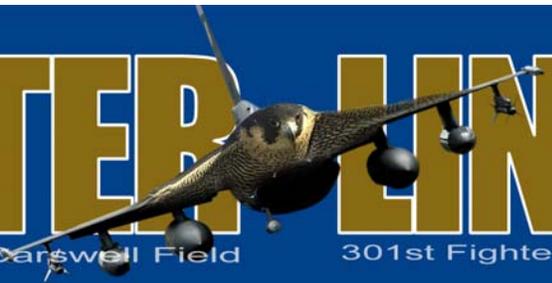




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## Thankful to be back home!

Maj. John Marusa, 457th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, is greeted by his two children. Major Marusa returned with five other squadron pilots May 22 following their deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq. (U.S. Air Force Photo/TSgt Stephen C. Bailey)

# Big deployment ends with big homecoming



Families and friends showed up in droves to welcome home 301st Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo/SSgt Laura Spurling)



## Service Before Self

With an aircraft full of returning Airmen comes an aircraft full of returning baggage. Returning and on-station members of the 301st Fighter Wing banded together to unload and sort baggage as fast as possible to allow everyone to be reunited with family and head for home. (U.S. Air Force photo/SSgt Laura Spurling)



Staff Sgt. Rodney Pollard, returning member of 301st Maintenance, was happily greeted by his daughter. (U.S. Air Force photo/Major Karl Lewis)

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# Deployment Spiritual Care

## Chaplain Mark McDaniel

301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing Chaplain

*(Editor's Note: This commentary is the first in a series on Traumatic Stress Response and Deployment Reintegration from Chaplain Mark McDaniel)*

With the constant flow of deployments that the 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing and associated units has faced since 9/11, ensuring emotional and spiritual strength remains a chief concern among those tasked for the care of the unit.

Each member will face and deal with experiences they have encountered in a multitude of approaches. For some, these experiences have been overwhelming or troubling while others have endured multiple deployments with little difficulty.

In every case, however, the entire unit family – especially those at home – has been

touched by our call to duty. As wingmen to each other, it is our imperative to ensure the well being of co-workers, supervisors, and subordinates.

Our national security and ability to employ to AEF assignments and other military requirements is dependent upon a healthy force.

With this in mind, our office will be producing numerous articles over the ensuing year focusing on traumatic stress, deployment related preparation and response, and resiliency strategies.

The goal is to educate and inform. Individuals respond in a myriad of ways in light of traumatic and stressful situations.

Only you and your loved ones can note and respond to changes in demeanor, behavior and how you interact with others upon the return from a hostile deployment.

The most important truth to remember is that all initial responses to stressful exposures are normal and they can vary. The body has a wonderful capacity to “reboot” and assimilate experiences into memory.

Over time, a month to even a year, responses should diminish. Some times they do not. It is at this point that a unit member needs to talk with those who specialize in traumatic stress response. Your chaplain office is one of those agencies.

In addition to religious and spiritual support, we have acquired skills necessary to minister to the wing in this unique and growing area.

Our prayer is that every member of our unit be healthy and resilient and that our services in this are not needed. Be assured that we are ready and willing to talk with you



Chaplain (Major) Mark McDaniel

about your deployments and exposure.

Two of our staff have deployed with you to Iraq and understand many of the experiences that you have encountered.

May you be blessed as you continue to serve our country.

*(The Chaplains Office can be reached at DSN 739-7267.)*

## Stewardship of life, position should be our daily focus

First Sergeant's key words bring insight and direction for success

### MSgt Chris Bottoms

301<sup>st</sup> Medical

It is said, *“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”*

In an age when we are regularly confronted with reports of irresponsible behavior on the part of people in positions of authority and leadership, this quote

demands our notice and response.

Each of us are recipients of a trust passed down from our predecessors in the profession of arms. Whether we deserve it our not, whether we receive it or not the fact remains: we have been given much ... we have been entrusted with much. What are we doing with that investment that has been made in us?

Responsible stewardship of our life and position should be a focus point every day of our life and most certainly when we wear our uniform. The quality of that stewardship is influenced by your attitude.

