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*The
349th
does it
again!*

Take pride in being part of the Minuteman legacy



Pass and Review

By Col. James Leli,
Wing Vice Commander

As Air Force Reservists, we are part of the great American Militia tradition. Many of you have heard me speak about how proud I am to be part of the great Minuteman legacy. It was the Minutemen of Lexington and Concord who fired “the shot heard round the world,” starting the American Revolution. The colonial militia of that time was organized like our Reserve of today. Patriots of that era were divided into two groups: alarm lists and militia.

Alarm lists included all those who were able to move and assume responsibility, usually the older or younger members of the town, but who were less agile. They furnished manpower for watch duty and other chores at the sound of the alarm.

The militia, on the other hand, was a combat reserve force. From this group, an elite company of the more active soldiers, called Minutemen, was formed to be ready, at a moment’s notice, like most of us in a deployable position today.

As modern Minutemen, our responsibility is to still be ready at a moment’s notice. Our readiness was tested on September 11, when Team Travis joined the war on terrorism.

That very afternoon, many of our reservists supported Combat Air Patrol air refueling missions over our own California cities. Since then, many others have deployed.

This October, we’ll test our readiness again with an Inspector General mandated Initial Response (IR) exercise, examining our ability to get out of the door and to fight. We’ll have some practices prior to that. This IR will be a major undertaking for all of Team Travis, involving us, the 60th Air Mobility Wing, and the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group.

It will be an elaborate test for the entire base, generating a total of 1,175 individuals, including 425 of our own. It will be a test for Travis as a team, as well as for each of us individually.

As a team, the IG will be examining our

entire initial response process, which is complex. Our response begins when the regional combined commander determines what forces he needs to wage war in his area of responsibility. Planners use prepared packages, or unit tasking codes to organize the deployment. Let’s say the warlord needs a package of 10 KC-10s to provide refueling for bomber and fighter assets.

Air Mobility Command is then tasked with providing C-5 and KC-10 support. The 10-ship KC-10 package consists of aircrews, maintainers, planners, intelligence experts, civil engineers to erect facilities, support personnel to in-process everyone at the new forward operating location, cooks to prepare meals, security forces to protect the airbase, communications experts to establish links with headquarters, etc. (You get the idea).

Based on where this 10-ship package is going, some customizing is required. For example, if facilities already exist, there may not be a need for a large civil engineer contingent. If fire trucks are already in place, we won’t need to bring our own variations abound.

As the initial tasking comes down, our local mission commander and staff pare and tailor the list, adding any additional people and equipment that might be needed and eliminating any redundancies.

Once the list is completed, people and equipment are prioritized by chalks. People and equipment that need to arrive at the forward operating location first are assigned the initial chalks.

Those that arrive later are placed on subsequent chalks. Chalks are then assigned to specific aircraft tail numbers and matched to launch times. An entire “flow” is created.

Meanwhile, the deployment line is generated. Squadrons are notified when to have their people report, when to have their equipment ready for cargo marshalling, etc. Buses are scheduled to

take people from their squadrons, to building P-1, to aircraft, etc. As you can see, this is a very complicated process, so we need to exercise the entire system to make sure it operates as smoothly as possible.

As part of the team, each of us in a deployable position has the responsibility to be ready for war today. Whether it’s an IR exercise or a real shootin’ war, ensure that your training is up to date, your shots are complete, and that it’s all accurately reflected in your records. It’s your responsibility to make sure your personal affairs are in order; identification card is correct, power of attorney and will are up to date, etc.

Make sure your equipment is complete and in good order and that your personal bags have all the required items (including your battle dress uniform hat versus your squadron morale ball cap. Remember—you belong to the forward operating location unit now, not your squadron).

The best way to prepare for this IR is with a sense of gamesmanship and to consider this game as the real thing. Good actors project themselves into the scene. Project yourself. If you were really deploying for war, you’d have a sense of urgency to be ready. Exercise that sense of urgency. Always improve your position.

And, if you don’t know, our wing motto is: “*Omnia Paratus – In all things prepared.*”

Our vision is: *Citizen Airman. Proud partners. Always ready.* And, take a cue from the legacy of the Minutemen.

See you at the UTA!



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(Photo by Arielle Kohn, Base Multimedia Center)

Participation is the key to mission success



Chief's Counsel
By Command Chief Master Sgt.
Anthony L. Maddux

One of the least understood and most often overlooked challenges in our Air Force deals with morale and welfare. The truth is that organized events, formal, social or recreational, promote “esprit de corps” and help build a bond among all participants. These bonds are invaluable to mission success.

