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Character Determines Success

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(Editor's Note: This commentary is the second in a series focussing on mentoring and leadership to developing character)

In July I introduced the *Character First website*: www.characterfirst.com. This month, I'll continue with the next seven of the 49 character qualities.

As leaders, we have a plethora of Leadership information available to us: books, Internet, Professional Military Education (PME), college classes, CDs, etc.

In March 2007, I had the opportunity to attend the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SNCOA) in-residence at Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. It was, without

a doubt, the best PME I have ever attended. The curriculum was awesome as it covered a wide range of leadership topics which enhanced my leadership skills; the instructors were very knowledgeable, if needed, they were always available to assist us with any class project.

The amazing guest speakers were former POWs, Tuskegee Airmen and numerous motivational speakers. CMSgt Rodney J. McKinley, the CMSgt of the Air Force at that time, was a guest speaker.

Especially enjoyable and noteworthy was the week we spent mentoring the new AF Second Lieutenants, affectionately called "Butter Bars."

As a Senior NCO, if you have the opportunity/time to attend in-residence, I highly recommend it. I hope you find the experience as rewarding as I did.

In Review: Character Qualities 1-7

1. **Alertness** vs. Carelessness – Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right response/attitude
2. **Attentiveness** vs. Distraction – Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration and attention
3. **Availability** vs. Self-centeredness – Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I serve
4. **Benevolence** – vs. Selflessness – Giving to others basic needs without having personal motives as my reward
5. **Boldness** vs. Fearlessness – Confidence in what I say or do is true
6. **Cautiousness** vs. Rashness – Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions
7. **Compassion** vs. Indifference – Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others

Character Qualities 8-14:

8. **Contentment** vs. *Covetousness* – Realizing true happiness does not depend on material conditions
9. **Creativity** vs. Underachievement – Approaching a need, a task or an idea from a new perspective
10. **Decisiveness** vs. Procrastination – The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions
11. **Deference** – vs. Rudeness – Limiting my freedom so I do not offend the tastes of those around me
12. **Dependability** vs. Inconsistency – Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice
13. **Determination** vs. Faintheartedness – Purposing to accomplish right goals at the right time, regardless of the opposition
14. **Diligence** vs. Slothfulness – Investing my time and energy to accomplish each task assigned to me

ON THE COVER: 301st Fighter Wing Chaplains (Maj) Mark McDaniel and (Lt) George Jones welcome arriving Chaplain candidates as they begin their educational tour of NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas. (U.S. Air Force Photo/MSgt Shawn David McCowan)

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Keep your (eagle) eyes open

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Imagine

standing on a hill overlooking a serene, open field. A breeze is lightly blowing and the weather is just right for a pleasant fall day. The air is so clear, you can see for miles.

Then, from the horizon, you see a plane flying lower than it should be. As it gets closer, your eyes widen when you realize that the plane is upside down. You can see the terrified faces of the people in the window as the plane crashes and explodes in the field in front of you.

On September 11th, I urge you to take time to remember the sacrifices of our military, and the sacrifices of our families. It seems many Americans have already forgotten.

September 11th was America's "Wake-up Call", so why have so many Americans gone back to sleep? In just eight years since the worst terrorist attack on American soil, people have forgotten or have chosen to not be bothered and returned to their busy lives.

I recently attended an Antiterrorism Officer's workshop and had the opportunity to visit Shanksville, Pennsylvania. In the midst of the secluded serene rolling plains lies the final resting place for the heroes of United Flight 93. I don't know how many of you have ever visited the site but it was one of my most humbling experiences. To understand the commitment

and dedication these ordinary citizens offered in just a matter of minutes is unconceivable. Until that fateful day it was unimaginable that terrorist would use our transit system and our own citizens as tools of terror. But they did, and in the last eight years, our nation's vigilance has deterred any further attacks.

Eight years later we still need our nation's vigilance. You are part of that. Be the eyes and ears of NAS JRB Fort Worth and America. Every one is a sensor. Vigilance requires everyone. We, not just you or I, need to prevent future nefarious acts from occurring. The best ways to stop an attack from occurring is to be aware and report it!

