The guest speaker, from Humana Military Healthcare Services, is speaking on Reserve TRICARE. Call 817.782.7435 for reservations.

New EEO appointed

Ms. Frances D. Phea, 301st Force Support Squadron, has been appointed as the new Equal Employment Opportunity program manager for the 301st Fighter Wing. She can be reached at 817.782.6858.

Remember...

This month's B UTA is from April 18 to 19.



On the road again

Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander (left) and Col. Bob Mortensen, 301st FW vice commander, express their support to the more than 90 members who deployed out of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, Monday evening to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Laura Dermarderosian-Smith)

Celebrate first National Crime Victims' Rights Week here

Evelyn Mickles Legal Office

National Crime Victims' Rights Week begins April 26 and runs through May 2, 2009. This is a time to focus on victims of crime and celebrate our nation's progress in serving them. This year's theme, "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act", honors a landmark national commitment to victims of crime.

Before 1984, victims of crime received little public support. The President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, formed by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1982, found widespread poor treatment of victims by a criminal justice system indifferent to their needs. Although most states had some form of victim compensation, most programs were poorly funded. Despite the few victim assistance programs available in some states and

the federal effort to fund victim/witness programs throughout the nation. Most communities relied on a few grassroots organizations — funded by sporadic private donations and bake sales — to help victims of crime.

In a joint effort, the Navy and Air Force Reserve's 301st Fighter Wing will celebrate this event. In honor of victims, the

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Honoring your support

This year's *Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Adams "Silver Wings" Honorary Honor Guard member award* was presented to Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, by Master Sgt. Ross Wood, 301st Honor Guard superintendent March 6. Each recipient receives a mounted chromed Honor Guard bayonet with an engraved name plate. Past winners have included Brig. Gen. Neil Rohan, former 301st FW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Scott and Chief Master Sgt. Jack Mills. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Karl Lewis)

Air Force mourns the loss of first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Senior Master Sgt. Sean Cobb

Office of the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON, DC — Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey died today in Panama City, Fla.

"Chief Airey was an Airman's Airman and one of the true pioneers for our service," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff. "He was a warrior, an innovator... and a leader with vision well ahead of his time. His legacy lives today in the truly professional enlisted force we

have serving our nation... and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude."

"Chief Airey is the most respected enlisted Airmen in the history of the Air Force," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "When we speak of today's Airmen standing upon the shoulders of giants as they reach for the sky and stars — it was upon Paul Airey's shoulders they stood. We will truly miss his leadership, counsel and friendship."

The first CMSAF was always a leader. During World War II he

flew as a B-24 radio operator and additional duty aerial gunner. On his 28th mission, then-Technical Sergeant Airey and his fellow crewmen were shot down over Vienna, Austria, captured, and held prisoner by the German air force from July 1944 to May 1945. During his time as a prisoner of war he worked tirelessly to meet the basic needs of fellow prisoners, even through a 90-day forced march.

Chief Airey was born in Quincy, Mass., on December 13, 1923. At age eighteen, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December, 7, 1941, Airey quit

high school to enlist in the Army Air Forces on November 16, 1942. He later earned his high school equivalency certificate through off-duty study.

Chief Airey held the top enlisted from April 3, 1967 to July 31, 1969. During his tenure he worked to change loan establishments charging exorbitant rates outside the air base gates and to improve low retention during the Vietnam Conflict. Chief Airey also led a team that laid the foundation for the Weighted Airman Promotion

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Deadline for unsolicited submissions is close of business Monday after the "A" schedule unit training assembly.

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

For more information about the Fighter Line, call the 301st Fighter Wing public affairs office at 817-782-7170.

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Person on the street asks ...

How do you feel about the change to a younger retirement age?



Lt. Col. Pat Walsh
301st Force Support Squadron

“Go for it! Good deal! If they want to collect it, go for it!”



