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COMMANDER'S CORNER



by Col. James T. Rubeor
349th AMW Commander

Welcome to the October UTA! It should be a fun and productive start to the new fiscal year!

First things first. We are officially reducing the size of the commute area! There are many people who have helped in this effort but I want to thank **Capt. Heather Capella** who has been working this issue hard the last two months. Our goal is to offer lodging to all our reservists who live more than 50 miles or one hour's driving time away. Accordingly, here is a list of ZIP codes for areas that fall within 50 miles or one hour's driving time. If your address is in one of these zip codes, then you will commute:

94203	94208	94209	94211	94229	94232	94234
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94245	94246	94247	94248	94249	94250	94252
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94263	94267	94268	94269	94271	94273	94274
94277	94278	94279	94280	94282	94284	94285
94286	94287	94288	94289	94290	94291	94293
94294	94295	94296	94297	94298	94299	94507
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94575	94581	94585	94589	94590	94591	94592
94595	94596	94597	94598	94599	94604	94607
94608	94609	94610	94612	94615	94616	94617
94620	94623	94626	94643	94649	94650	94659
94660	94662	94701	94702	94703	94704	94705
94706	94707	94708	94709	94710	94712	94720
94801	94802	94803	94804	94805	94806	94807
94808	94820	94850	94992	95433	95487	95605
95616	95617	95618	95620	95625	95627	95653
95686	95687	95688	95691	95694	95695	95696
95697	95776	95798	95799	95812	95813	95814
95816	95817	95818	95819	95833	95834	95840
95857	95867	95873	95887	95894	95899	

It stands to reason that if your ZIP code is not listed above, you are eligible to stay in lodging when you perform duty at the base. This change, by the way, represents an increase of approximately 500 people who are now eligible for lodging.

Here is how we will implement the change. **Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Firpo**, Personnel System Management, will generate the necessary lists of those who are now eligible for lodging. Your units will have them available at sign-in for the October UTA. You need to annotate whether you will need lodging for the November UTA. So, while we are announcing the change in October, November will be the first month we actually implement it. Your unit lodging monitor should have all the details. Please bear with us while we make the transition.

I want to cover one issue in detail. The toughest area for us was Oakland. It is a high density area that stretches from the Carquinez Bridge to south of Oakland. We had to draw a line in

there somewhere. We can go over the rationale if you like, but the point I want to make is this: the time it takes to get from Oakland to the base varies dramatically depending on the traffic. We set the boundaries such that your commute would be less than 50 miles or one hour in most circumstances.

If you have a period of duty where your commute will exceed one hour because of traffic, your commander has the latitude to authorize you lodging for the period of that duty. We will publish the procedures for this exception in our lodging policy letter and make sure unit lodging monitors are aware of it.

As I have mentioned before, our smaller commute area will put increased pressure on an already stressed lodging office here at Travis. The short-term solution is to increase the number of local hotels that have contracts with the base. We have done that, but I must tell you – there's a possibility your hotel may be farther away than you would like. The long-term solution is to increase the on-base lodging capacity. I have good news to report on that front!

Brig. Gen. Tom Kane, 60th AMW commander, and I went to Washington, D.C., to work that issue and several others of importance to Team Travis. We met with Mr. Art Meyers, SAF/IL, who is in charge of all the Services units in the Air Force. Mr. Meyers was very aware of the lodging shortage here at Travis and identified us as one of only four bases in the Air Force that are his top priorities. So the issue is not if we will get more lodging, but when! It is still a little early to lock in an exact date, but I'm hopeful we can see it by FY03 or 04. We'll keep you posted.

We won the overall base competition for ATWIND! Thanks so much to everyone who participated and to all the great supporters who went the extra mile to get our folks registered. Team Travis received a check for \$50,000 which we used to buy new equipment for squadron picnics - canopies, aluminum picnic tables, etc. – as well as some extra money for the library. Your participation made it possible! The competition was so successful, by the way, that AMC is looking at ATWIND III for next summer!

We also had one of the grand prize winners! **Tech. Sgt. Johnny Yu**, 349th ASTS, won a new Ford Focus! That was good news for the Yu family -- his oldest daughter, **Jilaine**, just got her driving license!

We have a new commander in the 55th APS! **Maj. Anthony D. Jones** assumed command in a ceremony last UTA, Sept. 16. Witnessing this important transition of responsibilities were his wife, **Kathy**, and his children, **Kendall** and **Kyle**, as well as the proud in-laws, **Tom** and **Margie Staley**. **Major Jones** has a distinguished record of service in the 349th EMS, 749th AGS, 349th AGS and during Desert Storm as OIC of the 71st Aircraft Maintenance Unit. Anthony is a superstar and will do a great job in the 55th APS!

