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**349th Air Mobility
Wing members
begin coming home**

349th personnel make extraordinary contributions

Welcome to the June UTA! Wow, is this place busy! I can't even begin to cover all the extraordinary things all of our 1078 mobilized reservists are doing. And that doesn't even include the contributions many of you are making in a volunteer status! Let me put it this way; here's the list of countries where we currently have reservists deployed: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iraq, Germany, England, Spain and Romania! That list doesn't even include some of the more exotic places where our aircrew routinely transit! Your contributions are making a difference to our country's successful liberation of the people of Iraq and you should be very proud!

349th Air Mobility Wing mobilized count by unit

301st AS	179
312 AS	182
349th AES	82
349th ALCF	12
349th AMDS	4
349th AMW	11
349th AMXS	75
349th ASTS	6
349th CES	12
349th CMS	66
349th EMS	62
349th LRS	2
349th MDS	34
349th MOF	2
349th MSS	9
349th MXG	2
349th OG	9
349th OSF	28
349th SFS	24
70th ARS	85
749th AMXS	56
82nd APS	103
349th MDS	
DET 1	14
DET 2	24

I must take a moment to thank everyone in this wing for the honor bestowed on me last month. I am more than a little proud to say that I am honorary **Chief Master Sgt.**

Rubeor! The ceremony was incredible and exactly the kind of first-rate effort that you would expect for such an important honor and has become the standard for this outstanding wing. As usual, many people contributed huge amounts of time and effort but I must recognize a few special ones. First and foremost is a chief whom I have come to greatly honor and respect and whose wise counsel is worth its weight in gold, **Chief Master Sgt. Tony Maddux**. I would also like to thank my fellow **Chief Master Sgts. Al Laigo, Jeff Lee, Greg McGee and Trish Thornton**. Special Thanks go to **Senior Master Sgts. Tim Martin, Debra Fowlston, Martin Walker and Master Sgts. Jon Saunders, Charlene Sigwart and Gina Rogers**. Last but certainly not least were **Staff Sgts. Dion Graham, Diane Sullivan and Senior Airman Amber Sapp**. Thanks also to everyone who attended and honored me and my family. You are very special people!

We have a big retirement ceremony coming up on C Flight of this month. Many of you know **Maj. Gen. Wally Whaley** from his tour here as wing commander a few years back. After more than three decades of service to our United States Air Force, **Whaley** has chosen to honor us with his final official military function. At his request, there will not be a formation of troops. Instead, there will be seating for everyone who wants to attend on the flight line side of base ops. **Gen. (ret) Walt Kross**, former AMC and TRANSCOM commander, will retire **Whaley** at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28. All friends and families are invited so come join us!

A quick update on lodging. The good news is that we will break ground on the new lodging facility this October. They estimate it will take two years to complete but there are incentives for finishing early so as always, I'm optimistic! The bad news is that one of our existing facilities, Bldg. 403, sits on the proposed building site so it will have to come down. That's a loss of 80 rooms so things will get worse before they get better. We are also testing a new lodging reservation system that allows you to



Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

reserve your own room for the UTA much like in the commercial hotel industry. The system is currently being used only for UTA reservations and not active duty tours but we plan to expand the capability in the near future. It's also being tested by a few select units and we plan to add more units as the system allows. Those units are the 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, 82nd Aerial Port Squadron and this month we are adding the 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. If you are not in one of those units, please don't try and use the system until we add your unit to the list. Any questions can be directed to **Senior Master Sgt. Martin Walker**, NCOIC of Services at (707) 424-5870.

Good news on the benefits front! Family members are now eligible for TRICARE coverage when their sponsor is on active duty orders for 31 days or more. Previously the benefit was not available unless the orders were for more than 179 days. Now if we can just make TRICARE user friendly! We are working the issue and as always, your active membership in a professional association is perhaps your most effective way to make your voice heard.

Recognition is important. While every commander and supervisor should recognize the outstanding work you do, you have an opportunity to recognize the support given you by two very important sources. The first is your employer and the second is your parents. You can do both at the website: www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com. The name is long but the process is simple. Go on the website and put in the name and address of your employer or parents and the Air Force will send a letter of

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Welcome home! Staff Sgt. Maureen Milligan of the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is shown (left) receiving a warm welcome home from her family on the Travis flightline.