Airman 1st Class Mary Munoz-McGee
301st Communication Support Squadron

“It’s about 18 years before I can get it but I think its great that you can get it before 60.”



Tech. Sgt. (ret) Cecil Magnum
Air Force retiree

“They took up for us during this terrorist thing and [the military] deserves every penny they get.”



Tech. Sgt. Tina Edwards
301st Communications Flight

“Awesome, I really think its something that should have been done long time ago.”

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System, a system that has stood the test of time and which is still in use today. He also advocated for an Air Force-level Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. His vision became reality when the academy opened in 1973, becoming the capstone in the development of Air Force Senior NCOs.

Chief Airey retired August 1, 1970. He continued advocating for Airmen’s rights by serving on the boards of numerous Air Force and enlisted professional military organizations throughout the years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Airmen Memorial Museum, a member of the Air Force Memorial Foundation and the Air University Foundation.

After retirement, Chief Airey lived in Panama City, Fla. with



his wife Shirley. Mrs. Airey died in 2001.

Chief Airey was always proud of Airmen. “I have seen many changes as we progressed from simple air power to today’s aerospace force. The enlisted corps has kept pace with that

progress, for it is pride and dedication that keep enlisted men at their posts, not the lure of an easy life and secure future. It is the desire to serve our country that motivates today’s Air Force,” he said at the Air Force’s 20th Anniversary

ceremony in 1967.

On the north wall of the Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C., Chief Airey’s thoughts on Airmen are immortalized, “When I think of the enlisted force, I see dedication, determination, loyalty and valor.”

The Air Force Association honored Airey with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Chief Airey truly spent a lifetime serving a nation and a force he loved, said Michael Donley, Secretary of the Air Force. “From his first days flying World War II combat missions in Europe, to his work improving the welfare of enlisted personnel as the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and his recent role as a mentor to today’s Airmen, Chief Airey was a man of honor and commitment to things greater than himself. His passing is mourned by all Airmen around the globe.”



Maj. James Dickey (right) escorts Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, U.S. Air Forces Central commander, during a visit to the Area of Responsibility earlier this year. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Brothers serve worldwide, together



Maj. Daniel Dickey, 301st Maintenance Squadron commander, ready for his recent incentive ride in a 457th Fighter Squadron F-16 fighter jet. (U. S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey

Public Affairs

Hall of Fame football coach Vince Lombardi's words "The quality of a person's life is determined by their commitment to excellence regardless of their chosen field of endeavor" speaks true to the life of James and Daniel Dickey – two 301st Fighter Wing brothers. They started with a dream but have worked hard to now be at the top of their professions.

There's nothing really unusual about two brothers serving in the same military unit, in fact, most would feel that a family bond would be a good thing. The only problem is that these two men have little in common; for them, the only connection to each other seems to be that they were born into the same family.

Yes, you can call them brothers in arms and brothers in the flesh, and, although they both admit their military life has

followed a certain pattern, their lives are in many ways different, kind of a Dr. Jeekyll and Mr. Hyde story.

Maj. Daniel Dickey, 301st Maintenance Squadron commander, is a hard-charging, type-A personality ready to tackle the world at a moment's notice and according to him, not shy in expressing his opinion about a subject.

His brother, James, scheduled to take command of the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron in July, takes a more low-key approach to things – he's a studier of history and one who tends to be more reserved in certain situations. Basically, he's a more orderly and 'think through things' kind of guy his brother said. But when it comes to what's important, both brothers agree it's the personal demand for excellence in them and for

those who work with them.

Both brothers have spent their entire military career in the Air Force Reserve starting as Airman Basic rank in their chosen fields – each one desiring great things for their future. Both receiving their officer commissions in 1997, the two promotions just months apart from each other.

"When I was a young enlisted man in the Air Transportation field, I learned everything I could about my job," said James Dickey. "If you would have asked me early

in my career if I expected to be an officer, let alone a squadron commander someday, I would have said no – but I worked hard and then the opportunities became available to achieve more.

