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349th Air Mobility Wing Mobilizes - almost 600 Reservists called up



The 349th stands ready

Welcome to the March UTA! Needless to say, the mobilization picture has changed. Both C-5 flying squadrons were mobilized as well as portions of the Logistics Readiness Squadron, Component Maintenance Squadron, Equipment Maintenance Squadron and the 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

When added to the Security Forces still mobilized, the number today is 612.

Thanks to everyone for their patience while in-processing, it's not an easy job to get more than 500 reservists mobilized and bedded down! Particular thanks to **Chief Master Sgt. Genevieve Lance** and the folks from the 349th AMDS. They did a super job and many stayed well after normal duty hours to make sure the job got done! That also goes for many of the folks in the MPF, XP, WCC, FM and other staff agencies.

The units themselves did a great job of notifying their members of the mobilizations and should be recognized as well. We got the notification at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 and a lot of folks were here till 2:00 a.m. the next day making the calls.

Regulations require notification and report within 24 hours, so that's not a lot of time when you consider the distance many of our members have to travel. Some waivers to this policy were required and we granted them in the interest of safety. But the main thing is this – America's Citizen Airmen in the 349th Wing answered their country's call yet again!

Your lineage goes all the way back to this country's beginnings when Capt. John Parker and his Minutemen faced the British on Lexington Common in April 1775. You should be very proud of your part in this important American duty!

An update on travel pay. We had a big meeting earlier this month and talked about how we could improve this lengthy and complicated process. One of the things the 60th AMW is doing that has been effective is to establish a point of contact when there is a problem with a travel voucher. This POC receives an email immediately when there is an issue and the voucher can be picked up and corrected, hopefully that day. For active duty, the POC is typically the First Sergeant; for us, it will be one of the unit's ARTs. They may be able to provide

the necessary corrections and if not, they should know best how to get in touch with you. So be sure you know who the travel voucher POC in your unit!

As I write this, we are in Force Protection Condition Bravo, sometimes referred to as FPCON Bravo. I want to discuss this a little bit as it can be a source of frustration for many. To understand the Force Protection system, you must first understand centers of gravity. A military center of gravity is that thing which the enemy concentrates all forces and energies against. It is the thing which, if defeated, most surely leads to victory.

Imagine for a moment that you are an enemy of this country. Which center of gravity would you attack? The U.S. Army? U.S. Navy? Certainly not the U.S. Air Force! So the center of gravity which our enemies most frequently attack is our will, our commitment to stay the course. This was true in Vietnam as well as Lebanon and again in Somalia. It makes sense when you think about it because nations need both weapons and willpower to use military force and when you're talking about the U.S. of A., weapons don't get any better! So they go after our will.

The objective of today's enemies is to create sensational, highly visible, "made for TV" attacks on soft targets. Attacks that make the American people question the country's policies or its abilities to carry out those policies. The World Trade Center was certainly such an attack.

An attack here on Travis, say a KC-10 or a C-5 blowing up on the ramp, would also qualify. In fact, any attack here on the base that leads to a large number of casualties would qualify. So would an attack that happened off the base.

That's the reason we are discouraging large gatherings of military members in uniform off base. Because whether you realize it or not, when you put on that uniform, you represent the United States of America. And our enemies would like nothing better than to kill as many of us as possible in a sensational manner in order to attack America's vulnerable center of gravity, our national will. So please bear with us when you're in long lines at the gate or when we ask you to only wear the uniform to and from the base or when we conduct Random Antiterrorist Measures



Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

like cordoning off a parking area or establishing a single entry control point. These measures are as important as being proficient in your AFSC, maybe more so. Think of it as your patriotic duty!

While I'm on the subject of centers of gravity, let me tell you what I think a center of gravity is for us to maintain our combat capability here in 349th AMW. It's your family. I have found that when a military member has the support and encouragement of their friends and families, the service and sacrifice are made freely and frequently. If not, members don't last long when this essential ingredient is missing. So we have a vested interest in taking care of military families.

Fortunately, the Air Force recognizes this and devotes a lot of time and resources to this area. Many of you are familiar with **Mr. Jack Watts** and our Family Readiness section and for all mobilized reservists, the 60th AMW has a Family Support Center with an even bigger staff lead by **Mrs. Joan Bueto**.

