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**Members  
of the  
349th give  
generously  
to help  
others**

# Hard work pays off - the 349th is on the right track

Welcome to the February UTA! We are holding pretty steady on our demobilization progress. We have 432 demobilized and 73 mobilized, most of them from Security Forces.

We are also analyzing our mobilization process to see what we did well and what we can do better. To help us get some feedback, we are sending out surveys to all mobilized members.

The Maintenance Group already did this for their 300-plus members and got 109 surveys back. Since we don't know exactly who submitted the 109 responses, we're sending the surveys to all 505 mobilized members and if you've already filled one out, please disregard this one. Otherwise, if you get a survey, please take a moment to fill it out; we've included a self addressed, stamped envelope for you to mail it back to us in. We value your input so tell it like it is!

We are having a serious problem with travel pay. As I write this today, we still have members who have not yet received their final voucher which was submitted after demobilization in October.

As if this was not enough, many have charges on their government travel cards that are now overdue and this is causing our delinquency rate to skyrocket. We are working this issue as hard as we can and hope to have it cleared up soon. The travel pay section has gone to 12 hour shifts and is working seven days a week to try and catch up. If you've ever tried to work such hours you know it's a grueling, almost crushing schedule to maintain.

Mr. John McLaughlin and I went to visit them today and see how they're holding up. Two of our mobilized reservists are in the thick of it and I would like to acknowledge their hard work, Staff Sgt. Carmelita Nix and Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Williams. They are doing great work for us so stop by and say thanks if you visit travel pay!

I want to give you an update on another issue that relates to our mobilization. As I mentioned in a previous editorial, member who live outside the commute

area and reside in temporary lodging here at Travis while mobilized are not entitled to lodging or per diem when they go home on weekends or when they go on leave. Language to correct this problem has been submitted for the fiscal year 2005 defense authorization bill. Unfortunately, that's the earliest we can get this issue fixed. I'll keep you posted.

Congratulations on an outstanding SAV. Fourth Air Force was really impressed! They brought a team of 82 functional experts and worked with us over five days and only came up with six answerable write ups! There were several other minor write-ups and we still have a lot of work to do before the real inspection in February 2004 but we're on the right track.

The formal report was distributed to all units and your commander or senior ART has a copy if you want to see it.

The team also identified 31 outstanding performers:

**Lt. Col. Samuel Mullin, 349th AMW/JA; Maj. Erich Novak, 349th OSF; Maj. Todd Rairden, 79th ARS; Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Hamner, 349th AMW/HC; Senior Master Sgt. Dave Raymond, 312th AS; Senior Master Sgt. Richard Sweet, 749th AMXS; Senior Master Sgt. Victor Talani, 349th CRS; Senior Master Sgt. David Taillon, 349th MOF; Master Sgt. Susan Boren, 349th MOF; Master Sgt. Linden Brenner, 349th MSS; Master Sgt. Charles Downtin, 349th AES; Master Sgt. Faith Hickok, 349th MOF; Master Sgt. David Hillsman, 349th CMS; Master Sgt. David Lafferty, 301st AS; Master Sgt. Jennifer Lepore, 301st AS; Master Sgt. Christopher Martinez, 349th MOF; Master Sgt. Loren Nickell, 349th MOF; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Porter, 349th MOF; Tech. Sgt. Kevan Blanco, 349th OSF; Tech. Sgt. Andrew Kastan, 349th MOF; Tech. Sgt. James Miller, 349th MSS; Staff Sgt. Dion Graham, 349th AMXS; Staff Sgt. Majorie Harvey, 749th AMXS; Staff Sgt. Sylvia Jones, 349th MAS; Senior Airman Barbara Powell, 349th MAS.**



## Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

Congratulations and keep up the hard work!

We are getting a new Vice Wing Commander! **Col. (Sel.) Fouad Yacoub** from the 452nd AMW at March ARB, Calif., has been selected and should be here for two of the March UTA's, A and C Flight. The Chief and I will take him around and introduce him to all the units.

**Colonel Yacoub** is currently the squadron commander of the 734th AS, a C-141 squadron, and is really looking forward to seeing how America's First Choice does business! Come on up and say hello if you see us, we'd love to talk to you!