If you and I believe our profession calls us to faithfully exercise our service as expected from those appointed above us and the needs of those under our care, then we most

certainly will not do as we please. This is implied in the core value of “Service Before Self.”

The quality of our service should never be influenced by the climate in which we serve, or the people whom we serve. Reactionary service will never have positive long-term impact.

On the other hand, service that is turned outward will almost certainly affect positive change in the surroundings

and in others.

If you desire to accept the stewardship challenge then here are some things to consider.

First, ask someone you trust to help you make an honest assessment of your service (if I'm not mistaken, that could be done by your wingman in a mentoring moment). Secondly, become intentional in your stewardship.

This means you must know well the expectations of those in leadership

over you and the needs of those under your care. Pursue this with a faithful perseverance.

Third, always be on the alert for things that are at work to undermine your stewardship efforts. Inward-focused attitudes and behaviors are a pretty good indicator of trouble.

Lastly, lead-out in such a way that unites groups and inspires others.

Are you up to the challenge?



# Honor Guard allows service before self



Courtesy photo

**MSgt Ross Wood**  
301st FW Honor Guard

The 301st FW honor guard has grown within the last few years from a small handful to more than 40 men and women representing the wing and has become the USAFR Base Honor Guard of choice for the greater Dallas-Fort Worth region.

The honor guard consists of a group of highly dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice their time in order to serve. I realized this immediately when I first took over as its superintendent and began working to build its growth.

The honor guard serves at retirements, changes of commands, promotions for general officers, functions hosting heads of state and chiefs of staff, funeral details, and other high-visible events.

The team has experienced everything possible and then some and has always maintained its professionalism, pride, and sense of duty. Giving back to the community and representing this wing is an esteem honor and privilege never taken lightly. We have the unique opportunity to make a first impression every time we are center stage. We personify the Air Force core values.

My proudest moment was standing on stage at the Air Force Association's National conference to accept the AFA Citation of Honor acknowledging the accomplishments of our team.

TSgt Scott Johnston will soon take over as the new 301st FW honor guard superintendent. He will continue to build to this team's success and accomplishments while continuing to offer a great opportunity for military growth and development.

If interested in joining this team, you will find the journey challenging, yet very rewarding.

For more information, call 817-782-3849.

## Personnel should make effort to learn aspects regarding career decisions

**MSgt Toni Robinson**  
301st FW Unit Career Advisor

Today, people have so much uncertainty when it comes to making important decisions regarding issues such as their health, their wealth, relationships and with their career. The key to making these decisions is to have the correct information.

The role of the unit career advisor is to provide accurate information regarding one of these areas - their military career.

Practically everyone at one point will come to a time when they will have to make tough career choices. Retirement, reenlistment, cross-train, and other decisions. It's at these times, my office will work with you to make an informed decision.

Most everyone you might talk to thinks the unit career advisor just processes their bonus payments. But this is not entirely accurate. There are so many things about the unit career advisor position most people never really see.

It is true that I am responsible for ensuring all enlisted and officer members entitled to pay and benefits based on their chosen career field receive bonus payments. I also conduct interviews to determine factors that negatively influence career decisions

and assist commanders in developing programs to address these concerns.

I monitor mandatory pay and benefits to ensure members receive payments at appropriate intervals. I counsel separating enlisted personnel on reserve program benefits and opportunities.

There are times I meet with people who are not sure what to do. And there are times I'm not sure, but I'll do the research and I'll make the calls to find the right answer for your situation. No one needs to feel like they have no one on their side. My office is committed to making sure all 301st FW family members are well taken care of. This can include interacting with airmen who are researching new career opportunities or are facing challenging situations which can hamper their ability to complete their job and be mobile for wing deployments and other responsibilities.

Career decisions are issues which should not be ignored or waited on until the last minute. I will make myself available to address your specific situation. Yes, there are times my office is real busy, especially at UTA's, but do give me a call, or e-mail me, or stop by and leave a message and I will work with you.

I can be reached at 817-782-6919.

## Equal Opportunity is key to all work environments

**MSgt Deleonard Fincher**  
301st FW Equal Opportunity

In 1971, the Department of Defense established the Race Relations Institute in response to the civil rights movement of the 1960's. Today, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (Race Relations) is responsible for training Equal Opportunity (EO) and Equal Employment Opportunity members positioned on military institutions across the world.

