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Master Sgt. Tom Freeman (front), 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, explains the operation of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System to Col. James J. Muscatell Jr. (left), 302nd Airlift Wing commander, as Tech. Sgt. Jason Harvey, 731st AS loadmaster, observes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

**Teamwork essential to mission success**

**By Col. James J. Muscatell Jr.**  
 302nd AW commander

Nancy and I are settling in, and are enjoying every minute of our time here. Our house is coming along, and we hope to move in within the next few months. In the meantime, having an address in Colorado Springs is a pretty good thing.

As I meet more and more of you, I continue to be impressed. The work ethic, the dedication, and the professionalism of our troops give me great pride in this wing and all of its subordinate units. At this past Unit Training Assembly, I ran into a sergeant who drives six and a half hours from Nebraska. Another lives in Idaho – he drives to Salt Lake City, catches a flight to Denver, then rents a car to drive down here for drill. He takes home less than it costs to get here.

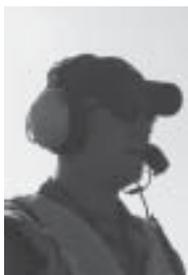
These are the people we have in this unit – it's who we are.

I've seen lots of folks off to faraway places recently. I will pray they'll all come home safely. This is a tough business we're in, and it's not easy to watch our compatriots leave us behind as they go forth to do the nation's bidding. I urge you to continue your outstanding support of the spouses and children of those who are on their way to unknown situations. The 302nd has always done a great job taking care of each other – it's what we do.

This brings me to safety. We can't afford to lose a single Airman to injury or worse. Each of you has an important place in the big scheme of things. On-the-job safety is obviously important in regards to our people

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**On the cover**



**MAFFS ready to roll**  
 Staff Sgt. Jimmy Felts, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief, is ready to get the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System season rolling May 2 at annual certification in Cheyenne, Wyo. For more, see pages 8-10. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

**UTA Schedule**

**Next UTA: June 3-4**

**July 8-9**

**Aug. 5-6**

**Sept. 9-10**

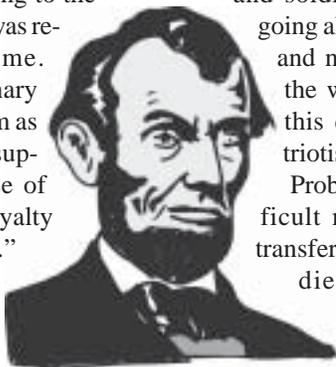
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# Keep patriotism alive and growing

By Chief Master Sgt. Larry Crooks

302nd Maintenance Group

After being deployed for 100-plus days to fight the war on terror, a new meaning to the word patriotism was revealed to me. Webster's dictionary defines patriotism as "devoted love, support, and defense of one's national loyalty to their country." The proof of this devotion was the sacrifice, work ethic, and overall dedication of deployed members, both on the



ground and in the air, and the support from the home front.

Soldiers wounded in action being transported on C-130s, pallets of blood being transported to hospitals, and Airmen and soldiers coming and going all hours of the day and night to and from the war zone brought this definition of patriotism to reality.

Probably the most difficult mission was the transfer of deceased soldiers and Airmen from the C-130s to the C-17 for transport back to the United States. This picture is ingrained in our minds,

proving that we were not just reservists from Colorado on a Coronet Oak or Joint Forge deployment - this is the real deal. The years of training and preparation prepared us physically for this mission, but the stark reality of war taught us all there is an emotional side to patriotism.

F-15s hitting their targets with supreme accuracy, medical personnel dedicated to their patients and maintenance people devoted to their mission brought a sense of great pride that could only come from a true patriot. Col. Thomas Ragland, our maintenance group commander, told us, "We are at war and every mission counts." He motivated us by keeping our minds fo-

cused on the mission and instilling leadership in all of us.

After returning to the states the tension and memories start to fade away with the everyday ho-hum of life. I challenge you, like myself, to keep the word patriotism alive and growing just as Abraham Lincoln stated in his Gettysburg Address, "... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## *There's light at the end of the password tunnel*

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Front Range Flyer

Recently I read an article from another member of my career field at the Wisconsin Reserve unit. She was writing about how rich she would be if she received a nickel for every time she forgot her network login password when she showed up for a unit training assembly.

I feel her pain. When I was a traditional reservist locking myself out of my computer was as commonplace as forgetting to place a memory card in my digital camera (done that three times in four years).

Now, as an air reserve technician, I'm logging onto my computer regularly, so forgetting my password is no longer a problem. However, I could support both my PA counterpart and myself if I was given that nickel for every time I tried to log on to a website with the wrong password.

A quick reflection of the numerous sites I visit reveals several where I have to use some type of password. Naturally, I can't

use one common password. Some require four characters, some six, some eight. Some want you to use uppercase and lower case letters, as well as numerals and special characters. In some cases, I even have to use a different login ID name because ttaylor has already been used by one of the more than 140 T. Taylors in the Air Force.

The inception of the Common Access Card is a step in a new and better direction. Air Force Print News reports that by July the Air Force expects that nearly 80 percent of Airmen and Air Force civilians will use their CAC to log in to their accounts and will no longer need a password. If you are anywhere near as impatient a person as I am, you are begging the powers that be ensure you are one of the 80 percent.

According to AFPN, because the CAC also serves as a military ID and is used to gain physical access to Air Force installations and resources, Airmen know how important it is to protect it. The emphasis Airmen put on protecting their CAC from loss will translate to protecting the Air Force net-

work when they begin using it to log in there, Lt. Gen. Michael W. Peterson, the Air Force chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer, told AFPN.

I learned my CAC holds about 65,000 characters of information and contains full name, e-mail address, date of birth, gender, blood type, organ donor status, military exchange and commissary status, and meal plan status. I just want it to make my life simpler. The technology used in a CAC is nothing new as it's similar to the Security Identity Module used in my cellular phones.

Of course, this cell phone technology makes me wonder what would happen if I were to drop my CAC into a porta-potty during a temporary duty assignment in Wyoming; I know it's not good for a cell phone.