Did you like the cover of this month's *Contact*? It has a picture of one of our chaplains, **Maj. Greg Stringer**, delivering some of the food you donated to the Solano Food Bank. Your generosity was outstanding as usual and we donated 1,415 pounds during the holiday season.

Thanks to the entire chaplain staff for coordinating the food drive!

Congratulations to **Col. (Sel.) Bill Ames!** Bill has been selected to replace **Col. Ron Rutland** as the new Operations Group Commander. The change of command was January 25 and we'll have some pictures in the next month's *Contact*. We welcome **Bill and Sheila** and their family to their new challenge!

I'm pleased to announce your hard work and dedication has led to yet another award. The 349th AMW was selected for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period August 1, 2000 – September 30, 2002! Any member assigned to any unit in the wing for any period covered by the award will receive the decoration. Congratulations!

See you at the UTA!



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**Giving from the heart:** Members of the 349th Air Mobility Wing came through big time for the needy families living in the local area. People from around the wing donated cash, toys, winter coats and more than 1,400 pounds of food items to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. The Chaplains' Office sponsored this event and were extremely pleased with the outpouring of support shown to the surrounding community. Thanking 349th AMW Chaplain (Maj.) Gregory Stringer for the donation is Mr. Steven Strouse of the Solano Food Bank in Fairfield.

Cover photo by Ron Lake, Public Affairs

# Education is key with the government charge card

Since May 1, 2000, all military and DoD civilians with some exceptions have been required to have and use the government charge card while in official travel status.

This initiative was implemented to reduce costs due to downsizing. Yes, there have been problems, but education will go a long way in solving many of these problems before they become real headaches.

First, each unit has an Agency\Program Coordinator (APC). This person can get you the card and answer many of your questions. They can also give you information on Air Force policies and procedures related to your account and its proper use. Next, are your responsibilities with this program.

You are responsible to use the card only on official travel-related services. This includes lodging, rental cars, airline tickets and other transportation costs if authorized on your orders.

ATM cash advances are designed to be used for meals and incidental expenses such as taxi fare, tips, and gasoline for rental cars.

You should try to charge as many expenses as possible and keep ATM withdrawals to a minimum. If you use your card for personal purchases or ATM

advances when not TDY, you are violating AFI 65-104.

Your commander can use all of the administrative and disciplinary sanctions available to them to stop card abuse. This includes counseling, reprimands, and even suspension or removal actions.

Each unit APC receives a monthly listings that reflects every transaction made on every card for all unit cardholders. Unit APCs review these listings and identify suspected card misuse to commanders.

Finally, you are personally responsible for promptly paying the charges by statement due date. Again, your unit APC receives information on delinquent accounts. All accounts more than 60 days delinquent are reported to the commanders.

If these accounts are not paid, your card may be suspended. If it remains unpaid 120 days after the first billing, we will cancel your account. At this point, the bank may go to court to garnish your pay or turn the matter over to a collection agency that will demand payment in full and add in their own costs.

No one wants this headache! One of my own experiences taught me about the travel agency's service fee. There is a \$13.07 fee for each ticket processed by



## Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt.  
Anthony L. Maddux

our travel agency at Travis. This means if you have a round-trip ticket, your card will be charged \$13.07. However, if your TDY includes stops at various locations/bases, each leg of the TDY will be an additional \$13.07. I have made it a routine to call them before submitting my travel voucher and getting the exact service fee.

Remember to put this on your travel voucher to be reimbursed. Be responsible with the Government Charge Card program – it will make your commander and John McLaughlin very happy.

### Top 3 Council meeting location, time

Place: Delta Breeze Club

Time: 5 p.m.

Day: Saturday of each UTA

Who: All Top 3 are invited to attend.



ESGR Courtesy photo

### Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve have float at the Tournament of Roses Parade:

With wings thrusting skyward in a grand stance, the powerful and dominant symbol of freedom, the American eagle, is displayed in this patriotic tribute to the 1.3 million active members of the Guard and Reserve, and serves to salute their employers for the continued support assuring Americans the *Freedom to Dream*.

Perched upon a golden orb of solid roses and rotating stars, the bold sculptured feather forms of the wings and tail accentuate the realistic detailing of the massive eagle. Commanding attention amid a profusion of multi-hued radiating lightning bolts, the five flowing floral flags of America's armed-service branches are proudly displayed.