Her husband is Tech. Sgt. Michael Milligan who is also assigned to the 349th and works as a dental assistant at the 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

A season of change

Summer is my very favorite time year. That's one reason why my daughter is named Summer.

Summer finally arrives in June and it is a season full of transitions.

Our children move out of the classroom and into the days of summer fun. Families take time from busy work schedules and set off on annual vacations. The days are longer, the weather is better and we all enjoy spending more quality time with our family and friends.

Our wing also completed another cycle of transitions. These include armed conflicts around the world, numerous changes of commands, retirements, assignments and other special events.

We celebrated Memorial Day remembering all our fallen veterans and those who served our great nation. The Chief's Group and Top Three Council did an outstanding job hosting our Honorary Chief Induction ceremony for **Col. James Rubeor**, 349th Commander. We are also busy planning another Operation Gratitude event June 14 at the California Veterans' Home, Yountville.

In addition to that event, we have **Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Whaley**, director of operations, Headquarters Air Force

Reserve Command, retirement ceremony at Travis June 28.

With each and every event, I am very proud and impressed with the preparation, detail and number of people volunteering to help out. We said good-bye and then welcomed many new people in our wing.

Another highlight will be the upcoming change of command for our wing commander. **Colonel Rubeor**, who did an outstanding job, will now face new challenges as the wing commander at March Air Reserve Base in southern California.

Our new commander, **Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler, Jr.**, who is coming home to the 349th AMW, will set his agenda and use his energy and enthusiasm to lead this great wing into the future.

Our enlisted force is in transition as well. We have selected and now welcome many new First Sergeants in our wing. **Master Sgts. Geoffrey Delaney**, 349th Civil Engineering Squadron, **Dennis Gilb**, 349th Communications Squadron, and **Sherry Jensen**, 349th Component Maintenance Squadron.

These outstanding people will be shifting their focus from their previous Air



Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony L. Maddux

Force Speciality Codes to issues and concerns that impact their people, squadron and the mission.

Our Air Force is better than it has ever been. That's because of all of you - airmen, noncommissioned officers, officers, and civilians who give their all and are the best at what you do.

I spend a lot of time visiting the force and have a very deep respect for everyone who wears the Air Force uniform. You have committed yourself to a calling that is honorable and unlike any other. In this season of transition, we should also reflect on why we are here and what we've done together. We all stand ready as warriors, reminding the world of America's greatness.

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recognition signed by the Chief of Staff, **Gen. John P. Jumper**, and the Secretary of the Air Force, **Dr. James G. Roche**.

They will also send a blue pin with the AF logo designed to be worn on a coat or jacket similar to the ones worn by parents of service members in WWII. It's a small but significant gesture on your part to recognize some folks whom I'll bet have given you a large measure of support!

Here's another great website for the "Around the World In Ninety Days," Air Mobility Command summer promotion at www.ATWIND.com! If you've never played, I highly encourage you to try it. There's all kinds of cash and prizes and your kids will love it! This year's coordinator is **Master Sgt. Pamela Silas** in Family Readiness, (707) 424-1616. Check it out!

We have many outstanding people in this wing and we are fortunate to be able

to give some the recognition that so many of you so richly deserve. In this issue of the *Contact* you'll find a great picture of **Staff Sgt. Marjorie M. Harvey** receiving an award on Page 11. You'll also read about, **Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski's**, recognition of two members of the 349th MAS, **Master Sgt. James Rice** as the Senior NCO of the Quarter and **Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Jones** on her promotion.

General Czekanski very much enjoyed his visit and I would particularly like to thank **Lt. Col. Anthony Jones** and his entire maintenance team for their outstanding briefing. There's also a great article about the **Doolittle Raider** reunion by **Tech. Sgt. Bob Wade**, our Wing Historian. **Sergeant Wade** recently won the AFRC of Excellence in Wing History Programs as well as a Heritage Project Award. Congratulations to him and all our award winners!

See you at the UTA!

Operation Teddy Bear

Planning meetings for the 2003 Operation Teddy Bear program will be on Sundays of each UTA, at 1 p.m. in the wing conference room.

Items to be discussed include organization of a donation fund-raising event and other fund-raising ideas.