This means we should support by word and action participation in our own 349th events. Our Top Three Council and First Sergeants’ Group are busy preparing for another season of events.

The first event is our newly developed Operation Gratitude, which will be held Saturday, 15 June. This will become another annual event where we share our time with Air Force veterans at the Yountville Veterans Home. Everyone is encouraged to participate by contacting Senior Master Sgt. Carylann Hathaway, 312 AS, who will be the coordinator for this year’s event.

Saturday, July 20th, will be our next Combat Dining-In (CDI). This is open to all members of the armed forces and Master Sgt. Carl Brown, 70 ARS will be our overall coordinator. The CDI will be held at our Civil Engineering Squadron.

First Sergeants already have tickets for sale. Remember to bring an extra uniform for the next day!

Our Annual Wing Enlisted Workshop (WEW) will be held the 8th and 9th of August. Besides having our Career Assistance Advisors, First Sergeants and Chiefs there, our target audience are our junior NCOs.

This year’s theme will be Warrior Spirit with an emphasis on retention. Senior Master Sgt. James Majors, 349 MSS, will be the facilitator and he is busy working to make another top-notch event.

Our Annual Honor Guard Day is scheduled for October and one significant change is a new award for the Honor Guard member of the Year.

Finally, Senior Master Sgt. Patricia McReynolds, 349 AGS, is already preparing for our Operation Teddy Bear scheduled during the holiday season. Each and every event needs volunteers and I encourage everyone to participate in the planning, organizing, and executing of our events.

The Air Force is people, and people do their job best when they have confidence

in themselves, their leaders and their units. The purpose of these events is to contribute to our community and our Air Force and to increase the confidence of our people in each other.

Top 3 Council wants you!

Place: Delta Breeze
Time: 5 p.m.
Day: Saturday of UTA
Who: All Top 3

Flight Line: How do you plan to do your annual tour?



TSgt. James Bolden
45th APS

“I am doing MPA days. I will be here for 120 days at Travis.”



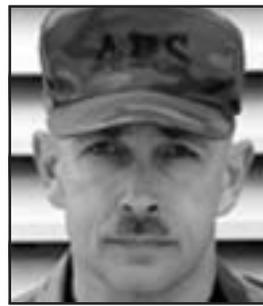
TSgt. Jane Davis
45th APS

“It is planned at Travis for fifteen days straight.”



SrA T'pre Griffin
55th APS

“I’ll be here at Travis, in August, for fifteen days.”



TSgt. Ross Wood
55th APS

“I already did my annual tour. I did it at Fleet Services at March Air Reserve Base.”



SrA Jordan Samson
349th CES

“We are going to Germany. We are going to remodel a gym there.”

Wing captures Solano Trophy

*349 AMW wins
back-to-back victory,
historic first*

by Capt. James Wallace
Public Affairs

The 349th Air Mobility Wing earned the title “Best Reserve Wing” in 15th Air Force for the year 2001.

The Wing Commander, Col. James T. Rubeor, and Command Chief Master Sergeant Anthony L. Maddux accepted the award and the Solano Trophy April 26 at a banquet hosted annually by the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee at the Delta Breeze Club.

This is the second consecutive year the 349th AMW has won the Solano Trophy. The occasion is the first-ever consecutive victories for a wing in the award’s history.

Colonel Rubeor extolled the people under his command when accepting the award. “I accept this year’s Solano Trophy on behalf of the hard-working men and women of the 349th Air Mobility Wing,” Rubeor said. “The wing’s accomplishment is merely a reflection of the sacrifices made by all who serve, including Reservists, reserve technicians,



Photos by Arielle Kohn, Base Multimedia Service Center



Solano Trophies await the announcement of the winners. Below left: Col. James Rubeor and Chief Master Sgt. Tony Maddux accept the award for Best Reserve Wing.

civilians and active duty members. And to be recognized in this way among the outstanding wings that comprise 15th Air Force only makes the honor that much more significant and special. I would be remiss if I did not thank Col. Dave Lefforge and whole the 60th Air Mobility Wing. Without excellent cooperation in Team Travis, we could not accomplish the mission,” he said.

More than 40 wings compete for one of the three honors awarded for best active duty, guard, and reserve wing in the command. The awards recognize the best units in the Travis-headquartered Numbered Air Force responsible for more than 70,000 people and half of America’s military airlift, tanker and aeromedical evacuation aircraft.

