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Reflecting on the past...



...and looking to the **future**

Commander's Corner

Brig. Gen. James Sanders
Commander

The ancient Romans named January after Janus, the two-faced god who presided over all beginnings and endings. Today, as in the past, January is a time for reflection as well as resolutions.

Looking back at 1997, I remember a year of great stress, as well as a year of noteworthy achievement. We have lost many members of our military family through inactivation, reductions in force, and most painful, death due to tragic accidents or illness. We have struggled through reorganizations, incredibly high operations tempo, and losing our venerable C-141s.

Last year brought changes on many levels. Air Force Reserve became the ninth major command in the Air Force. Travis built a brand-new co-located Officers/NCO Club. Three of the four groups in this wing changed commanders. The 349th Communications Squadron gained new high-tech equipment and a high-priority deployment mission. The 349th Security Police Squadron became the Security Forces Squadron. And I won't even try to keep up with all the new rules and regulations covering everything from administrative orders to dental care to the wear of the uniform.

But don't forget we had our triumphs too. We continued to carry out our mission day after day, quietly and competently fulfilling our mandate of Global Reach, Global Power. From insuring the peace in Bosnia to keeping Saddam Hussein on a short leash to flying humanitarian airlift both at home and abroad, you never faltered.

Our excellence was recognized on both the group and individual level. A 312th Airlift Squadron crew earned the 15th Air Forces Aircrew of the Year. The 349th was the only Reserve wing nominated for the Secretary of the Air Force Quality Award. And AFRC named Maj. Jeanne Haddad, 349th Chief of Intelligence and Senior Airman. Scot Corkey, 945th AGS, as best of the best. Indeed, the men and women of the 349th have always set the standard for the rest of the command, and the Air Force.

This year is already shaping up to be one of fresh opportunities. Senior leadership has declared 1998 to be the Year of the Enlisted Force; it's also the Reserve's 50th anniversary. We are already planning for the Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for summer. The wing Employer Orientation program will be gearing up shortly. We had a nice response last year with our revamped program; we hope to include even more civilian bosses this year. The 16th International Airlift Rodeo will offer more chances for the wing to excel, if only to beat our own record. And of course, our routine missions continue.

In other words, 1998 promises to be busy and challenging. We wouldn't want it any other way. ➔



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Master Sgt. William Freidrich scrawls a farewell on the last Travis C-141 to depart Travis during a ceremony Dec. 16.

(Photos by Staff Sgt. Steven O. Ontiveros)



Celebrating 50 years!
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All ID cards to go Total Force green

In another step toward achieving full integration of the active and reserve military components, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has announced that identification (ID) cards for all active component and Reserve active status U.S. military personnel will now be the same color - green.

This initiative, which will be phased in over a two-to-five-year period that could begin as early as June 1998, calls for changing the color of the Reserve active status forces identification card (DD Form 2 (Reserve)) from red to green. Reserve active status forces include members of the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve, and the active Standby Reserve. Only the color of the card held by these members of the Reserve components will change; there will be no associated changes to current service benefits, privileges and entitlements, unless a change in status occurs.

The change responds to a pledge made by Cohen in a recent policy memorandum, calling on the civilian and military leadership of the Department of Defense to eliminate "all residual barriers - structural and cultural" to effective integration of the Reserve and active components into a "seamless Total Force."

Implementing instructions from the Services must be coordinated and published prior to issuing green ID cards to eligible Reserve members. The only ID card being affected is the DD Form 2 (Reserve). The color of all other Uniformed Services Identification Cards will remain as they currently are.

The red identification card has been the primary card used by members of the Reserve who are not on active duty or full-time National Guard duty. Red identification cards (DD Form 2 (reserve retired)) will continue to be issued to 'gray-

area retirees' - members of the Retired Reserve who have not reached age 60. Family members of Reservists will also continue to receive the red (DD Form 1173-1) ID card.

All active status Reserve component personnel will now be eligible to carry a green ID card, which will identify the member's Reserve component service in the upper right-hand corner of the card. The seven Reserve components are the: Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve.

Among the many considerations taken into account by DoD officials when authorizing the change were medical benefits and commissary privileges—two primary areas in which active and Reserve personnel have different entitlements. An ID card alone does not automatically authorize access to medical benefits or commissary privileges, both of which will continue to require additional documentation to allow members of the Reserve components to receive them.