The 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office objective is to improve mission effectiveness by promoting an environment free from personal, social, or institutional barriers that prevent unit members from rising to their highest level of responsibility possible.

The 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing implements five core elements to assist commanders in measuring EO program effectiveness: policy, communications, education and training, enforcement (complaints) and assessments.

Through Equal Opportunity Awareness initiatives, the 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing will continue to serve as one of the most elite fighter wings in the Air Force Reserve.

If you need more information or if you need to ask questions regarding a specific incident, call 817-782-7264.



# Maximize your enlistment

**MSgt Chari Petrie**

301st FW First Sergeant

Got benefits? Yes you do! We are all aware of the basic benefits we receive for our military service...the Montgomery GI Bill, the BX, the Commissary, SGLI, etc.

However, there are so many more than these that we Airmen can take advantage of but may not know about.

I have drafted a list of some of the lesser-known great benefits Airmen are entitled to.

With the summer months upon us, you may want to incorporate some of these in your vacation plans!

We could all use a financial break in today's economy. Whether you are traveling, shopping, paying medical bills or worrying about tuition, the Air Force can help with that.

Health and Dental care are available through TRICARE at a small fee and the plans for Reservists are good.

Maximize your enlistment by exercising your military benefits today!

**Entertainment** – Walt Disney World, Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Orlando. These theme parks and many others offer free tickets to military members and sometimes family members too. Check with each park for details.

**Travel** – Go to [www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/recreationcenters/](http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/recreationcenters/) to read more about Germany; Hawaii; Shades of Green, Walt Disney Resort, Florida, Seoul, Korea and many other destinations.

**Education Benefits: Hazelwood Act** - a tuition exemption that was set up for veterans or qualified dependent children who were *Texas residents prior to enlisting in the service*. More information available at: [www.CollegeforTexans.com](http://www.CollegeforTexans.com).

**Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative** – information available on the AF Portal under the Air Force Virtual Education Center link.

**Space-Available Travel (Space-A)** – Dependents of a Reserve component member may travel to and from CONUS when the servicemember is on active duty and accompanied by the member while on leave status. More information available at: [www.afcrossroads.com](http://www.afcrossroads.com)

**Child Care** – Reservists on active duty or performing inactive duty training are eligible for care at one of 800 child development centers and 9,000 family child care homes. Care is provided to newborn through age twelve children.

**Financial Assistance** – Air Force Aid Society [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org). Your First Sergeant will have other information regarding financial assistance if you are in need. Please use these valuable resources.

# Four dimension keys help with stress

**Sylvia Budinich**

301st Medical Squadron

Our country has been and continues to be in a recession.

In March 2009, the unemployment rate in Texas reached 6.7 percent and businesses continue to lay-off employees or close their doors forever. What a bleak outlook of our current and future economic state-of-affairs.

Perhaps you've recently lost quite a bit of money in your investments or you or someone in your family has lost their job or been laid-off and you're wondering *"How am I going to meet my monthly expenses and survive in this uncertain and chaotic economy while maintaining my sanity?"*

As a society, most of us are very stressed, trying to do so much with so little time – it's always go, go, and go faster and at what price to our emotional and physical well being? We play numerous roles which greatly impact our time, efforts and energy: em-

ployee, spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, student, friend, mentor, "citizen airman" and then its time for another military drill weekend!

Where does it end?

In July 2008, I experienced an unexpected and unpleasant personal situation which caused me mental anguish. As a result, I can now attest to the importance of applying these 4 Dimensions of Human Wellness:

**1. Physical** – Is your weight within normal standards? Are you eating a balanced and healthy diet? Do you exercise three to four times per week (cardio and strength)?

**2. Emotional** – Do you have a positive self-esteem? Are you happy? Have a positive-can-do-attitude? Optimistic rather than pessimistic? Are your emotions appropriate to the situation?