Use the Eagle Eyes program. Report it to your nearest Law Enforcement, the Emergency Control Center (817-782-5200), AFOSI (817-782-7969), or the 301 FW Antiterrorism Officer (817-782-7365). You may save lives!



A clear field and memorial now stand peacefully in Shanksville, Pa., to remember those who lost their lives aboard Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo/James Pettus)

How to see with "Eagle Eyes"

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities. For example, a suspicious person standing at the front gate or the perimeter fence line watching our operations.

Elicitation: Someone asking questions about military operations, numbers of military deployed, base entry procedures, when a deployed unit is returning; all this information is valuable for enemy intelligence. It can be difficult to know when you are being elicited. Practice OPSEC at all times. For example, someone asking questions at a local restaurant or waiting at an airport.

Tests of Security: Any measuring of the reactionary time of security is a test. For example, sending unauthorized personnel through control points, over fences or our front gate or flight line.

Acquiring Supplies: The theft of military identifications, purchasing detonators, purchasing military uniforms or timers may be an indicator.

Suspicious persons out of place: People who just don't belong. For example, a contractor walking around a building, a new person delivering mail or a new vendor. Trust your instincts. Ask questions or report it.

Dry run: The enemy is putting their people into position and practicing without committing the act.

Deploying assets: This is your last chance. The event is likely to occur soon. Personnel loading vehicles with explosives or weapons, leaving suspiciously parked vehicles or people who don't belong in the area acting nervous or anxious.

Civil Engineer Squadron members deliver hope to Guyana

Dona Fair

Joint Hometown News Service

GEORGETOWN, Guyana – Not many people in the remote South American country of Guyana get a reception like Tech. Sgt. Pamela D. Reed. People paddle miles upriver, hike through overgrown jungle trails and pile into cramped, overcrowded buses to get to her.

TSgt. Reed is a 301st medical service specialist who recently spent time in Guyana as part of a nation-building and humanitarian exercise called “New Horizons.”

She and more than 200 service members provided such things as medical and dental care, built schools and other community facilities to aid the people of the poverty-stricken nation.

“I provide medical services by helping in triage, where I take vital signs, and anything else I can do to help within the scope of my experience,” explained Reed.

Celebrating 25 years of providing aid to underserved areas throughout



TSgt Pamela Reed provided medical support in Guyana as part of nation-building exercise “New Horizons.” (U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Christopher Griffin)



U.S. Army, Air Force and Guyana Defense Force service members built a clinic (above) and school, as well as provided medical services, as part of nation-building exercise “New Horizons,” designed to strengthen ties with partner nations in Central and South America. (U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Christopher Griffin)

Central and South America, “New Horizons” also gives service members a type of experience they would never receive back at their normal duty station.

This year, the focus has been on building a new medical clinic in La Pentinence, a new schoolhouse in Bel Air, the renovation of another school in Timehri and eight medical readiness exercises throughout the region.

“The amount of people needing care here is beyond belief,” said Reed. “I am learning how to handle

the large volume of patients in a very short period of time – sometimes up to 600 patients a day! I’m also learning a lot by working with patients from another country who speak a different language. We really have to slow down and listen to them.”

Amid the poverty, sickness and structural decay of the region lies what some consider one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Exotic plants and animals and spectacular waterfalls make Guyana a place where time seems to stand still.

“Guyana is beautiful, but it is also a very poverty-stricken country,” said Reed. “The people are very friendly and grateful for all of our help. One elderly woman took my hand and kissed my cheek with extreme gratitude. It made me feel so lucky to be an American.”

For hundreds of locals in the jungles of Guyana, the work Sergeant Reed and her fellow service members provided will be remembered for life.