Our story is no different than the next person. We were two brothers who raised their right hand and took an oath to serve. We focused on whatever task was at hand and pushed ourselves to do the best job we

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More troops, families to qualify for New GI Bill benefits

Troops nearing retirement eligibility may be able to tap into the transferability benefits provided in the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, even if they're unable to serve four more years of duty due to service policies, a senior defense official said.

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Bill that takes effect in August and will offer more benefits and the ability to transfer benefits to a spouse or child has proven to be a hit with the troops, Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

To qualify for transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, servicemembers must have served six years on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and must commit to another four years. But Mr. Carr said the rules could be tweaked soon to allow mid- or late-career troops to qualify, even if they can't sign on for another four years of duty due to service restrictions.

Rules expected to be published in the months ahead will clarify exactly who is or isn't eligible to transfer their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. Mr. Carr said he expects those rules to be "very flexible" to allow servicemembers with 15 or even 20 years of service to qualify. What's definite now is that only those in the active or reserve components on Aug. 1 will be eligible for transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which administers the program, has more details about the basic program on its Web site. The Defense Department will oversee the transferability program and set up a Web-based application servicemembers can use to request transfer of their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, Mr. Carr said.

Air Force Climate Survey yields insights

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — More than 90 percent of Airmen responding to a recent survey indicated that they are happy with their Air Force jobs and the performance of their organizations. These

findings are according to a study that measures Airmen's attitudes toward their work environment and unit.

"I am extremely pleased to see that our total force military and civilian Airmen have great pride in the way their organizations are performing, both in theater and at home station," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff. "I think this shows that the Air Force is working hard to take care of its people while letting them take care of the mission."

Nearly a quarter of a million Airmen from across the Air Force components voiced their opinions in the Air Force Climate Survey, the largest online survey of Air Force personnel, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 14.

Prototype PT uniforms undergo wear tests

A prototype physical training uniform for the Air Force is undergoing wear testing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Pentagon and MacDill AFB, Fla. The prototypes differ from the current PT uniform in features including no hood or vents, better reflectivity, decreased noise and lighter weight. The uniform consists of a jacket and slacks, T-shirt, and tapered shorts with pockets and comfortable liner.

Validating early retired pay explained

Air Reserve Personnel Center officials are finalizing procedures for validating the receipt of retired pay before Citizen Airmen turn 60 years old. Since Jan. 28, 2008, Guard and Reserve Airmen can reduce the age they receive retirement pay by three months for each aggregate 90-day period of qualifying active duty served in any fiscal year, but they cannot receive retired pay before age 50. If Citizen Airmen are approaching retirement and believe they are entitled to get their pay early, they can call 800.525.0102 and discuss the specifics of their participation with retirement experts to validate their eligibility for early retired pay. For more information, call 800.525.0102 or visit www.arpc.afrc.af.mil.

New accountability system to go online

The Air Force Personnel Accountability Assessment System is a new total force Web-based program that assists Air Force people and their families after a disaster or large-scale crisis. If a reservist's personal data is already in DEERS, it will automatically transfer to AFPAAS. AFPAAS will provide updated reports in real time to commanders at all levels. These reports will allow commanders to focus on assisting families.

Secretary Donley to remain as SECAF

White House officials announced that Secretary Michael B. Donley will remain the secretary of the Air Force.

"I am very honored that the president and the secretary of defense have asked me to continue in this capacity," Secretary Donley said. "It remains a privilege to serve the men and women of the world's finest Air Force."

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123137528>.

Journalists win Air Force awards

Four journalists from three Air Force Reserve Command units won writing awards in the 2008 Air Force Media Contest. *Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia of the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas*, won the best news article award, and Will M. Alexander of the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., penned the best commentary.