Eligibility checks for medical benefits are now performed by electronic validation prior to each inpatient and outpatient visit to Military Health Services System facilities. Consequently, the system check, not the ID card, will continue to verify patient eligibility.

Currently, active duty personnel have unlimited access to the commissaries; Selected Reserve personnel are entitled by law to 12 visits per year. With both active and Reserve component personnel soon to be carrying green ID cards, commissary personnel will be reviewing identification cards more closely. The commissary access card, used for validating Reservists' 12 authorized visits, will remain in place. ✈

(AFRC News Service)

Year of the Enlisted Force



**By Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh,
Commander
Air Force Reserve Command**

Air Mobility Command has selected "Year of the Enlisted Force" as their theme for fiscal year 1998. Because we provide the largest share of our combat ready forces to AMC, this is a unique opportunity for us to focus as well on the enlisted men and women who distinguish themselves daily.

Air Force Reserve Command shares an important common factor with every other military organization; without our enlisted force, we could not exist. The professionalism, technical skill and dedication to duty of these specialists, technicians and first-

line managers are key to our combat readiness.

This is an excellent opportunity to publicly recognize the contributions of our enlisted force and for all of us to better understand the important roles they play. Our enlisted corps has been the backbone of the Air Force Reserve from the beginning.

As we celebrate our golden anniversary, I encourage all enlisted reservists to renew commitments to service and professionalism. With a new century around the corner, your continued efforts are crucial to our continued success. ✈

People helping people

Wing supports Ukrainian airlift

Story by Senior Airman Robin M. Jackson

Reservists lent a helping hand as much-needed humanitarian supplies were sent to the Ukraine from Travis Air Force Base Dec. 12.

Six 82nd Aerial Port Squadron members volunteered to come out Dec. 1 and pack the various pieces of medical equipment and supplies donated by the North Coast Health Care Center in Santa Rosa, Calif. The supplies included wheelchairs, exercise bikes, hospital gowns, bed linens, bathing supplies, medical instruments, cotton balls, dental supplies, dental chairs, surgical tape, thermometers, and sterile water to name a few. The 82nd APS received the items, inspected them closely for hazardous materials then palletized them for shipment.

“This is a big job,” said Tech. Sgt. Joy Mack, ramp services supervisor. “This shipment is approximately 20,000 pounds and we have to process, palletize and prepare it for loading. It’s a matter of checking and double-checking it. For example, the inventory lists three boxes of alcohol but in reality there are four boxes. It doesn’t seem critical — but it can be.”

“This group of people took off from their regular jobs to put in man hours for a good cause, helping those in need of help” said Chief Master Sgt. Larry Wynn, air transportation manager. The 82nd APS is an intricate piece of the wheel in getting the supplies to those who need it.

Some of the donated items needed special handling,



(Photo by Senior Airman Robin M. Jackson)

Technical Sgts. Joy Mack and Gerard Kraft, 82 APS, off-load boxes bound for the Ukraine.

according to Senior Master Sgt. Charles Gower, ramp services superintendent. “We have to ensure there’s no hazardous cargo; and, if there is, we have to inspect the cargo for leakage. It has to be packed correctly for shipping.”

In some cases the group had to repack the cargo before clearing it for shipment.

For example, the fluid from an examining table leaked. Before the aerial porters could palletize it they had to clean it up and repack it, according to Wynn.

“Normally we would send it back to the carrier and let them repack it but since this was a humanitarian assignment, we repacked it ourselves and saved time,” he said.

Headquarters Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., assigns the humanitarian airlifts.

“For the past three years I have coordinated humanitarian airlifts for the 82nd APS,” said Wynn. “The last two years we packaged cargo for shipment to the Sioux Indians in South Dakota. Possibly, later this year we will pack cargo for that particular humanitarian airlift again.”

According to Gower, an Air National Guard C-141 from Jackson, Miss., flew the donated materials to the Ukraine. ✈



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Steven O. Ontiveros)

Technical Sgt. Gerard Kraft, 82nd APS, aircraft loader, helps secure a pallet of humanitarian aid on a second flight which went to the Ukraine during the second week of December.