In this edition of the CONTACT you'll find a great article on the East Bay Stand Down, a report on our outstanding Civil Engineers AEF deployment to Southwest Asia, a piece by **Maj. Efrain Marrero** about pilot training and many other great articles. Enjoy! ➔

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT'S CORNER

by Chief Master Sgt. Anthony L. Maddux



Fall is here and with this new season are many significant events. From the first Presidential election of the new millennium to the 349th Air Mobility Wing Combat Dining-In, this will be a very busy and historic time.

One event we should all be proud of is our annual Honor Guard Appreciation Day, Oct. 28, which is sponsored by the Top Three Council. It's our way to recognize the best Honor Guard team in Air Force Reserve Command for a job well done and to foster esprit de corps throughout the wing.

Master Sgt. Paul McCullough, Honor Guard superintendent, and the entire team continue to recruit new members, train, and perform at numerous events throughout the year. Since last year's event, we've more than doubled the size of our Honor Guard! This is a great achievement.

We're also in the final phase of planning for the Combat Dining-In scheduled for Oct. 28. Senior Master Sgt. Jim Majors, the event coordinator, and a whole host of volunteers are going to make this the best event of the year! With the Air Force losing its greatest asset in record numbers, it's even more important to have events and ceremonies that recognize our people and build morale.

One very special way we can support our Air Force is to get involved. Participating in events helps to build closer ties to other wing members and instills pride in all members who turn a vision into reality. Believe me, every event requires the work of many people behind the scenes. Backstage are the people who plan the "who, what and where."

These tasks would be impossible for even the most efficient person to handle alone. Without volunteers, many of these events wouldn't take place. We need to realize that by being involved in these activities, we're supporting our Air Force family. We owe it to the people to step up to the plate and participate in these events. It's truly a win-win situation for the people behind the scenes who are learning and gaining experiences that will enhance their careers, plus everyone gets to enjoy a top-notch event.

Putting together a function is challenging, as well as rewarding. Don't be afraid to volunteer; it's a time-honored Air Force tradition. You may even be given a chance to perfect your skill at properly paying tribute at the grog bowl. ➔

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Photos by Tech. Sgt. Shayne Sewell

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The road to pilot training

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So you want to go to pilot training but you're unsure of how to get there? This article should provide some insight into the requirements and process for successfully securing a slot to Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Your first step is to contact your local Air Force recruiter. He or she is the expert and can help you collect all the necessary forms and documents for your UPT package. The recruiter will also schedule your required tests and physicals and refer you to the appropriate people in the flying units. The two Air Force instructions which determine your eligibility for UPT are Air Force Reserve Command Instruction 36-2602 and 349th Air Mobility Wing Instruction 36-2202.

The following are just some of the many requirements. You must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. A technical or science degree strengthens your package but any degree with a high grade point average is acceptable. The maximum age limit by the start date of your UPT class is 30 years old. Age waivers are possible, but difficult to obtain.

The documents that you will need include your college transcripts, AF Form 215 (Officer Application for Training), AF Form 1288 (Application for Ready Reserve Assignment), and a copy of your Private Pilot Certificate. 349 AMWI 36-2202 Table 1 is an excellent source which outlines the contents necessary in your UPT application package.

Next, your recruiter should schedule your Basic Attributes Tester and the Air Education and Training Command certified flight physical. The BAT measures pilot aptitude with emphasis on hand/eye coordination, short term memory and person-

ality. This score is later incorporated into your Pilot Candidate Selection Method score. The PCSM is an index that quantifies a pilot candidate's aptitude for success at UPT. The score is comprised of previous flying hours, Air Force Officer Qualification Test pilot score, and BAT score. A private pilot license is not a requirement but rarely does a squadron sponsor a candidate without it.

After you have completed the UPT application package, your recruiter should put you in contact with the chief pilot of each flying unit. This is one of your most important steps because without a squadron sponsoring you for pilot training, your chances are slim. The number of candidates sponsored depends on the squadrons' needs. On average, each squadron accepts one or two applicants a year.



During the year, the squadron will convene a UPT selection board a few months prior to the wing board. The 349th AMW selection boards normally convene two months prior to the AFRC selection boards, which are usually held in March and September.

What are we looking for? First and foremost, we're looking for candidates who are or will become exceptional officers in the Air Force Reserve. Secondly, we try to identify candidates with the strongest potential for successfully completing flight training. We do this by reviewing the packages and then interviewing each candidate.

It's imperative that your package be complete and accurate and that it present your best record. Some of the items we look for in the

UPT package are your grade point average, type of degree, AFOQT score, PCSM score, flying experience, performance reports and letters of recommendation.

On the average, the GPA is above a 3.0; and AFOQT scores are: pilot-76, navigation-65, aptitude-52, verbal-53 and quantitative-52. The average PCSM score on the previous AFRC board was 79 with an average flight time of 200 hours. Again, these are only averages but will give you a rough idea of where you stand compared to others who have competed for UPT slots.

Letters of recommendation are a very important part of your package. We especially look at who has written the recommendation. Someone in a leadership position, preferably with flying experience, tends to carry more weight.