Two writers from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., took Air Force writing awards and qualified with Sergeant Briden-Garcia and Mr. Alexander to advance to the Department of Defense's Thomas Jefferson competition. Master Sgt. Raymond F. Padgett wrote the best series, and Tech. Sgt. Paul Flipse captured the best sports article award and placed second in art/graphics category.



To ARMS, all paperwork goes to ARMS

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

The Air Force Reserve recently took another step forward in making its operations a 'paperless' society by implementing the Automated Records Management System (ARMS).

The 301st Fighter Wing can now review their personnel records online through a secure Website 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to Lt. Col. Patrick Walsh, 301st Force Support Squadron commander, records for our unit reservists have already been scanned into ARMS and should be immediately accessed. Personnel can log on the Air Force Personnel Center's secure site at

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil or via the Air Force Portal. These sites can only be accessed by using your Common Access Card (CAC).

"The ARMS program opens the door to many new opportunities such as being able to review and print our records without having to involve another individual," said Chief Master Sgt. Rich Ernst, 301st Military Personnel Flight superintendent. "The ARMS program is just the beginning in allowing us greater freedom in our administrative practices."

As a reminder all personnel should review their records in ARMS by May 2009 and notify AFPC if there are any discrepancies. All paper records will be destroyed after this date.

If record discrepancies are not reported within that time period, these documents may not be available to research and correct the problem.

"There certainly will be adjustments in adapting to ARMS especially for those of us use to the 'good ole days' of having an admin troop make copies of your records for you," said Master Sgt. Tim Lynch, chief, 301st personnel employment. "Yes, ARMS does remove most of the personal touch of one-on-one interaction, but it does open the door to a bright and exciting future and that can be a good thing."

But for those like Chief Ernst, who came up in the days of the CBPO (Consolidated Base Personnel Office) era, it can be hard

to let go of the regular 'job routine.'

"I'm a guy who likes people and I enjoy working directly with our customers, so change for me has been difficult at times. But I've also been around long enough to know that if we don't change then we can get left behind. The Air Force Reserve is making tremendous strides to make our fighting force the best – now that is change I can and will believe in."

Overall, officials agree that a paradigm shift is needed as to how the military will perform its administrative functions in the future.

If you have difficulty accessing the ARMS program you can call 817.782.6871 or e-mail Diana Phea at francis.phea@carswell.af.mil.

Revised 'Little Brown Book' now available

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force officials here recently revised Air Force instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, also known as "The Little Brown Book," and the electronic version is available now with hardcopies expected to be available in May.

The guide has long been a staple of establishing expectations and standards for enlisted Airmen.

The last version was published in December 2004, so several changes and updates were needed, said Joseph M. McDade Jr., the director of force development.

"The guide spells out the baseline standards for every enlisted Airman, from E-1 to E-9, so everyone understands what is expected of them," Mr. McDade said. "It also defines special senior non-commissioned officer positions and standardizes enlisted duty titles."

Among the changes to the book is a table of contents, the addition of the Airmen's Creed and an introduction to the Air Force institutional competencies.

"The institutional competencies are capabilities expected of all Airmen, enlisted, officers and civilians with varying levels of proficiency based on rank and position," Mr. McDade explained. "They, along with our core values, form the framework for force development in the Air Force."

The institutional competencies are:

- Employing military capabilities
- Enterprise perspective
- Embodying Air Force culture
- Leading people
- Managing organizations and resources
- Strategic thinking
- Fostering collaborative relationships
- Communicating

These eight competencies further break down into 24 sub-com-

petencies so they can be better understood and applied to life in the Air Force. For example, "Communicating" is about the importance of speaking well and good writing skills, but also covers "active listening" as a method to improving discussions and mentoring as well as settling disputes, Mr. McDade said.

Another important change has been in naming the three enlisted tiers. E-1s through E-4s are now in the "Junior Enlisted Airman" tier.