349th CH welcomes new commander

Story by Staff Sgt. Marvin Meek

Immediately after assuming command of one of the reserve's elite medical units, Col. Rita B. Richardson let her troops know that there was a problem.

"Before I was asked to join the 349th Contingency Hospital, I already knew that you had the reputation of being an outstanding organization. So how do you make an organization that's already outstanding, better?" she said.

Richardson assumed command of the 349th CH from Col. Ronald V. Dorst in a ceremony held Dec. 20 at the David Grant Medical Center auditorium.

"I don't have an answer for that question, but I believe that the men and women of the 349th CH do. I have ideas, but you know what areas of the mission you can improve upon in order to make this organization better," said Richardson.

Richardson has nearly 20 years of active-duty and reserve nursing experience. Some of her career assignments include nurse-midwife, staffing obstetrics and gynecology clinics, serving as a charge nurse for emergency, acute care and in-patient units,

Profile

<p>Title Commander, 349th Contingency Hospital, Travis AFB, Calif.</p> <p>Family Married to Tom Richardson, a naval supply officer. The Richardsons live in Herndon, Va. with their four children..</p> <p>Experience 1993-1997 — Selected to serve several key positions while assigned to Malcolm Grow Medical Center, 89th Medical Group, Andrews AFB, Md.; including Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the commander, Director for Nursing Services for Medical and Surgical Flights and Chief Nurse Executive 1991-1993 - Named Chief Nurse Executive while assigned to the 633rd Medical Group, Andersen AFB, Guam</p>	<p>1988 to 1991— Served as charge nurse in the emergency/acute care and in-patient units while attached to the 436th Medical Group, Dover AFB, Del. 1983-1988 — Staffed the OB/GYN Clinic at 15th Medical Group, Hickam, AFB, Hawaii 1978-1983 — Served active-duty tours as a staff nurse at United States Air Force Hospital Cannon, Cannon, AFB, NM. and Ehrling Berquist Regional Hospital, Offutt AFB, Neb.</p> <p>Education Masters Degree in Critical Care and Trauma Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree from Temple University</p>
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and serving as a nursing program administrator and chief nurse executive. Richardson is also the founder of the Washington DC-Capital Region Tri-

Service Reserve Nurse Corps Group; an organization dedicated to increasing the educational and training opportunities for reserve nurses of all services. ✈



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marvin Meek

349th AMW Chaplain (Capt.) Greg Stringer (left), Col. Rita B. Richardson, and Col. Ronald V. Dorst, 349th Medical Group commander, confirm Richardson's command with a group handshake.

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Life on the Island

Story by Staff Sgt. M. Shayne Sewell

Climbing down the crew steps of the giant C-5 Galaxy, hot air and nearly blinding sunshine engulfed visitors to the small tropical island in the Pacific. A 16-hour flight and advice from those who had gone before could in no way prepare the passengers for the stifling heat they would soon encounter so close to the equator.

On Dec. 4, a team from the 349th Air Mobility Wing left Travis on a cold, windy morning to assist the sole aerial port reserve unit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

The 44th Aerial Port Squadron is a geographically separated unit attached to the 604th Regional

Support Group, which is part of 4th Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif. Units in Guam, Alaska and Hawaii fall under the 604th RSG. The 44th APS supports active duty units and the Guam region.

Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Whaley, 4th Air Force commander, said restructuring of the geographically separated units took place while Gen. Merrill McPeak was Air Force chief of staff.

“The 44th APS is an outstanding squadron,” said Whaley. “The family atmosphere really comes out. There is really something in their culture. I am very pleased with it.”

Most of the 44th’s reservists are residents of Guam who joined the Reserve while living on the island. Other members had been stationed there while on active duty, separated to pursue civilian jobs, but kept their military status via the Air Force Reserve.

The December trip to Andersen AFB was the second of two for the 349th last year. The first trip, in August, included wing members who helped the 44th with budget and training requirements, according to Col. Timothy J. Wrighton, 349th Operations Group commander.

Wrighton also said the 349th would continue to help the 44th with its training requirements.

“We will try to provide them with an airplane every three to six months so they can train on uploading and downloading,” Wrighton said.