The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel is coming people. I will be satisfied that I will no longer have to express my frustration (if that frustration were a password it would be spelled @\*#\$\$%\*#@&#).

I'm pretty sure it will also put a smile on my supervisor's face.



## 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day - Aug. 5



# The enlisted perspective: Are you ready?

**By Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray**

As Airmen, we raised our right hands and solemnly swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Our enemies emerged from the shadows on 9-11 and today, in the Global War on Terror, we are taking the fight directly to them. Our mission is clear – win this war.

We all have a role to play and we must continually evaluate whether we are doing everything we can to support the war and combat operations. If the call comes tomorrow for you to deploy to Baghdad, Kandahar, or wherever our Air Force needs

you, are you ready to go? You must be. We are the nation's warriors!

By now, many of you are familiar with frequent or extended deployments. Thank you for your continued dedication and personal sacrifice. Many thanks to your family as well, for enduring many sacrifices as they await your return. You are the Airmen this nation called for and depends on. For those not ready to deploy at this moment, what deliberate action are you taking to be ready? For some, it may be time to reevaluate why you are serving in our Air Force. You volunteered and swore an oath; our nation relies on your readiness and commitment.

Combat operations call for a force with ingenuity and courage – a force that is trained, equipped and ready to deploy at a moments notice. To achieve this you must maintain your duty and combat skills, health and fitness levels, and take the necessary steps to prepare yourself and loved ones for the road ahead. Your family counts on your plans and preparation for deployments and separation. Finances, housing, legal matters, child-care arrangements, and extended family support needs must all be settled

before the deployments orders come down. These are basic responsibilities of being Expeditionary Airmen.

Thousands upon thousands of Airmen have served, fought and sacrificed before us. We owe it to our forefathers who shed their blood so we can enjoy the freedoms we cherish today. More than 2,400 of our comrades have given their lives in this fight against terrorism. We owe it to them to be ready to continue their legacy.

Our first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Paul Airey, joined the Army Air Corps at the age of 17 to serve our nation during a hellacious time of war, World War II. He left U.S. soil in March, 1944. Soon afterwards, on his 28th combat bombing mission over Germany, his aircraft was shot down; he was captured, and held as a prisoner of war until May, 1945. We owe it to Chief Airey and so many others who endured years of separation and hardships to be ready.

Senior Airmen Jason Cunningham, a pararescueman, answered the call to deploy to Afghanistan in 2002. He continued answering that call even after being mortally wounded while on a rescue mission in support of Operation Anaconda. Jason was credited with saving 10 fellow comrades before he ultimately lost his life. We owe it to Airman Cunningham and his family, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, to be ready.

As the requirements for more six-month and one-year taskings and deployments continue to rise, more Airmen will be called upon to deploy, and,



**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray**

in many cases, perform duties in different organizations and environments they've known before. These are different times; the War on Terror is a different kind of war; and, it requires Airmen to be adaptive, courageous, and ready to fight. What has not changed is the fact that we are fighting for fundamental freedoms.

The American public – mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and most importantly, our children – are the beneficiaries of our efforts. I ask you to never forget the people who are counting on us - here at home and in the fledgling democracies abroad. Also never forget those who came before us. They answered our nation's call to fight for freedom. Now we must carry that torch. We inherited an arduous responsibility, but one we must shoulder with courage and honor. In time to come, others will reflect on our service. How will they judge our courage, our commitment, our readiness?

You have to be ready to fight today and tomorrow. Keep your focus on the mission, live by our Core Values, and remember how blessed we are to live in and serve our great nation.



## Preparing to go

Tech. Sgt. Ed Martin, 302nd Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance technician, plays with his son, Joey, before deploying May 6 in support of U.S. Central Command operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



**Don't forget Dad on Father's Day - June 18**



# Services Airman receives top Air Force award

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
Front Range Flyer

*Editor's note – Senior Airman Elisha Olivas, 302nd Services Flight services technician, was named the Air Force Air Reserve Component Services Airman of the Year after the following interview was conducted.*

Senior Airman Elisha Olivas, 302nd Services Flight services technician, credits vol-



Senior Airman Elisha Olivas wraps up some sweet rolls at the Aragon Dining Facility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

unteering for many different activities throughout her short military career for shaping her life. She also thinks it may be the reason she was named Air Force Reserve Command's top services airmen for fiscal year 2006.

"I wanted a different form of discipline and the military has created a strong foundation for me," she said. "It gave me a platform to express myself. It gave me a compass to recognize my goals, and the means to achieve them. I think volunteering helped me get this award."

The opportunity to put to practice what she preaches came in May 2005 when she volunteered for a 120-day Air Expeditionary Force tour at Al Dhafra Airbase in the United Arab Emirates.

During her stay, she was a member of the base honor guard, the point of contact for USO, drill-team member, part of a search and recovery unit and taught kick-boxing.

"Going overseas was another pivotal point in my life," said Airman Olivas. "It helped me learn about myself, and there were other goals I wanted to achieve."

Teaching kick-boxing was the easy part for the former professional boxer who placed fifth as an amateur in the 1999 boxing nationals.

"I learned to box at an early age while attending Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver," said Airman Olivas. "It's one hobby that helped me relieve my frustrations, and changed my path in life completely. You must have goals in life and go for them. If you don't, you wander.

When you wander you get into trouble."

She also competed in basketball, swimming and soccer while lettering in track and cheerleading. If that wasn't enough, she continued to work part-time while attending school.

Speaking of school, Airman Olivas is going to the Community College of Denver with designs on a career in forensic chemistry to work in a crime lab.

"I'm only going through the basics right now, and attending school part-time," said Airman Olivas. "Eventually, I would like to find a way to go to school full-time; and also get a masters degree in Eastern medicine for acupuncture."

When not busy with her duties at the 302nd SVF, going to school or pursuing other hobbies, she finds time to spend with her five-year-old son and four-year-old daughter.

"That's my favorite hobby," she said. "I love life, and I love the military. I have a mutual motivation for other people, and want to see them have self-love for themselves – to see them achieve their goals."

Achieving goals didn't go unnoticed by her peers.

"We submitted a top-notch package on her behalf," said Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, 302nd SVF NCO in charge of plans and force management. "She is very deserving of this award with respect to all her achievements. It couldn't have happened to a better Airman."