If you're fortunate enough to secure a squadron sponsorship, then your next step will be to interview with the 349th AMW board. You will go through the same process at the wing board as you did at the squadron, except you are now competing against other squadrons' candidates. The board is comprised of officers from each flying unit in the wing. It will evaluate your potential as an officer and/or your ability to successfully complete pilot training.

If you're successful in the interview your package is then forwarded to the AFRC selection board. At this board, only your package goes before the board members.

As you can see, there is much involved in the road to UPT. It is important that you start early, do your research, and put your best UPT package together. Remember to not only apply to this wing but also other Reserve and Air National Guard wings throughout the United States. If everything goes well, you will be selected and given the opportunity of a lifetime. ➔

Sailing into the sunset

Story and photos by
Maj. Anne F. Macdonald

Tucked into a sheltered cove a stone's throw from the Golden Gate Bridge is one of Travis Air Force Base's best-kept secrets: the Presidio Yacht Club.

Not to be confused with the bigger, more luxurious (and pricier!) St. Francis Yacht Club directly across the bay in San Francisco's Marina District, the PYC is strictly for military members and federal civilians. And the best part of the deal is that members don't even have to own a boat to enjoy the club. The PYC offers sailboats for rent, charter cruises, and sailing lessons all at reasonable rates.

The club owns several sailboats, including one 30-foot and two 27-foot Catalinas, and a Columbia 26, which are used for sailing lessons and rentals. Members who are not yet qualified to sail alone can cruise San Francisco Bay under the Rent-a-Skipper program, featuring American Sailing Association-certified PYC boat skippers. These charters can take up to seven people and cost approximately \$75 for four hours; reservations are a must.



The PYC sailing school caters to raw beginners as well as sailors looking to upgrade their skills. San Francisco Bay is widely recognized as one of the more challenging inland waterways in the world, featuring strong winds, rapidly changing currents, and a great deal of traffic, ranging from supertankers to ferryboats to sailboards. Those who earn their basic keelboat certification in this difficult environment can boast of impressive skills. And of course, PYC membership also includes reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs and facilities.

Those who do own boats can take advantage of the PYC's berthing and storing spaces and shop facilities. During the sailing year, the PYC offers sail race days and other special events. Members are welcome to use the Clubhouse, which features weekend breakfast and lunch, gourmet dinners, fireplace, grand piano, and an unbelievable view of the Bay, the Golden Gate Bridge, and San Francisco skyline.

The PYC, located on Fort Baker, is also close to the Golden Gate Recreational Area, the Bay Discovery Museum, and many historical military sites spread out among the Marin Headlands and beaches, San Francisco, and Sausalito.

Membership costs \$10 per month; the basic keelboat certification course is less than \$150, and boat rentals cost less than \$50 for four hours. "Because we're a Services program, our prices are really reasonable," said Dave "Archie" Archer, the PYC marina manager. "And members can participate in monthly workdays to save money.

"PYC membership is really a great deal," he continued. "We have a spectacular bay to sail on, and very experienced people for instructors. Our membership is made up of folks from all over. Two strangers can become instant friends because they have something they love in common. Come visit us any weekend, and we'll be glad to show you around." ➔

How to get there

From Travis AFB: Take interstate 80 west to Highway 37. Follow Highway 37 to Highway 101 south. Go south on Highway 101 through the Waldo Tunnel. Take the last exit (Sausalito) before the Golden Gate Bridge. Loop around to the right, under Highway 101. Take the first left turn and turn right before the tunnel to Fort Cronkhite. At the stop sign, turn right. Go down the hill toward the bay and turn right at the large tree. Drive past the Coast Guard Station and follow signs to the Presidio Yacht Club.

Visit the Travis Sailing Center homepage at www.60thservices.com and select the Outdoor Activities link, or call the PYC at 1-877-792-6060 or 415-332-2319. Prices subject to change.

Civil engineers deployment

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Shayne Sewell

Sand, dust and temperatures in the 120s and 130s is what 11 civil engineer members from the 349th Air Mobility Wing had to endure during their two-week Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, dubbed "The Rock," July 30 through Aug. 13.

The 9th Air Expeditionary Group mission at "The Rock" is to provide combat rescue, theater airlift, aeromedical evacuation, air surveillance and control, theater ballistic missile defense, as well as force protection, combat support and the ability to survive and operate for coalition air, ground and other operations.

"Working in this area of operation is different than any temporary duty that a military member will ever experience. We are at the tip of the spear to help implement our nation's policy through accomplishing our mission," said Col. Dave Dingley, 9th AEG commander.

"This is practically a bare base and the civil engineers' job is crucial here," said Capt. Chris Fuller, a 9th AEG base civil engineer, here on a 90-day active duty rotation. Some of the projects that the 349th civil engineers completed during their two-week stay in Kuwait were finishing the new laundry facility, maintaining the power production site, laying concrete in the new base gym and Base Exchange, surveying the new permanent-party trailer site, burying cables underground, and keeping power supplied to the base 24 hours a day.