Loadmasters from the wing’s 312th Airlift Squadron provided hands-



(Photo by Staff Sgt. M. Shayne Sewell)

Staff Sgt. Alen Wong, aerial port specialist, loads cargo onto a truck in preparation for upload training.

***Hello!**

Photo by Staff Sgt. M. Shayne Sewell



Maj. Franklin Leon Guererro, 44th APS commander, holds the AMC Air Reserve Component Aerial Port Unit of the Year award with Lt. Gov. Madelaine Boraldo as Archbishop Anthony Apuron looks on.

on training in cargo upload, down-load, tie-down and floor configurations.

“They were very enthusiastic to learn and seemed like they absorbed a lot of knowledge, said Staff Sgt. Ryan P. Senate, 312th loadmaster.

Other 349th representatives assisting the squadron included recruiting, comptroller, communications, security forces, aerial port, safety and the operations group.

The team members’ duties included providing benchmark training programs for the squadron to use during non-unit training assembly weekends, briefing the squadron’s senior managers about the intransit visibility system similar to that used by commercial transportation companies, addressing recruiting and retention issues, offering recommendations for expediting the pay process and obtaining updates on the progress of the 44th's EO 2000 training, as well as its three-mile walk requirements.

Travis reservists also offered their counterparts training and certification on forklifts and other heavy aircraft loading equipment, and provided a dial-up LAN capability, and access to E-mail and the World Wide Web.

The presentation of Air Mobility Command’s Air Reserve Component Aerial Port Unit of the Year for 1996 award was a highlight of the 349th's visit. Twice

in the past three years, the 44th was nominated for and won the award. The first was in 1994. Whaley presented the eagle trophy to 44th APS Commander Maj. Franklin Leon Guererro. Attending the ceremony to show their support of the reservists were Guam Lt. Gov. Madeleine Bordalo, Archbishop Anthony Apuron and various senators from the region.

After a few days, the Travis reservists said good-bye to their island counterparts and the warm, muggy weather. They boarded the C-5 for the long trip home, where 16 hours later, they traded sunglasses for jackets and the cold, rainy weather of Northern California, another mission successfully accomplished. ✈

Members from the 44th Aerial Port Squadron learn how to download a 25K-loader from the nose of a C-5 Galaxy.

Photo by Staff Sgt. M. Shayne Sewell



Travis tanker crews support *Operation Phoenix Scorpion*

Story by 1st Lt. Steven Zasueta
79th Air Refueling Squadron

Six KC-10s deployed from Travis AFB to join the North Eastern Tanker Task Force at Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., in support of Operation Phoenix Scorpion.

Forty-two Reserve crew members, all volunteers, from the 79th and 70th Air Refueling Squadrons comprised the crews for this six-ship deployment. Additionally, six staff members of the 79th ARS were also deployed. Several active duty members also deployed with the Reserve crews.

Other members of the crew who complemented the deployment included crew chiefs from the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron, one active duty flight surgeon from the 9th ARS and two active duty medical technicians.



U.S. Air Force Photo

Cargo is loaded on a Travis KC-10.



U.S. Air Force Photo

A wing is de-iced on a Travis KC-10.

This deployment was the first Reserve six-ship KC-10 deployment from Travis AFB.

The 79th and 70th ARS crews refueled F-15s and F-16s from the 347th Fighter Wing, Moody AFB, Ga., the 20th FW, Shaw AFB, S.C., and the 33rd FW at Eglin AFB, Fla. All together, the reservists off-loaded 429,720 pounds of JP-8 fuel during the five sorties.

The aircrews staged the refueling operation from Pease and dragged F-15 and F-16 fighters east of the Iberian peninsula over the Mediterranean Sea. The tankers recovered at Moron Air Base, Spain. The fighters then continued on to Shaikh Isa, Kuwait. ✈

Policy change eliminates promotion barrier

Air Force Reserve Command staff sergeants who are blocked from promotion consideration because of the authorized grade of their assigned position can compete for technical sergeant as of Dec. 1, 1997.

"These talented members deserve the opportunity to compete for promotion to tech sergeant and this policy provides that opportunity," said Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC vice commander.

The new policy applies to air reserve technicians and traditional reservists.