The impressive American flag, emblem of liberty and freedom, represents the largest floral flag in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

# The problem with stereotyping

*Are you part of the problem, or part of the solution?*

by Tech. Sgt. Thierry Hobson  
60th Military Equal Opportunity

Some of you may have heard the frustrating story about the man whose car broke down in the middle of rush-hour traffic. After sitting in his stalled car for 5 minutes enduring honking horns and various profanities, the man became agitated. He got out of his car, went to the motorist behind him and said, "I'll tell you what, why don't you get into my car and try to start it while I sit in your car and beep the horn." The moral of the story is, we all must make choices to be part of the problem or part of the solution. And when it comes to stereotypes, the same principle applies.

Several years ago, I attended a technical training school at Patrick AFB, Florida. While there, I went with another classmate to the mall one evening to look around. Before entering one particular store, I told my friend that I was going to sit on a mall bench and wait for him. As I watched him enter the store, I noticed the warm welcome he received from the two store clerks and thought to myself, wow, what a friendly reception. After a few minutes, I decided to catch up with him and went into the store myself.

Upon entering, both clerks merely glanced at me, didn't say a word, and continued their conversation without skipping a beat. To top it off, I noticed one of the clerks later approach my classmate again to ask him if he needed help finding anything. Now you may say that is just good customer service, but what about me? I didn't receive the same service, why not? Did the store clerks have stereotypical views that prevented them from providing me the same great service? After all, the only noticeable

difference between my classmate and I was the color of our skin.

This is an all too common experience many people, particularly minorities, face on a daily basis. Whether in the military or civilian sector, Stereotypes, prejudices and false assumptions can and often lead to discriminatory behaviors and cause frustration, stress, and polarization between different racial/cultural groups. Such behaviors are a definite hindrance to mission readiness.

So how do we reverse the vicious cycle? While there are a number of positive steps to take to end this cycle, the first approach is to realize that we all have prejudices and stereotypes. Depending on our socialization, the accumulation of our life experiences, we tend to view others in a negative or positive light. Sometimes, we unknowingly become so comfortable with our stereotypes that we begin to assign the characteristics of one individual to an entire group of people. For example, have you ever heard someone start out a sentence with, "You people..." or "Those people...?" When this happens, we strip someone of his or her individuality. According to the Department of Defense Human Goals, "Our nation was founded



on the principle that the individual has infinite dignity and worth. The Department of Defense, which exists to keep the nation secure and at peace, must always be guided by this principle." Think of some of the comments you've heard or even may have used yourself, ouch! Unfortunately, some people feel they need to categorize a person as if that person or everyone in that particular group acts the same way? No one deserves to be judged on the basis of someone else's actions. Yet it still happens.

Once we recognize our own stereotypes, we need to make a conscious effort to change our negative thinking and behavior(s). Treating someone with respect regardless of his or her cultural/racial differences may instill mutual trust and possibly break down cultural barriers between the respective parties. The bottom line is when our stereotypes and prejudices lead us to discriminate; it's a lose-lose situation for everyone. So the next time you're tempted to treat someone different because of your own bias, ask yourself, will my actions or inaction reflect I'm part of the problem, or part of the solution?



# 349th is shown to be

## *Members win prestigious award*

### *Financial Analysis Office of the Year*



Photo by Ron Lake, Public Affairs

**A winning team:** (Left to right, standing) Ms. Annette Gant, Tech. Sgt. Pam Rickling, Mrs. Kathy Dalton, Staff Sgt. Carmelita Nix, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Williams, Staff Sgt. Heather Eberth, Mrs. Joelene Downey, Mrs. Linda Karchesky, Mrs. Jayne Barrios and Ms. Tasha Kristofors. (From left to right, sitting) Mr. Tom Geary, Ms. Debbie Barton, Mr. John McLaughlin, Mrs. Joni Tuck, Mrs. Clara Curtis, Mrs. Judy Linander. (Not Pictured) Maj. Jean Jackson-Mason, Ms. Tess Banes, Airman 1st Class Mubberra Guvenc and Mrs. Pat Boucher.