Their job is to help you deal with issues that come up - from help with day care to information about services, finances, legal or whatever. You can reach them at (707) 424-1616 or (707) 424-2486.

Speaking of taking care of families, many of us more "seasoned" warriors have college-age kids. College is expensive these days and if you are like me, financial aid holds a heretofore unappreciated allure!

There's an article on page 10 of this month's *Contact* that talks about some scholarships here on the base through the Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Clubs. That is just one example of the many available and Family Readiness has the details on many more. Most deadlines are in March so you get moving. Good Luck!

See you at the UTA.



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On the Cover



We are gathered here: Members of the 349th Air Mobility Wing begin mobilization briefing after receiving notification of a Presidential Selected Reserve Call Up (PSRC) affecting nearly 600 reserve aircrew members, maintenance and support personnel. Under the auspices of the Presidential Selected Reserve Call Up, these reservists can be mobilized for up to two years to meet mission requirements and for the most part will remain at Travis and perform normal duties relative to their individual career fields.

Cover photos by Kristina Cilia, Base Multimedia Service Center

A “Triad” of support

Throughout our history, the 349th Air Mobility Wing has sprung into action when our nation calls. Beginning with airlifting operations on C-119 Flying Boxcars, to our current mission of airlifting and refueling operations around the world in our giant C-5 Galaxys and KC-10 Extenders, the 349th has always honored its historical motto: “In Omnia Paratus – prepared for all things.”

We are an important part of the Total Force and an indispensable part of Global Reach – Global Power. Strategic airlift and air refueling are the cornerstones of our nation’s response to contingencies anywhere in the world. And we are the heart of this airpower. One of the words used extensively during the cold war years was “Triad.”

I remember a class in my NCO Academy where the instructor drew a triangle on the board. He told us that each line of the triangle represented a different weapons system of the Triad. Manned bombers, nuclear submarines and missiles in underground silos were all considered

equally important in safeguarding America.

Today, our people have their own triangle: their families, civilian employer and military service.

We all believe our families are the most important element of our triangles and at the very top of our concerns. Because our families are part of our Air Force and Team Travis, we have made many improvements in providing service to our families. **Mr. Jack Watts** and the rest of our outstanding members of the Family Readiness office provide information and services to the family.

Their mission is to support the Air Force readiness and retention by helping families to adapt to the demands of military life and assist commanders in responding to family concerns.

This is especially important right now because the first core function of the Family Readiness office is to provide assistance and support to families during times of local or national emergency mobilization, deployment or evacuation.

They are also a central point of



Chief’s Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony L. Maddux

information and referral on family issues and concerns. Next, they assist leadership to ensure family needs are effectively met at the unit level. They also coordinate and consult with the base and community to strengthen policy and programs benefiting families.

Finally, they provide crisis assistance giving immediate short-term support to restore an individual’s ability to cope with family life situations.

Remember to use this great resource - our Family Readiness office. I believe because their name say “family” means they are there to provide assistance and always eager to help.



Photo by Audrey Quillen, Base Multimedia Service Center

Assumption of Command: Col. James Rubeor, 349th Air Mobility Wing commander passes command of the 349th Operation Group to Col. (Sel.) William F. Ames. Master Sgt. Aretha Chandler holds the group flag during the recent assumption of command ceremony. Col. Ames assumed command from Col. Ronald Rutland, who is now commander of the 916th Air Refueling Wing, Symore-Johnson AFB, N.C.

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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Key information for activated reservist

It's happened. You've been called to active duty. Now all the planning pays off. Personal and family readiness will give you the peace of mind to do your job while away.

Most people know about the basic benefits of activation, such as pay, full commissary use, and health care. Below is a quick reference for answers to questions many activated reservists have.

Family Readiness

Leave things as stable as possible at home. Most family members feel some sense of anger or loss at separation. It's not fun, but it's normal. The best thing to do is deal with the feelings. Communicate.

Other things that have worked include working out a family budget with the new pay scale, drawing up a chart for household chores, and making sure routine maintenance is done before you leave. You may want to plan a going-away event, so you can leave with warm memories.

Family Readiness offers information, assistance, and support for your loved ones while you are away. They can connect your spouse with experts who will assist them one on one or in a workshop with financial management, job search, parenting, stress management, child care relief (if you're activated), and much more. Call the 349th Family Readiness office at (707) 424-1616, or call the 60th Family Support Center at (707) 424-2486.