To qualify, reservists must have four or more years time in grade as a staff sergeant and 16 or more years satisfactory service. They also cannot have an unfavorable information file or an outstanding personnel incident notification file, or be on the unit control roster. Staff sergeants who are overages are not eligible for the

program.

During each promotion cycle, unit commanders review a roster to determine who they approve for promotion under this program. These promotions do not count against a unit's overall technical sergeant unit vacancy promotion manning.

Reserve military personnel flights have more information about this program. ✈

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History of the Air Force Reserve

The Early Years, 1916-1950

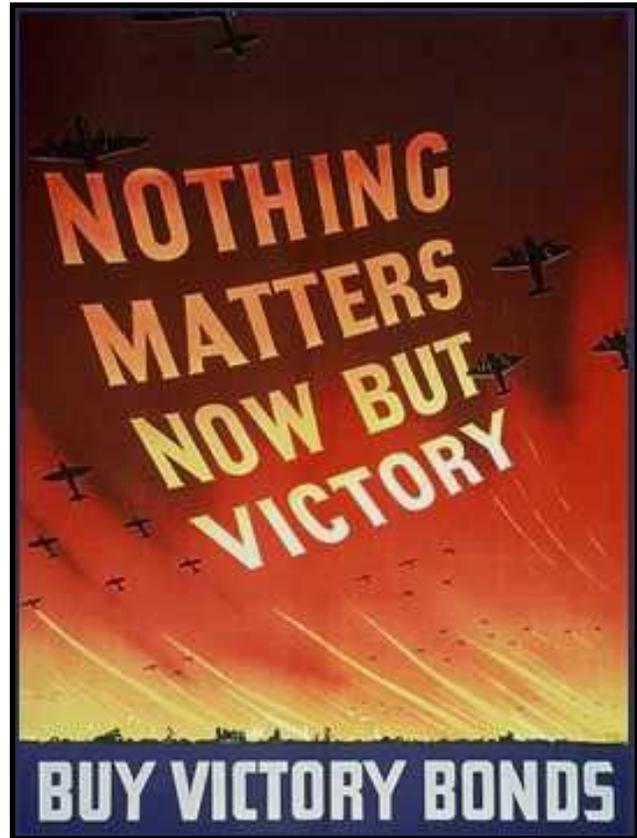
The United States Air Force Reserve traces its origins to the National Defense Act of June 1916. Among its provisions, the act authorized a reserve corps of 2,300 officer and enlisted aviators. Following America's entry into the First World War in April 1917, the War Department organized the First Reserve Aero Squadron in May 1917 and ordered it and a second squadron to active service soon after that. During the war, the reserve program provided approximately 10,000 pilots, graduates of civilian and military flying schools who served as Reserve Military Aviators.

The Air Corps Reserve did not escape the neglect that afflicted the American military establishment in the 1920s. The program was ill-defined and suffered from a shortage of money and modern equipment. During the 1930s, Congress funded modernization of the Army Air Corps; benefits soon reached the Reserve. By late 1940, there were 2,300 Air Corps reserve officers on active duty. At the end of 1941, the United States having now entered World War II, there were more than 19,400 Reservists on active duty with the Army Air Corps, including 9,257 pilots.

The first post-World War II Air Reserve program, directed by the Air Defense Command, took the form of a "flying club" with no objective beyond offering pilot proficiency training in World War II-vintage trainers, transports, and fighter aircraft. On July 1, 1946, the Reserve's first postwar training flight took place at Memphis, Tenn. After its establishment on Sept. 18, 1947, the United States Air Force

began investigating the idea of using organized units for the "flying club," without result. The United States Air Force Reserve, established on April 14, 1948, struggled from the outset with a shortage of funds and modern tactical aircraft.

The Air Force acknowledged the weaknesses that plagued the reserves, and worked to devise a more realistic



Victory Bond advertising poster from World War II.

and effective program. However, it took direct intervention from President Harry S Truman, in Executive Order 10007 (Oct. 15, 1948), to bring matters to a head. In response to this directive, the Air Force vested oversight of the Air Force Reserve program in the Air Staff-level Office of the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Reserve Forces, headed by Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada. The Air Force also established, on Dec. 1, 1948, an active duty major command, Continental Air Command (CONAC) to manage the Reserve field program (among its other missions).