The 349th “Golden Gate” Financial Management office excelled by continuing to stand and deliver outstanding service, support, and training to the 349th Air Mobility Wing and its two geographically separated units

349th FM quickly switched to contingency footing, providing accurate on-time funding and policy guidance for clothing, supplies, equipment, payroll, and travel needs while maintaining exemplary budget control within statutory guideline

The 349th FM office immediately teamed with the personnel squadron and 60th FM offices solving unprecedented mobilization issues in payroll, travel, and personnel actions.

349th FM showcased its effectiveness by ensuring the best service to the more than 500 mobilized wing reservist and more than 70 Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

This team of professional displayed

versatile financial knowledge as the staff tackled this new territory in individualized reservist payroll office support for mobilized reservists, the largest 349th mobilization since Operation Desert Storm and the unique data input this mission required. They continued to support and maintained a huge operations work load with an average monthly 10,000 active/inactive duty transactions and 112 walk-in customers per week.

Always Travis Team players, they stepped up to the plate with FM civilians augmenting the active duty deployment processing lines. They demonstrated innovation by the use of new mobility-line information display boards. This prompted personal recognition by the Base Commander and Reserve Commander on creative approach to assist deploying members.

The men and women of the 349th Financial Management office are a group

of recognized financial and training experts. They are more than willing to share their vast experience and problem solving expertise with fellow Team Travis members and showed this willingness by being the first to volunteer manning support to sister pay offices during Operation Enduring Freedom surge on financial work loads.

But even with the challenges of the mobilization work load they continued to develop and deliver an order’s clerk training course, solve problems and train host travel technician on the extensive and complicated active/inactive tour entitlements. Along with these additional accomplishments, FM restructured its staff to form the first-ever joint FM travel voucher support with 60th FM office.

The 349th FM office provided outstanding support, not only to this wing, but to the entire base in addition to exacting the oversight of \$120 million budget.

# e “Above and Beyond”

## s at all levels of competition

### Resource Advisor of the Year



Photo by Ron Lake, Public Affairs

**M**r. Paul M. Post of the 349th Plans Office won Resource Advisor of the Year for Travis Air Force Base.

His encyclopedic knowledge of Air Force guidance on acquisition and management of resources, and vast, near-legendary experience, make him a key member of the Wing’s Financial Working Group (FWG).

The FWG provided wing, group and squadron commanders, comptroller, resource advisors, and host and wing cost center managers superior resource management oversight of an annual budget of \$55 million.

He ingeniously negotiated and obtained secure, dry, indoor warehouse storage space from the host medical logistics flight for storage of aeromedical evacuation War Reserve Materials, achieving an optimum long-term solution for the care of more than \$5 million of assets at no additional cost to the wing.

When more than 500 wing reservists where mobilized, he painstakingly put together detailed mobility equipment validation instructions greatly assisting units in maintaining their equipment.

Post, a dedicated professional, gladly takes the time to walk wing functional managers through the tedious procurement process to ensure the success of the mission.

### Special Acts and Services Award of the Year



Photo by Ron Lake, Public Affairs

**S**enior Master Sgt. Alice A. Webster of the 349th Maintenance Operations Squadron won the Special Acts and Services Award of the Year.

Achieving a perfect score, she managed the Government Purchase Card Program without any errors. She completed a multimillion dollar yearly budget and greatly improved the combat readiness for more than 2,400 mobility personnel.

Webster’s superior skills enable her to consistently resolve complex supply issues and lead the reorganization of the mobility supply warehouse, saving more than \$125,000 in supply replacement costs.

Seeing where improvements could be made and taking the initiative to implement these changes, she streamlined the process for issuing mobility equipment, completely outfitting necessary mobility personnel in the minimum amount of time possible.

When the wing received a shipment of new chemical warfare defense masks, Webster identified a critical discrepancy.

Her attention to detail and expertise in the supply arena enable her to complete the necessary research and paperwork to provide the funding to bring the shipment into standards avoiding a potential

### AMC Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Airman of the Year



Courtesy photo

**S**enior Airman Marjorie M. Harvey was named the Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Airman of the Year for the Air Mobility Command.

She provided significant guidance and oversight to the highly successful 660/749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons’ Initial Response in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

She voluntarily worked overtime hours decoding and processing higher headquarters personnel and equipment requirements.

Harvey personally resolved many Unit Tasking Code problems between the active and reserve units.

Her efforts directly contributed to the impressive 100 percent deployment and mission success.

She ensures quality, ongoing support to the mission by generating and deploying fully qualified, combat ready rotational personnel.

