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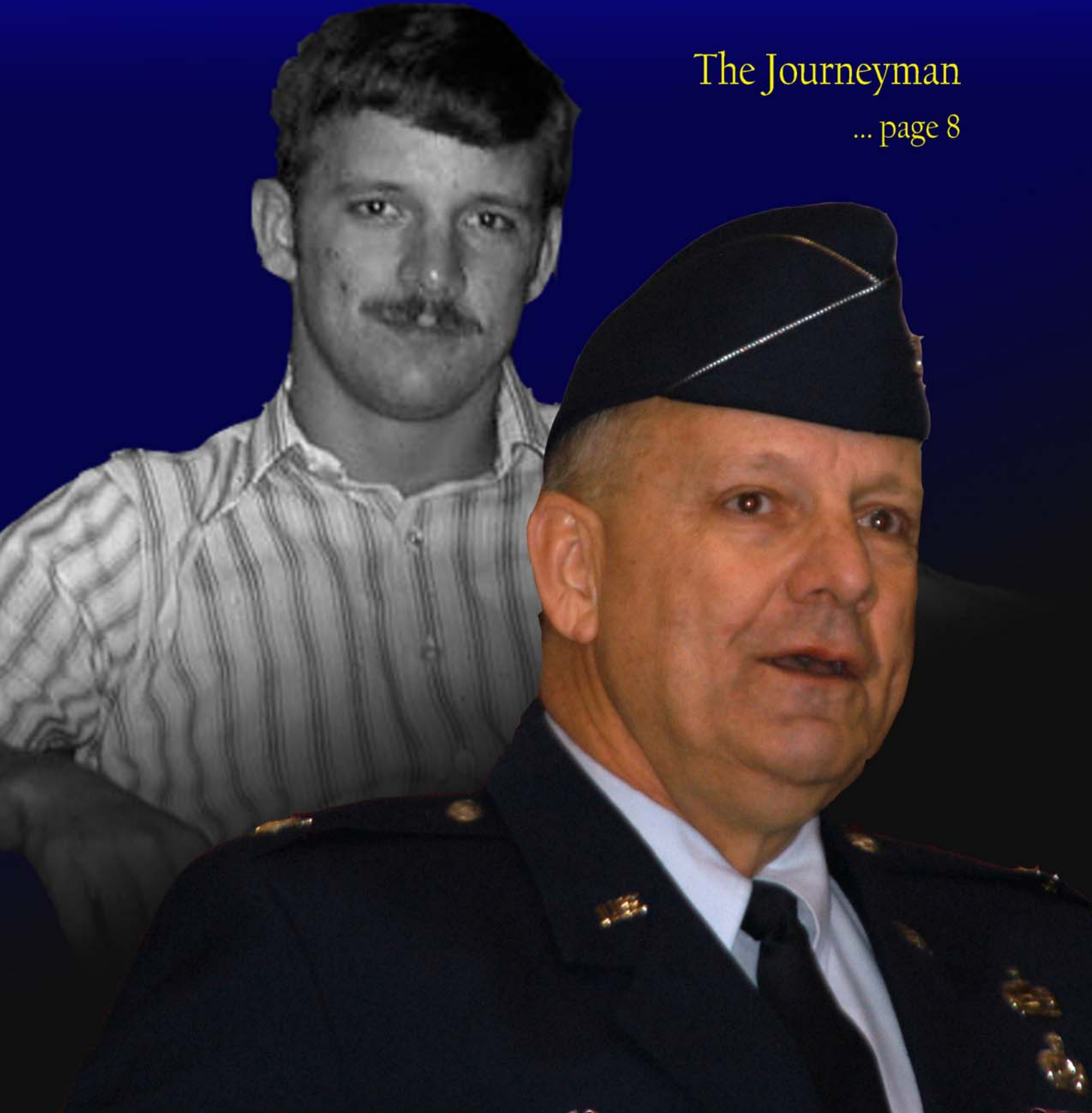
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# To some an obstacle, to us an opportunity

## Colonel Richard Scobee

301st Fighter Wing Commander

I know this will be a shock, but I don't look forward to inspections any more than you do.

I can barely keep myself seated to organize emails. I'd rather visit each one of you to tell you how happy I am to be working with you. There's no doubt in my mind that whatever you do is more interesting than what I do. But the reality is, with every job comes tests.

Although the term Unit Compliance Inspection strikes fear and dread in our hearts, that's all it really is – a test. I even know that it's one we can "ace." I'll tell you why.

Plenty of people out there are content to achieve status quo in their jobs without any sense of accomplishment or drive to make their organizations better.