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C Flight Coordinators:

Tech. Sgt. David Hoggard, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, (707) 424-5262 and Senior Airman Amber Sapp, 349th Logistics Readiness Squadron, (707) 424-1857

Tips for "101 Critical Days"

Enjoy "downtime" safely

With the warmer weather and people planning vacations and much deserved "downtime" we all need to be aware, even as we try and pack as much fun as possible into an all-too-brief summer, safety needs to be our number one priority.

With Memorial Day signaling the start of the Critical 101 Days of Summer, a time when off-duty mishaps are more likely to happen, we need to think safety first.

Long workdays, coupled with alcohol consumption and horseplay, can spell disaster for even the most-seasoned citizen airman. Here's a list of tried-and-true suggestions from the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Directorate of Safety on how to survive and remain uninjured during the 101 critical days:

* Alcohol consumption: Don't drink and operate vehicles, such as automobiles, boats, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always have a designated driver;

* Traveling: Be sober, vigilant and well-rested;

* Boating: Know your craft and the waters you are operating within, and use personal floatation devices;

* Swimming: Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink;

* Jet skiing: Operate with caution, staying away from boaters, fishermen, swimmers and other jet skiers;

* Seatbelts: Use them and ensure passengers do the same. Remember, "it's the law;"

* Outdoor activities: Stretch muscles before athletic activity, don't overdo it, avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, use sunscreens and drink plenty of water; and

* Risk management: Use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends, but be safe. Each member of our force is an irreplaceable resource in the continuing war on terrorism. Our nation needs each of us, our families need us, and the Air Force needs you to help meet the challenges the nation is asking of our great Air Force! (AFPN)

Around the World In Ninety Days

Air Mobility Command and Air Force Space Command Services have begun their summer promotion, Around The World In Ninety Days. ATWIND started June 1 and will continue 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 Aug. 31.

As of 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 ATWIND's toll-free number, 1-888-597-9960. Once registered, participants then log their ATWIND travel miles on the Web or by using 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. ATWINNER random prizes will also be awarded during the game piece registration process. 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."

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, Col. were last year's ATWIND grand prize winners. (AMCNS)

MPF looking for a commander

Have you ever considered a career as a Military Personnel Flight (MPF) commander? The Mission Support Squadron has a Air Reserve Technician position of MPF Commander Trainee position to be filled.

The position is open to both enlisted and officer reservists. Interested enlisted reservists must meet commissioning eligibility criteria. The position is part of a program used to prepare you to manage a MPF at any AFRC wing.

After two years of training to gain an in-depth understanding of the MPF, the reservist will be offered a position at another Air Force Reserve Command wing.

Interested reservists should contact Maj. Heather Capella, Mission Support Squadron commander at (707) 424-3861.



70th AS needs flight engineers

The 70th Air Refueling Squadron is now accepting resumes from cross flow flight engineers (C-5, C-141 and C-130) and (this is new) KC-10 crew chiefs and maintenance personnel, active duty and reserve for a position of KC-10 flight engineers.

We also welcome active-duty KC-10 flight engineers who would like to join us, we will gladly consider you now, pending the end of Stop Loss.

Let us know if you're interested, contact Chief Master Sgt. Trish Thornton, 70th ARS chief flight engineer, at patricia.thornton@travis.af.mil or by phone, (707) 424-7003.

Wing historian takes the opportunity to

Story and photos
by Tech. Sgt. Bob Wade
349th History Office

Recently, I had the distinct honor of escorting one of the 18 surviving crewmembers who participated in the Doolittle Tokyo Bombing Raid, April 18, 1942. My assignment was to provide security and cater to the needs of Maj. (ret) Nolan A. Herndon and his wife, Julia.

Herndon was assigned to crew number 8 and performed the duties of nose gunner, bombardier, and navigator. Aircraft number 8 was the B-25 Mitchell that flew to Vladivostok, Russia, after delivering its payload over Japan. Aircraft number 8's crew then spent the next 13 months interned in various areas of Russia until finally escaping through Afghanistan into Iran.

My assignment began with meeting the Herndons' at the Sacramento International



Come walk with me: Maj. (ret) Nolan Herndon and his spouse, Julia, enjoy the scenery of vintage aircraft at the Doolittle Raiders' Barbecue and Flight Festival at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, Calif.



A toast for my fallen brothers: (left to right) Lt. Col. Frank Kapeler, Lt. Col. Chase Neils poignant and emotional "Goblet Ceremony" held during the 61st Doolittle Raiders' Reunion at Travis AFB and in the local communities. A portion of the proceeds from these events were

Airport. With their advancing years, it was quite a trek from the gate to their final destination at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Fairfield. Beginning Wednesday morning, three days of pandemonium began.