The Solano Trophy is sponsored by the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, a group of community leaders from the seven municipalities in Solano County. Units judged to be the most outstanding in the command are permanently displayed on one of the three trophies and receive individual unit awards honoring their accomplishments. The trophy stays at the victorious wing until the following year.

During the presentation of the award, narrators detailed the wing’s accomplishments. “The 349th Air Mobility Wing, under the leadership of Col. James T. Rubeor and Command

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony L. Maddux, demonstrated their readiness by participating in every major strategic operation this year, in both hostile and peaceful environments,” said the announcers. “The unit’s two C-5 squadrons flew more than 190 operational missions totaling more than 800 sorties and over 6,000 flying hours. In the process, the two squadrons moved more than 17,000 passengers and more than 19 million pounds of cargo. Travis Reserve KC-10 squadrons flew 7,300 hours totaling over 1,100 sorties and off-loading more than 329 million pounds of fuel. For the fourth consecutive year, the KC-10 squadrons deployed to Southwest Asia, providing refueling support to coalition fighters enforcing the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq.”

The narrators also highlighted the wing’s efforts in the war against terrorism. “When the mission shifted to Operation Enduring Freedom, four crews deployed voluntarily despite not knowing scheduled return time,” they explained. “Since that initial deployment, the unit has kept five crews continuously deployed for 30-day rotations, all in a volunteer status.”

On the home front, the 349th Air Mobility Wing hosted or co-hosted more than 80 community events. Civic leader tours and flights as well as a New Year’s Reception introduced more than 500 local leaders to Air Force Reserve operations.

Air Force to face standard organizational structure

When Air Force Reserve Command flying wings begin reorganizing in October to comply with an Air Force directive, they will follow a plan developed by the Headquarters AFRC directorate of plans and programs.

A cross-functional team will set up strategies, policies and directives for implementing the restructuring, which includes creating a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing operations group taskings.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed April 22 that all active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper said.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

- Aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group;

- Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons;

- Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSs will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group;"

- Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSs; and

- The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines supply, transportation and logistics plans career fields, will begin new accessions in April.

AFRC has a year from October 2002 to implement the standard Air Force wing structure.

"We'll take our time to ensure those changes cause the minimum amount of turmoil," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander. "There should be

Reserve to mirror changes to Air Force wings

little need for variation or exception. Change is always difficult and disruptive, but our challenge at all levels of Air Force Reserve Command is to embrace the Air Force changes and do everything to make this a positive, fluid change."

Jumper emphasized the importance of these changes, saying operation and maintenance of air and space weapons systems are core competencies of the Air Force.

"Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space power," he said. "Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat. They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems...(and) will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war."

The chief of staff said aging aircraft and space fleets, coupled with years of resource shortfalls, will require maintainers to skillfully balance sortie production with

the condition of those fleets. He said maintenance groups will need to respond to challenges with the same skill and proficiency as other groups in the wing structure.

"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," he said. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations: crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness expeditionary combat support, etc."

Jumper said medical groups will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force, with no change to the structure of those groups.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," Jumper said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing, complex mission." (AFRC News Service)

Following in line with the Air Force's Core Competencies

This reorganization will align the Air Force's core competencies directly with its wing-level organizations. As a result, each Air Force wing will be organized into four groups: Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. The medical group will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force, and will not reorganize.

"The U.S. Air Force will exploit three core competencies – to operate air and space weapons systems, to maintain these complex weapons systems, and enhance direct mission support of our

expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency based Air Force," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff.

"Therefore, as part of the Air Force Transformation, we're aligning our wing organization structure to mirror these competencies. This will help us to become more expeditionary and allow us to train our leaders in warfighting, maintenance, and expeditionary operations. These changes are needed to further the Air Force's abilities to sustain home station operations and rapidly deploy for worldwide operations."

349 AMW crew wins Doolittle Trophy

Crew earns award for rescuing four airmen

by Master Sgt. Marvin Meek

Public Affairs

In May, Air Mobility Command awarded a 79th Air Refueling Squadron crew its most prestigious honor – the Gen. James H. Doolittle Trophy for the command's Outstanding Aircrew of the Year for 2002.

The Doolittle Trophy is awarded to recognize the aircrew that epitomizes courage, leadership and extremely meritorious service – traits for which Doolittle was famous.

During an Enduring Freedom combat sortie last December, four airmen ejected from their B-1 aircraft and into the darkness of the Indian Ocean. A Team Travis KC-10 flying a sortie in the area demonstrated the determination and flexibility of the United States military by directing the rescue of those airmen. The 79 ARS reservists' efforts proved both life-saving and award-winning.