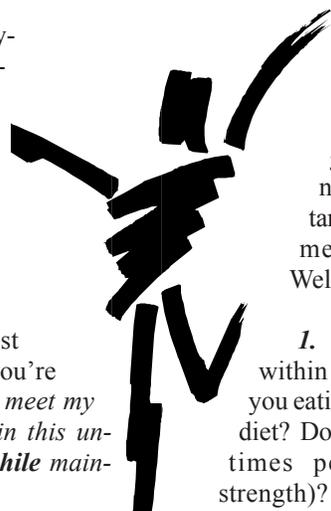
**3. Social** – Do you have healthy relationships with your family, friends, co-workers? Do you have good job performance? Do you have a sense of belonging? Are you involved in group activities, such as sports activities, parent-teacher organizations, spiritual activities? Do you volunteer in your community? How are your finances?

**4. Spiritual** – Do you have a sense of purpose and meaning? Faith in a "higher order"? Hope even when things aren't going your way?

**You are our most important resource.** The wing has resources to aide you in your wellness. SMSgt Samantha Boswell and MSgt Chris Bottoms of the 301st Medical Squadron and Lt Col Mark McDaniel and Capt Nathaniel Powell, 301st FW chaplains.

Another resource can be found with the 301st FW Airman and Family Readiness Center - Jay Evans at 817-782-7435.

In order to stay emotionally and physically healthy try and apply these principles on a daily basis and remember to make time for yourself and always "Carpe Diem."



# 2009 Armed Fo

## TSgt Stephen C. Bailey

301<sup>st</sup> FW Public Affairs

Country Superstar Trace Adkins kicked off NAS JRB's Air Power Weekend with a Friday night concert to an enormous crowd of 'boot stomping' country-music fans.

In a show of appreciation to our local community neighbors, the base opened its doors and welcomed the general public for the free weekend event.

The Air Power Demonstration showcased a unique combination of U.S. military aircraft from past, present and future and civilian performances.

The air show included an array of powerful aerial performances by the Navy's F/A-18F Super Hornet and the Air Force's F-16 Fighting Falcon. The show also included performances by the Air Force Reserve Biplane, the AFRC "White Lightning" jet car

and aerial ace Jan Colmers Extra 300.

A historic flight took place with the Navy's Legacy flight formation with a F/A-18F Super Hornet and a Vietnam vintage AD-5 Skyraider.

A special aerial demonstration by Lockheed Martin's F-16 Fighting Falcon also took place.

But the excitement was not just limited to the air. Other high-powered entertainment was featured on the ground. The AFRC jet-powered car made a powerful impression. Its 10,000 horse-powered jet engine propelled the car to over 300 mph.

Military static displays included the B-52H Stratofortress heavy bomber and A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft. The Marines displayed the F/A-18A+ Hornet and KC-130 Hercules. Navy aircraft included the C-40 Clipper and C-9 Skytrain II. The Air Force Reserve F-16C Fighting Falcon was on display along with the Army's C-12 Huron and the Texas Air National Guard's C-130H Hercules.



Country star Trace Adkins sings to the crowd at the pre-air show demonstration's Friday night concert. (U.S. Air Force photo/MSgt Barbara Therrien)



The Navy Aerial demonstration F/A-18F Super Hornet



Lockheed-Martin's F-16 Fighting Falcon flight demonstration aircraft shows off its impressive aerial handling qualities during the Air Power Demonstration. (Courtesy photo Mr. Jim Wilson)

# Forces Day

The U.S. Navy and Air Force 'rocked the skies' with a powerful display of combat and aerobatic demonstrations thrilling the thousands in attendance.



...et makes a thunderous high speed low-level pass during the first NAS JRB Air Power Demonstration. (Courtesy photo/Mr. Jim Wilson)



The Navy Aerial Demonstration F/A-18F Super Hornet performs a high-angle-of-attack take-off before an awed crowd at the NAS JRB Air Power demonstration. (U.S. Air Force photo/MSgt Barbara Therrien)



Captain T.D. Smyers, NAS JRB Fort Worth Commander, welcomed the crowd to the first Air Power Demonstration Aerial display. (Courtesy photo/Mr. Jim Wilson)



Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Ed Hamell zooms down the flightline sideways in the AFRC aerobatic Bi-plane. (Courtesy photo/Mr. Jim Wilson)

Reservist has the stats, ready to make mark on professional bowling world

# Nothing but perfection

**TSgt Stephen C. Bailey**

301<sup>st</sup> FW Public Affairs

Ron Nason is a mild-mannered man by day, one who does his job and loves his family; but after hours he becomes a sports superhero in the bowling alley with a handful of 300 games and with his sights set on one day turning professional.