Events were planned that kept the Raiders, their spouses, and the Travis escorts at 100 percent from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. It was incredible to see the stamina these elderly men and women displayed.

Of all the events that had been planned, two particular events come to mind as special. One tradition the surviving Doolittle Raiders perform at each reunion is to toast their comrades who have passed on over the previous year.

This tradition is called the Goblet Ceremony, and is usually a private event. However, this year the Raiders invited the media to witness this tradition.

Two cadets delivered a special display box to the site where the Raiders were having their reunion from the Air Force Academy.

Goblets emblazoned with the names of the attending Raiders and their recently deceased brethren were placed on the table. The goblets were filled with brandy and the attending Raiders toasted their deceased comrades. Each of the Raiders taking turns reading the names of their fallen comrades. Upon completion of the reading of the names, the goblets

assist a hero from the history books



...en, Maj. Nolan Herndon, and Col. William Bower together lift their glasses at this very ...n. Events for the reunion were spread out over five days and held at various locations on ...re donated to help build the new Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum.

emblazoned with the names of the recently deceased were placed back into the display case upside down. This was an extremely poignant and emotional event.

The second notable event was the question and answer session between the Doolittle Raiders and both active and reserve aircrew from Travis. This event proved to be extremely enjoyable for both the Raiders and aircrews. The Raiders were seated on the stage in the 9th Air Refueling Squadron auditorium.

The Raiders were asked numerous questions about issues such as how it felt taking off from the deck of the *USS Hornet*, the anxiety they experienced when they knew they did not have enough

fuel to land safely, if they would do it again, etc.

As the wing historian, I had the pleasure of asking the last question, which was, "One hundred years from now, how would you like the Doolittle Raid and Raiders to be remembered?"

Col. Richard E. Cole (USAF, Ret.), after a short silence, answered succinctly by saying, "I'd like to read about it in the newspaper."

In a subsequent letter I received from Col. Cole, he expanded on his answer by saying, "General Doolittle should be remembered for all his numerous contributions to aviation plus his planning and leading the Raid."

"We Raiders were all 'bit players' and we do not expect or deserve any more remembrance recognition than the millions of young people who also answered the call in 1941."

Performing the duties as an escort at the 61st Doolittle Raider Reunion will be one of the highlights of my military career.

Never in my life have I met a nicer group of humble individuals, all heroes, and I salute them.



Proud to have called you friend: Col. (ret) William Bower replaces the goblet that has been engraved with a name of one of his fallen comrade into the goblet display case during the Goblet Ceremony.

PEP Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Cary R. Anderson, 349th MSG
David J. Donaldson, 70th ARS

Master Sergeant

Rafael V. Acosta, Det. 2, 349th MDS
Donald P. Davis, 70th ARS
Mary A. Johnson, 349th MSS

Technical Sergeant

Clifford J.C. Bumanglag, 749th AMXS
Paul E. Moler, 749th AMXS
Dwayne R. Netherland, 349th MOF
Colleen M. Rasinski, 749th AMXS
Dana K. Rhodes, 349th AMDS

(Promotions effective May 1, 2003)

Members of the 349th AES return to cheers from overseas deployment

by 2nd Lt. Robin Jackson
349th Public Affairs

Thirty-nine members of the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron returned home to Travis safely May 5 to a heartfelt group of children, spouses, parents, coworkers and yes-even pets who were all anxiously awaiting their arrival.

Members of the 349th AES were activated approximately 6 weeks ago in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. To those left behind it seems more like an

eternity but just knowing that they would be reunited within minutes brought joy to the faces of each family member. As the aircraft taxied in the band began to play, the children jumped for joy and the adults began to cheer and wave their flags. The air was filled with an emotion of love and happiness. Everyone was grateful that their families were safe and happy that they are back home at last.

These Aeromedical Transport Teams, with critical care life

saving skills, are one of the first medical people on site to assist those airmen injured in battle. The members of these teams are headed into the battlefields, places that most military people are trying to get out of. The team's job is comparable to working in a flying ambulance. These nurses take every step possible to stabilize the member's vitals and comfort them while moving these seriously injured airmen by aircraft back to a hospital for further treatment.