"It was previously called the 'Airman' tier, which is a bit misleading, because every civilian, enlisted and officer in the Air Force is an Airman," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, who contributed heavily to the redesign.

The revised AFI also tackles government computer use, substance abuse, post-combat stress and concepts related to Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century.

The Little Brown Book will be part of the curriculum in professional military education courses and introduced to new Airmen as they arrive for Basic Military Training.

"This AFI is the values statement for enlisted Airmen — it's critical in enlisted force development and ensuring responsibilities and expectations are clearly defined," Mr. McDade said. "If it's in a book small enough to fit in your pocket or sit on your desk, it's easily and handily available."

If you're enlisted, it's important to know what people expect from you; for officers and civilians, it's crucial to know what enlisted Airmen are capable of achieving. It's all in the book."

The Little Brown Book is available on the Air Force Portal through "MyEDP" — My Enlisted Development Plan — or through the Air Force Publications site: <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/> by entering 36-2618 in the search bar.

Hardcopies can be ordered through the Air Force Publishing Distribution Center Warehouse at 410.687.3373 or DSN 584.4729.



'Kids of Iraq' help further community relations



JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - Airman 1st Class Lescotcia Smith, 332nd Expeditionary Force Support Squadron JBB lodging representative, sorts through school supplies, organizing them in boxes before packing them up for distribution March 11 as part of a Kids of Iraq project. KOI is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Iraqi children by fulfilling their basic needs and providing for a brighter future. Smith is deployed here from Fort Worth Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala)



Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala

332nd AEW Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq— More than 70 volunteers and chapel team members from across JBB joined forces to sort through and prepare children's items for distribution as part of a "Kids of Iraq" initiative March 11.

Started in 2008, Kids of Iraq is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Iraqi children by fulfilling their basic needs and providing for a brighter future.

"Today, we are separating and boxing up supplies and toys to give to Iraqi children and their families out in the community to help further community relations with the Iraqi nation," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Barbee, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron armament flight chief and KOI volunteer. "We are here to help them become a sovereign nation. So it's important that we are able to provide items like these to show them that it's not just about fighting a war, it's about building relationships in the community."

Chaplain (Capt.) M. David Haltom, 732nd Air Expeditionary Group chaplain and KOI coordinator, agreed.

"Each donation helps to strengthen the bond between American troops and Iraqis, which reinforces a long-term relationship with the country and its people," said the chaplain, who's deployed here from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "It's not just going to bless these children and their families; it is being strategically used to further our mission to better this country."

"I didn't start (Kids of Iraq); it was started a year ago by Marcy Hoffman," continued the chaplain from Springfield, Mo. "When I got here, there was no one running the program, so I stepped up and started coordinating the base-wide effort to collect the items that are here, not soliciting any new items. I'm in a unique position as the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group chaplain; it awards me the opportunity to go outside the wire. So I am able to actually hand out all this stuff and plan deliveries."

Overall, volunteers sorted and packed donations such as, toys and school supplies into boxes to send to the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and U.S. forces to distribute among Iraqi

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - Senior Airman Robert Hughes, 332nd Expeditionary Force Support Squadron transient lodging representative, sorts through toys and children's clothes and organizes them in boxes. Hughes is deployed from 301st Fighter Wing, Fort Worth Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala)

children and families.

"We've already sent out 9,000 pounds," said Haltom. "Today we are sending out 5,000 pounds of children's items. We have four more missions on deck, and we have a request for 12,000 pounds of items. It's not just 12,000 pounds of items to just indiscriminately hand out; it is these children's items that will support all of our mission sets."

Working for the U.S. Army, 732nd AEG Airmen are charged with the mission of helping stand up the IA and the IP.

"Supporting the mission of the 732nd means supporting the Iraqi Police, the Iraqi Army, and other elements of Iraqi society," said the chaplain. "Those two organizations are really important. They really need kids items to further their mission. They (732nd AEG Airmen) are trying to help the Iraqi Army develop good relations with the community around their army bases."