A natural-born bowler, Nason has literally attacked this sport for nearly 30 years. An aggressive competitor, he has competed on all tournament levels maintaining a bowling score average of 228 with his highest three game series at 791.

"I never get tired of bowling – bowling has always been my passion when it comes to sports," Nason said. "Bowling is the one sport that can be played individually or as a team – it's a great sport for everyone."

Nason, who credits his father as his bowling mentor, has had several 300 games to his credit, three through sanctioned tournaments. Sadly, his father died before getting the chance to see his son's first perfect game; but for Nason that evening will always remain unforgettable.

"My wife, mother and sister and friends were there that evening. I told myself going

into the 10<sup>th</sup> frame that this game was dedicated to my dad. I was a real mess in that last frame but I told myself to keep breathing and not pass out - I then just went out and rolled those last three."

bright for this up and coming player, but for now he continues to juggle life between his day jobs and with his passion for bowling. Currently, he works as a civilian petroleum oil and lubricants instructor at

compete and stay proficient. My next event is to compete in the PBA's regionals in 2010."

Nason bowls at least two to three times a week – more when practicing for a tournament, he said. A regular patron at the local lanes, Nason is easily recognizable by his tall and lanky frame and is never armed with less than an array of bowling balls he takes during each visit.

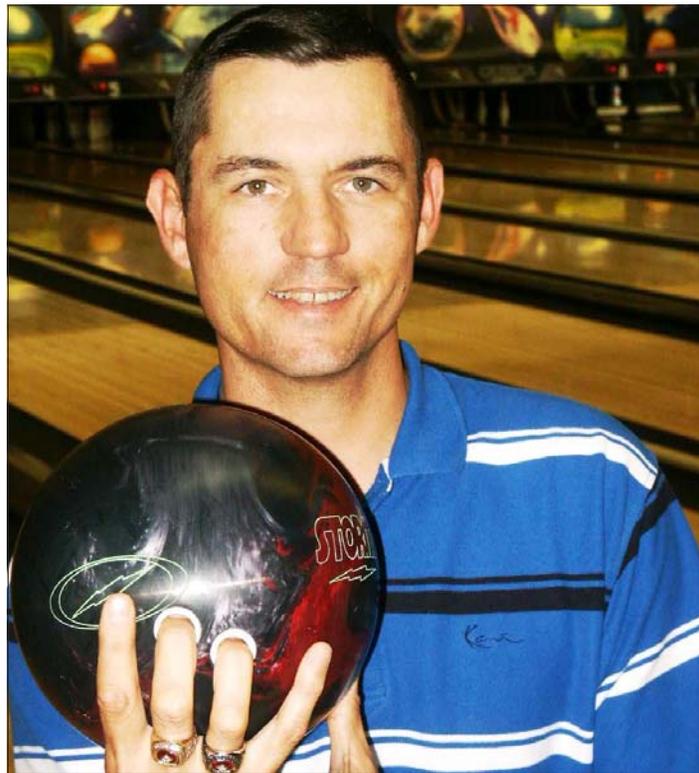
"I own 10 different bowling balls for the different lane conditions. A bowler needs equipment to be prepared for all conditions."

One such condition he embarrassing admits happened a few years ago.

"During a game, I had to step outside to get something out of my truck. When I returned back I forgot to take off the little protective booty off of my slide shoe. As I went to throw the ball, I went right down with the ball sliding nearly half way down the lane. I just laughed it off - but now I do make sure to look at both my feet before starting my approach."

Normally joined at the lanes by his supportive family, he praises his wife Carmen for her encouragement in helping him to fulfill his dream. His two boys Damien and Cody are also big joys in his life. He said of the three, Cody is the other bowler in the family and has developed into an even stronger competitor than his father.

"He's good, but not good enough to beat dad yet! We'll just keep working together and learn from each other and who knows - maybe one day, we might both be on the professional bowling circuit."