Job Rights

Two basic rights granted to you by Federal law are the right to deploy and the right to return to your job. Your employer must let you report to your military station when you receive orders.

You cannot be forced to take personal or sick leave while performing military duty. You should communicate with your employer about when you have to report, and how long your orders are for. Give them a point of contact number, and let them know if your situation changes.

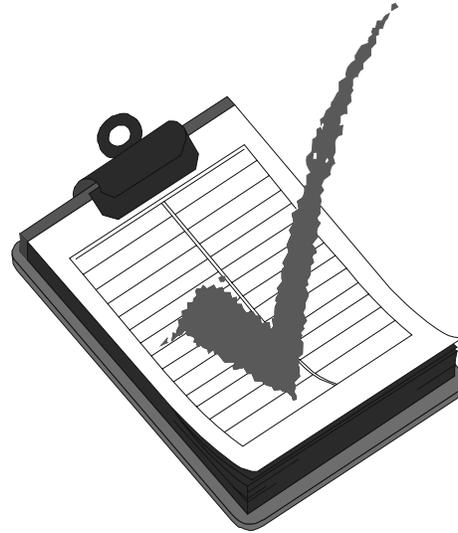
If you have any problems on the employer end, call the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representative, Doug Menard, at (916) 726-2996, or the Public Affairs office at (707) 424-3936. For additional information, visit www.esgr.org, or call national ESGR headquarters at 1-800-336-4590.

Also, if you're employed in a small business, let your employer know that some aid programs are available to small businesses suffering a loss from a call-up. Information is available at www.sba.gov/reservists or 800-U ASK SBA.

Financial Help

As an activated reservist, you are eligible for emergency aid from the Air Force Aid Society for such things as basic living needs, car repairs, childcare problems, serious illness or death of an immediate family member, and other problems associated with an activation.

To contact the AFAS, call the Travis Family Support Center at (707) 424-2486, or visit www.afas.org. Last year the AFAS helped more than 20,000 Air Force members and their families with some \$26 million in assistance. If you need it, help is there.



Other helpful offices include the 349th's chaplain's office, (707) 424-0308, the 60th's chaplain office, (707) 424-0907, the USO, the Reserve Officers Association, 800-809-9448, or visit www.roa.org for information on organizations that help the military, the American Red Cross, 877-272-7337, or visit www.redcross.org, and social services—most are listed in the local phone book.

Medical Benefits

All active-duty service members are authorized to use military medical treatment facilities and are enrolled in TRICARE Prime health care plan. Families of service members are covered through one of three TRICARE options. These

options will be explained to you in your in-briefing, or you can visit www.tricare.osd.mil or call 888-363-2273 for TRICARE information.

Pay

For information regarding pay and travel entitlements, please call the Financial Management Office at (707) 424-3985. You can access the Defense Finance website at www.dfas.mil, and you can sign up for a PIN to let you access your Leave and Earning Statement online at www.dfas.mil/mypay/.

ID Cards/Emergency Information

Your family members must have ID cards and be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to receive medical and other benefits. Call customer service at (707) 424-3550 for more information.

Legal

For wills, powers of attorney and special powers of attorney, call the base Legal Office at (707) 424-3251 during the week, or contact the 349th Legal Office during UTAs at (707) 424-1331. You'll also be given another chance to review or accomplish your essential forms when you report to the 349th.

Your legal benefits extend to twice your activated time, so if you were activated for one year, you are eligible to use active duty legal services for two years.

See www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal for a helpful military legal website.

Additional Web Sites

-Veterans Administration Assistance Office offers medical, compensation, re-employment, insurance and home loan benefits - 800-827-1000 or www.va.gov.

-Air Force Reserve Command – <https://www.afrcmil.af.mil>. Note the red "Hot" button for mobilization guidance. This site can only be reached from a military computer.

-Air Force Crossroads — www.afcrossroads.com.

-United Services Organization – www.uso.org.

-Armed Forces Vacation Club – www.afvclub.com.

(Editor's note: this article has been adapted from an article by Maj. James Bishop, 459th Public Affairs, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.)

Wing snags Outstanding Unit Award

by Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Murray
349th Public Affairs

The 349th Air Mobility Wing has won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service during the period August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2002.