Airman Olivas was again busy during the unit training assembly when she competed in the Colorado Marathon May 7.

## NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Terry W. Coen, 302nd Airlift Wing assistant NCO in charge of automated information systems, has been with the 302nd Airlift Wing since January 1997. An air reserve technician, Sergeant Coen also works for the 302nd Communications Flight as the wing knowledge manager. This month, he celebrates his 16th anniversary serving in the U.S. Air Force.



## Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Taracina R. Piccoli, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation technician, has been with the 302nd Airlift Wing since August 2005.



# 8th SWS staff sergeant earns top NCO honor

By Tech. Sgt.  
David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

Staff Sgt. Conrad Dawes, 8th Space Based Warning Systems Squadron mission crew chief evaluator, has been named Air Force Reserve Command NCO of the Year for fiscal year 2006.

He credits commitment and mentoring his peers as aspects of the job that enabled him to receive the award.

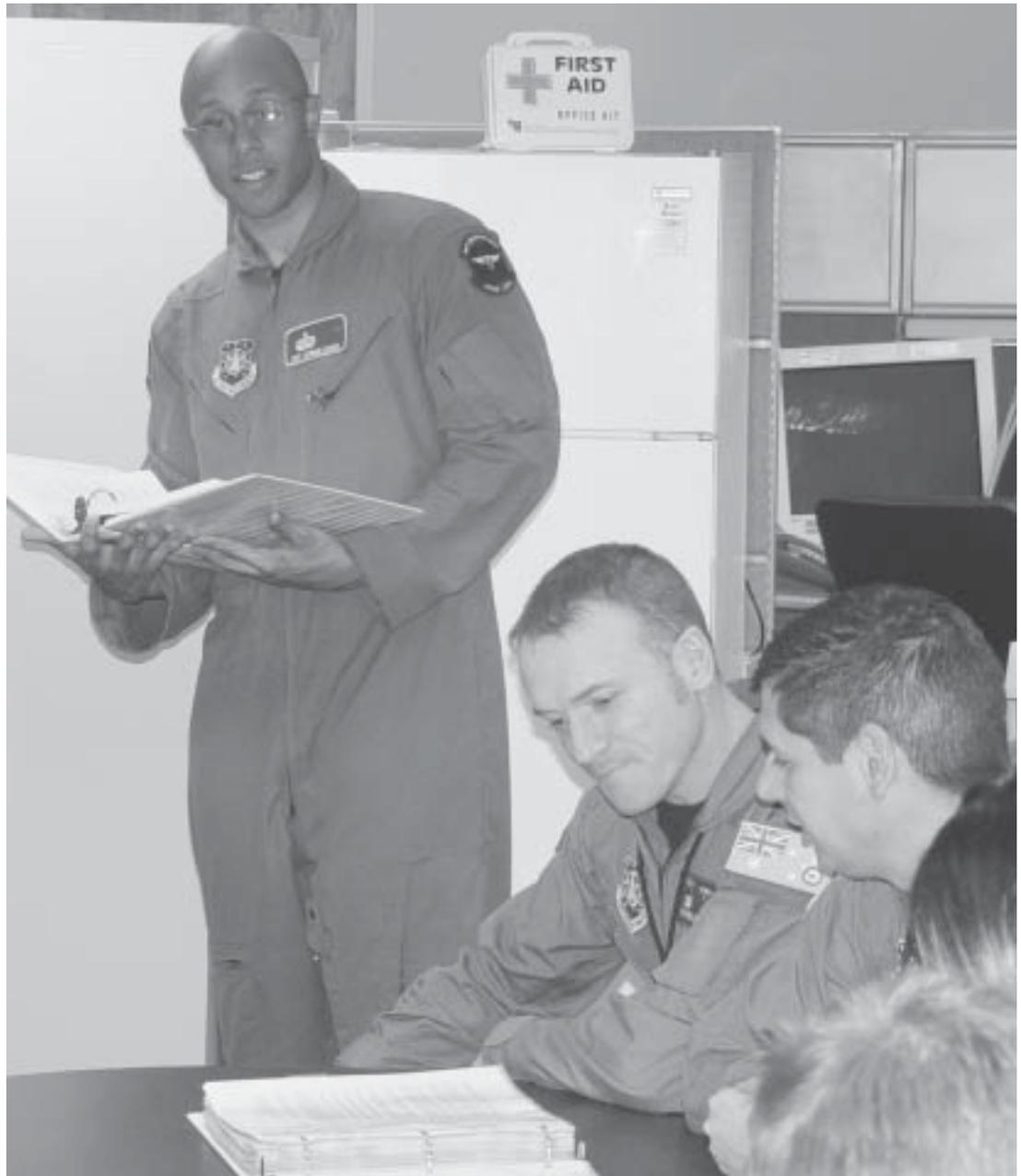
"In 2002, I had the honor of being deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," said the sergeant. "This experience enlightened me like no other ever had. I saw first-hand how my job directly supported the war fighter on a daily basis.

"When I returned to Buckley Air Force Base, I shared with my counterparts the importance of the job and the impact of the job not being done correctly or professionally. From that temporary duty assignment, I adopted a new work ethic, mentality, and an appreciation for the little things."

A combination of little things that go with the job – attitude, and activities outside the military environment – enabled Sergeant Dawes to be recognized.

"On a daily basis my job consists of validating the training shop's projects and creating scripts to ensure the crew force is proficient in all job performance requirements," he said.

"Perseverance is the key regardless of the tasks at hand. I always believe difficult tasks take a day, the impossible may take a week. I'm willing to help anybody in anything they're



Staff Sgt. Conrad Dawes (standing), 8th Space Based Warning Systems Squadron mission crew chief evaluator, conducts Evaluator Recurring Training. (U.S. Air Force photo Tech. Sgt. Brian Schmidt)

doing. Even if I stay late or come in early, one of my long term goals is to master my craft."

He's also trying to gain a better appreciation for mathematics by pursuing a degree from Colorado University in Denver, and would like to someday earn a commission. "I'm an active-duty guard reservist and plan on retiring from the military," he said.