"They have trained for this



Photo by 2nd Lt. Robin Jackson, 349th Public Affairs

Man's best friend: 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron member Staff Sgt. Aldwin Donaldso receives a warm welcome home from his puppy, Pinkie.

mission and when called to duty they were fully prepared and ready to step up to the task at hand," said Col. Deborah Aspling, 349th AES Commander. "We are all proud to have them serve and happy to have them back home."



Photo by Capt. Eric Davidson, 349th AES

Are they here yet?: Family members and coworkers wait for the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed personnel to arrive.

70th ARS return to hero's welcome

by Master Sgt. Marvin Meek
349th Public Affairs

Six KC-10 crews from the 70th Air Refueling Squadron returned home to a hero's welcome outside the 349th Air Mobility Wing Maintenance Group Building May 17. In all, 40 of the nearly 600 reservists from the 349th Air Mobility Wing who were called to active duty earlier this year returned home.

"The worst part about being activated is

leaving your family behind," said Capt. Jamie Roser, 70th ARS. "The best part is being back home."

The KC-10s heralded their arrival by flying in formation before landing, eliciting a boisterous cheer from the crowd of more than 150 family members and friends that had come to welcome them home. As the airmen made their way from the aircraft, they were greeted by a team of Travis officials that included Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Col. James T. Rubeor, commander, 349th AMW, and

Col. Fouad W. Yacoub, 349th AMW vice wing commander.

"We asked two things of you when you left here: Kick butt and come home safe. You accomplished both with excellence," said Baker.

Col. Rubeor, who was to be inducted as an honorary chief master sergeant during a formal military ceremony scheduled for about the same time as the arrival of the KC-10s, made a point of being at the homecoming to personally thank the returning airman for "their tremendous service to their country."

Campaign launches to thank parents

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper launched a service-wide campaign May 5 to thank the parents of America's airmen for their support of their children's service.

The Air Force "Parent Pin" program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force web site, www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com, where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents (or parental figures). Shortly thereafter, the airmen's parents receive personalized letters from Secretary Roche and Gen. Jumper containing high-quality lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. All airmen – active, Guard, and Reserve – are strongly encouraged by their chain of command to register on the web site and have pins sent to up to two recipients.

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort, and they are presented on display cards that explain their lineage. The letters address

recipients and airmen by name. They are intended to communicate to parents the importance of their children's service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for parents' continued support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air Force and the parents of America's airmen.

This massive effort comes on heels of the Air Force's highly-successful "E" pin



program, which represented the first direct-mail outreach effort from the leaders of *any* of the armed services to employers across America. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen voluntarily submitted contact information for more than 60,000 employers, each of whom received an "E" pin and a personalized letter from the

Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff acknowledging them as partners in the war effort. Air Force leaders have received hundreds of supportive letters and e-mails from employers and airmen because of this program, and today, tens of thousands of employers are wearing Air Force "E" pins as pledges of support for the military service of their airmen.

Both the "Parent" pin and "Employer" pin campaigns are elements of the Air Force's *Your Guardians of Freedom* program. As families, employers, and communities across the nation share the burdens of military service, it is critical that commanders at every level reach out to cultivate the relationships that form the foundation of public support for their airmen.

Through a secure web site at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com, the Your Guardians of Freedom program offers a flexible, user-friendly set of web-based tools that allow commanders and their staffs to quickly and efficiently reach out to key audiences on their bases, in their communities, and beyond. (AFNEWS)

4th AF commander visits the 349th

by 2nd Lt. Robin Jackson
349th Public Affairs

Major General James P. Czekanski, commander of 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve, visited the 349th Air Mobility Wing during a whirlwind visit May 3.

The general began his day with light refreshments at the command section with Col. James Rubeor, 349th AMW commander. They departed from the command section with the vice wing commander, Col. Fouad Yacoub and the Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Maddux and headed for a Commander's Call at 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron.

Czekanski addressed the group during the commander's call and personally met with squadron members.

Following the commanders call the general was whisked over to the 349th Maintenance Group for an informative

briefing on the mission accomplishments of the unit.

Next Czekanski heads to the Golden Hills Dining Facility to have lunch and discuss enlisted issues with some of the senior non-commissioned officers on duty.

The General was then taken to the 45th Aerial Port Squadron for a walking tour of the facilities.