Nason, a fan of professional bowler, Dallas native Chris Barnes, said he likes Barnes style of staying cool when the pressure is on. "He's a great bowler - someone who just goes out and gets the job done!" Nason, who prides himself in the same way, one who just tries to stay focused when competing, has never placed first in a sanctioned tournament; he did however complete a career high finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Amateur Bowling Tournament in Tucson, Ariz.

Many feel the future looks

Sheppard AFB, Texas. He also serves as a reservist for the 301<sup>st</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron since February 2006 following 10 years of active duty and 18 months in the National Guard. "I really enjoy what I'm doing right now. The work is very satisfying and involved since there is so much going on in the world right now.

His true passion however is to bowl professionally which for now must remain a dream, at least until he gets closer to military retirement. "That day will come soon enough but for now I'm going to continue to



**Ron Nason displays two of his 300 perfect score rings. (Courtesy Photo)**



# Air Force leaders name top enlisted leader

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley have announced the Airman selected to be the service's next enlisted leader.

Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy will become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force during an appointment ceremony June 30 which will coincide with Chief McKinley's retirement.

"This is a good day for all Airmen," General Schwartz said. "While they will lose a tremendous leader and advocate in Chief McKinley, they gain a worthy successor in Chief Roy. Given his record and reputation, I am confident that Chief Roy will carry the best interests of our Air Force family forward to our nation's leaders as we support today's joint fight and rebalance our force for the challenges ahead."

Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, will come to the Pentagon from Camp Smith, Hawaii, where the chief currently serves as the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the U.S. Pacific Command combatant commander, representing more than 200,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

Chief Roy joined the Air Force in 1982. His career includes assignments as a heavy equipment operator in the civil engineer career field and then in leadership positions



at the squadron, group, and numbered air force levels. He has served as the command chief master sergeant at wings in Air Education and Training Command, Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command. He was also deployed as the command chief master sergeant of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. Prior to assuming his current position he was the command chief master sergeant for U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Chief McKinley will retire next month after serving for 30 years. He has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006.

"Chief McKinley has devoted his entire adult life to our Air Force and to taking care of Airmen and their families," General Schwartz said. "He has accomplished so much throughout his career, but as chief master sergeant of the Air Force, he and his wife, Paula, have made monumental contributions." (WASHINGTON AFNS)

## Officer development education program

### ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga (AFRC)

— Air Force Reserve Command has a new process for identifying officers to attend developmental education. Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander, signed a memorandum May 6 establishing the Reserve School Selection Board. Air Force Reserve officers who want to attend developmental education, officer professional development or joint courses who are not vetted through the Development Education Board must meet the selection board. The selection board will meet twice a year. The first board will be in January 2010. Before the boards meet, people will be able to see what is being offered. They will submit applica-

tions through the virtual Personnel Center-Guard & Reserve. After military personnel flights screen the nomination packages and wing commanders or their equivalents rank order the applicants, the nominations go forward to the board for review. The selection process will take into account the nominees' goals and potential for development. People can select from 23 developmental education opportunities, with more than 350 school quotas available. The courses include the Air and Space Basic Course, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education and the International Junior Officer Leadership Development Course. The Reserve School Selection Board will screen all officers identified as eligible and determine those most qualified to attend based upon the whole-person concept and future needs of the Air Force.

# Be safe during Critical Days of Summer action

This year's Critical Days of Summer campaign began in May and continues through September 7 and is aimed at reducing accidents and mishaps.

"Our focus this year is traffic safety, alcohol awareness and fatigue and drowning prevention," said Maj Gen Frank J. Padilla, 10<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander. "Automobile and motorcycle mishaps are our number one enemy when it comes to lives lost. All personnel should evaluate time spent on the road and always assess their unique situation while traveling. Airmen fatalities in automobile accidents are on the rise and account for one-third of mishaps. Don't drink and drive – it's that simple," General Padilla said.

Officials agree the core objective in safety is airmen taking care of airmen. It is vital for everyone to work together to save lives and protect resources.