"I have no doubt the exposure and experience I'm receiving now will someday benefit me in a civilian capacity."

Civilian activities include spending time with the family, fishing, reading, and traveling, or just completing projects around home like decorating, landscaping and painting.

"I firmly believe I represent

every hard working airman in AFRC by winning this recognition," said the former basketball player, wrestler, and saxophonist who graduated from Woodlands High School in New York. "Stay committed, work hard, ensure the mentorship program in your organization is active, and don't be afraid to challenge yourself."

# JEAC offers junior Airmen opportunity to speak up

**By Senior Airman Jason M. Rendler**  
*302nd AW Junior Enlisted Advisory Council*

A strong and solid U.S. Air Force depends highly upon the morale of its largest population – the junior Airmen.

Many junior Airmen may think that their sole responsibilities include following orders, being dutiful, and paying dues to advance. Of course, these responsibilities are

very necessary and important. Yet, there are many intelligent and loyal junior Airmen who, due to their position, feel they do not have a comfortable avenue for their input and opinions.

The 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is an organization that exists to help junior Airman have a voice on issues and network. According to the JEAC, “The purpose of the wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is to establish a profes-

sional organization that will provide a cross-flow of ideas across career fields and organizational units. It is a networking group where junior enlisted can develop camaraderie among peers, improve morale within the enlisted force, and educate one another on policy changes that affect our profession and work to resolve various issues to improve the quality of life, both on and off

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## *302nd CES enlisted members address issues at lowest level*

**By Tech. Sgt. Kristina J. Hottes**  
*302nd Civil Engineer Squadron*

Top three organizations are known across the Air Force and most squadrons have some form of a junior enlisted council.

The 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron has chosen to take it a step further. The unit has started an organization called the Rising Six. It is open to members in the grades of E-1 through E-6 on a strictly volunteer basis. This group comes together for a short time every other unit training assembly, or as needed, to discuss problems or concerns the members are having. It is a way to have peers help peers exchange ideas and resolve issues at the lowest level. Rising Six is hoping to bring an “esprit de corps” atmosphere back to UTAs. Since CE is all about construction, the effort is viewed as building a solid foundation for the future.

The members of the organization come together to talk about how to make their UTA go smoother or better. If an issue arises that cannot be solved by another member of the squadron then the president of the Rising Six takes the issue to the operations officer and squadron commander to see if they can resolve the issue. If solving the issue is out of their hands then the issue will be taken to the 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council. This council is comprised of two members from every squadron across the wing. Some issues surface that another squadron may hold the answer to. If not, then it can be taken up to the command chief master sergeant to see if he feels there is legitimate concern or issue.

The Rising Six gives the CE squadron every opportunity to fix any issues before it goes to the next level. Currently they are in the process of writing a charter and becoming an official organization.

For more information about Rising Six, contact me at 556-7999.



Senior Airman Aaron Thomas, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems technician, works his way up a power pole. Likewise, junior enlisted members in the squadron can work issues up the chain of command through the Rising Six council. Enlisted issues within the 302nd Airlift Wing can also be addressed through the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins)

# 302nd AW MAFFS mission ready to r

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

*Front Range Flyer*

**CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AFRC)** – The 302nd Airlift Wing is preparing for yet another war. This one is not against a foreign enemy, but a domestic foe. It is the war on the wildland fires which destroy millions of acres of land and thousands of homes, and kills immeasurable wildlife each year.

When a wildland fire ignites, civilian contract aircraft are called into action, but when all civilian contract options are exhausted, the military fire fighting mission can be activated through an agreement between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Defense. Before the 302nd AW Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission can be activated, the USDA Forest Service requires the aircrews to be certified annually. This year's certification was held in early May in Cheyenne, Wyo.

“Pilots, co-pilots and loadmasters are required to certify annually to fly MAFFS missions,” said Maj. Mark Steward, 302nd AW chief of safety and a MAFFS pilot. “Pilots fly eight sorties to include 16 dry passes over the drop area and eight wet passes. Co-pilots and loadmasters require eight dry passes and four wet passes. There is required ground training for all crew positions, too.” Dry passes are flyovers of drop zones designated by the forest service and wet passes are when the aircraft

actually drops retardant near the fire. During certification, aircrews use water to cut costs.

“Pilots and co-pilots are required to be highly experienced and proficient at airdrop and be low-level qualified,” said Major Steward. “Loadmasters are required to be experienced mission ready airdrop qualified. All crew members need to be able to respond to mission tasking upon short notice during the wildland fire season.”

This year's certification combined experienced 302nd MAFFS members with some fresh faces – due to the wing's activation in support of U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia. The 302nd, along with Air National Guard units from California, North Carolina and Wyoming endured high winds, rain and snow to prepare for the upcoming fire season, which is expected to be extremely demanding on fire crews, according to forest service officials.

“Drought conditions exist in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma, and across the south and along the east coast,” said Neal Hitchcock, USDA Forest Service assistant deputy operations director. “Primarily, our concern is in the southwest.” The south-

west United States is an area the 302nd MAFFS members are very familiar with, having fought fires there since taking over the Reserve MAFFS in 1993. And forest service officials said last month that this year's fire season could be bad in Colorado as it was in 2002, the worst on record for the state.

Aircrews are not the only ones who have to prepare for the fire season. The 302nd Maintenance Squadron must have highly-trained and highly-qualified aircraft maintainers at the ready as well. The fliers, the maintainers are a mix of MAFFS veterans and rookies due to the activation.

“The relationships developed between veterans are always unique to watch,” said Master Sgt. Ron Bebow, 302nd MXS maintenance superintendent. “You start out with people who do not know much about what is happening and are apprehensive on what and how much to expect. By the end of the first day, they become a ‘well-oiled machine.’ Each turnaround, their confidence

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Tech. Sgt. William Sparks, 302nd Maintenance Squadron isochronal inspection technician, reviews a checklist with Senior Airman John Anderson, 302nd MXS crew chief, during Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



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Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System units disperse retardant (water during training) from two tubes at the rear of the C-130. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



A 302nd Airlift Wing C-130 taxis into the pit for Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System reloading as Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bebow, 302nd Maintenance Squadron maintenance superintendent, observes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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creases and their sense of self-accomplishment increase each sortie. They look forward to the aircraft coming back and seeing if they can improve each turn-around time. It becomes a challenge that they see the benefits immediately.