Each civil engineer had specific jobs that they were responsible for depending on their specialty. Capt. Oai C. Lam, engineering officer, worked on the new plans for billeting, permanent party trailers, and a new dining facility.



Master Sgt. Mark Duewel smooths out newly poured concrete in the base gym.

Master Sgt. Mark E. Duewel, engineering assistant and Senior Airman Beloved Bloom, engineering assistant, worked on an automated computer drawing program for those plans. Bloom also worked closely with the active duty members to survey the new permanent-party trailer site using a range pole, which gives the

elevation of a location, and total station which measures the distance of the horizon angle of an area.

Tech. Sgt. Antonio P. Dandoy Jr., electrical specialist, spent his two weeks maintaining the secondary distribution center that feeds electricity to common 120-volt outlets on the base. "I worked standby at night doing service calls when the power went out," said Dandoy. "When this happened I had to come in and transfer the power from the generator to the secondary distribution center." Tech. Sgt. Armando V. Nati and Staff Sgt. Ronald R. Nielson, power production specialists, worked on the oil and fuel systems of the power generators that supplied power to the base in addition to running the power plant itself.

Tech. Sgt. Robert R. Martinez, a utility systems specialist, better known as a plumber, worked on keeping the water supplied to the showers, sinks and toilets on base. Martinez was part of a team of active duty plumbers



Tech. Sgt. Martinez applies glue to install plumbing pipe in the laundry facility.



Staff Sgt. Ronald Nielson adjusts the fuel system on a base electrical generator.

supports Southern Watch

who every morning had to turn on the water pumps at the cistern in order to fill the storage tanks that provided water to the base. The cistern gets the water from an underground source that fills two water storage tanks each holding 100,000 gallons of water. The plumbers are responsible for the maintenance and operation of these pumps and pipes to ensure that there is adequate daily water supply to the base. He was also responsible for waste disposal on base and worked closely with his active duty colleagues to dispose of that waste.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas E. Medellin, heating and air conditioning specialist, worked hard to keep the offices, working and living areas air conditioned. He repaired refrigeration boxes and conducted preventative maintenance on air conditioning units to prevent overheating. He also repaired the air conditioning units at a radio communication site. Without air conditioning, mission essential radio equipment would

shut down due to the extreme heat, severely impacting mission readiness.

Staff Sgts. Cindi Schlitz and Michael J. Evans, structural specialists, worked outside in the scorching hot sun putting a new roof and side panels on the new laundry facility. They also constructed plywood boxes used to protect high voltage power lines that were placed above ground around the base.

Staff Sgt.

Michael A. Lowery, an equipment and pavement maintenance specialist, operated a rock trencher, motor grader and other heavy equipment around the base to dig trenches, bury power lines, and move equipment from one place to another. "I had the opportunity to operate a piece of equipment that I had not operated before," said Lowery.

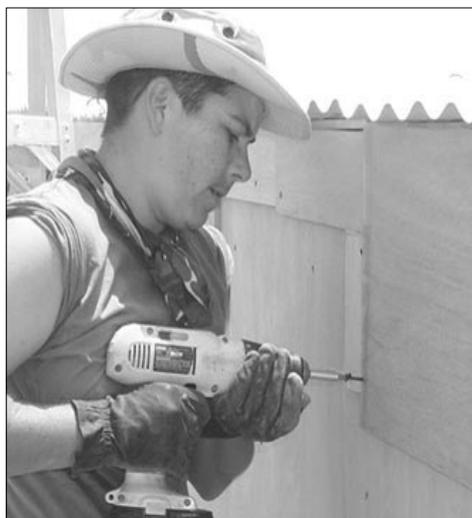
In addition to their specific duties, Captain Lam and Sergeants Lowery, Schlitz, Bloom, and Duwel all helped to pour cement at the base gym and BX over a three-day period. "We poured more than 75 cubic meters of cement at the gym and BX combined," said Schlitz.

This CE team is just one team that has deployed under the AEF concept. Eight more 349th AMW civil engineering members deployed for two weeks in August



Tech. Sgt. Antonio Dandoy flips a secondary distribution center switch turning on power to base outlets.

under the AEF concept to Turkey in support of Northern Watch. They were Master Sgts. Robert A. Stettler, structural manager, and Phillip S. Rios, Jr., utilities specialist; Tech. Sgt. Gregory A. Meyer, pavement and equipment supervisor; Staff Sgts. John C. Steger, structural specialist, and Larry S. Tow, heating and air conditioning specialist; and Senior Airmen Christopher Schoenwandt, electrical systems specialist, Jeffery W. Roxberg, power production specialist, and Dante T. Walker, electrical specialist. ✈



Staff Sgt. Cindi Schlitz attaches side panels to the new laundry facility.