Harvey vigorously supports the wings’ flying commitment, by flying on numerous off-station taskings.

She is responsible for tracking deployed personnel, the number of days they deployed, where and when they deployed, and when they return.

Her organizational skills ensure the mission requirements are met and problems are avoided.

# A collective volunteer spirit

by Chief Master Sgt. Trish "Air" Thornton  
70th Air Refueling Squadron

September 11, 2001 is a date forever linked with tragedy. It is now synonymous with human drama and an unprecedented call to arms in recent times. This call to arms spawned something greater, essential to our success--unity. As our country and armed forces responded to these horrific events, we saw differences set aside, and the "How can we do our part?" patriotic spirit spontaneously grow. We saw it right here in the 349th.



For those of you who were at Col. Jim Leli's going away luncheon, you heard him say it best when he described watching CNN in those early days following 9/11.

He told us about his feelings as he saw the bombs strafing in the distance as the reporters described ongoing events while panning the camera upwards to capture the B-52 flying "home". He articulated what we all felt.

None of this would be possible without the collective volunteer spirit of the 349th. Between our KC-10s providing the gas for these long hauls and our C-5s airlifting the payloads, as well as our associated maintenance and support agencies, Operation Noble Eagle and the subsequent ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom effectiveness and success hinged on our volunteer efforts. Active duty could not do it alone.

We in the KC-10 reserve world know this intimately. The 70th ARS and 79th ARS combined flew over 3,200 hours and 450 sorties off-loading more than 42,000,000 pounds of fuel to 590 receivers including C-5s flown by our compadres in the 301st Airlift Squadron and 312th Airlift Squadron.

These numbers represent a unified 70/79 all-volunteer effort from Oct. 5, 2001 to May 3, 2002. Since that time, we've added to those totals. It's incredible and



exemplifies both units' mottoes, 70th "Extending Excellence," and the 79th's "Excellence in Reserve." Just as we blended together to provide this seamless support, merging these two statements describes our unified effort and spirit, "Extending Excellence in Reserve."

Personified by our commanders, the 70th's Lt. Col. Frank Marrero, and the 79th's Lt. Col. Bob Millmann, this spirit of excellence helps us to prepare for the unknown future and our continued expanded role.

As we face these uncertain times, together the 70th and 79th will continue to volunteer and "Extend Excellence in Reserve."

Photo by Arielle Kohn, Base Multimedia Service Center



## We are the champions:

Retired members of the 349th Championship Volleyball team of 1962 (then at Hamilton AFB) recently got together in Vacaville for a reunion. From left to bottom right: Senior Master Sgt. Clark Olson, a former 4th Air Force inspector; Master Sgt. Loren Duncan, formerly from the Jet Engine Shop; Mr. Frank Byat, formerly of the Recip Engine Shop; Master Sgt. Warren Hess, formerly of the Recip Shop; Chief Bill Batory, a former 945th OMS superintendent; and Chief Master Sgt. Bill Hill, a former Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor and superintendent of 349th Avionics Maintenance Squadron.

# Reservists get to pin on full colonel

**T**wo hundred twenty-nine lieutenant colonels get to exchange their silver oak leaves for eagle wings as a result of the fiscal year 2003 Air Force Reserve Colonel Promotion Selection Board.

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center announced the results of the promotion board Jan. 9.

The 349th AMW selectees are:

**William F. Ames, 349th OG**  
**Steven D. Cornell, 312th AS**  
**Kerry E. Keithcart, 301st AS**  
**Steven D. Vancil, 349th OG**  
**Tim W. Grennan, 349th AMDS**  
**Deborah L. Aspling, 349th AES**  
**Roland E. Rondeau, 349th ASTS**  
**Brett W. Perkins, 349th AMDS**

The list of selectees is available on the ARPC Web site at [arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://arpc.afrc.af.mil) under "promotions."

A selection board convened at ARPC Oct. 21-26 and sifted through more than 1,660 records to determine who qualified to assume the next higher rank. The board considered first- and second-time eligible reservists who are and are not in the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve

includes Air Force Reserve Command unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees who receive drill pay.

From the Selected Reserve, 82 out of 311 line officers were selected in-the-promotion zone (first-time eligible), and 74 out of 665 were picked above-the-promotion zone (second-time eligible).