Maj. Brandon K. Nugent, aircraft commander; Capt. Michael D. Dali, pilot; Master Sgt. Lori L. Bero, flight engineer; and Technical Sgt. Joachim A. Huhn, boom operator; were flying a KC-10 refueling mission from a deployed location. Radio calls crowded the airwaves among the many aircraft flying missions. Suddenly, tower and operations lost radio contact with a B-1 bomber.

Soon thereafter, the KC-10 crew heard an emergency locator transmitter beeping



Doolittle Crew: (left to right) Technical Sgt. Joachim A. Huhn, Maj. Brandon K. Nugent, Capt. Michael D. Dali and Master Sgt. Lori L. Bero gather for a crew photo. The 79 ARS crew led rescue operations and located a B-1 crew who ejected. Courtesy photo

intermittently over their radios. They also saw a visual signal – possibly a flare. They aborted their original mission and initiated a search. Flying at night, and at a perilously low altitude of 5000 feet, the crew aggressively searched for the B-1 crew.

They regained the emergency locator transmitter from the downed B-1 aircraft, and soon after saw another flare emerge from the darkness, followed by radio transmissions from downed aircrew and two separate strobe lights in the water.

The crew quickly morphed into an emergency rescue crew. Dali, who has extensive search and rescue operations experience, manned the aircraft's radio and began coordinating the rescue attempt. Nugent took over flying duties and communications with the USS

Russell, a 500-foot guided missile destroyer, heading into the area to assist in the rescue, and with the tower. Sergeant Bero backed up Nugent, monitoring airspeeds, altitude, etc. as the crew flew at low altitudes in the darkness. Huhn assisted Dali, searching the waters for the B-1 crew members.

The crew overcame myriad obstacles, including poor visibility and decreasing fuel levels to miraculously find all four crewmembers.

They directed operations to facilitate their rescue, an operation that involved them, the USS Russell, and a P-3 naval aircraft.

The successful night rescue demonstrated the strength of joint operations, and the determination of one crew to rescue American airmen in danger.

The 349th AMW makes history by becoming the first reserve wing to make a donation to the Lackland Air Force Base Heritage Hall:

(left to right) Col. James Leli, Lt. Col. Truman Lum, Chief Master Sgt. David Morris, 1st Lt. Terry Cotter, Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Maddux and Senior Master Sgt. Michael Galifaro.



Courtesy photo

349th AGS airman takes AMC award

by **Contact Staff**
Public Affairs

Senior Airman Travis A. Moilanen, 349th Aircraft Generation Squadron, received Air Mobility Command's highest maintenance honor, earning the command's Outstanding Reserve Maintenance Airman Award for 2001 on April 18 at Air Mobility Command headquarters.

"We're very proud of Senior Airman Moilanen," remarked Chief Master Sgt. Gregory J. McGee, who accompanied Moilanen at the awards banquet. Moilanen left Travis in January for Atlanta, Georgia, due to his civilian work, but his accomplishments with the 349th AGS will not be soon forgotten.

Moilanen worked with the C-5 Jet Engine Dispatch team of active and reserve members who won service-level recognition for their improvements in engine ordering, deliver, installation, and, in the end, reliability. The 2001 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award served to highlight Moilanen's teamwork and dedication.

Not satisfied with earning recognition simply for himself, Moilanen also lent his enthusiasm and creativity to the creation



Award Winning Smiles: Chief Master Sgt. Gregory McGee, 349 AGS superintendent; Senior Amn. Travis Moilanen, Reserve Maintenance Airman of the Year for 2001; Lt. Col. Mary Burrell, 349 LG deputy commander; and Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Fuller, 349 AGS; celebrate Moilanen's victory at Scott AFB, Ill., in April. (Courtesy Photo)

of a simulated quarterly awards board, allowing competitors to practice for the actual event. The mock board assisted the logistics group in winning two Senior

NCO of the Quarter awards, Airman of the Year, and Senior NCO of the Year.

Moilanen, 28, is married and has two children.

AMC announces start of ATWIND

by **Staff Sgt. Scott Leas**

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Air Mobility Command and Air Force Space Command Services will soon begin the boarding call for their summer promotion, "Around The World In Ninety Days." ATWIND starts June 1 and continues throughout the summer.

ATWIND is a virtual adventure around the world. The player's "mission" is to travel from one landmark destination to another. Players earn travel miles every time they participate in an ATWIND event from June 1 through August 31.