Following the tour of the aerial port the general headed to the 349th Civil Engineer Squadron to participate in their Commander's Call by awarding a Meritorious Service Medal to Tech. Sgt. Steven B. Haas and to serve as a judge in the annual 349th CES chili cook-off contest. The tour concluded in the Wing Conference Room with the General



Photo by Jacqueline Murray, 349th Public Affairs

Raise your right hand: Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski, commander 4th Air Force, reenlists 349th personnel.

reenlisting Chief Master Sgt. Larry Lawson and Master Sgt. Rene Viado, 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kernen, 349th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office and a round table discussion of goals for the wing.

Employer Appreciation Day application

EMPLOYER: Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr. Other:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Employer's Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Employer's Home Mailing Address: _____

Employer's Social Security Number: _____

Person to be Notified in Emergency: _____

Employer's Emergency Phone: () _____
(Area Code and Number)

Sponsoring Reservist Information

Reservist Rank: _____ Unit Assigned: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Job Title: _____ Phone: Duty _____

Home () _____ Work () _____

Reservist Social Security Number: _____

Employer Appreciation Day dates

Maintenance Group -- June 21
POC: Senior Master Sgt. Terry Kirkbride,
424-0912

Mission Support Group -- Aug. 2
POC: TSgt Crisalda Jimeno.
* 424-8260

Medical Group -- July 26
POC: Master Sgt. Kalan Winston,
424-5220

Operations Group -- Aug. 16
POC: Lt. Col. Lonnie Williams,
424-1641

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Disclosure: Voluntary, however, without SSANs, individuals cannot be on a manifest for flights; home address/phone is required to contact employers regarding their Wing Employer Appreciation Day participation.

Emergency data needed

Air Force civilian employees can benefit from the same next-of-kin notification process provided to the families of injured or killed uniformed airmen by providing their emergency contact information on a secure electronic file.

“So far very few of our civilians have registered. This is a great service to our total force that has never existed before,” said Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force.

“This is the right thing to do. I hope our Air Force civilians, commanders and supervisors will do their best to ensure everyone knows about the on-line Emergency Data System and how to sign-up,” he said.

The electronic form, on the web site takes most people about 15 minutes to complete. It asks them questions about which relatives should be contacted in an emergency and for addresses and phone numbers, officials said.

“With this system we have immediate access to civilian emergency contact information. But it only works if people

take a few minutes on behalf of their families to provide the necessary data,” said Mr. Thomas Perry, chief of the casualty division.

Currently, most civilians’ emergency contact information resides only in the desk file of a person’s supervisor not much help in the many cases where the supervisor is unavailable or access to the desk is impossible, officials said.

“It’s important that we be able to locate and notify family members as quickly as possible after a casualty mishap,” Perry said.

“We want to be able to do something we couldn’t do immediately after Sept. 11, ensure we provide family members accurate and timely information about civilian Air Force people involved in an attack or an accident,” he said.

Civilian members can access their record by logging on the AFPC secure web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/emds/default.htm.

For more information about the civilian EMDS call the Air Force Contact Center at 1-866- 229-7074. (AFPC)



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And the winner is...

Staff Sgt. Marjorie M. Harvey, 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, accepts her trophy for being named the “Air Mobility Command Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Airman of the Year” for 2002 from Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, at the recent AMC Awards Banquet at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

“I feel very good that she is taking over the squadron’s mobility responsibilities,” said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Sweet, Harvey’s supervisor. “She is as dedicated as they come. She actually called me twice and asked, ‘Are you sure it was for ALL of AMC?’ She never thought she’d win anything like this, and was overwhelmed.”

AF eases Stop-Loss

The following officer primary Air Force specialty codes have been released, regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

11BX	bomber pilot
11EX	test pilot
11FX	fighter pilot
11HX	helicopter pilot
11KX	trainer pilot
12BX	bomber navigator
12EX	test navigator
12FX	fighter navigator
12KX	trainer navigator
12RX	warfare navigator
12TX	tanker navigator
13BX	air battle manager
13DXA	combat rescue
13DXB	special tactics
32EX	civil engineer
43EX	bioenvironmental engineer
43HX	public health
43TX	biomedical laboratory
44EX	emergency services phys
44MX	internist
45AX	anesthesiologist
45BX	orthopedic surgeon
45SX	surgeon
46FX	flight nurse
46MX	nurse anesthetist
46NXX	critical care nurse
46SX	operating room nurse
46SA	aerospace medicine
48GX	general medical Officer
48rx	trained flight surgeon
51JX	judge advocate