This is the eighth time the 349th AMW has received this award.

During the past two years, the 349th AMW has achieved an unprecedented record of success while providing strategic airlift and aerial refueling throughout the globe, furthering world peace, aiding in humanitarian relief efforts and contributing immeasurably to key national objectives.

Some of the outstanding wing contributions which highlight the wing's

success are: the West Coast hub for ONE response, C-5 flew search and rescue teams to New York and Washington D.C.; ALCF squadrons supported 100-plus missions and exercises; KC-10 squadrons flew an impressive 14,593 hours, 1,088 sorties offloading 465 million pounds; 82nd Aerial Port Squadron excelled during their EORI; the wing has the largest associate Logistic Group in AFRC, 1000-plus maintenance warriors, five squadrons, Air Force leader in total force, 15th Air Force selection for Daedalian Maintenance Trophy with 60th Logistics Group; 349th Component Repair Squadron, in partnership with 60th CRS won Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award; Medical Squadron received new Expeditionary Medical Support mission; great UCI results;



outstanding Promotion for Exceptional Performance board results; three nominees for Outstanding Airman of the Year Award out of four 4th AF nominees; vital community outreach with more than 100 community events.

Reservists assigned during the award period are eligible to wear the award.

Those who have remained with the 349th should have their records automatically updated by military personnel flight.

Former unit members should check with their MPF to ensure they receive credit for the award.

Outstanding SAV civilian performers

In the February *Contact* 31 outstanding military performers from the 4th Air Force Staff Assistance Visit were highlighted.

It takes not only military personnel to carry this wing forward to have an outstanding SAV, but also civilians.

Below are six civilians the SAV team named as outstanding civilian performers:

- Ms. Zenaida Baluyot
- Mr. Harvey Davis
- Ms. Marcia Marn-Horton
- Ms. Karen Lobeck
- Mr. Paul Post
- Ms. Cathy Thomas

Fourth Air Force was very impressed by the 349th Air Mobility Wing. They brought a team of 82 functional experts and worked with the wing for more than five days and only came up with six answerable write-ups. The wing did have several other minor write-ups that also need to be corrected before the UCI in February 2004.

ART vacancies around the 349th wing

UNIT	SERIES	ART	#OF VAC	REMARKS
82ndAPS	GS-0303-07	X	1	Resource Mgt. Assistant (Off Automation)
45thAPS	GS-0303-07	X	1	Resource Mgt. Assistant (Off Automation)
349th CS	GS-0391-11	X	1	Telecom. Specialist
349th MOF	GS-1702-07	X	1	Training Technician
749thAMXS	WG-8602-10	X	1	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
349th EMS	WG-8852-10	X	1	Aircraft Mechanic
349thAMXS	WS-8801-09	X	1	Aircraft Overhaul Sup.
349th MXG	GM-0346-13	X	1	Logistics Mgt. Officer
79thARS	GS-2185-11	X	1	Flight Engineer-Instructor
349th OSF	GS-2181-13	X	1	Airplane Flight Instructor
79thARS	GS-2181-13	X	1	Airplane Flight Instructor
70thARS	GS-0303-07	X	1	Operations Technician

The civil service vacancies are provided by the 349th Mission Support Squadron and will be announced regularly in the *Contact* magazine.

For more information about these vacancies, please contact the Travis Civilian Personnel Office at (707) 424-

3067. Group POCs are: Capt. Terry Cotter, 349th AMW, (707) 424-3922; Chief Master Sgt. Mark Kloeppe, 349th MDG, (707) 424-7301; Maj. Heather Capella, 349th MSG, (707) 424-3861; Master Sgt. Dave Taillon, 349th MXG, (707) 424-0715; and Ms. Karen Lobeck, 349th OG, (707) 424-2108.

Smallpox: what you need to know

by 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
AFRC Public Affairs

As rumors of biological war intensify, the United States is taking precautions to protect its military people and their civilian counterparts from the threat of smallpox.

Government officials are hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. Here are some basic facts and information about the deadly virus that the general public needs to know:

- Smallpox is a serious, contagious disease that, in most cases, kills 30 percent of the time. It spreads through face-to-face contact, infected bed linens or body fluids. In rare cases, it can spread

through the air and enclosed space.

- Symptoms that accompany smallpox include a fever of 101 to 104 degrees, head and body ache, and occasionally abdominal pain and vomiting.