“The veterans are proud of their knowledge and accomplishments. They take every opportunity to explain their ‘lessons learned’ from the past, and it helps the ‘rookies’ learn a better way of doing business. In return, the ‘rookies’ see the operation through a ‘fresh set of eyes’ and pass along their thoughts of a better way of performing the work. It is awesome to watch the change – very, very unique mentorship opportunity in that the mentorship goes in both directions.”

One “rookie” was Senior Airman Alex Sanchez, 302nd MXS supply management journey-

man, who relished the opportunity to try something a little different.

“I liked it,” he said. “I liked the hands-on. I was controlling the hose, but it took me three or four times to get the hang of it.”

The hose he speaks of is a 60-foot long, 5-inch diameter monstrosity which connects to the MAFFS unit. It pumps the water or retardant into the tanks, which hold a total of 3,000 gallons. Maintainers also run power equipment, refuel the C-130s and marshal the aircraft in and out of the pits. The pits are the areas where the aircraft park while being prepped for the next sortie and are manned by forest service and military personnel.

“We had a considerable number of new people who needed to learn a multitude of new techniques involved in aircraft preparation, quick turn-arounds, operation of support equipment, planning ahead for the unexpected, unfavorable weather, etc.,” said Chief Bewow. “Each



Senior Airman Beatrice Cervantes (left), 302nd Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, and Senior Airman Alex Sanchez, 302nd MXS supply management journeyman, pull the water hose following refilling of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System tanks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



A Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System C-130 disperses water over a drop zone. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

year is a little different than the year before. I have been doing this for about 15 years and every year I learn more than I did the year before.”

Thanks to the training the 302nd AW receives, if and when the time comes this year, the wing’s aerial firefighters will be ready to roll.

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and our resources (equipment and funds), but off-duty safety is essential as well. Your families (the one at home and this one) are counting on you sticking around for a long time!

Because we’re involved in the Global War on Terrorism, our jobs are incredibly important. We must work together in order to be effective. Teamwork is essential in what we do. This brings me to a couple of pet peeves I have. First, “finger-point-

ing” is a behavior that will have destructive effects on our team. Blaming someone else or another unit for something they did or didn’t do is unproductive and can have lasting repercussions. Second, we must respect each other. It doesn’t matter if you like the person you’re working with, but I insist that you respect him or her. We’re part of a huge family here. Disagreements are inevitable, but we cannot afford the luxury of wasting time trying to place blame. We must work through our issues and get the job done. I have zero tolerance for problems like this.

I have one big request of you – take some

time to assess the way we do business. Ask yourself, “Should I/we be doing this?” If someone says, “We’ve always done it this way,” determine if there might be a better way. Inertia is sometimes defined as “Resistance or disinclination to motion, action, or change.” Institutional inertia is something we must constantly be on the lookout for. New people and new technologies can help us do things faster, smarter, and ultimately, better.

Keep up the great work you do. I’m excited to be in this wing at this time in my life (I hope you are too).

# Reservists authorized to wear AFRC patch

Reservists can start wearing the new Air Force Reserve Command patch, AFRC officials announced May 10. Immediate wear of the new patch has been approved by Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, AFRC.

All AFRC unit members, Headquarters AFRC and Air Reserve Personnel Center personnel will wear the AFRC command patch on battle dress uniforms

and flight suits. Mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and active guard reservists assigned outside of AFRC will continue to wear the patch of the command to which they are assigned for duty. The mandatory wear date for the patch is Oct. 1.

The AFRC patch will be worn on the right breast pocket. For AFRC units, commanders may approve wear of one subdued

sewn-on organizational patch on the BDU and will designate whether it is a NAF, wing or squadron patch. If approved, the patch will be worn on the left breast pocket, centered between the left and right edges and bottom of flap and bottom of the pocket. Personnel assigned to the area of responsibility will follow the guidance prescribed by that combatant command.

The patches were approved

for purchase in fiscal year 2005. Wear guidance is included in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, paragraph 1.1, table 1.1. AFRC supplement 1 to AFI 36-2903 will be updated to include the above wear instructions for organizational patches.

Information about how the patches will be distributed to 302nd Airlift Wing members will be released once it becomes available.

## 97th Air Force Uniform Board offers additional guidance

The 97th Air Force Uniform Board has released additional guidance regarding uniform changes. This guidance addresses women's hair pins and bands, and the wear of Army badges and patches.

Women's hair pins and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends. This reverses the 96th AFUB. The intent of this item is that long hair should be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending upward on the head. For example, when using the claw clip or hairpins, hair will not present the appearance of a "rooster tail."

When hair is in a bun, all loose ends must be tucked in and secured. When hair is in a pony tail, it must be pulled all the way through the elastic band and may hang naturally downward, not extending below

the bottom of the collar. Bangs, if worn, will not touch the eyebrows. A neat and professional image is essential.

The 97th AFUB authorizes wear of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist arch. Members may continue to wear this on the battle dress uniform, under existing restrictions.

The board disapproved permanent wear of Army Air Assault function badge, pathfinder badge, ranger tab or patch. Airmen may only wear these while permanently assigned to and performing duties with other services. Permanent assignment denotes non-temporary duty assignment status. Upon permanent change of station to an Air Force unit, the member will remove them.

The board also disapproved permanent wear of a combat patch. The patch may be

worn only while permanently assigned to and performing duties with other services. Permanent assignment denotes non-TDY status. Upon PCS to an Air Force unit the member will remove them.

Wear of the blue nametag with the new Air Force informal uniform with abbreviated rank and name on one line (worn by recruiters, fitness center staff, health and wellness center staff, world class athletes, enlisted aides, honor guard, chaplains, and chaplain assistants) is authorized. The informal uniform is expected to be available for purchase later this summer.

More guidance will be forthcoming in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

Questions should be addressed to your local or major command points of contacts.