"The goal of ATWIND is to increase awareness and participation in programs, services and activities throughout the command," said Sam Parker, marketing director with AMC Services. He said ATWIND's master events list includes

recreational activities, sports and fitness, social functions, youth programs, educational opportunities, family support programs, chapel programs, base events and services.

Starting June 1, people can see firsthand how the ATWIND game is played by registering the free introductory game piece #9999-0033-333 at the ATWIND Web site (www.atwind.com) or calling toll-free, 1-888-597-9960. Once registered, participants log their ATWIND travel miles on the Web or use the toll-free number.

This year, prizes range from promotional T-shirts to vacation packages, cash and a choice of one of three Ford Motor Company vehicles. All prize drawings are conducted at random.

Both AMC and AFSPC will have dedicated command prizes. Once registered, players may participate in

their command program. Both commands will feature a base-to-base competition, and each command has \$100,000 in quality-of-life funds to award to bases achieving or exceeding their "ATWIND Mission."

"Last year's program boasted some pretty staggering figures," said Parker. "The program had 78,750 registered participants, 364,190 Web site visits, 59,682 calls to the ATWIND toll-free number and 975,585 game pieces played. There were 11,300 prizes awarded during last year's program."

Prizes included a choice of Ford Escape, Ford Ranger or Ford Focus, plus vacation trips, cash and more. Hien Parker from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.; Phillip Bascom, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; and Lyndsay Correa from Buckley AFB, Colorado, were last year's ATWIND grand-prize winners.

Department of Defense approves National Defense Service Medal

Air Force reservists who serve in good standing in the Selected Reserve on or after Sept. 11 are now eligible to wear the National Defense Service Medal.

Department of Defense officials here announced the reinstatement of the NDSM May 1. Two days later the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, released guidance on who in the Air Force is authorized to wear the medal.

"The sacrifices and contributions made by the Armed Forces in direct response to the terrorism attacks on the United States and to the long-term resolution of terrorism merit special recognition," said Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

The Selected Reserve consists of Category A reservists in Air Force Reserve Command units and Category B reservists in the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program.

In addition to active-duty personnel and reservists in the Selected Reserve, members of other than the Selected Reserve serving on active duty may also be eligible for the medal.

Eligible members wear the basic ribbon for the initial award of the medal. Additional awards of the medal are denoted by bronze service stars.

The National Defense Service Medal is available through the Defense Supply System and in Army-Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing and Sales Stores.

The medal was first established by President Eisenhower in 1953, and was subsequently awarded for honorable active service for any period between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, between Jan. 1, 1961, and Aug. 14, 1974, and between Aug. 2, 1990, and Nov. 30, 1995.

No closing date has been established for the current award period.

Reservists who have questions about the medal should contact their military personnel flight. (AFRC News Service from a DOD news release)

"Operation Gratitude" for veterans

Pancake breakfast

by Senior Master Sgt. Caryl Ann Hathaway
312th Airlift Squadron

When was the last time you shook a veteran's hand and thanked them for a job well done?

Now is your chance! On June 15, a Saturday, the 349th Air Mobility Wing Top Three is sponsoring "Operation Gratitude," the first pancake breakfast for the 127 Air Force veterans living in Yountville.

You will have an opportunity to shake hands, make friends and help put on the best-ever breakfast. Many of these veterans have seen action in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Some have participated in all, three sacrificing their personal dreams and youth to preserve the very freedoms we all enjoy today.

On Saturday, June 15th, there will be many ways you can participate. This exciting event will take place at the California Veteran's Home in Yountville.

We will start setting up at 8 a.m. in the Elk Grove picnic area located directly across from the Yountville facility. There is plenty of parking behind the hospital, but if you are interested in car-pooling, Senior Master Sgt. Doug Seifter, 312th Airlift Squadron first sergeant, is the person to contact at (707) 424-4162. He will be looking for volunteer drivers and

plenty of passengers.

The event will be conducted in an outdoor venue, weather permitting, and although the area is well kept, it does require a bit of sprucing up. So, those of you coming directly from home—grab an old rag, a broom and dust pan and join us for set-up.

However, if garbage is your bag, stick around and help with clean up!

There are quite a few veterans staying in the nursing care facility who need some special attention in getting to the event, so if anyone has experience in elder care and would like to help out please contact Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Hamner at (707) 424-1368 (Travis Chaplain's Office).

The 349th AMW Top Three breakfast will be served at 10 a.m., which means all of you longing to whip up your famous pancakes will have a perfect opportunity. We will also be serving ham, fruit, pastries, coffee, and most importantly a large amount of GRATITUDE!