The board chose four chaplains – two out of seven in the IPZ and two out of 17 in the APZ.

Four out of 20 judge advocate general officers in the IPZ and six out of 68 JAGs in the APZ get to move up to full colonel.

IPZ selections in the medical community were three of 25 medical corps officers, 15 of 46 nurses, five of 16 medical service corps officers and three of 12 biomedical science corps officers. Seven dentists were considered but not selected.

Medical people selected the second time around were 10 of 117 medical corps officers, eight of 109 nurses, three of 16 medical service corps officers and three of 40 biomedical science corps officers. Four of the 36 dentists vying for promotion were picked.

Officers not in the Selected Reserve were picked for promotion at a lower

rate.

Only one reservist, a biomedical science corps officer, was selected in-the-promotion zone. Another biomedical science corps officer, a JAG, 38 line officers and four medical corps officers were eligible but not picked the first time. The board did not consider any chaplains, dentists, nurses and medical service corps officers.

Selected the second time around were two of 76 line officers, one of five dentists and one of 21 medical corps officers. Eligible but not selected were five nurses, three JAGs and one biomedical science corps officer. The board did not consider chaplains and medical service corps officers.

After Senate confirmation, the selectees will be eligible to pin on colonel eagles in increments announced by Office of the Air Force Reserve's Personnel Directorate. The promotion effective dates will depend on the individual's date of rank and time in grade.

Last year's promotion board considered 1,622 lieutenant colonels and selected 196 for promotion to O-6. (AFRC News Service from an ARPC news release)

## Military Officers Association of America will give \$1,000 college scholarships

**T**he Military Officers Association of America will give \$1,000 college scholarships at random to sons and daughters of military personnel, including reservist members assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command.

Deadline to complete the online application form is March 1.

Formerly known as The Retired Officers Association, the MOAA will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003-2004 school year. MOAA's Base/Post Scholarship program is part of an ongoing effort to assist young people from

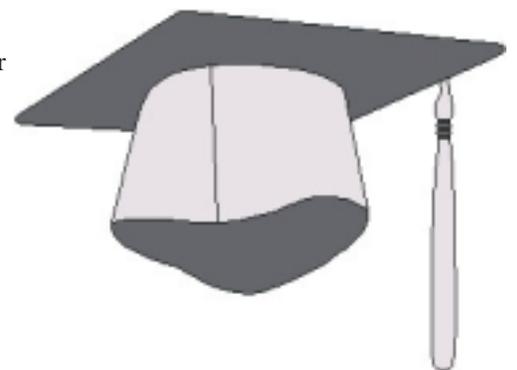
military families.

Of the few eligibility requirements, applicants must be under the age of 24 and provide basic information such as their SAT score and college. If an applicant served in the military before attending college, the maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of service years, up to five years.

Membership in MOAA is not mandatory, and there is no GPA requirement to be selected.

Semifinalists will be notified by email in March and may be asked to provide more detailed information. The scholarships will be dispersed by late August.

For more information and to apply for MOAA's Base/Post Scholarship program, go to <http://www.moaa.org/Education/2003> (AFRC News Service)



# African-American History Month

*A time to pay homage to the many contributions of African-Americans*

by **Tech. Sgt. Grayland L. Hilt**  
349th Military Equal Opportunity

**D**r. Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American author and scholar, originally established as Negro History Week in 1926. In February, 1976, this event evolved into a month long celebration of "Black History Month."

This commemoration has increasingly been referred to as "African-American History Month," although both names are currently in use. In fact, when referring to this race of people, both "Black American" and "African-American" are commonly used.

When Dr. Woodson, a Harvard-educated Ph.D., founded Negro History Week in 1926, the words African-American and Black were seldom used.

It was Dr. Woodson's hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots, and that togetherness amongst racial groups in the United States would develop out of a mutual respect.

Because Dr. Woodson was keenly

conscious of symbolism in the American psyche, he wisely chose a period in February to observe Negro History Week. He chose February because it contains the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a former

inception, Black History Month has involved many ethnic groups, not just Black Americans.