## Air Reserve Personnel Center website lets reservists correct duty history 'live'

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims

Air Reserve Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

**DENVER (AFP)**—Air Force Reserve members worldwide can now correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a customer-service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Previously, Airmen had to visit their local military personnel flight or call several agencies to correct their duty history. Now,

no matter the time of day, reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>.

Airmen can click on the "Correct Duty History" link and annotate their changes, attach any relevant supporting documentation and click on "submit."

There is no change to the process for updating current duty information; it still must be done through the local commander's support staff or base individual

mobilization augmentee administrators.

Air Reserve Personnel Center and the Air Force Personnel Center are working on centralizing and automating many of their processes for all Airmen and civilians in the total force.

Processes that have been automated or centralized at ARPC include 20-year letter (re-issue), mortgage letter, current points request, promotion board counseling request, and electronic

promotion letter to the board president.

In the future, automated and centralized services should account for nearly all aspects of an Airman's personnel actions, from initial enlistment to retirement. Between now and Sept. 1, 2007, ARPC will work to automate or centralize retirements, separations, awards and decorations, evaluations, enlisted promotions, assignments, retraining, reenlistments, duty status, classifications, adverse actions and accessions.

# Turbulent times foster friendships for CE sergeant

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor  
*Front Range Flyer*

Wartime is not always the best time to make new friends. Such was not the case for Senior Master Sgt. Mike Blakely, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron contingency operation technician. Despite being under the constant threat of attack, dealing with cultural differences between himself and the Iraqi workers he supervised, and being thousands of miles from home, Sergeant Blakely managed to foster several friendships with members of the coalition forces.

While serving as a military advisor to the base support unit for the Multi-National Security Transition Command at the Iraqi Military Academy Al Rustamiyah near Baghdad from September

2005 to March, he worked closely with members from several coalition countries and formed several close friendships.

“As far as the friendships I formed, I consider them to be some of the best and most lasting friendships I have made in a very long time,” said Sergeant Blakely. “My first two roommates were British, John Churchly and Chas Riddell, and we became great friends. They even taught me how to make a proper cup of tea.”

His newfound friends ran the gamut of European backgrounds. Along with the Brits there were Hungarians, Romanians, Lithuanians, Poles, Italians, Dutch and Danes, the latter of whom he said should receive the best sense of humor award.

“When it boils down to it, we really did put our lives in each other’s hands every

day, one way or another,” said Sergeant Blakely. “Once you establish that kind of trust with someone it’s impossible to top it. I still keep in contact with some of them by e-mail. I just received one from Catalin Ratta; he is a sergeant with the Romanian Army.

Despite varying languages and accents, the topics of discussion centered around



Cpl. John Bentley of the British Army and Senior Master Sgt. Mike Blakely. (U.S. Air Force photo)

subjects familiar to all.

“What we talked about over there? Oh, the same thing all soldiers talk about – our families back home, the mission, how the training was going with the Iraqi trainees, and how good or bad they were doing,” said Sergeant Blakely. “We talked about the differences of our respective countries, a lot of good-natured ribbing about each country’s customs and history, but in the end realizing that there are not that many differences between us.

“For fun we had a lot of sports related get-togethers – volleyball, soccer, apologies to the Brits (football) and every Thursday, mission permitting, we would try to have a barbecue. At these get-togethers, each country represented in the camp took a turn preparing the food representative of their

respective nation. The overall favorite was Hungary – best goulash I have ever eaten – even with making do and improvising with some of the ingredients.

“My military involvement with them was as much a pleasure as my off-duty time. I was responsible for the support of the coalition members in our camp as well as the

Iraqi military. Our overall commander was British and my chain of command both up and down included at least four different countries. We all operated together as one unit, so I learned a lot about the operational procedures of the other nations stationed at IMAR. Overall, I would have to say one of the most memorable experiences of my life was to serve where it counts the most with some of the most professional soldiers I have ever

met.”

The friendships created helped offset the frustrations Sergeant Blakely felt while dealing with the communication barrier between himself and the Iraqis.

“I was the only non-Iraqi in the base support unit,” said Sergeant Blakely, who related the BSU to the U.S. Air Force equivalent of a CE Prime Beef team. “Of course, there was the communication obstacle, but enough of them spoke a spattering of English and I learned enough Arabic to be understood. We did a lot of pantomime and a lot of drawings.”

“My primary job was to repair and maintain the base,” he said. Specifically, the sergeant had to train Iraqi workers how to per-

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**Veterans' Home Run set for July 2**

The first annual Veterans' Home Run will be held July 2 at memorial Park in Colorado Springs. This event is to promote and raise funds for the Crawford House, a non-profit organization serving the homeless military veterans in southern Colorado.

For more information, contact the event director, Jim Beckenhaupt, at (719) 636-2696; e-mail him at jimthegrouch@aol.com; or go to the website at www.pprun.org.

**Parking restrictions coming**

Parking along the gravel strip on the northwest side of Bldg. 893 will soon be prohibited. The curb will be painted red, designating it a no parking area. You

must use a designated parking slot in an approved area. This is being done to comply with fire lane, anti-terrorism/force protection requirements and safety requirements.

The "delivery parking" slots on the southeast end of Bldg. 893 are for official use only. The slots are limited to one hour unless special arrangements have been made with Lt. Col. Michael J. McCully, 302nd Mission Support Group commander, for a longer period. These are not permanent parking spots.

Vehicles illegally parked are subject to ticketing or removal.

**DOD increases foreign language pay**

The Department of Defense announced an increase effective June 1 in Foreign Language Proficiency Pay for service-members who qualify.

The fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the secretary of defense to increase FLPP pay from \$300 per month to a maximum of \$1,000 per month for qualified active-duty members and offer a

\$6,000 per year bonus for qualified Guard and Reservists.

The enhanced program will emphasize languages needed to support the war on terrorism, the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and those of importance to DOD.

More information will be released once it is made available.

**Military STAR® strengthens return on investment**

Every time troops use bank-issued cards at their exchange, it costs the military community millions of dollars that could be directed to Morale, Welfare and Recreation efforts.