The Yountville Veteran's Home is real easy to find. From Travis, you go west on Highway 12, then north on Highway 29. Take the Yountville exit; turn left and go up the hill. The hospital is to the left as you come in the front gate.

Those interested in helping can contact me (707) 424-2996. Those interested in food service should call Senior Master Sgt. Martin Walker, 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron at (707) 424-5870.



Maintenance Quarterly Award Winners

Senior NCO of the 2nd Quarter

Senior Master Sgt. Theodore J. Zetah, 749th AGS

NCO of the 2nd Quarter

Technical Sgt. Anthony T. Campbell, 349th AGS

Airman of the 2nd Quarter

Senior Airman Robert B. Szabo, 349th EMS

Fisher House comes out on top

349th team runs Viking Challenge to help out needy cause

by **Contact Staff**
Public Affairs

More than 300 people ran, jogged, walked, and in some cases limped, through the 24 hours of the third annual Combat Viking Challenge, a two-day team relay race held at Vanden High School May 4 and 5, benefiting the Travis Fisher House. The 10-person 349th AMW team, participating for the first time, ran 183 miles, taking fourth place among 31 teams behind the 60th AGS (198 miles), 6th ARS (191 miles), and 9th RW (189 miles) from Beale AFB.

"We raised nearly \$3,600 the first year with only eight teams entered and about 1,200 miles run," said 2nd Lt. Michael McCracken, a member of the 815th AMS and one of the event's coordinators. "This year we had 31 teams run more than 4,500 miles. We hope to raise \$20,000, but we could raise a lot more. We don't know the final numbers yet."

The 349th team included Col. Jim



On your mark: Runners prepare for the starter's horn at the 3rd annual Combat Viking Challenge held at Vanden High School in May. (Photo by Audrey Quillen, BMSC)

Rubeor, 349th AMW/CC; Maj. Richard Lucas, 349th SFS; Maj. Scott Sandberg, 79th ARS; Capt. Sue Clark, 349th AMW; Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Parrish, 349th CRS;

Master Sgts. David Dean, 349th EMS and Manuel Santos, 349th CS; Technical Sgts. Jaime Spencer, 349th ALCF, and Kenneth McCall, 301st AS; and Staff Sgt. Chris Mason, 349th CES.

Briefs

UPT applicants needed

In July, the 79th Air Refueling Squadron will conduct interviews of aspiring Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) applicants.

Those interested should submit an application package with a cover sheet, resume, performance reports, college transcripts, and any flight experience documentation to:

79 ARS/DOP; 555 Hickam Ave.; Travis AFB CA 94535-2711.

Applicants must be under 30 years old on the training start date; and, if already commissioned, have under five years' commissioned service.

The unit encourages people of all ranks, officer and enlisted, to apply. High AFOQT scores are a must. Preference will be afforded to those living in the local area with four-year college degrees.

If you have any questions, please contact Maj. John Williams via e-mail at: john.williams@travis.af.mil. The 79th ARS will select only the best of the eligible applicants for interview.

May stop-loss AFSCs

The effective date for lifting stop-loss restrictions in the Air Force Reserve is May 15. The active duty force's effective date is May 1. The officer career fields released from stop-loss restrictions include: 32E, 33S, 35P, 42F, 42G, 42N, 42P, 42S, 42T, 43P, 43Y, 44B, 44F, 44G, 44J, 44K, 44N, 44P, 44R, 44S, 44T, 44U, 45E, 45G, 45N, 45U, 47E, 47G, 47H, 47K, 47P, 47S, 51J, 61S, 62E, 63A and 64P.

The enlisted career fields released from stop-loss restrictions include: 1T0X0, 2A1X0, 2A390, 2S0X2, 3C1X1, 3C1X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E6X1, 3S1X0, 3S1X1, 3S2X0, 3S2X1, 3V000, 3V090, 3V0X1, 3V0X2, 3V0X3, 4A0X0, 4A0X1, 4B0XX, 4C0X0, 4C0X1, 4D0X0, 4D0X1, 4M0X0, 4M0X1, 4N1X1, 4P0X0, 4P0X1, 4R0X1, 4T0X0, 4T0X1, 4T0X2, 4T0X3, 4U0X0, 4U0X1, 4V0X0, 4V0X1, 4Y0X0, 4Y0X1, 4Y0X2, 5J0X0, 5J0X1, 6C0X0, 6C0X1, 8A100, 8C000, 8E000, 8G000, 8J000, 8P000, 8P100, 8R000, 8T000, 9A200, 9A300, 9C000 and 9G000. (AFNEWS)

Combat Challenge win

Congratulations to the Travis members of the Firefighter's Combat Challenge Team who took first of four teams in a recent regional tournament at Potomac Mills, Va.