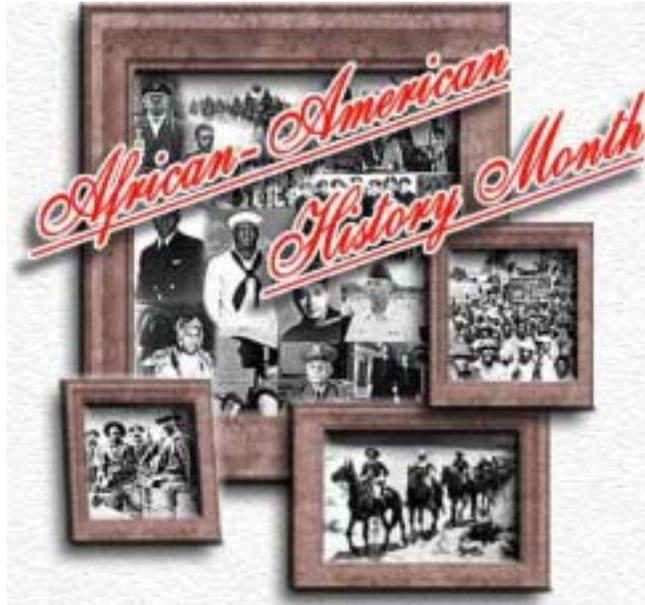
The purpose of Black History Month is to pay homage to the many contributions of African Americans, many of whom have been obscured, or inadequately presented in school textbooks and other communications media.

The intent of Dr. Woodson was to advance the whole of humanity through teaching a true rendition of history. The fact that some changes have been made in recent years may point to the need for a fuller, more adequate report of African-American contributions.

The attention to different heritage observances should not be a means to separate various racial groups of people, but rather to unite all people. Dr. Woodson intended the original period of Black History Celebration to stimulate and encourage love, respect,

understanding and acceptance through education.

Dr. Woodson's vision and legacy helped to pave the way for the tremendous advances that have been made in the continuing and on-going history of African-Americans in the United States.



slave who became the most powerful slavery abolitionist in the history of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, the great 16th President of the United States, who signed the Emancipation Proclamation, thereby ending the slavery of African Americans. From its

## Combat Wing Enlisted Warrior Workshop IV

*Heroes: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

**T**he 2003 Wing Enlisted Workshop (WEW) will be conducted March 13th and 14th at the Travis Air Force Base Museum. The theme for this year's event will be, "Heroes: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

This history-rich setting is one part of the effort to honor heroes in our world.

We will honor our heroes, learn some history and participate in some interesting and fun exercises – you might even get dirty.

Space will be limited. Sign up soon!

The cost is only \$5.00, collected at the door.

By the way, this year's Warrior Workshop uniform will be your combat uniform, either BDU's or flight suits.

Talk to your First Sergeant or supervisor to get signed up.

## McIntosh retires

The first assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for reserve affairs retired from military service during a Pentagon ceremony Dec. 16.

Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh became the chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve in November 1994. He held the dual-hat position until June 1998 when he accepted the joint service position established by the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act.

During his last assignment in the Pentagon, he was the principal adviser on reserve matters to the JCS chairman. McIntosh acted as the chairman's personal liaison in dealing with the reserve components and participated in defense forums, such as the Joint Review Board, when reserve issues were discussed.

The general entered the Air Force in 1966 as a graduate of the Ohio University ROTC program and in May of that year began undergraduate pilot training at Webb Air Force Base, Texas. After separating from active duty in August 1971, he joined the Reserve as an A-37 instructor pilot with the 910th Tactical Fighter Group at Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio. Eighteen years later, he assumed command of the Reserve's 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

McIntosh served as the Reserve's vice commander at Robins AFB, Ga., and commander of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., before overseeing the Air Force Reserve. He became Air Force Reserve Command's first commander when the Air Force's ninth major command was established Feb. 17, 1997. (AFRC News Service)

## FMs receive pre-holiday presents

Financial managers for the 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport, Ore., got a bonus just before Christmas.

In addition to finding out they have the best financial management and comptroller organization in Air Force Reserve Command, seven wing people received individual command honors for 2002.

The 349th Air Mobility Wing at Travis AFB, Calif., took three awards, including

the financial analysis office award. Travis' Paul M. Post was named resource adviser of the year (installation level), and Alice A. Webster received the special acts and services award. (See related story on page 6-7)

The 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, collected two awards. The financial services office won the best in the command award, and the top financial services civilian in the GS-11 and above category.