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**Spring 2006 quarterly issue of Airman available**

Read about how space-based capabilities are helping fight the Global War on Terrorism, travel alongside a joint convoy mission through Iraq, follow the struggles of the Air Force family's tiniest members as they receive life-saving care at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wilford Hall.

These features and more highlight the first quarterly issue of Airman magazine, now available in print and online at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman>.

**ORI Crossword**

The Operational Readiness Inspection is around the corner and every Air Force member should be familiar with Air Force

Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual. Every month a different crossword will be available for your enjoyment and

knowledge. This month's puzzle is from Section 2 "DEPLOY."

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**ACROSS**

- 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ (acronym) is negotiated between the US government and foreign governments regarding US military forces present in the foreign country
- 4. Most PDFs provide representatives from finance, \_\_\_\_\_, family support, medical, personnel, and the chaplain's office to assist you.
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (acronym) are used by commanders to ensure operations follow national policy goals, mission requirements, and the rule of law
- 7. The wash/wear life for an uncontaminated CPO is six launderings or 45 \_\_\_\_\_ (whichever occurs first.)

**DOWN**

- 1. The news media are the principal means of communicating information about the \_\_\_\_\_ to the general public.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - MOPP concept tactic divides the airbase into multiple sectors or control zones and assigns threat-based protective actions and MOPP for each area that's independent from one another.
- 3. In regards to proper care and cleaning of the CPO, mark the "laundry label" with a permanent marker \_\_\_\_\_ each wash.
- 5. A wavering tone is indicative of which alarm condition?

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# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## June 3-4

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1600	MPF Hours (closed 1115-1215)	Bldg. 895, First Floor	DPMSC/6-8185
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & a Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 625	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1215 – 1600	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 121	DPMSC/6-8185
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180	
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180	
S U N D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room First Floor	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	CEO/6-7550
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but you made lodging reservations? Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.**

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule? Contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.**

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duty.” The JEAC is not an alternative to issues that need to be resolved through an Airman’s chain-of-command.

The JEAC is open to all personnel in the grades of E-1 through E-6 assigned to 302nd AW. Membership in the JEAC is free of charge. The JEAC holds meetings each UTA Sunday at noon. The meetings are attended by its officers the command chief master sergeant (Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler), and a primary/alternate member from each squadron. Guests to the meetings are invited by its officers. Squadron primary/al-

ternate JEAC members meet with its junior enlisted and the unit’s first sergeant each UTA.

The items of discussion that arise at JEAC meetings have an influence on individual squadrons and sections, as well as Peterson Air Force Base. Recent items of discussion included: the possibility of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service opening military clothing sales on UTA Sundays, preparation and participation in 302nd AW Family Day, improper uniform wear, and social activities for junior enlisted. Any junior Airman in the 302nd is encouraged to voice opinions and contribute to the JEAC, as long as it is not an issue that needs to be

handled through the chain-of-command.

Input to the JEAC meetings is recommended through the squadron’s primary/alternate JEAC members. Still, an Airman may communicate with the JEAC’s officers and core members.

If an Airman is interested in talking to a JEAC member, please contact: Tech. Sgt. Kristina Hottes at 556-7550 or Staff Sgt. Gerard Lopez at 556-7555.

Thank you for your support and involvement. The JEAC is an important instrument that many military units have yet to introduce. Increasing momentum of the JEAC will greatly improve the strength and camaraderie of the 302nd AW.

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form that work. He was also responsible for project approval, contractor relations, project sign-off and maintaining the projects after completion. The work was being accomplished under constant threat of attack.

“There were always explo-

sions. We received several rocket attacks and mortar attacks,” Sergeant Blakely said. “Very few of them landed in the camp. Most overshoot or undershot the camp, but the constant stress of knowing they’re firing at you wears on you.”

In addition to the camp’s attacks, there were the frequent convoys through Baghdad be-

tween IMAR and the Butler Range training site. These convoys traveled along a road called Route Irish, which Sergeant Blakely said was laden with improvised explosive devices. Those who traveled in the convoys wore full battle gear and were heavily armed.

In addition to the friendships, Sergeant Blakely witnessed

other positives during his stay, like the graduation of the first group of second lieutenants in the Iraqi Army in more than three years.

“We graduated the first class out of the academy in the post-Saddam era,” he said.

It’s clear to see that Sergeant Blakely’s stay in Iraq was time well spent.

## Sharp Troop of the Month

**Name:** Christopher B. Crump

**Rank:** Staff sergeant

**Section:** 19th Space Operations Squadron

**Job:** Satellite systems operator

**Date assigned:** March 2001

**Hometown:** Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**Hobbies:** Cars, motorcycles, mountain biking, electronics, anything with a challenge

**Favorite things about your job:** "First and foremost, I would feel remorse to not honor the troops that paved the way, past and present, for our liberties we celebrate today. Second, serving in space command – specifically 19th Space Operations Squadron – has afforded me the opportunity to learn from some of the most honorable and dedicated examples of officers and enlisted members in our Air Force today. On top of that, the job lets me work with some of the most advanced equipment on the leading edge of technology. The experience I have taken away from my career here can't be given value and has opened a gateway to many other opportunities. I am proud to serve with the 19th Space Operations Squadron. To sum it up, my favorite things about my job are serving those who have made a sacrifice, learning from my mentors, and the opportunity to work with some of the latest technology."

*Supervisors – Nominate a Sharp Troop. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.*



## Promotions

### Senior Master Sergeant

Randy L. Kind  
John W. Moor  
Gregory E. Olson  
Donna M. Pearce  
Ronald D. Sutton Jr.  
**Master Sergeant**  
Michelle R. Ashton  
Jeffrey G. Buell  
Edward Falkushan  
Kenneth E. Hill  
David P. Noblit  
Jeffrey M. Outlar  
Travis L. Waeckerlin

### Technical Sergeant

Ruth A. Altman-Burnett  
Sherrelle P. Barta  
David V. Gilman  
Diane L. Mench  
Stephanie D. Orawiec  
Jameson C. Peyton  
Travis J. Romero  
**Staff Sergeant**  
Neil S. Elson  
Michael P. Gonzalez  
Alan W. Schulz  
**Senior Airman**  
Jessica E. Andrews

Trevor A. Baird  
Nathan P. Bowles  
Terrence G. Clements  
Jacob D. Ingebritson  
Mikal D. Jolly  
Uchenna P. Obioha  
Ryan C. Spawr  
Patrick J. Tasca  
Kristine A. Terronez  
**Airman 1st Class**  
Sara M. Bernal  
**Airman**  
Brian A. Bell III  
Tanya A. Watkins

## 302nd AW Operational Readiness Exercise

### Dates:

July 10-14

### Location:

Peterson Air Force Base

### Objectives:

- Receive Outstanding rating for all tasked unit tasking codes during the Operational Readiness Inspection in December 2007.