Staff Sgt. Michael Lowery operates heavy equipment to dig trenches at "The Rock."

MAS feeds Civil Air Patrol

Virginia deployment challenges squadron's preparation skills

by 1st Lt. Dawn Young

Pulling annual tour can sometimes be dull and mundane, but not this year for a select few members of the 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron.

Members from the 349th MAS had their annual tour spiced up when they were given the opportunity to deploy in support of the Civil Air Patrol (National Flight Academy from Virginia), July 22- Aug. 5.

The five-member team's destination spot for the deployment was Fort Pickett, Va., near the town of Blackstone. The CAP deploys to Fort Pickett yearly to not only use its landing strip, but also to maintain and gain Cessna flying hours for its members.

While deployed, the mission for the 349th MAS team was to provide three hot meals a day to the 40-member CAP crew.

Preparing the meals were Tech. Sgt. James Rice, team leader; Staff Sgt. Susan Hilbelink and Senior Airmen Christian Blankenship, Orion Valles and Katrian Harden.

"The dining facility and kitchen equipment were all from the World War II time period," said Rice. "This provided a learning activity in itself."

The entire kitchen area had to first be cleaned and inventoried before any food preparation and cooking could take place.

Creating and preparing the food was not as easy as opening a box, heating and eating. The team had to decide what meals to serve, if the right equipment was present to prepare the food, and go downtown to purchase all the needed supplies.

"At first we were ending up with a lot of leftovers. Not because the food was bad, but because the team had always practiced at the Travis dining facility and was used to preparing 1,400 meals, not just 40," said Rice. "Soon the scaling down was under control and the operation ran smoothly. I believe the folks enjoyed our cooking."

As time came to an end, the team needed to ensure the inventory was zero balanced by the last day.

"It was a challenge," said Rice. "We had to deal with a lot of different issues. You just can't fly back home with a 50-pound bag of potatoes. We had to ensure we used everything up."

According to Col. Roland Butler, director of the National Flight Academy, "They created a unique menu, which provided a variety of meals and accommodated the varied taste of everyone. They are to be commended for their efforts and devotion to duty."

The 349th MAS has many other hidden talents besides just cooking.

Designed as a combat support unit, the 349th MAS trains on a monthly basis in the base dining hall, fitness center and lodging office during peacetime.

These same specialists could also be called upon to work in the port mortuary at any time. Performing port mortuary support includes the processing of human remains during wartime, contingencies, and mass casualty incidents involving Department of Defense personnel. ➔

Dental health is an AFRC priority

Beginning in February 2001, a new dental program will be initiated throughout the Department of Defense. This new program requires an annual dental examination for each reservist. Previously the dental examinations for reservists were required every three years.

Also happening in February, the 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron will send out letters to each wing member notifying him/her of the timeline for their dental examination.

Each individual will have a minimum of 90 days to accomplish the examination on a reserve weekend or with their private dentist.

The time frame is based on the member's birth month, with the date

of expiration coinciding with the last day of that month.

For example, a member whose birthday is Sept. 15 should receive notification in June, and complete the examination and turn-in the documentation to the 349th AMDS by Sept. 30.

Reservists may elect to have their civilian/private dentist accomplish the majority of the examinations; a brief form would be provided for the civilian dentist to complete and return to the 349th AMDS. The information provided will be used by the military dentist to determine the dental classification of the member.

Examination by a military dentist must be done at least every 36

months. This is because a civilian dentist may not determine military dental classification and a dental officer must examine all potential Class III patients before profile is changed, updated or established. Reservists may have a civilian diagnosis reviewed by a dental officer on a "space A" basis.

The program is built to work in conjunction with the new TriCare Dental Insurance Program, which will provide dental coverage for reservists and their families. Specifics regarding the TriCare Dental Insurance Program were published in the August issue of *Contact* magazine.

(Information provided by the 349th Medical Group) ➔

Reservists give homeless veterans medical care

by Capt. Tania Daniels

“It was a very productive and worthwhile endeavor,” commented Chief Master Sgt. Victor Camacho, 749th Aircraft Generation Squadron, when he was asked about his recent help with the East Bay Stand Down 2000. “Hopefully, it can get bigger every year and more people will volunteer because it was a lot of hard work.”

The EBSD, held Sept. 7-10 at the Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Center near Dublin, Calif., provided outreach to homeless veterans throughout the Bay Area. It’s a grass roots community intervention program that enlisted the help of Travis reservists.

With the goal of improving the lives of homeless vets and assisting them in reentering the mainstream through provision of an array of medical, social, economic and legal services, more than 100 349th Air Mobility Wing members volunteered their time for this worthy effort.

Homeless veterans were brought by bus to Camp Parks during the four-day period and reservists, along with volunteers from the other military services and various veteran



349th AES Capt. Lizabeth Rose checks a homeless veteran’s records during the East Bay Stand Down in September.

and health care organizations, provided medical care, camp set up and tear down, safety patrols, veteran transportation and other support.