That definitely is not the case here at the 301st Fighter Wing. Not only is there an elevated sense of duty here, but there is also something within each of us that drives us to do more than average. It's that same drive that pushed you to join the Air Force Reserve in the first place.

Believe me; I understand that it's all too easy to see a UCI as an obstacle in the path of daily tasks. And I also know that we may have a few areas that need more attention than others.

But that doesn't mean we can't all exceed the expectations set before us. And we still have several months to get ourselves ready.

But there is another way to look at the upcoming inspection. This is a chance to show the Air Force Reserve how well we do our jobs. After all, unless I take you with me to meet each wing commander and unit director, how else will the Air Force Reserve know that this is the best wing in the military?

To achieve real success, each unit will have to step up and strive for absolute excellence. And I know every one of you will be giving your all to shine with your unit, because that's why you were brought into this awesome team. We all expect a lot of each other because we expect a lot of ourselves.

With that mindset, I can see all of us being part of an Outstanding Unit.

Our goal is to be the best we can at training and preparing our Reservists and their families for the challenges of



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deployment. If we do that, our hard work will pay off by getting the mission done, and we'll bring all of our Airmen back home safely. Heck, that's what we've always done.

This is our chance to show the Air Force Reserve how well we do it.

**ON THE COVER:**

Colonel Jolyon Walker retired last month. Starting in 1972, Walker leaves behind a legacy that spans thirty-seven years, and a trail that circled the globe more than once. His journey (U.S. Air Force Graphic/TSgt Shawn David McCowan)

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# Coping in the face of disaster

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301st Fighter Wing Chaplain

I'm sure all of us were moved one way or another by the recent tragedy in Haiti. It is hard to fathom the loss that the Haitian people experienced.

The European Commission reported an estimated 200,000 dead near the end of January. Among the survivors, an estimated 150,000 are injured and 600,000 people are now homeless.

It is also difficult to accept that God is presiding over events as desperate as these.

In 2004, tremendous shock followed the Tsunami when close to 280,000 people were swept away in a heartbeat. These losses were spread out over many countries and a vast expanse of shoreline. In Haiti, these numbers were localized to the greater Port-au-Prince area.

This decimating impact was illustrated for me when I heard that one of my missionaries, Jacques Alexandre, lost 800 of his 900 member congregation. We have yet to see such devastation inflicted in America (multiply Katrina times 100).

None of us can ever presume to comprehend God's purposes during horrible circumstances in earthly life. I was troubled by recent comments from a nationally known evangelist regarding his view on this terrible situation. I can say that I don't know why this natural

disaster befell these poor people, and I don't believe any of us will truly understand until eternity.

How, then, can we process tragedies like this that occur in our lives? To be able to cope, we first must understand that God is present in all things. Why did He not stop this event from happening when so many would die? I do not know.

I do know that He has promised His eternal presence. He was there in every home and with every prayer. He saw every face and knew every name. He was there under rubble with each person. He was there at every person's last breath. He was there with each last cry offering peace and comfort. God never promises us a free and clear life. He does promise His eternal presence.

Second, we must understand that one day we will face the end of our life. No one believed when they woke up on January 12, 2010 that it would be their last day. We must all come to grips with our own unavoidable mortality. To reach that level of peace, we each need to renew our commitment to our faith, if we have one, to our family and to our relationships. These are the things that matter more than anything.

Third, we must be generous with what we have. Haiti is the poorest country in our hemisphere. Most



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people live on one dollar a day in this destitute country. We spend three times that at Burger King for lunch. Many of us have given.

May we sacrifice more for these poor people. America is a blessed nation. Her great strength lay in her generosity.

I pray for the souls in Haiti. I am thankful that they are not alone and abandoned. I am thankful that God is present and is working through the United States and many other nations for their support. Amen.



# Local Antiterrorist unit earns annual award, recognition

**James Pettus**

301st Fighter Wing Antiterrorism Officer

I'm pleased to announce that the 301st Logistics Readiness Squadron is the recipient of the 2009 Unit Antiterrorism Program Award.

The award is presented annually to the squadron that plays a vital role in the success and security of its wing and installation. Colonel Scobee presented the award, along

with the prestigious 301st Fighter Wing Commander's Coin for outstanding performance. Recipients were Major Richard Mallard and Unit Antiterrorism Officers TSgt Bridget Petru and SMSgt Kurt Morsbach.

Unit Antiterrorism Officers have enormous responsibilities including conducting Random Antiterrorism Measures, ensuring training is maintained, implementing FPCON changes and awareness of current intelligence.