- Prevention of the disease is done by the smallpox vaccine, which uses a live virus called vaccinia, which is related to smallpox.

- Pregnant women, people with HIV, chemotherapy, or people with skin disorders should not take the vaccine.

- Adverse reactions to military directed vaccines are line-of-duty conditions. Members of Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard will be in a "duty status" when they receive vaccines directed by the military. If the injury or

illness is incurred performing inactive duty or active duty for less than 31 days, they are entitled to treatment for that injury or condition.

- An immunization can prevent infection for three to five years and death or severe illness for at least 10 years.

More information about the disease and vaccine are available at the following sites:

- <http://www.smallpox.gov>
- <http://www.vaccines.army.mil>
- <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp>
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/smallpox.html>
- <http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/agents/agentsmallpox.html> (AFRC News Service)

Airmen receive shots, no adverse effects

by 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
AFRC Public Affairs

According to officials at Walter Reed Medical Center, none of the more than 200 military medical people vaccinated there for smallpox in late December experienced serious ill effects.

Most of them are soldiers assigned to the Washington, D.C., facility. They were among the first military medical people to be immunized in preparation to vaccinate members of the U.S. military against a possible bioterrorism attack.

According to Lt. Col. Richard P. McCoy, command bioenvironmental engineer at Air Force Reserve Command, six of those vaccinated experienced side effects that caused them to lose one day of work. "These side effects were flu-like symptoms associated with the body's mechanism to develop antibodies to the vaccinia virus used in the smallpox vaccine," he said.

Among those administering the first shots was Air Force Master Sergeant Ray Anspach, a senior immunization technician and instructor. Anspach began giving inoculations 22 years ago and said he doesn't see what's the big fuss.

"When we were giving it in the 80s, it was a routine immunization," Anspach said.

Recently, senior officers were among a

group of people waiting for their vaccination, but that was nothing new for Anspach. On Dec. 13 he was sent to the White House to inoculate the commander in chief. President Bush showed no reaction as he was given the inoculation, Anspach said, but like many who take the shot, "He looked away."

During the first couple of months of 2003, the government plans to immunize as many as 11 million police officers, firefighters and medical workers, who may be called upon to deal with a biological warfare attack.

Since reservists must be in a military status to receive the vaccine, they will be covered under line of duty for any medical care required as a result of receiving the vaccination. Symptoms of the vaccine normally show up a few days after getting the immunization and last only a day or two. However, in the rare event a long-term reaction were to occur, the member would be covered.

Reservists and their household members will be prescreened before the vaccinations are given to the reservists. To prevent the spread of the virus, a strict series of precautions will be followed. Inoculated medical people will be evaluated daily before being allowed to be in contact with patients. This monitoring continues until the scab left by the vaccination falls off.

If a reservist has a medical condition –

eczema, atopic dermatitis or pregnancy – that prevents the person from getting the immunization, the vaccination is deferred either until the condition clears or after an actual smallpox exposure event. If household members have any of these conditions, the vaccination of reservists will be deferred until they deploy to a high-risk area. If family members contract the vaccinia, they would be eligible for medical care or reimbursement under the *Secretary of the Air Force Designee Program* (Air Force Instruction 41-115, Chapter 2). Reservists would contact their local Reserve medical unit to initiate this process.

As of late January, only active-duty medical people supporting the Department of Defense Smallpox Epidemiological Response Teams (Category 1a) have been vaccinated. Plans call for vaccinating Category 1b people (vaccinators from Reserve medical units) and Category 2 personnel (designated forces constituting certain mission-critical capabilities). Reserve vaccination dates have not been confirmed.

Lt. Col. John Grabenstein of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Agency in Falls Church, Va., said military people are mostly young healthy adults and therefore will probably have fewer side effects than the general population.

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: _____

Note: An orientation flight is offered to employers pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation. Space is limited; one employer per reservist. Reserve members may accompany their employer if space is available.

Employer Appreciation Day dates

Mission Support Group -- April 5
POC: Capt. Lynn Klink,
424-5037

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

Maintenance Group -- May 10
POC: Senior Master Sgt. Terry Kirkbride,
424-0912

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

Privacy Act Statement:

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 8013

Principal Use: Use of individual's SSAN is required for military flights; home address/phone is required to contact, coordinate, and/or provide participation details for Wing Employer Appreciation Day events.