“Members of the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron volunteered more than 200 hours to the EBSD,” said Capt. Lizabeth Rose, 349th AES. “We manned two thirds of the shifts for the medical clinic

and saw more than 75 patients.

“During the last EBSD,” said Rose, “there was no medical support in the camp from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Numerous 911 calls were required during these times to react to routine and urgent medical needs. But this year with the support of the 349th AMW, over 75 patients were treated during the off hours with only one 911 call having to be placed.”

“One of the highlights for me,” said Camacho, “was that Air Force, Army and Navy personnel were working side by side during this. We realized that we didn’t really know what each service did beyond the typical mission, such as the Air Force flying planes, the Army shooting weapons and the Navy sailing ships. We learned that we all do some of the same things and were able to get out there and teach each other.”

Participants from the 349th AMW also included members of the 312th Airlift Squadron, 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 349th AMW Plans, 349th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 82nd Aerial Port Squadron, and 70th Air Refueling Squadron. ✈

Honor Guard Appreciation Day, Combat Dining-In set for Oct. 28

The 349th Air Mobility Wing will celebrate Honor Guard Appreciation Day and hold a Combat Dining-In on Oct. 28.

Honor Guard festivities will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building P-31 (Pizza Hut). The entire wing is invited and lunch will be served.

The Combat Dining-In begins at 5 p.m in hangar P-14, the new KC-10 hangar on Hangar Road near the flightline. The guest speaker at the Combat Dining-In will be Maj. Gen. David R. Smith, vice commander of the Air Force Reserve Command.

Also invited to attend are the 60th AMW commander and senior leadership, first sergeants, chief master sergeants, and superintendents, as well as representatives from the U.S Army and Navy tenant organizations who reside and work on base.

Attire for the Combat Dining-In is any utility uniform; however, it is suggested that people bring Gortex or other waterproof garments.

Tickets for the wing’s largest social event of the year are \$5 a person and may be purchased from unit first sergeants.

For more information on these events, contact Chief Master Sgt. Anthony L. Maddux, the wing’s Command Chief Master Sergeant, at (707) 424-3922.

ANTHONY JONES TAKES 55TH APS REINS

Maj. Anthony D. Jones assumed command of the 55th Aerial Port Squadron in a ceremony here Sept. 16. His previous assignment was as a maintenance supervisor for the 349th Aircraft Generation Squadron. Jones replaces the late Maj. Richard "Gale" Weller.

AIR FORCE UNVEILS NEW TV COMMERCIALS

WASHINGTON — Evoking feelings of "pride and patriotism, fascination and diversity," the Air Force has wrapped up test screenings of its new television commercials, which premiered Aug. 25 in movie theaters and Sept. 2 on network and cable TV.

"These commercials are the next offensive in our war on recruiting and retention," said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. "At the heart of the issue is retaining the quality people we have in America's Air Force today and getting our story out to people considering what to do with their lives — and to the people who influence them."

Gen. Mike Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, expects the new ads to help boost recruiting and retention by focusing audiences on the challenges and rewards of Air Force service. "These ads reflect the intangible rewards of pride, honor and the higher calling of serving our nation," he said. "They also showcase our incredible people."

Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, said the six new commercials consistently portray the dedication and professionalism of Air Force people performing important missions every day. "We did a lot of research," he said, "that told us we need to advertise on television to help us reach potential recruits and the general public, and also to recognize the people currently serving."

"These ads convey important messages: the Air Force does a lot for our country, the Air Force is a diverse family of extraordinary Americans, the Air Force is hiring, and the Air Force values and appreciates its people," Ryan said.

Describing the cost of the project, Rand said, "We spent \$4.4 million producing the ads, and another \$28.2 million on television and theater advertising which will reach millions of people during the coming year."

The ads were produced for the Air Force by Siegelgale, a branding and advertising firm in New York. Siegelgale scripted several proposals and hired a Hollywood production company, MJZ, to film the ads at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and Eglin and Hurlburt AFBs in Florida earlier this year.

The job of directing the new commercials went to Bob Richardson, an Academy Award winner whose credits include being director of photography for box office hits such as "Platoon," "A Few Good Men," "JFK" and "Wag the Dog."

The ads depict scenes of a KC-10 Extender refueling a B-2 Spirit and F-117A Nighthawks. Additional

scenes include aerial shots of the F-22 Raptor, as well as F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-15 Eagle fighters flying over the Mojave Desert.

But it's not just glitzy airplanes that are showcased in the commercials. Bill Coker, assistant director, said the ad campaign's central theme was to show what it means to be an Air Force member.

"The ads emphasize Air Force people," he said. "You often see hardware (in past commercials) because it's exotic and exciting. But what these ads show is the team spirit and sense of adventure in what the rest of the Air Force does. The part that (the public) doesn't get to see very much, such as what it takes to launch a bomber or fighter."