# Out of sight, out of mind

**James Pettus**

301st Fighter Wing Antiterrorism Officer

There were a couple of theft smash-and-grab incidents reported during last month's Unit Training Assembly (UTA). Both the incidents occurred at off-base lodging. One incident was a vehicle that was parked in a well-lit area but close to an exit.

It appears that the suspect broke the back window of the vehicle and quickly took the owners personal items.

Now, that member has to keep a close eye on credit reports and any

other personal information the suspect may try to access.

After the member realized what happened he followed the correct procedures. He immediately contacted the local police department and filled out a report, contacted the hotel staff and installation security, including the antiterrorism officer.

Fortunately, the member did not have any official information that could have been comprised stored in his vehicle.

The bottom line is: Don't make yourself an easy target.



## Deter and prevent

Take the time to follow these recommendations



Clean your vehicle. It may not be useful information that's visible, but it may give the appearance Sanitize your vehicle. If it's stolen it may come back to haunt you

Park in a well-lit area away from main venues such as exits, entrances and main roads  
Secure your vehicle, lock your doors



Do not leave your GPS, garage door opener, or any device that draws attention. Also, hide the adaptors; someone may think te device is in your vehicle somewhere

Don't leave your uniforms or identification cards in your vehicle. Lock items in the trunk. Remember; out of sight, out of mind





## 'Spads' return to Red Flag after 16-year absence



F-16s from the 301st Fighter Wing, located at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, grace the landscape during the 'Red Flag' exercise recently at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Tech. Sgt. Bucky Parrish)

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NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. – For the first time in 16 years, members of the 457th Fighter Squadron “Spads” and the 301st Maintenance Squadron deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to participate in the advanced aerial combat training exercise known as “Red Flag.”

“We came to participate in Red Flag because it has been a long time since our involvement with the exercise, and this is excellent training for our pilots and maintainers,” said Col. Richard Scobee, 301st Fighter Wing commander.

The last time NAS JRB Fort Worth attended Red Flag was in 1994. Since the threat of terrorist attacks have become more prevalent, aerial combat training is more extensive and extremely vital to the safety of America.

“The exercise provides advanced learning, more simulation and integration across the spectrum of warfare for our Airmen,” said Colonel Scobee.

NAS JRB Fort Worth is one of two Air Force Reserve units participating in Red Flag. The 482nd Fighter Wing from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., is also deployed and is partnered with NAS JRB Fort Worth in Air Expeditionary Force missions.

“One unit can’t complete the mission alone. And by working with Homestead ARB we are able to establish a positive relationship for when we deploy,” said Colonel

Scobee.

The 457th FS operates the F-16C. Their mission while taking part in Red Flag is to engage the enemy through means of interdiction.

“We put bombs on targets and on time to comply with the combined coalition Air Force commander,” said Lt. Col. David W. Smith, 93rd Fighter Squadron commander of Homestead Air Reserve Base.

There are 85 aircraft from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and the Royal Air Force, plus 1,285 servicemembers from 19 different units deployed to Red Flag this year.

The exercise has two teams: “Blue” forces and “Red” forces. A majority of the deployed aircraft and personnel are part of the blue forces. Their mission is to use war-like tactics to attack various targets such as missile sites, tanks and air fields. The targets are defended by the red forces, or “aggressor,” who use enemy tactics to interfere with the blue force mission.

“We train people here for realistic threats, and it takes a lot of people in the air and on the ground to make that happen,” said Lt. Col. Dave Jorgensen, 414th Combat Training Squadron (Red Flag) deputy commander.

Red Flag was developed 35 years ago to give pilots realistic training for combat missions. It is a simulated combat training exercise which incorporates all air forces from the different branches of the U.S. military and its allies.

# Character Determines Success

## SMSGt Sylvia Budinich

Health Services Superintendent  
301st Medical Squadron

*(Editor's Note: This commentary is the final part in a series focussing on mentoring and leadership to develop character)*

A few days ago I received an e-mail from a recruiter friend inviting me to her retirement ceremony during the February UTA. As she reflected on her years of service, she was excited about her retirement and looking forward to spending more time with her family.

This made me think of the many wonderful retirement ceremonies I have coordinated/ attended over the years and my own retirement (less than five years). Retirement - a time for family, friends and co-workers to honor you for your 20, 25 or 30 years of service. This celebration is for all branches, Active Duty or Reserve, Air Force or a combination of Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard or Guard and to celebrate your success and achievements during your career.