"We must stay alert and be safe in all that we do. One life lost is too much," said SMSgt Mike Sherman, 301<sup>st</sup> Ground Safety manager. "There have been reports throughout the entire Air Force of individuals losing their lives in various ways. In one instance, an airman was struck by lightning while boating during a thunderstorm. Another airman got sick while snorkeling, lost consciousness, and then drowned. Bottom line- mishaps are preventable. Every airman must serve as reliable and trusted wingmen."

Air Force Safety officials remind everyone that when you're at a function on or off duty, it's your responsibility to take care of each other. If you see a hazard, report it or fix it. If you see someone starting to do something that makes the hairs on your neck stand up, don't look away – be a wingman and do something.

To help with the Critical Days of Summer and with traveling, the Air Force Safety center is promoting TRiPS (Travel Risk Planning System). The web-based program highlights a trip planner, mapping and a risk assessment calculator to help assist when planning vacation time on the road. For details, you can visit <http://craapps2.crc.army.mil/TRiPS/af/login.aspx>

## 301st Newcomers

Please take a moment to welcome these new members of the 301st family:

### 301st Fighter Wing

Lt Col Derek Phillips  
Amn April Williams

### 301st Security Forces Sqd

SrA David Adams

### 301st Civil Engineer Sqd

TSgt Misty Bailey  
TSgt Geraldine Porter  
A1C Daniel Nunn

### 301st Maintenance Sqd

SrA Kerry Bickham  
SrA Kyle McNett  
SrA Kevin Mount  
SSgt William Vise  
SrA Charles Webb

### 301st Medical Sqd

SSgt Trashelle Miro  
SrA Kari Gardner

### 301st Logistics Readiness Sqd

SrA Christian Marquez  
SrA Jose Martinez  
SrA Ashley White

### 73rd Aerial Port Sqd

SSgt Kevin Bridges  
SrA Steven Quy  
Amn David Pratkan

### 610th Regional Support Grp

MSgt Carrie Riley

### 610th Security Forces Sqd

SrA Derrick Williams  
Stephen Bitsko

### 301st Maint. Operations Flt

SrA Erica Borrego

### 301st Communication Flt

AB Devin Stephens

### 301st Services Flt

SrA Denver Plumb



## Great day for flying!

News media and photographers were given the chance to fly in some vintage T-28 Trojan aircraft. The event supported the Armed Forces Day celebration. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt Stephen C. Bailey)

## Reenlistments

Please congratulate these members of the 301st family who have again decided to answer the call to service:

MSgt English, Edward (301 MOF)  
MSgt Proctor, Kimberlyn (301 MOF)

TSgt Bandringa, Siebe (301 SFS)  
TSgt Barbalena, Pedro (301 MDS)  
TSgt Cabanero, Mario (301 FW)  
TSgt Johnson, Richard (301 SFS)  
TSgt Reagan, Jacqueline (73 APS)

SSgt Anderson, Brandon (301 AMXS)  
SSgt Closson, Stephanie (610 SFS)  
SSgt Coykendall, Timothy (610 SFS)  
SSgt Gonzalez, Jose (301 LRS)  
SSgt Hill, Thomas (301 SFS)  
SSgt McDaniel, Marty (610 SFS)  
SSgt Muya, Sean (301 SVF)  
SSgt Ragland, Robert (301 SFS)  
SSgt Williams, Jennifer (301 CES)

SrA Barber, Erik (301 SFS)  
SrA Keller, Lance (610 SFS)

## '09-'10 UTA "A" scheduled announced

Oct. 3-4; Nov. 7-8; Dec. 5-6; Jan. 9-10; Feb. 6-7; March 6-7; April 10-11; May 1-2; June 5-6; July 10-11; August 7-8; and Sept. 11-12.

## AAFES opportunities for kids

'You made the grade' program now in its ninth year provides school-age children who maintain a "B" average or better to receive a complimentary booklet complete with AAFES complimentary offers and discounts on products and services.

The current booklet includes coupons for a free regular 6-inch sandwich combo meal, complimentary admissions to the base theater and \$2 off any new DVD release. Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations.

All authorized exchange shoppers, who are full-time students, are eligible to pick up a booklet and register every time they receive a qualifying report card.