The 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh, Pa., won the acquisition cost and nonappropriated funds analysts of the year.

The 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., took the command's top financial analysis civilian, GS-11 and above category.

Col. Fred W. Freeman, AFRC comptroller and director of financial management, announced the command winners Dec. 23.

The winners are competing against nominees from other major commands and agencies. Results of the Air Force competition are expected to be announced Feb. 1. (AFRC News Service)

## Mobilized reservist runs marathons

Over a span of nine months, Staff Sgt. Robert Mendenhall put in 200-plus hours, pounded out 750 miles and wore out two pairs of shoes.

Mendenhall, a mobilized reservist with the 440th Military Personnel Flight completed the Air Force Marathon in 5 hours, 8 minutes at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, last fall. Three weeks later, he knocked out the Chicago Marathon in 4 hours, 45 minutes.

Serving away from his family, the 48-year-old personnel assistant technician found extra time on his hands in the evenings after his duty day at the base. In early February, he started training for the marathons. As the warm weather left, he increased his mileage and created a 2-mile loop that extended to the outer-limits of Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station. (AFRC News Service)

## Operation Teddy Bear was a huge success

*Another successful year for Operation Teddy Bear has passed and a special thanks to everyone for their continued support and contributions to this outstanding community program.*

*The 349th Wing handed out more than 800 Teddy bears to four of the local area schools; Bransford Elementary in Fairfield, Crescent Elementary School in Suisun City, Markham Elementary School and Ulatis Elementary School in Vacaville. The 349th Wing received a thank you poster from the schools, signed by all the children.*

*Planning meeting for 2003 Operation Teddy Bear will begin starting this month on Sundays of each UTA, at 1 p.m. in the wing conference. Items to be discussed will be the organization of a raffle drawing to be held in July and fund raising ideas.*

**- Top 3 Council**



# Promotions



## Chief Master Sergeant

Barbara T. Hanson, 349th ASTS  
Joseph A. Lambertus, 70th ARS



## Senior Master Sergeant

Timothy B. Healy, 349th ASTS  
Jeffrey W. Parten, 349th CS  
John M. Taylor, Jr., 349th CES



## Master Sergeant

Raymond Arreola, 349th EMS  
Anthony Barker, 349th AMW  
Larry V. Blount, 349th CMS  
Dale A. Bokros, 749th AMXS  
Kenneth S. Britt, 349th EMS  
Glenn R. Carrasca, 349th EMS  
Leroy Cyr, 82nd APS  
Dorothy E. Ebert, 349th MDS  
Vernon Farley, Sr., 82th APS  
Marcelo B. Garcia, Jr., 55th APS  
Henry J. Leon, Jr., 349th CMS  
Jeffrey V. Schwengler, 312th AS  
Robert W. Shedler, 55th APS  
Christine C. Sibayan, 349th MSS  
Harry C. Tibbetts III, 749th AMXS



## Technical Sergeant

Joseph P. Cacciatore, 349th MDS  
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Ubbo M. Coty, 55th APS  
Jonathan D. Grace, 349th CS  
Charles R. Green, 349th CES  
Dennis J. Kearney, 349th AES  
Che Chiu Lau, 349th CS  
Gilbert B. Luna, 349th EMS  
John T. MacGregor, 349th CMS  
Walter D. Mangonon, 55th APS  
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Felix A. Mallare, 349th AMDS  
Randy L. O'Dell, 749th AMXS  
Gerald D. Pick, 55th APS  
Edwin H. Rayford, 301st AS  
Audie D. Roderick, 349th AES  
Daniel H. Sanford, 749th AMXS  
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Xavier P. E. Valencia, Jr., 349th MDS  
Curt E. Vogel, 301st AS  
Robert L. Wade, 349th AMW



## Staff Sergeant

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Aldrin J. Donald, 349th AES  
Takeo Eda, 55th APS  
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Antonio R. Holloway, 749th AMXS  
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Jason W. Spengler, 749th AMXS  
Miguel A. Topete, 349th SFS



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David W. Foreman, Jr., 45th APS  
Briana M. Medford, 55th APS  
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Nathan A. Suard, 349th MDS  
Joshua R. Zito, 349th CMS



## Airman First Class

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Wanda M. Gerlach, 349th ASTS  
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