He said the commercials also serve as a salute to those who work in support roles. All airmen "should see themselves as role models," Coker said.

The commercials also tested a new theme line for the Air Force, "America's Air Force — 'No One Comes Close.' 'No One Comes Close' really describes our Air Force," said Rand. "People in the focus groups interpreted this to mean no other country in the world comes close to the U.S.; no other Air Force in the world comes close to doing what we do; and no other endeavor comes close to the high-tech opportunities available to people in the Air Force."

"'No One Comes Close' offers lots of other communication advantages," said the general. "For example, no one comes close to our technical sophistication, no one comes close to our education opportunities, and no one comes close to what we offer our members."

"Ultimately, we want these ads to evoke strong positive feelings and a greater understanding and awareness of the Air Force, our people and our mission," Peters said. (AF News Service; Ray Johnson, Air Force Flight Test Center public affairs, Edwards AFB, Calif., contributed to this article)

DEFENSE BILL FUNDS FOR MORE RESERVISTS

WASHINGTON - Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will receive an increase in its annual operating budget and funding for more military personnel.

Under the FY 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations Act signed by the president Aug. 9, AFRC will get \$2.836 billion compared to \$2.682 billion for FY 2000. The spending bill allocates \$83.6 billion to the Air Force, \$288 billion to the Defense Department, and includes a 3.7 percent military pay raise effective Jan. 1.

For the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, 2001, funding for AFRC will permit a Selected Reserve end strength of 74,470. The FY 2001 bill also calls for 1,336 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions and 9,733 full-time air reserve technician positions.

Congress and the president both agreed to give more money to the Reserve. However, Congress added funding for some programs but subtracted some \$68.6

million from the president's total proposal with offsets.

Under the reserve personnel appropriation, AFRC will get \$971 million in FY 2001, a \$92 million increase compared to last year.

This year the president recommended \$1.886 billion - a \$72 million increase - in operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and administer the command. O&M funds pay for civilian employees, including ARTs, flying hours and depot maintenance. These funds also cover repair of facilities and equipment; travel and transportation; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies and equipment; and communication.

As in the past, the president did not request money

for Guard and Reserve equipment, but Congress did, though not as generously as in the past. This time Congress added \$4.97 million for miscellaneous equipment, such as simulators, avionics equipment and radios. Last year Congress tacked on \$20 million for miscellaneous equipment.

Besides programs included in the FY 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Congress provided funding for military construction projects in the FY 2001 Military Construction Appropriations Act. President Clinton signed the MILCON bill into public law July 13. AFRC's portion for military construction is \$36.6 million. (AFRC News Service)

Wing Civil Service Vacancies

UNIT	SERIES	ART	NON-ART	VACANCIES	POSITIONS
349AMW/CCX	GS-0343-12	X		1	Management Analyst
349AMW/XP	GS-0346-11	X		1	Program Analysis Officer
349AMW/HO	GS-0318-04		X	1	Secretary (Office Automation)
349 AMW/FM	GS-0545-05		X	1	Military Pay Technician
349 OG	GS-0335-07	X		1	Computer Assistant
79 ARS	GS-2181-13	X		1	Airplane Pilot
301 AS	GS-2181-14	X		1	Aircraft Operations Officer
301 AS	GS-0301-12	X		1	Airplane Flight Instructor
301 AS	GS-0303-04		X	1	Operations Clerk
312 AS	GS-2181-14	X		1	Aircraft Operations Officer
312 AS	GS-0301-12	X		1	Airplane Flight Instructor
349 AES	GS-0303-07	X		2	Med Adm Asst/Aeromed Evac Asst
349 AES	GS-0303-05	X		1	Medical Adm Assistant
82 APS	GS-1702-07	X		1	Training Technician
45 APS	GS-1702-07	X		1	Training Technician
45 APS	GS-0303-07	X		1	Resource Mgmt Asst (Office Automation)
55 APS	GS-0303-07	X		1	Resource Mgmt Asst (Office Automation)
349 LG	WG-8852-11	X		1	Aircraft Work Inspector
349 LG	WG-2892-11	X		1	Aircraft Electrical Work Inspector
349 LG	GS-0335-07	X		1	Computer Assistant
349 EMS	WS-8801-16	X		1	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor
349 EMS	WG-2892-10	X		1	Aircraft Electrician
349 EMS	WG-3806-10	X		1	Sheet Metal Mechanic (Aircraft)
349 EMS	GS-0326-04		X	1	Office Automation Clerk
349 LSS	GS-1670-11	X		1	Equipment Specialist
349 AGS	WG-2610-12	X		1	Electronic Integrated Sys Mechanic
349 AGS	GS-0326-04		X	1	Office Automation Clerk
749 AGS	GS-0303-05		X	1	Adm Support Assistant (Office Automation)
349 MG	GS-0303-07	X		1	Medical Adm Assistant
349 ASTS	GS-0303-07	X		1	Medical Adm Assistant
349 AMDS	GS-0344-07	X		1	Management Assistant
349 SPTG	GS-0204-07	X		1	Military Personnel Technician
349 SFS	GS-0086-07	X		1	Security Assistant
349 CS	WG-2610-12	X		2	Electronic Integrated Sys Mechanic
349 CS	GS-0303-04		X	1	Publications and Forms Clerk (Off Auto)
349 CS	GS-0334-11	X		1	Computer Specialist
349 CES	GS-0303-07	X		1	Disaster Preparedness Assistant
349 MSS	GS-0205-09	X		2	Military Personnel Technician
349 MSS	GS-0303-05	X		1	Military Personnel Clerk
349 MSS	GS-0204-04		X	1	Military Personnel Clerk