The following enlisted controlled Air Force specialty codes have been released from Stop-Loss, regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

1C2XX	combat control
1C4XX	tactical air command and control
1S0XX	safety
1T1XX	aircrew life support
3E000	electrical (chief enlisted manager)
3E0X2	electrical power production
3E4X1	utilities systems
3E4X2	liquid fuels systems maintenance
3E5X1	engineering
3E7X1	fire protection
3E8X1	explosive ordnance disposal
3E9X1	readiness
3H0X1	historian
3N0XX	public affairs and radio /TV broadcasting
4A1XX	medical material
4A2XX	biomedical equipment
4B0XX	bioenvironmental engineering
4E0XX	public health
4H0XX	cardiopulmonary laboratory
5J0X1	paralegal

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights.

Above Air Force specialty codes were released from Stop-Loss as of May 14, 2003.

Master Sergeant

Frederick P. Baquiran, 349th MDS
April L. Boisseau, 349th CMS
Jerry E. Dunn, 349th CES
Gary D. Fields, 79th ARS
Rafael B. Gaddi, 349th AMXS
Jerry G. Hudson, 349th EMS
Samuel Pena, Jr., 349th AMXS
Andrew J. Piehl, 349th MDS
Salvador Prado, Jr., 301st AS
Daniel W. Tatum, 349th CES
Robert C. Upton, 70th ARS
Jaime A. Vasquez, 82nd APS

Technical Sergeant

Anthony Bennett, 349th AES
Brian T. Bertany, 349th AMXS
Donald S. Butler, 70th ARS
Sarocho Dipratna, 349th AMXS
Leopoldo Dulos, 349th MAXS
Matthew E. Fisher, 70th ARS
Donovan M. Francis, 349th AMXS
Lee C. Gavin, 349th AMXS
Sara A. Griffith, 79th ARS
Kevin R. Hale, 349th AMXS
Michelle A. Hammer, 349th AMXS
Corrie L. Harshbarger, 349th MDS
James E. Hawkin, 82nd APS
Crawford C. Hicks III, 301st AS
Sylvia C. Jones, 349th MAS

Promotions

Daryn J. Kumar, 349th MDS
Timothy J. Mace, 349th AMXS
Ivan A. Mader, 349th AMXS
Michael M. McCulley, 349th AMXS
Stephanie McMullen, 349th AMXS
Graciela Piehl, 349th MDS
David N. Pena, 349th CMS
Jeffrey S. Porquez, 349th CMS
Stephen J. Raul, 349th AMXS
Christine M. Sinagra, 82nd APS
David J. Stremmel, 82nd APS
Sindy S. Thao, 349th AMDS
Lynn M. Watson, 349th AMDS
Lamar D. Williams, 349th AMXS

Staff Sergeant

Janet L. Brooks, 749th AMXS
Stephen G. Bump, 349th MDS
Hanz Cruz, 349th AMDS
Michael A. Gray, 55th APS
Miriam M. Herrera, 349th MSS
Joseph K. Houston, 349th CS
Daniel L. Jenkins, 349th AMXS
Russell A. Kulina, 349th SFS
Efrain H. Reyes, 349th CMS
Teresa L. Serrano, 82nd APS
Jeffrey A. Stetson, 349th CS
Erik J. Vrismo, 312th AS
Edward H. Wyant, 349th CES

Senior Airman

Jason A. Branham, 82nd APS
Marco A. Cuellar, 749th AMXS
Michelle M. DeSantiago, 349th ASTS
Amanda S. Gaudet, 312th AS
Eric J. Jones, 349th SFS
Julie A. Jones, 349th MDS
Todd J. Kirkland, 301st AS
Eduardo M. Leon, 349th SFS
Jeffrey S. Rodier, 349th SFS
Susan I. Rothrock, 70th ARS
Susan Szymanski, 301st AS
Richard B. Uline, 349th CS

Airman First Class

Jonathan Aspling, 349th CES
Stephanie A. Brooks, 349th EMS
Su Qing Chen, 55th APS
Jason S. Podesta, 349th MDS
Quynh Dotu Uong, 45th APS

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