Routine Use: Log and track employers and their participation.

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.

Female military nurses were the pioneers

by 2nd Lt. Clarissa Tuttle
349th Military Equal Opportunity

Throughout history, our nation has called upon its citizens to fight wars in the name freedom, justice, and peace. Many times this required the obligations of men to come forth and protect American ideals. Only in recent decades have women been asked to come forth and join the ranks of American heroes, although women have been serving voluntarily since our nation's founding.

Since colonial days, women have felt the need to contribute during wartime. They did this altruistically by instinctively caring and comforting soldiers wounded in battle. Throughout our nation's wars, American female military nurses have undergone equally adverse conditions as the male soldiers with whom they served. These nurses, like the soldiers, have been killed by enemy fire, been captured and endured the hardships of prisons of war.

While immensely needed, their contributions and experience were often taken for granted or not recognized. Yet, these women unselfishly continued to serve. This is true of the female nurses of the Civil War period, of World Wars I and II, the Vietnam era, and the Persian Gulf. By continuously struggling for integration and acceptance, female military nurses were in numerous ways the pioneers of



today's women in the military.

When the past contributions of these military nurses, the conditions in which they served, and their attitudes at the front and under fire are reviewed, one realizes that women have already handled every situation, and that the public can accept the circumstances in which it's women are placed.

During World War II female military nurses served everywhere that the male soldiers, sailors, and aviators did, in more than 50 nations. Their male counterparts were so indebted that masses signed a submission to the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper in Europe in October 1944,

expressing thanks to the women for volunteering to help:

"To all Army nurses overseas: We men are not given the choice of working in the battlefield or the home front. We cannot take any credit for being here. We are here because we have to be. You are here because you felt you were needed. So, when an injured man opens his eyes to see one of you...concerned with his welfare, he can't but be overcome by the very thought that you are doing it because you want to...you endure whatever hardships you must to be where you can do the most good."

Many underestimate the power and great adversity that a woman will endure to protect something or someone precious. Giving little thought of self, a woman will endure the labors of childbirth as well as the treachery of war.

Still, many, although not all, believe women are not fit or capable of being on the battle field, of piloting a spacecraft, or running our country. The contributions of women are woven into the foundations of our nation and help sustain the spirit and resolve of American ideals.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to conduct a national celebration during the month of March.

This month we pay homage to the millions of influential women in our lives, our military, and our nation.

Rising Six

A voice for junior enlisted personnel

by Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Murray
349th Public Affairs

The newest enlisted forum is the Rising Six. The Rising Six is an opportunity for the junior-enlisted to get involved and have their voices heard.

"By joining the Rising Six, individuals will have the opportunity to learn leadership and organizational skills," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Maddux, 349th Air Mobility Wing command chief master sergeant.

The Rising Six will participate in many

events for the wing as well as for the community. Rising Six members have been involved with many of the Top 3 Council's events. Operation Teddy Bear is one such event. The organization is currently being mentored by the Wing's Top 3 Council.

Now there is the chance and the opportunity for the junior-enlisted to pursue events on their own.

The meetings are currently being conducted jointly with the Top 3 Council meetings at the Delta Breeze Club at 5 p.m. each Saturday of the UTA. More information is available by attending the

meetings or by contacting Maddux, at (707) 424-3922.

The general officers for the Rising Six are: President, Staff Sgt. Myla Ferrer, 349th MAS; Secretary, Tech. Sgt. Jodi Slezak, 349th MAS; and Treasurer, Staff Sgt. Keith Barton, 349th AMDS.



Scholarships available for graduating seniors, those continuing education

The Travis Officer's and Enlisted Wives Clubs are offering scholastic awards for both graduating seniors and for military spouses who are continuing their education. The purpose of the Scholastic Awards Program is to acknowledge outstanding eligible seniors, both academically and vocationally oriented, in the form of financial assistance for the continued study in the field of their choice. Also to acknowledge continuing education goals for military spouses, both academically and vocationally oriented, in the form of financial assistance for the continued study in the field of their choice. Applications are available at the Family Readiness Office.



Eligibility for graduating seniors:

1) Each applicant must be a high school senior with a GPA of 3.0 or above, (2.0 or above for the vocational/community college award) based on a 4.0 average, and be intent upon continuing his/her education.