## Congratulations

Brig. Gen. Kevin E. Pottinger, former 301st Fighter Wing commander, received his promotion to general officer May 30 at a ceremony held at the NAS JRB parade grounds. Maj Gen (Retired) James Sluder conducted the event which was celebrated by family and friends.

## Golf tournament

A four-man golf scramble is June 11 at the Lost Creek Golf Course in Aledo, Texas. The event is a fundraiser for the Ranger Senior NCOs Marine Corps Ball.

For more information, call 817-782-2925.

# GI Bill change give great advantages

The recent VA change for Post 9/11 GI Bill applications is ground breaking and the biggest change in military education benefits since World War II, said CMSgt Wanda Dillon, 301<sup>st</sup> FW chief, educations services.

“The opportunity for people to potentially transfer this education benefit to a spouse or a dependent child is huge and is the main reason people are beating down our door to get involved – the only problem is that it does not go into effect until August 1, however you can apply immediately by going to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).” Officials also stated the Post 9/11 GI Bill change also allows individuals deployed for

more than 90 days to receive 100 percent tuition and BAH allowance at the E-5 rate.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides education funding and benefits to eligible veterans and Total Force Airmen. More than 670,000 retired, separated and active duty Airmen, in addition to thousands more Reservists and Guardsmen, are eligible for the new bill.

“I do caution everyone considering this new option to take the time to review all options in order to make a well-informed decision. If individuals select the Post 9/11 GI Bill it is irrevocable and there are some restrictions regarding online classes,” Chief Dillon explained.



## Flyin’ history

NASA’s Super Guppy aircraft made a stop to Carswell for a required refueling. The Super Guppy was acquired by NASA from the European Space Agency and is the latest version in a long line of Guppy cargo aircraft used by NASA in past space programs including Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab to transport spacecraft components. The Super Guppy has a cargo compartment that is 25 feet tall, 25 feet wide and 111 feet long. It can carry a maximum payload of more than 26 tons. The aircraft has a unique hinged nose that can open more than 200 degrees, allowing large pieces of cargo to be loaded and unloaded from the front. (U.S. Air Force photo / TSgt Stephen C. Bailey)

# 5K run marks annual awareness event

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Cecil Mangum, 69, the first and oldest participant to sign up, finished in good standing during the first National Victims Rights 5k run and walk May 1.

More than 30 participants took part in the program’s 25th Anniversary highlighted each year April 26-May 2.

“This was our first time trying to organize an event like this and overall I feel very happy with its success,” said Evelyn Mickles, event coordinator.

“People not only enjoyed a wonderful fitness event but they also received important information regarding victim’s rights and what is being done to help those who have been hurt. It was re-

ally exciting and moving to see so many people who wanted to help out this important program.”

The National Victims Rights Week, established since April 1981, brings awareness to local communities regarding this growing problem and provides opportunities for people to get involved in lending their support. The Office for Victims Crimes has helped lead commu-

nities throughout the country in their observances of National Crime Victims Rights Week. Activities like rallies, candlelight vigils, and other commemorative events are held each year to help promote the program.

“We hope this is just the beginning for future participation for this event,” Ms. Mickles said. “Every base should have events like this to showcase our concern and the need for in-

volvement – I hope next year’s event will be even larger.”

This year’s 5K winners were: Olympia Williamson, 24:37 and Katie Fields, 28:09, first and second in the female category; and Carrick Sims, 20:01 and Senior Master Sergeant Jerry Munoz, 301<sup>st</sup> FW, 20:45, first and second in the male category.

“I saw the advertisement in the base gym and knew this would be a great event to take part in,” Mr. Magnum said. “I enjoy making a difference for good causes and still young enough to enjoy healthy competition.”

Organizations that helped the event included the Navy’s Fleet and Family Center, the base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and the Victim Witness Assistance Program.



(U.S. Air Force Photo/ MSgt Shawn McCowan)



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## Precious Cargo

Staff Sgt Tim Cloud (above) was overjoyed to meet his new baby for the first time when he returned home. Major Charles Huber (right), a pilot with the 457th Fighter Squadron, was greeted by his two daughters, ages five and two. Both Airmen returned from deployments near the end of May.



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