Whether you're one, five or ten years away from retirement, what do you want your legacy to be when you retire? How do you want to be remembered? What did you do to make your workplace a better place? Did you make improvements, i.e., in productivity, efficiency or morale?

Do you make suggestions to your supervisor or submit an idea through the Suggestion Program? Develop a new process? Is there room for improvement? If "yes", how? Are you part of the problem or part of the solution? Do you always do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason? Are you true to your convictions?

I have experienced numerous situations where there were injustices in the workplace toward airmen. I'm glad

those airmen came to me to ask for my assistance and grateful I was afforded the opportunity to assist them by correcting the injustices – an important responsibility of leadership.

There's an old adage which states, "Bloom where you are planted." If you've thought about your legacy and improved your workplace or made a significant contribution in your personal life or squadron - that's awesome and thank you! If you haven't, it's never too late. As a matter-of-fact, today is a great day to begin working on your legacy.

I'd like to leave you with a "thought for the day" from the notable leader Booker T. Washington:  
"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."



SMSGt Sylvia Budinich

## Character Qualities 43-48

43. **Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness** - knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected
44. **Thriftness vs. Extravagance** – allowing myself and others to spend only what is necessary
45. **Tolerance vs. Prejudice** – realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development
46. **Truthfulness vs. Deception** – earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts
47. **Virtue vs. Impurity** – the moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right
48. **Wisdom vs. Foolishness** – seeing and responding to life situations from a perspective which transcends my current circumstances

## In Review: Character Qualities 36-42

36. **Punctuality vs. Tardiness** - Showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time
37. **Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness** – Finding practical uses for that which others would overlook or discard
38. **Responsibility vs. Unreliability** – knowing and doing what is expected of me
39. **Security vs. Anxiety** – Structuring my life around that which cannot be destroyed or taken away
40. **Self-Control vs. Self-Indulgence** – Rejecting wrong decisions and doing what is right
41. **Sensitivity vs. Callousness** – Perceiving the true attitudes and emotions of those around me
42. **Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy** – Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

\*From *Character First* website:  
[www.characterfirst.com](http://www.characterfirst.com)



# Base to see 'all-hands' in April, parade

## Mr. Don Ray

Public Affairs Officer, NAS Fort Worth JRB

All organizations will be drilling on the same weekend in April. Expect extreme traffic congestion at the gates and at all common-use facilities. Please plan accordingly.

Every effort is being made to provide additional manpower to the gates during training weekends to help the traffic flow coming on board the station.

There will also be a Mardi Gras parade on February 16 beginning at 4 p.m. The route of travel will be North on Military Parkway to the Bowling Center.

Floats, beads and Medieval Knights on horseback will be part of the parade. A feast will be available at the bowling center immediately following the parade.

If your work day ends at 4 p.m., an alternate route to the gate is recommended.

## Wing prepared to join new Air Force-wide computer network

### Mr James Wrick

Wing Information Assurance Manager

Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth's 301st Fighter Wing will soon become the third Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) base to migrate its computer users into the Air Force Network (AFNet).

Over a four-week period beginning January 19th, an Air Force's Active Directory and Exchange (ADX) project team will begin migrating Carswell workstations, network users, and email into the AFNet.

The goal of ADX is to collapse all individual Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard networks into the AFNet. While this change will be relatively transparent, the migration represents a major change for the Air Force.

Until now, bases or major commands (MAJCOMs) have operated their networks independently. This approach led to standardization and security problems, high operation and maintenance costs,

and a lack of enterprise situational awareness. In short, there was no "single" organization or commander responsible for the network.

The ADX project addresses these issues. It will place Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander. This will yield a significant improvement in the Air Force's ability to fight daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts.

Additionally, ADX will centralize services like email and data storage, significantly improving network security and standardization. Finally, operational costs will be reduced through the elimination of redundant systems and services.

**How will this affect you?** The most visible change will be in the format of your email address. The migration replaces the old *first.last@carswell.af.mil* email address with a standard *first.last@us.af.mil* address. The new addresses will remain with users for the duration of their career, employment, or affiliation with the Air Force regardless of the base or organization assigned. As

more bases join the AFNet, Airmen will be able to login to their accounts from any AFNet base without requesting and creating an additional account. This will allow easy access to the network throughout Temporary Duty Assignments and Permanent Changes of Station. In addition, sites such as the Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center, Defense Finance Accounting Service will remain easily accessible regardless of location.

As this wing approaches its projected start date, a team of Air Force Network Integration Center, 690th Network Support Group, and 301st Communications Flight technicians are already busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of almost 2000 users.

The 301st Communications Flight will publish additional information in the coming weeks to ensure the smoothest possible transition into the AFNet.