2) Each applicant must be a legal dependent child of a military sponsor. The military sponsor must be assigned to perform active or reserve duty at Travis AFB. A military sponsor may also be retired or deceased and the applicant must reside within 50 miles of Travis.

3) Each applicant must demonstrate academic excellence. These awards will be presented on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, creed, sex, national origin or religious affiliation.

4) Applicants who accept full university scholarships or grants, appointments to military academy, or a four-year ROTC program scholarship, or another military wives' club scholarship will not be eligible to receive a Travis OWC/EWC Scholastic Award.

5) Awards are paid directly to the school in which the winner enrolls as a full-time student, upon presentation of receipt of registration. The award money will be used for tuition or books/educational fees. Money not used in this manner must be returned before the end of that school year to Travis OWC/EWC. If the student does not complete at least one term of school for any reason other than hardship (to be determined by the Scholarship Committee), he/she will return the full amount of the OWC/EWC award within 60 days of withdrawing.

Application:

Applications must be received by **10 p.m., March 30, 2003**, accompanied by an official high school transcript (signed by guidance counselor), college board scores, a typed essay of 500 words or less (1 page), a list of activities, awards, and community involvement.

Eligibility for military spouse:

1) Each applicant must be a legal dependent spouse of a military sponsor. The military sponsor must be assigned to perform active or reserve duty at Travis AFB. A military sponsor may also be retired or deceased and the dependent spouse must reside in the Travis surrounding area.

2) Each applicant must have a high school diploma, or G.E.D. certificate or have completed a minimum of 6 credit hours, with a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale from an accredited college/vocational school.

3) Each applicant must be enrolled during the academic year of 2003-2004 in a prescribed course of study geared toward a degree completion.

4) Each applicant must demonstrate academic excellence. These awards will be presented on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, sex, creed, national origin, or religious affiliation.

5) Applicants who accept full university scholarships or grants, appointments to military academy, or a four-year ROTC program scholarship, or another military wives' club scholarship will not be eligible to receive a Travis OWC/EWC Scholastic Award.

6) Awards will be paid directly to the school in which the winner enrolls as a full-time student, upon presentation of receipt of registration. The award money will be used for tuition or books/educational fees. Awards must be used in the 2003-2004 academic year. Money not used in this manner must be returned before the end of that school year to Travis OWC/EWC. If the student does not complete at least one term of school for any reason other than hardship (to be determined by the Scholarship Committee), he/she will return any unused funds to the Travis OWC/EWC.

Application:

Applications must be received by **10 p.m., March 30, 2003**. It must be accompanied by an official high school or college transcript or G.E.D. certificate, a typed essay of 500 words or less (1 page), a list of activities, honors, awards and special recognition, employment, and community involvement and two letters of recommendation.

The application must be completed in full or will be rejected. Mail all information to:

OWC Scholarship Chair	EWC Scholarship Chair
Brenda Groeschen	Dodie Netto
307 Lamar Court	1206 LaMirada Court
Vacaville, CA 95687	Suisun, CA 94585

Pictures will not be accepted with the application.

Selection of winners:

Applicants selected for awards will be notified in late April. Presentation of award certificates will be made at an OWC function in May or at an EWC social later in May.

War trophies require written permission

by Lt. Col. Brent A. Evans
AFRC deputy staff judge advocate

Souvenirs from Afghanistan and other countries in the area of responsibility make great conversation pieces back home, but there's a catch.

Air Force Joint Instruction 31-217, *Control and Registration of War Trophies and War Trophy Firearms*, governs keeping and registering "war trophies" by Air Force people. Failing to abide by these rules could lead to serious consequences, including fines and jail time.

A war trophy is any item of enemy public or private property used as war material acquired within a combat area or zone. It can be a weapon, a shell casing, a radio or many other kinds of property.

To possess and transport such a souvenir, one must have written permission from the theater commander. Some items, such as shell casings, require additional written permission from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Federal law requires that the desire for souvenirs not blemish the conduct of combat operations, result in mistreatment of the enemy, bring dishonor to their dead or further other unbecoming activity.

Enemy material captured or abandoned must be turned over to appropriate U.S. or allied military personnel, and military members may not take an enemy object as a souvenir unless specifically authorized by regulations. In addition, Article 103 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice requires service members to reasonably secure all public property taken from the enemy and to turn over captured or abandoned property to the U.S. military.