"Just like back home, our bases need support from the community surrounding the base, so do the (Iraqi) Army bases in order for them to be successful," he continued. "Right now, there are some army bases struggling to develop that goodwill. These kids items assist them in doing that. It actually helps our guys stay safe too. (Airmen) are trying to help Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police change hearts and minds concerning their role in this country."

Barbee agreed and encouraged others to get involved at JBB to help KOI continue to have a positive impact on not only Iraqi children, but an entire Iraqi community.

"I know that this is a nation that needs help. That's why I'm here," said Barbee. "The chapel has a great program set up. If you don't want to just help with Kids of Iraq, just come out and volunteer your services to help anywhere on base, the hospital or the chapel. There are a lot of things to do, and we can use your help."

Haltom emphasized the impact KOI is having on Airmen and Iraqi soldiers alike.

"All items will be strategically used across the country to support our warfighters outside the wire, specifically our servicemembers working in direct support of the Iraqi Army and Police," he said. "Under Saddam Hussein, the IA and the IP were used improperly. Now, they are trying to change the perception as to how they are used and what they are there for. These items go to them and help shape the new perception."

"The Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police are here to serve and protect the citizens of this country," he concluded. "The faster they're successfully stood-up and self-sustaining, the better."

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could. That same opportunity exists for everyone.”

The two grew up in Middletown, Ohio, a small family, their father was the only one with military experience that traced back to World War II when he served on the USS Saratoga. According to James, his family history also includes a distant relative who was assigned to the 1st New Hampshire regiment during the American Revolution and fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. An interesting fact that James said Daniel probably doesn't know, he said jokingly. Daniel, also interested in military history, said he is fascinated and proud of his father-in-law, a retired tanker pilot.

“When I deployed to Iraq for the first time in 2005 I had just made major, I stitched one of his original major oak leaves (from the late 60s) on the underside of my hat for good luck. His stories of flying back in the day and especially his experiences of surpassing the sound barrier in the F-86 leave a person literally on the edge of their seat wanting more!”

The two brothers' careers have followed an interesting path of similarity though strangely diverse from each other. Most stories written of families stationed together include how they talk with each other, help each other on certain projects and even interact on a daily basis, but the Dickey brothers have really only been on one military event together these many years. That event occurred during a Junior Officer Leadership seminar where Daniel remembers an exercise in leadership and team building exercise at the base marina where one of them got thrown into the water! Never mind who it was, he said.

The two Dickeyes have had their share of deployments: James to Kosovo and Bosnia, Kuwait, Operation Iraqi Freedom and currently to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

“For me, my deployments are the most gratifying because its then that I can demonstrate what I've learned and fine tune my leadership skills. Deployments are where I feel the greatest sense of accomplishment.” Daniel, as well, as seen his fair share of action including Operations Deny Flight and Decisive Edge at Aviano Air Base, Italy, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Willka in 2007, a combined training exercise with the Chilean Air Force at Iquique, Chile.

No doubt we are different in many ways, but we are proud of each other's successes Daniel said. “Our work goes beyond what we do, it's how we influence those around us. I measure my success or failure by how I connect with people. There is no better feeling than to have one of your troops stop you and say thanks for what you did for them, good or bad.”

Daniel's influence also reaches to his wife and three kids where he spends a good amount of family time including teaching baseball to his son, Matthew. James on the other hand is a single man who spends time researching history and tinkering with home repair. But the two do spend some personal time on similar off-duty activities.

Two things we do have in common James said, cars and aviation. “He likes the fighters and I like the heavies! We both were active in the Sports Car Club of America when we were younger. In fact, Daniel still drives my first new car, a 1988 VW Scirocco with nearly 310,000 miles on its original motor. We also both enjoy spending time outdoors – he likes fishing and hunting while I enjoy hiking and horse-back riding.”