U.S. Air Force dentists provided oral care for Guyana locals as part of “New Horizons.” (U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Christopher Griffin)



Chaplain Candidates get hands-on lessons during visit to 301st Fighter Wing



Captain Eileen Frock, with 301st Maintenance Squadron, briefs potential new Air Force Reserve Chaplains on the basics of an Air Force F-16 maintenance here during the Chaplain Candidate tour August 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/TSgt Stephen C. Bailey)

TSgt Stephen C. Bailey 301 FW Public Affairs

Potential new Air Force Chaplains recently got a whirlwind tour of the Air Force. One of their big stops was a visit to NAS JRB Fort Worth and the 301st Fighter Wing.

The candidates visited many units here, learning how each shop does business and even spending time ministering to individual's needs.

During their visit to 301st Maintenance Squadron, one of the biggest stops on the tour, candidates asked specific questions regarding turn-around time for each job, how many troops each shops has, opportunities for awards and promotion for the troops and the state of morale there.

The tour also went to the fabrication and structural branch where they received briefings on how maintenance is performed on the F-16.

The group toured the crew chief area and received information on the crew chiefs role and their importance to aircraft and pilot safety.

Chaplains wanted to know how many maintenance were assigned to

each aircraft and if they stay with the same aircraft or rotate after a period of time.

These Reserve chaplains have about a year to go in their seminary training. These men and women were from all over the country, and several were prior enlisted, coming from various military career fields to include administration, intelligence and maintenance fields.

The groups also toured an F-16. A crew chief discussed in detail specifics regarding deployments and other real world events the F-16 and the wing have been involved.

Candidates on this tour are sponsored by a church affiliation and must lean toward that particular sect's

teaching when performing chaplain duties. Although it may seem difficult to accomplish this with so many various religions in the chapel program, the potential chaplains stated that, "This is why America is such a great country; when we have the freedom of religion to worship in various ways."

Several chaplains expressed their appreciation to work in ministry and to help our men and women when it comes to performing their military responsibilities.

The candidates said were extremely excited to visit an F-16 reserve unit, and enjoyed how educational the tour was. They said it gave them a much deeper appreciation for the work each servicemember does.



Senior MSgt Kenneth Stasny, a member of 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, briefs Chaplain candidates on the basics of an Air Force F-16 here during the Chaplain Candidate tour August 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/TSgt Stephen C. Bailey)

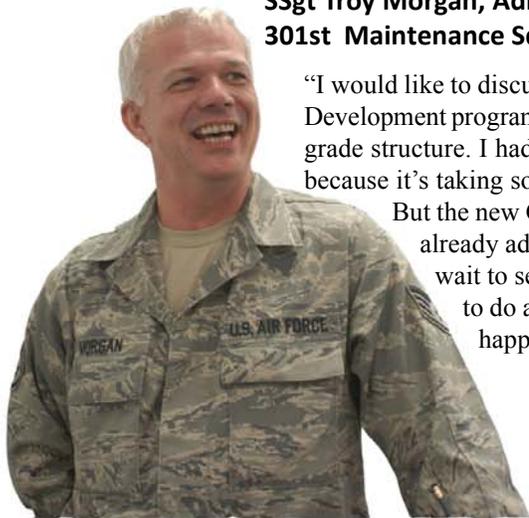
Be heard

Voices of the men and women of the 301st Fighter Wing

“What issue would you like to take to the new AFRC Command Chief?”

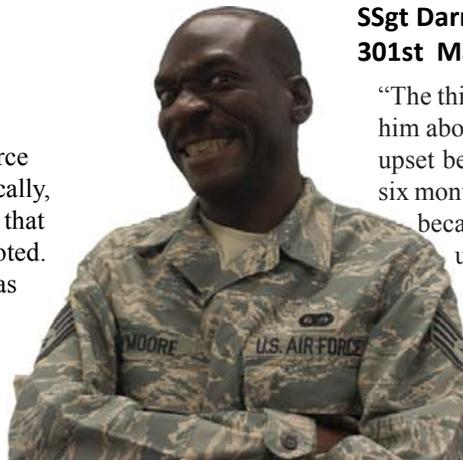
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**SSgt Troy Morgan, Admin
301st Maintenance Sq**



“I would like to discuss the Enlisted Force Development program with him; specifically, grade structure. I had some issues with that because it’s taking so long to get promoted. But the new Command Chief has already addressed it, so I’ll wait to see what he’s going to do about it. I’m just happy to be here!”