The above civil service vacancies are provided by the 349th Mission Support Sqdrn. and will be announced quarterly in the magazine. For more information about these jobs, please call the Travis Civilian Personnel Office at (707) 424-3067.

PROMOTIONS

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1

Senior Master Sergeant



Jon C. Gillett, 349th AGS
 Joy S. Lawrence, 349th AGS
 Terry R. Monges, 349th OSF
 Edward A. Montalban, 55th APS
 Kelly L. Norris, 349th AGS
 Joemer, 349th SPTG
 Galani II, 349th CS

Master Sergeant



Dmitry Goslovich, 349th MDS
 V. Lott, Jr., 82nd APS
 Christopher Powell, 79th ARS
 Leslie C. Smith, 749th AGS

Technical Sergeant



Cynthia C. Aiken, 349th EMS
 Robert Arteaga, 55th APS
 Paul J. Barboza, 349th ASTS
 William R. Busch, 349th MAS
 Christian J. Celis, 349th MDS
 Patrick J. Corcoran, 301st AS
 Marcus W. Cummings, 349th ASTS
 Jocelyn J. Davidson, 55th APS
 Joseph P. Dawang, 45th APS
 Paul J. Eades, 349th CRS
 Kirk Evans, 349th CRS
 Jill N. Fielding, 301st AS
 Anthony J. Gallela, 349th ASTS
 Oleta K. Garcia, 349th AGS
 Kevin P. Hawotte, 301st AS
 Derryl L. Hopson, 349th CRS

Technical Sergeant cont.

Renato L. Ibarreta, 349th EMS
 Jesse F. Kanemoto, 312th AS
 Dennis E. Kort, 82nd APS
 Lavonne C. Lewis, 55th APS
 Tina M. May, 55th APS
 Jay A. Miller, 349th OSF
 Emma R. Piehl, 349th MDS
 William M. J. Rubeck, 312th AS
 Federico R. Salvador, Jr., 55th APS
 Bart P. Sawyer, 349th CS
 Alexander Tiotuyco, 349th ASTS
 Wayne D. Watson, 55th APS
 Adam L. Williams, 349th CES

Staff Sergeant



Kyla L. Bowie, 349th AMDS
 Lonnie A. Clute, 349th CS
 Lee C. Gavin, 349th AGS
 Gaylen R. Harrison, 45th APS
 Vance A. Knode, 349th AGS
 Timothy J. Mace, 349th AGS
 Richard S. Martinez, 349th EMS
 Stephanie McMullen, 349th AGS
 Christopher L. Mendoza, 349th CS
 Carmelita L. A. Nix, 349th AMW
 Jacob R. Orta, 55th APS
 Rebecca L. Peer, 55th APS
 Philip G. Richey, 349th MDS

Staff Sergeant cont.

Scott B. Shank, 312th AS
 David L. Smith, 349th AES
 Eduardo Venegas, 349th MDS
 Kris J. Walton, 55th APS
 John V. Welch, 349th ASTS
 Roderick J. Williamson, 349th EMS
 Christopher M. Zannini, 349th CRS

Senior Airman



Paolo C. Baligaya, 349th EMS
 Brandon G. Bayne, 349th CES
 Barry S. Burkitt, 312th AS
 Leticia Curiel, 349th ASTS
 Raul Gamboa, 349th AGS
 Charles R. Gau, 312th AS
 Diane K. Johnson, 349th ASTS
 Tenya Marie Miller, 45th APS
 Fung N. Seto, 349th AGS
 Shinika L. Powell, 349th CRS
 Rachelle S. Smith, 349th AES
 Edward H. Wyant, 349th CES

Airman First Class



Andrea V. Anello, 45th APS
 Lauren M. Dutterer, 349th ASTS
 Vincent F. Mendiola, 349th AGS
 Lekea D. Spellman, 349th ASTS
 Michael E. Williams, 349th SFS
 Jennifer N. Yoon, 349th AMDS

Airman



Oriana S. Terheyden, 349th MSS

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