Certainly, life for both Major Dickeyes has been filled with huge successes though separated from each other for much of it. And although they don't see each other as much as they would like, as brothers they have each been born with a fiery commitment that has ignited success within themselves and with those they serve. Certainly, those with whom they have come in contact would agree.

NAS JRB FORT WORTH DESTRUCTIVE WEATHER WARNING MATRIX

CONDITION	WARNING	MEANING	ACTION
Tornado Warning	A three-minute steady siren is sound from the Giant Voice system. Also, from NOAA weather radio or the media (web, radio, TV)	A Tornado is imminent or is occurring within the warning area.	Take cover immediately! Indoors: move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture, stay away from windows. Outdoors: Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle; instead, leave it immediately and find cover indoors (if possible) or lie flat in a ditch or depression.
Tornado Watch	An announcement over the Giant Voice system, by telephone, e-mail, NOAA weather radio or the media (web, radio, TV)	Conditions are favorable for the severe weather event in or near the watch area.	Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take action (such as move indoors) if necessary.
Severe Thunderstorm Condition I (T1)	An announcement over the Giant Voice system or by telephone.	Severe thunderstorms are imminent and are on station or are expected within one hour, or are within ten nautical miles	Secure outside items and seek cover indoors. Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take further action if necessary.
Severe Thunderstorm Condition II (T2)	An announcement over the Giant Voice system or by telephone.	Severe thunderstorms are possible within six hours or are within 25 nautical miles relative to storm movement.	Continue to monitor weather sources and be prepared to take action (such as move indoors) if necessary.



Internet: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/>
 Streaming Audio: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/hwr/streamaudio.htm> (select "Dallas" from the list)
 TV: KDFW 4, KXAS 5, WFAA 8



Congratulations to all recent Community College of the Air Force graduates

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Criminal Justice

Master Sgt. Cameron B. Vestal

Criminal Justice

610 RSG

Master Sgt. Shawn D. McCowan

Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Elizabeth A. McCowan

Education and Training Management

Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Williams-Fennell

Information Management

301 SFS

Staff Sgt. Jennifer L. Martinez

Criminal Justice

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Crystal B. LaFleur

Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology

Staff Sgt. Travis K. Powell

Aviation Maintenance Technology

301 MOF

Master Sgt. Lawanna M. Viers

Human Resource Management

301 MDS

Senior Airman Robyn L. Martin

Allied Health Sciences

Staff Sgt. Todd M. Ryan

Maintenance Production Management

and Allied Health Sciences

Tech. Sgt. James M. Podany

Medical Laboratory Technology

301 LRS

Senior Airman Thomas R. Nunn

Weather Technology

301 CES

Staff Sgt. Neznaika J. Senerchia

Construction Technology

Tech. Sgt. John A. McCall

Emergency Management

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher A. Bowen

Human Resource Management

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Michael A. Doughty

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery M. Grant

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. Steven Joubert

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. Alex R. Valenzuela

Avionic Systems Technology

Master Sgt. Kyle E. Hutchison

Avionic Systems Technology

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Senior Master Sgt. Laura A. Merritt

Safety and

Aircrew Safety Systems Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Randal B. Taylor

Safety

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph A. Vigil

Safety

Deployment history to be removed from promotion briefs

The Air Force recently resolved to remove 45-day deployment data from its officer selection briefs. This change is a total force initiative that affects the Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

"The deletion of the deployment history from the officer selection briefs shouldn't have a big impact for those 301st Fighter Wing officers who have deployed as long as it is included in either the Promotion Recommendation Form or the Officer Performance Report," explained Lt. Col. Patrick Walsh, 301st Force Support Squadron commander.

In the Air Force Reserve, the change will go into effect this month with the chaplain and line of the Air Force

judge advocate major and lieutenant colonel selection boards. Deployment information is available in decoration citations, officer performance report bullets, performance recommendation form statements and letters to officer promotion boards.