**SSgt Darryl Moore, Admin
301st Maintenance Sq**



“The thing I would talk with him about is that I was upset because I had to wait six months for promotion because I was new to a unit. But I’m happy I have it and that I stuck it out.”

**MSgt Catherine Dodd, ART Admin
73rd Aerial Port Sq**

“They need to go back to the way it used to be and don’t put so much emphasizes on the fitness program. If a person is doing their job, then they should get graded on their job performance not their whether or not they can pass the PT Test.”



**MSgt Vonda Simon-Graham
301st Inspector General Assitant**



“To allow some things to stay on base. For instance, I called about my computer this morning and was told that I had to call AFRC , first before I could get some one on base to help me with my computer problem. I think they should stop centralizing things.”

**MSgt Bryant Tate
301st Medical Sq**

“I think the promotion process itself is the biggest thing. It seems people get promoted because someone has been there longer or has a personal relationship with someone. They should get promoted based on their knowledge of their job.”



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As goes the skipper...

A First Sergeant perspective

MSgt Robert B. Lumby
301 CE First Sergeant

*“In the darkest night, and during the fiercest storm, with fear and panic on every face...
... As goes the Skipper, so goes the ship...”*

When success prevails and trouble cannot be seen in distant clouds, With peace and calm in every space

As goes the skipper, so goes the ship.

I’ve heard Major Alan Rock say that axiom many times...and it’s so true to our military experience.

It’s true in the worst of times, when our airmen are looking to leaders for direction, courage, and decisiveness. And it’s true in the best of times, when airmen are tempted to rest on the laurels of their successes and look to their leaders for consistency, vision, initiative and innovation.

We watch our leaders and how they deal with adversity and success, and then base our mood on that of the “skipper’s”. That’s human nature and also a very common dynamic within most organizations.

As goes the skipper, so goes the ship. What an impact. What a responsibility. Do you get the picture now that the skipper is always at work? During a crisis, or when dealing with adversity, the skipper is at work directing, encouraging, motivating, leading.

The skipper helps the crew stay



MSgt Robert B. Lumby

on task despite any negative expectation. During this time, the skipper not only steers the ship through troubled waters, but also pulls the crew through the dark night and into the bright rays of success.

The crew counts on the skipper, for as goes the skipper, so goes the ship. When the skies are clear and successes come easily, it’s the skipper who pushes the crew to innovate, improve processes and systems, and make preparations for difficult times.

The skipper steers the crew past the tempting islands of complacency and apathy and into the deeper waters of continuous improvement and innovation. There is no resting on laurels for the skipper, so goes the ship.

If you’re the skipper in your workcenter, prepare and execute with purpose and clarity. As we deal with the challenges and success, live out the axiom. As goes the skipper, so goes the ship.

AAFES and ConAgra Recipe Calls for 236 Free Grills

DALLAS – Just in time for football season, ConAgra and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service have cooked up plans to give away nearly \$25,000 in grills before the end of September.

Now through Sept. 18, approximately 236 exchanges are giving shoppers a chance to win a grill valued up to \$100 as part of the ConAgra Free Grill Sweepstakes.

“We love contests like this because it highlights the variety and value available at the exchange,” said AAFES’ Chief Marketing Officer Mat Dromey. “Partnering with brands like Poppycock, David sunflower seeds and Pemmican beef jerky to give away one of the grills available in the BX/PX demonstrates the wide array of choices made available to military Families who exercise their exchange benefit.”

All totaled, 236 grills valued at \$23,600 will be given away at BXs and PXs around the world. Local exchanges will draw one lucky winner at each location on or about Sept. 30.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. To find out more about AAFES’ history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

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the 11th of September...