General Quesada and the CONAC staff created a five-part Reserve program for Fiscal Year 1950. It included mobilization augmentees, corollary units, Table of Reorganization and Equipment (T/O&E) units, Volunteer Air Reserve training units, and a series of extension courses open to all Reservists. Planners initially believed that the first two categories were more important, but the T/O&E units soon became the heart of the reorganized and revitalized Air Force Reserve. This force included five light bombardment and twenty troop carrier wings. For the first time, Air Force Reservists now trained in tactical units designated for mobilization on short notice during crises. ✈
(*Courtesy, Directorate of Historical Services, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command*)



D-Day invasion map.

Where we stand

By Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh
Commander
Air Force Reserve Command

[EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following comments about volunteerism, readiness, modernization and recruiting are from the 1997 Air Force Reserve Readiness Report.*]

VOLUNTEERISM: When the Air Force needed augmentation or the president exercised his recall authority, Air Force Reserve Command met 100 percent of its obligations through volunteers. We have done this with great success since the end of the Gulf War. Volunteerism works for Air Force Reserve Command and is the way we prefer to do business. Our forces are immediately accessible and ready to roll up their sleeves and go to work.

READINESS: The current Reserve Component Force Structure is of sufficient size and composition to meet the wartime requirements identified by the Bottom-Up Review. Reserve missions and roles have expanded despite decreasing end strength. We are trained and resourced to meet our part of the National Military Strategy, and currently programmed with enough forces to help prosecute two major regional conflicts.

We are full participants in the Total Force Air Force. Our readiness has never been higher, and we are part of nearly every mission area. One of the keys to our success is compensating leverage as a force multiplier inherent within a fully trained and accessible force waiting on call. In reality, today's global situation dictates that we serve as a peacetime augmentation force as well as a ready, wartime force.

Air Force Reserve Command units maintain readiness levels on par with active-duty units. More than 95 percent of Air Reserve units are currently combat ready, closely paralleling our active force. Reserve units have modern equipment in quantities proportional to active-duty counterparts, and participate in day-to-day operations, exercises and training. In addition, Reserve units train to active-duty standards and receive regular inspections from their gaining major commands. During calendar year 1996 operational readiness inspections, 100 percent of the Reserve units inspected received satisfactory or higher ratings with 75

percent of these units rated as outstanding or excellent.

MODERNIZATION: Modern equipment directly impacts readiness. Congressional help in the past has provided us with aircraft and upgrades which have enhanced our ability to fly anywhere in the world on a moment's notice. The Air Reserve Component must continue to receive modern equipment at the same rate as the active-duty Air Force. This will ensure that all three Air Force components maintain the same level of readiness. This is another area that must be closely watched in this era of drawdown and decreasing investment budgets.

Air Force Reserve Command directly aligns itself with the vision, goals and core competencies of the active-duty Air Force. Similarly, the mission capabilities of Air Force Reserve Command and the equipment upgrades required to meet our mission taskings correlate one-for-one with the primary mission areas of the active-duty gaining commands.

RECRUITING: Air Force Reserve Command continues to face challenges in recruiting and advertising. As indicated in our own independent studies and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Youth Attitude Tracking Surveys:

- * The trend for young men and women to join any military service is down;
- * We are in competition with our sister services and civilian job market, and

* Since the active-duty drawdown (of the mid-1990s) is over, we are affected even more dramatically by the societal reaction to affiliating with a military service.

Historically, we've been dependent on recruiting prior-service personnel, who have proven an excellent pre-trained resource. In fiscal year 1997, we expect approximately 13,500 eligible personnel to leave active duty, down from nearly 40,000 per year averaged in the early 90s.

We've not developed our non-prior service advertising campaign because a very small percentage, about 10 percent, of our total accession mix has come from that arena. As that percentage grows, so must the percent of our total advertising campaign dedicated to that market. The non-prior service market is much more difficult, expensive, and time consuming to successfully compete within, especially without the dollars we need. The current environment and constrained resources will make meeting end strength in FY 1997 and beyond more difficult. (AFRC News Service) ➔



349th SFS ‘Defender’ becomes first ‘Raven’

Story by Tech. Sgt. Larry Roberts
349th Security Forces Squadron

When Staff Sgt. David Smith, 349th Security Forces Squadron, completed the newly-developed Phoenix Raven Training Program, he became the first ever reservist to do so.