If you have questions please contact your Computer Security Administrator or the 301st Communications Flight at extension 7181.

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## A True Journeyman

**TSgt Shawn David McCowan**

301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

All Jolyon Walker ever wanted was a good education and to be a good leader. His father was a poor farmer, so there were only a few ways to get to a good college. The path he chose was the military, and his decision to join turned out to be his guideline and the journey of a lifetime.

Jolyon first stepped “into the blue” in 1972. He enlisted and became an electronic countermeasures technician. But his original plan was more focused on getting his education started.

“I signed up because the recruiter told me about all the possible educational benefits. I knew serving my country was a noble profession, and I really wanted to go to college,” said Walker.

Then-Airman Walker brought his wife, Vickie, with him across the country to technical school, since she was pregnant with their first child. But even then things were becoming difficult.

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***“All we had left was \$150 and a MasterCard.”***

*- Col. Jolyon Walker*

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“They didn’t offer dependent travel back then, so we had to pay to move. That put a strain on us because we were already broke.”

It wouldn’t be long before life offered up its next surprise. While at their home one day, Jolyon asked Vickie what she’d like to do that day.

She answered, “I want to have a baby!”

She delivered their first child, Alan, that afternoon. It was a wonderful experience for them, but when it was time to take their baby home, there was yet another catch.

The Walkers had spent what little money they had on moving and household needs, and they were flat broke.

“When I went to check us out of the hospital, they explained that our insurance didn’t cover everything, and I needed to pay the bill before taking the baby home.”

Walker did the only thing he could to earn some quick cash – he gave blood.

“I ended up selling a pint of blood for \$10 to get our baby out of the hospital. I’ve heard it said, but the hospital really did bleed us dry that day.”

After technical school, Walker accepted a duty assignment in Guam. The Walkers’

second child was born on base there, which became a lifelong tradition for the family.

“We ended up being blessed with eight children. All but one of them were born in a military hospital.”

When Walker was in a position to go to college, the enlisted incentive program he was told about had been discontinued.

He was forced to find a school that he could afford and would be accepted at. He heard about another program in the Air Force Reserve. As an prior-enlisted officer, he could finally get the tuition assistance he needed.

The only trouble was that the only college he could find that accepted the program was across the country in Utah.

“Some of our extended family agreed to move with us. We loaded our lives into a moving trailer, packed up our five kids and three cars. All we had left was \$150 and a MasterCard,” said Walker.

In late December 1980, the group braved icy winds and treacherous mountain roads. They drove for 16 hours total, but finally arrived at his sister’s house... on Christmas Eve.

In 1982, Lieutenant Walker was assigned to George Air Force Base, California. Their seventh child was born in the same military hospital as the first, and he finally started to feel like things may settle down.

But that same year, this man who is so passionate about his children and his people faced one of the hardest decisions in his military career.

“I was forced to let go of half of my enlisted force,” he said with tears in his eyes – one for each person he lost that year.

“I fought the decision, and eventually won my argument, but the process moved along, and many of my people were forced to move on.”

In 1984 he moved his family back to Utah, and returned to school.

He was also forced to take on a second full-time job to make ends meet.

After several other government jobs, Walker was offered a position in 1989 at the 419<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Utah.



*(Courtesy Photo)*

“I could easily have been passed over and forced to retire. That would have been disastrous. But a commander there named Gerald Yearsley took a chance on me. If he hadn’t, I wouldn’t be here.”

In 1999 Walker became a full-time Air Reserve Technician. He thought he could finally breathe easy and finish his career years, but he was again forced to move on in July 2009.

“At 57 years old, having to find another job is pretty tricky and scary. Max Mendoza was there to help me find a position, and he helped me get here. He really came through for my family.”

Jolyon Walker sat back in his commander’s chair and thought about the years and miles that have passed as he prepared to pack his last few boxes.

His emotions got the best of him one more time, but he braced himself enough to put his military career into perspective. He reached into his extensive knowledge of the many places he’s worked...

“When you make steel, there’s a process you go through to make the steel harder and stronger.” He paused to give his heart a moment to settle. Then he continued tearfully.

“I’ve been through that process. I started out strong, but not as much as I thought. Many of the things I’ve experienced weren’t pleasant, but they make us who we are today.”

Walker leaves his 37-year journey behind, but his face brightened at the thought of his next adventure.

“I’ve missed my grandkids. The last time I saw them they were afraid of me. Now I’m going to go back to Utah and mend all those ties,” he said with a peaceful grin befitting a grandpa with time on his hands.