"This change does not affect any enlisted side issues but applies exclusively for the officers," said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Ernst, 301st Military Personnel Flight superintendent. For more details, call the 301st MPF at 817.782.6987.

USAFA info meeting planned

Each year, young, hard-charging Airmen are sought for entry into the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Air Force

Academy Preparatory School with the end goal of earning a commission. Applications for entry this summer are now closed, but this is a great time to begin the process for entry in 2010.

Airmen must be less than 23 years of age by July 1 for entry to the Academy, or less than 22 years of age by July 1, for entry to the Preparatory School; be unmarried; be a U.S. citizen or be able to obtain citizenship prior to entry; and have no dependents. Come to this informational meeting to learn more about USAFA and the application process.

The meeting is scheduled for April 5 in building 1654, room 151 at 2 p.m.

For additional information about USAFA admissions, contact the 301st Fighter Wing education and training office, 817.782.6980, or visit the U.S. Air Force Academy Directorate of Admissions at <http://www.academyadmissions.com>.

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following events are taking place at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth:

- Candlelit Service at the Base Chapel, Apr. 29, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

- 5k Run/Walk at the Base Gym, May 1, 2009, at 11:30

There will be a brief memorial service in honor of the victims. The base chaplain will provide an opportunity for individuals to light a candle in memory of a victim or place the name of a victim on paper for prayer. The 5k Run/Walk will begin and end at the base gym. Promotional items will be available. There will be a hotdog and hamburger sale at the gym after the event.

Please come out to celebrate the NAS JRB Fort Worth's first Victims' Rights Week. For more information, contact Navy Chief Jordan-817.781.7991, Connie Dye-817.782.5760 or Evelyn Mickles at 817.782.7620.



Going above and beyond

Master Sgt. Mary Staffeld, 301st Force Support Squadron's education and training superintendant, was awarded the Air Force Association Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for 2008 by Fort Worth's Chapter 272. Sergeant Staffeld was presented this award March 7, 2009, at the AFA's annual Black Tie Affair event held at Fort Worth's Worthington Hotel. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

PROMOTIONS and REENLISTMENTS

Promotions

- 73 APS**
Senior Airman Mitchell Kincaid
- 610 SFS**
Senior Airman Lance R. Paulauskas
Staff Sgt. Christopher Southern
- 301 SVF**
Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Davis
- 301 AMXS**
Staff Sgt. Luis M. Gonzalez
Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Niles
Master Sgt. Samuel K. Rock, III
- 301 MXS**
Staff Sgt. Brandon J. Lafleur
Master Sgt. Chevez Morris-Sion
- 301 LRS**
Staff Sgt. Gregory B. Quinn
- 301 FSS**
Tech. Sgt. Ronald G. Pyles

- 301 LRS**
Staff Sgt. Thomas R. Nunn
- Det. 1, FW**
Master Sgt. Carolina Valdovinos
- 301 FW**
Master Sgt. Keith Warren

Reenlistments

- 301 SVF**
Master Sgt. Patrick McShan
Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Roark
- 301 MXS**
Staff Sgt. Louis Jacobs
Tech. Sgt. George Clayton, III
Tech. Sgt. Edward Youngblood
Master Sgt. Roger Smith
- 301 CES**
Tech. Sgt. Mark Duran
Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Barham

- 301 AMXS**
Chief Master Sgt. Ricky Hester
- 301 MDS**
Tech. Sgt. Alison Hunt
- 301 SFS**
Tech. Sgt. Clark Medina
- 301 MXG**
Master Sgt. Lenny Trojanowski
- 610 RSG**
Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Samulowitz
- 810 CES**
Senior Master Sgt. Wallace Hood
- 301 LRS**
Staff Sgt. Larry Joe
- 301 MSG**
Master Sgt. Jerry Munoz
- 301 OSF**
Senior Airman Jonathan Gibson
Tech. Sgt. Troy Stewart