- To provide academic training and opportunities for practical application of concepts and skills contained in the Airman's Manual.

- To train and practice the command and control portion of wing operations in a deployed environment.

- To practice skills in a simulated Ability to Survive and Operate environment.

### Events:

Training will be accomplished in chalks. Members will receive chalk assignments upon arrival.

Proposed training includes unit assembly and processing, Airman's Manual training at the base theater, station training at Pete East, and a C2 exercise.

## Newcomers

### 302nd Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gardiner

### 39th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Audrey Gonzales  
Senior Airman Andrew T. Guthridge  
Staff Sgt. Bing Hack

### 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Capt. James J. Jackel

### 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kelly M. Mitchell

### 302nd Maintenance Group

Col. Jane L. Kitchen

### 302nd Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. David B. Borges

Staff Sgt. Biridiana Guzman

Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Honey

Airman 1st Class William B. Randolph

Airman 1st Class Patrick J. Tasca

Airman 1st Class Brandon S. Behunin

### 302nd Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Donald J. Pangborn Jr.

### 310th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Morgan S. Cunningham

Airman 1st Class Chad A. Dickson

### 731st Airlift Squadron

Capt. Kevin A. Baylis

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Landeck

### 7th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. David W. Diggins

### 8th Space Warning Squadron

Senior Airman Alexandra McCracken

### 19th Space Operations Squadron

Airman Basic Adrian A. Salas

## Retirees

Col. Michael T. O'Halloran, 302nd MXG

Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Stone, 302nd ASTS

Senior Master Sgt. Kristina E. Murphy, 39th APS

Senior Master Sgt. Olah C. Murphy, 39th APS

Master Sgt. Paul Burnett, 302nd AW

Master Sgt. William A. Cuevas, 302nd CES

Master Sgt. Daniel M. Cuvier, 9th SOPS

Master Sgt. Earlee Nelson, 302nd MOF

Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Bustamante, 302nd CF

Tech. Sgt. Timothy P. Gudridge, 302nd AMXS

Staff Sgt. Bernard D. Stull Jr., 39th APS

## ORI Crossword answers

### Across

2. SOFA

4. Legal

6. ROE

7. Days

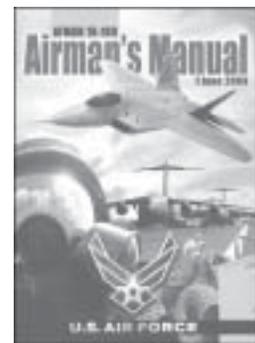
### Down

1. Military

2. Split

3. After

5. Red



**Who's in the kitchen ...**

Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, 302nd Services Flight NCO in charge of plans and force management demonstrates how to use the single palletized expeditionary kitchen to Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd Airlift Wing commander, prior to preparing the afternoon meal May 6. The SPEK is a compact kitchen which can be transported via aircraft to deployed locations on a single pallet. Unloading, unpacking and setup of the SPEK can be accomplished in a timelier manner. A team of eight services personnel can prepare the kitchen and start feeding within four hours of the arrival of rations and equipment. "This is the first time we've used it," said Sergeant Brassard. "It's safer and faster. Instead of feeding our troops three MREs a day, we can now provide two hot meals a day." (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



**302nd Airlift Wing Family Day planning underway**

Planning is currently underway for the annual 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5, beginning at 11 a.m.

Free food, information booths, musical entertainment provided by the United States Air Force Academy Band, a variety of games and activities and a golf

tournament are among the mainstays which have drawn families during years past.

However, golf won't be the only sport contested in 2006, as the 302nd Services Flight is organizing two additional events, softball and volleyball. Units are encouraged to enter teams in the tournaments – whether they be

competitive or just for a little recreational enjoyment.

The majority of the events and activities will be held in Bldg. 210, Bay 1. The sporting events will be held at other locations with golf at the Silver Spruce Golf Course, softball at the softball fields on Paine Street and volleyball at Eagle Park (near the

base swimming pool and tennis courts).

As usual, the 302nd AW Chief's Group will be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs.

Volunteers will play a key role the success of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Tech. Sgt. Waihini Gaditano at 556-7678.

***Volleyball, softball new attractions on 302nd AW Family Day roster***

The annual 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day Aug. 5 will offer wing and family members an opportunity to showcase their athletic talents or just have a little recreational fun.

The 302nd Services Flight is sponsoring single elimination volleyball and softball tournaments. Six-person volleyball and 10-person softball teams will have an opportunity to prove they are the best in the wing in the sand and on the diamond. Team rosters must be submitted to 302nd SVF by the end of the June unit training assembly.



The volleyball tournament will be held at Eagle Park, near the tennis courts and swimming pool. Softball games will be played at

the softball fields on Paine Street.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Audra Maryland, Senior Airman Hope Clark-Vasquez, Senior Airman Elisha Olivas during the UTA at 556-4001, Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at 556-4001 during the week or e-mail them at [terry.brassard@peterson.af.mil](mailto:terry.brassard@peterson.af.mil), [audra.maryland@peterson.af.mil](mailto:audra.maryland@peterson.af.mil), [hope.clarkvasquez@peterson.af.mil](mailto:hope.clarkvasquez@peterson.af.mil), or [elisha.olivas@peterson.af.mil](mailto:elisha.olivas@peterson.af.mil).

Of course, the annual golf tournament will be held as well. Contact Master Sgt. Billye

Adams at 556-7347/3209 or at [billye.adams@peterson.af.mil](mailto:billye.adams@peterson.af.mil).

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