Failure to carry out these duties, or looting, pillaging or disposing of captured

property for personal benefit is punishable by court-martial.

AFJI 31-217 contains a long list of items that may not be kept as war trophies. Those items include, but are not limited to, live ammunition, machine guns, electronic equipment and components, and enemy equipment not designed to be issued or carried by individuals (tanks, planes, motorcycles). Also banned are art or historic articles and items like gold, silver or jewelry.

General orders of combatant theater commanders are usually more restrictive. For example, U.S. Central Command

General Order No. 1 specifically prohibits keeping personal items of the enemy (identification cards, dog tags, photos, letters), weapons or any part of a foreign made weapon and *unit* war trophies.

For items not prohibited by the instruction or a general order, service members must have an approved Defense

Department Form 603-1, *War Trophy Registration/Authorization*, from the theater commander.

People who violate these rules can be punished under the UCMJ. During the Gulf War, U.S. military personnel, including two airmen, were court-martialed for violating these rules.

Authorized war trophies may be mailed, shipped, included in authorized baggage or carried personally to the United States as prescribed by the major overseas commander and U.S. Customs. Nearly all of the mail arriving from overseas is now being checked by customs agents because of recent increases in contraband.

On a final note, war trophies can be dangerous. In Bosnia, weapons were sometimes booby trapped to explode when the trigger was pulled, so the U.S. Army had the following safety campaign slogan: "If you didn't drop it, don't pick it up." (AFRC News Service)



California ESGR seeks new state chairman

The California Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is soliciting nominations for the position of State Chair.

They are asking that we nominate qualified prominent residents and ask that you let others you know of this opportunity.

The State Chair is appointed by the National Chairman, ESGR, in coordination with Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/ Reserve Affairs (OASD/RA) and is based on a California Search Committee recommendation.

The Chair is the personal representative of the OASD/RA and the National Chairman with a protocol rank equivalent of O-8. This is a non-paying position.

The California Chair leads, directs, and supervises a robust committee of volunteers in activities to link employers and the US military.

The Chairman is appointed for a three-year term with an opportunity to serve for an additional three years. The opening will occur on Oct. 1, 2003.

Further information on committee operations in the 50 states, three Territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam), the District of Columbia and Europe can be found on the ESGR website at: www.esgr.org

Please ask interested candidates to submit a cover letter outlining their interest in the position and biography (maximum of two pages) to:

**Search Committee Chair
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Sydney Novaresi
P.O. Box 801071
Santa Clarita, CA 91380-1071.**

All letters must be received by March 15, at the above address, to be considered.

Thank you for your support of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization.

In Memoriam

Maj. Richard R. Lucas, commander, 349th Security Forces Squadron, passed away unexpectedly February 12, 2003, at Travis, Air Force Base, Calif.

Major Lucas resided in Granite Bay, California with his wife, Debi, and their three children, Makayla, Delanie, and Shane. He was a Software Engineering Manager with Intel Corporation in Folsom, California.

Major Lucas received his commission in 1986 through Officer Training School. His first active duty assignment was with the 8th Special Operations Squadron at Hulbert Field, Florida, flying the MC-130.

Major Lucas joined the Air Force Reserve in 1991 assigned to the 95th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Gen. Billy Mitchell Field, Wis., flying the C-130. He joined the 349th Air Mobility Wing in 1992, assigned to the 45th Aerial Port Squadron as Air Terminal Operations Officer. Major Lucas was also assigned to the 55th and 82nd Aerial Port Squadrons.

In 1996, he was assigned to the 349th Operations Group as Logistics Officer.

He assumed command in October of 1998. Major Lucas has more than 4,600 flying hours in T-37, T-38, AT-38, T-43, C-130, DC-8, DC-9 and various other civilian aircraft.

Major Lucas completed Squadron Officer School in 1996 and Air Command and Staff College in 2001. He holds

bachelors degrees in business and English from the University of Wisconsin and masters degrees in business and exercise physiology from the University of Wisconsin. While at the University of Wisconsin, Major Lucas was in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps, earning his parachute qualification at Fort Benning, Ga.

Major Lucas's military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with one device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.



Major Richard R. Lucas
July 19, 1961 - February 12, 2003

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