Smith completed the training at the Air Mobility Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J., where he endured 12-hour days of the most specialized training currently offered to Security Force members.

The newly-developed program trains selected “Defenders” to provide force protection for aircrews when traveling to locations where security is inadequate.

Smith, who has been a security force member for five years, is no stranger to challenging assignments.

While on active duty, Smith attended such schools as Air Base Defense, 81 mm mortar, and was assigned to the PACAF Elite Guard. In addition to Phoenix Raven training, Smith recently completed the Military Police Investigator School and is currently working as an investigator with the 60th Security Forces Squadron. ➔



(Photo by Senior Airman Gary Arasin)

Staff Sgt. David A. Smith

First reservist selected as Travis NCO of the Quarter

Story by Staff Sgt. Steven O. Ontiveros

The 349th Security Forces Squadron had another first when Staff Sgt. Vince Coons was selected as the first reservist ever to be awarded the active duty title of NCO of the Quarter for Travis AFB.

Coons was selected from a panel which consisted of only active duty members.

"It was quite an honor and also a historic event to be chosen," Coons said. "Considering this is the first time anyone from the Reserve ever made it, I am very glad to have been selected."

Coons was serving on an active duty tour with the 60th Security Forces Squadron and was eligible due to that tour.

"This is a real bold move," said Maj. Michael R. McKinnon, 349th SFS commander, adding “we are trying to lead the way so that all of the support squadrons will work closer together with the active duty.”

Coons also augments the 60th SFS by performing law enforcement duties such as patrols and code enforcement.

The 349th SFS regularly sends Reserve members to augment the 60th SFS for patrol and other duties. Reservists make up about 30 per cent of all security forces on UTA weekends. ➔



(Photo by Kristina Cilia, BVJSC)

Staff Sgt. Vincent B. Coons

***Promotions* To Technical Sergeant**

(Promotions effective: Dec. 1, 1997)



Alexis B. Abdrin, 349th CRS
Danilo D. Afable, 945th AGS
Ramon C. Ancheta, 48th APS
Robert A. Avancena, 349th CRS
Mamerto E. Bagaioisan, 749th AGS
Edgar F. Balmorez, 945th AGS
Kenneth W. Berg, 55th APS
Theodore O. Bernier, 55th APS
Craig A. Binning, 349th CRS
David J. Bonaime, 749th AGS
Robbie G. Brown, 349th CRS
Eufracio M. Bugarin, 48th APS
Larry D. Chavez, 749th AGS
Nolan A. Cochran, 749th AGS
Jose A. Cruz, 945th AGS
William W. Davenport, 349th MSS
Isabelo J. Delacruz, 945th AGS
Hubert W. Demerin, 349th EMS
Ranona R. Dunn, 749th AGS
Tony L. Eamick, 349th CRS
Marcelo B. J. Garcia, 55th APS
Richard T. Garr, 349th EMS
Eric J. Grafe, 349th EMS
Connie R. Harris, 945th AGS
Martin B. Harris, 48th APS
Vicky L. Hedger, 349th CRS

Alvin H. Iha, 48th APS
Anthony B. Jose, 45th APS
Leighton A. Kalapa, 48th APS
Richard D. Kauffman, 349th EMS
Gloria J. Kosinski, 349th EMS
Kenneth F. Lardie, 349th AGS
Carlos L. Lemus, 349th CRS
Phillip C. Lumley, 45th APS
George Manasewitsch, 749th AGS
Sherry A. Mangalao, 48th APS
Abelardo D. Mangrubang, 604th LSF
Dennis J. Martin, 945th AGS
Milton T. Matsuda, 48th APS
Ian A. McWhorter, 349th CRS
Fareed Mohamed, 349th EMS
Luis Morfa, 349th EMS
Sara L. Murdock, 349th CH, Det 2
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Shawn M. Ojeda, 349th CRS
Kenneth T. Ono, 48th APS
Eric L. Palmer, 45th APS
Camillo C. Perrotta, 349th EMS
Falviano A. Ramos, 45th APS

Ferdinand J. Relosimon, 349th CRS
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