Airman First Class Harry Myers, Senior Airman A.J. Eversley, and Staff Sgts. Mike Melton and Mike Romano all placed in the top five of twenty individual competitors.

Firefighters compete in relay fashion, each competitor completing five tasks, including the Victim Rescue, where a 175-pound dummy is dragged 100 feet, and the High Rise Pack Carry, where a 45-pound hose pack is carried up several flights of stairs and tossed over a railing.

July combat dining-in

The 79 ARS will host a wing-wide Combat Dining-In, on July 20 at Bldg. 927 at 6 p.m. The theme is "Spirit of America." Attendees should wear red, white, and blue attire.

For more information, please call Master Sgt. Carl Brown, (707) 424-7012, on weekdays or on B, Flight UTA.

Promotion boards select 1,156 for major

Air Reserve Personnel Center here announced the results May 6. The list of selected officers is available on the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> under "Promotions."

The boards convened at ARPC April 22-26. The board members sifted through the records of 2,604 captains to determine those qualified to assume the next higher grade.

The boards considered 1,467 for in-the-promotion zone (IPZ) and picked 778 of the first-time eligibles. Another 987 sought upgrade above-the-promotion zone (APZ), and the boards chose 246 of those second-time eligible officers. One hundred thirty-two out of 156 were selected for position-vacancy promotion.

The overall selection rate was 44 percent, down 2.5 percent compared to last year when the Air Force Reserve

considered 2,550 captains and selected 1,186 for promotion.

In the Selected Reserve, 562 out of 729 line officers were selected for promotion the first time they were eligible, and another 167 line officers from a field of 366 were picked for major on their second try.

Ninety-seven out of 111 line officer captains got the nod for position-vacancy promotions.

Nonline officers in the Selected Reserve picked for promotion by category were: Dentists; Medical corps officers; Nurses; Medical service corps and Biomedical science corps.

Thirty-eight percent of those considered for promotion were not in the Selected Reserve.

Twenty-five out of 209 non-Selected Reserve line officers were selected in-

the-promotion zone, and seven of 237 were picked above-the-promotion zone.

Nine of 77 IPZ dentists and three of 74 APZ dentists get to pin on major.

The date of rank and promotion effective date for first- and second-time eligible officers will be the date they complete seven years time in grade as a captain or Oct. 1, 2002, which ever is later. The DOR and PED date for position-vacancy selectees will be the date they complete four years time in grade or the date the president approves their promotion, which ever is later.

Selectees can get more information by calling the promotion board secretariat specialists at (303) 676-6351 or contacting them via the Internet at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>

(AFRC News Service from an ARPC news release)

Promotion board selects forty-three 349th Captains to pin on Major

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROPOSED EFF DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROPOSED EFF DATE</u>
Donna M. Albert	349th AES	20-Dec-02	Robert N. Koontz, Jr.	349th AES	1-Oct-02
Zenen T. Alpuerto	349th MDS	1-Oct-02	Gregory M. Lynch	301st AS	14-Nov-02
Ann W. Badgett	349th MDS	1-Oct-02	Myla B. Mason	349th ASTS	1-Oct-02
Scott J. Bourquin	70th ARS	3-Aug-03	Joel C. Miller	312th AS	27-May-03
Deborah C. Bruner	349th ASTS	1-Oct-02	Dawn E. Neeley	349th AES	1-Oct-02
Christine J. Chao	349th AMDS	1-Oct-02	Brian D. Olson	312th AS	1-Oct-02
Susan M. Clark	349th SPTG	1-Jun-02	Marlene C. Paiso	349th ASTS	4-Nov-02
Sharron N. Coley	312th AS	27-May-03	Timothy A. Parker	79th ARS	27-May-03
William P. Corder	301st AS	4-Dec-02	Elizabeth Plazola Jones	349th AES	20-May-03
Ronald A. Dollesin	349th CRS	8-Aug-03	Michael R. Pugh	70th ARS	1-Oct-02
Stefan V. Eling	79th ARS	1-Oct-02	Anne C. Sime	349th AES	1-Oct-02
Daniel E. Fandrei	79th ARS	1-Oct-02	Jeffrey M. Smitley	70th ARS	1-Dec-02
Marie M. Fay	349th MDS	1-Oct-02	Adam J. Spears	70th ARS	6-Jul-03
Mark B. Flanders	301st AS	1-Oct-02	Thaddeus A. Summers	312th AS	1-Oct-02
Bonnie J. Gallegos	349th ASTS	20-Jan-03	David W. Tanner	301st AS	27-May-03
Jefrey A. Galon	45th APS	6-Aug-03	Dale A. Vadeboncoeur	349th AMDS	1-Oct-02
Adbul K. Harris	349th MDS	1-Oct-02	James Wallace	349th AMW	27-May-03
Todd D. Hegy	312th AS	1-Oct-02	Andrew L. Wereley	312th AS	1-Oct-02
Jason M. Higa	301st AS	27-May-03	Jeffrey S. Whiteman	70th ARS	27-May-03
Erik M. Johnsen	301st AS	1-Oct-02	Michael E. Williams	349 OSF	1-Oct-02
John H. Kinsman	312th AS	19-Dec-02	Laura J. Wilson	349th MDS	6-Jan-03
David J. Knolmayer	312th AS	1-Oct-02			

Promotions

Effective May 1



Senior Master Sergeant

Michael L. Biggs, 749th AGS
Charles B. Copeland, Jr., 55thAPS
Sheila K. Hemenway, 55th APS
Richard L. Vandine, 349th CRS



Master Sergeant

Noel A. Arbolado, 349th EMS
Michael D. Beck, 349th CES
Robin J. Bilbo, 749th AGS
Aretha R. Chandler, 249th OSF
Blake C. Cooke, 45th APS
Betty S. Delaney, 349th AMDS
Michael S. Lytle, 55th APS
Dumaurier T. Malone, 749th AGS
Christopher Martinez, 349th LSS
Donald F. Mascardo, 349th CES
Todd M. McCammon, 45th APS
Larry Rojas, 55th APS



Technical Sergeant

Edward P. Angle, 349th AMW
Ellis A. Archerda III, 349th CES
Thomas L. Dewitt, 349th AES
Klaus P. Feige, 55th APS
Kathy A. Fruits, 349th EMS
Steven P. Herrin, 82nd APS
Jeffrey C. King, 55th APS

John A. Lilley, 349th CES
Paul R. Linderman, 349th AES
Michael A. Lowery, 349th CES
Scott A. Milo, 82nd APS
Robert L. Olmstead, 82nd APS
Michael S. Peracca, 749th AGS
Jeffery L. Porter, 349th LSS
Brian P. Rutherford, 749th AGS
Robert E. Stemen, 349th EMS
Paul A. S. Trinidad, 349th MDS
Jeffrey Wise, 349th MSS
Ana M. Wong, 349th SFS



Staff Sergeant

Christopher S. Baker, 349th SFS
David L. Brannum, 349th CES
Frank J. Carlos, 79th ARS
Glenn B. Corbett, Jr., 312th AS
Myla V. Ferrer, 349th MAS
Elaine O. Garcia, 349th AES
Christopher E. Gilbert, 301st AS
Anna M. Graves, 55th APS
Eric J. Grieff, 301st AS
Nicholas D. Grove, 349th CES
Katrina R. Harden, 349th MAS
Daniel K. Jones, 349th CES
Denise Laycock, 349th AMDS
Ganell E. Lewis, 349th MAS

Maria A. G. Lozano, 349th MDS
Ezra M. Mathison, 749th AGS
Darren T. Matt, 349th EMS
Florimon J. D. Mendoza, 349th EMS
Ryan P. Phillips, 349th EMS
Angela J. Rodriguez, 349th CES
Denise R. Rodriguez, 349th ASTS
Vincent V. Singh, 349th MDS
Daniel P. Taylor, 349th AGS
Steven D. Vaughn, 349th OG
Jonelyn A. Whales, 349th CES



Senior Airman

Jacqueline Bailey, 349th OSF
Nathan D. Ellis, 749th AGS
Nicholas R. Korobi, 349th CRS
Robert A. Manniche, 349th CRS
Audrey R. Medina, 349th MAS
Lateshia D. Plascencia, 349th CS
Carol A. Poe, 45th APS
Cassandra L. Stamm, 349th MDS



Airman First Class

Michelle M. DeSantiago, 349th ASTS
Julio C. Ramirez, Jr., 45th APS
Percival C. Reynoldo, 349th ASTS
Nicole C. Rodriguez, 349th AMDS
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The April Contact ran a story for Chief Master Sgt. Edward Yotter, but published the wrong photo. The Contact staff regrets this error. Happy retirement Chief Yotter!

