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Proof is in wing's preparation

By **Col. Andrew McMahon**
 302nd AW vice commander

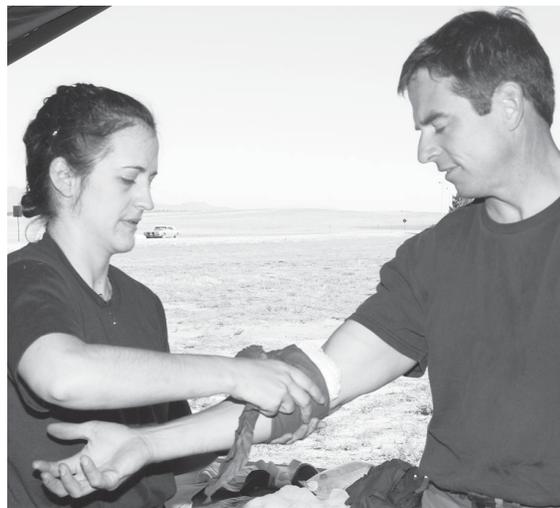
Last month, our wing participated in Peak Spirit 06-01 – the first of several exercises to prepare us for a December 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection. Basically, an ORI is an evaluation by higher headquarters (in this case Air Mobility Command) that certifies our ability to go to war.

As I briefed many of you during our exercise kick-off, no one in the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, or Air Mobility Command should have any doubts about our ability to safely and successfully go to war. Since 9-11, a majority of our reservists have mobilized, deployed, and selflessly done their part to help our nation in its fight in the Global War on Terror. You've lived in remote locations for extended periods of time, fixed planes under adverse weather conditions, driven in dangerous convoys, and flown combat missions into hostile and threatening environments. What you have already done far exceeds anything we will be tasked to do in any ORI!

However, in spite of the fact that we are a battle tested wing, we must still prove ourselves capable during the ORI. I have no doubt we will be successful. Although Peak Spirit 06-01 identified a number of deficiencies, these are easily correctable. Work with your Unit Deployment Managers to identify and correct any deployment problems. Now is the time to fix process issues, update training gear, and lay the groundwork for a successful ORI. A little time and effort

spent now will pay enormous dividends when it's time for our inspection.

Overall, our Reservists were well prepared, and took advantage of some excellent training opportunities. We all know that



Master Sgt. Lynn Twohig-Burman, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service craftsman, demonstrates bandaging techniques on Lt. Col. Thomas McCloskey, 302nd Airlift Wing officer in charge of Command Post, during Peak Spirit 06-01. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

computer based training is no substitute for hands-on training. I was really pleased that we had the opportunity to practice searching for unexploded ordnance and actually used our Airman's Manual throughout the week. Thank you to all the trainers and planners who helped make Peak Spirit 06-01 a success.

Let me close with what I said earlier. The 302nd AW is a combat ready wing. You should all be proud of your accomplishments. Together let's prove to AMC what we already know – that the 302nd AW is the best airlift wing in the Air Force!

On the cover



Hydrate

Tech. Sgt. Jacques Schnierle, 302nd Airlift Wing safety technician, reminds Peak Spirit 06-01 participants to stay hydrated during chemical warfare training in hot weather July 13. For more on the exercise, see page 4. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

UTA Schedule

Next UTA: Aug. 5-6

Sept. 9-10

Oct. 14-15

Nov. 4-5

The next UTA schedule is printed in more detail on page 7. The *Front Range Flyer* is mailed each month to all 302nd Airlift Wing members on file with Personnel Systems. If you are not receiving your magazine, check with your orderly room or administration section to ensure your address is correct.

Mission complete for ops officer

By Lt. Col. Tom Schmitt
731st Airlift Squadron

“Re-tire (ri-tir’) v. 1. To withdraw from business or public life and live on one’s income, savings or pension. 2. To remove from active service: retire an old career officer.” (*The American Heritage Dictionary, 2nd College Edition*)

Looks like that second definition fits me to a tee! It’s time to put me out to pasture (or perhaps, more appropriately, send me to the bone yard). My 33-year career in the Air Force, the Reserve and as an air reserve technician is rapidly drawing to a close. Retirement looms in the very near future (Aug. 5, to be exact). So in an effort to say thanks and farewell to as many of you as possible, I’ve asked the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office for some space in this edition of the Front Range Flyer.

In my opinion, all of us who wear the uniform of the United States military are a breed apart. And those of us who volunteer to continue that service in the reserve forces of the United States are, as Sir Winston Churchill once said, “twice a citizen.” I have been privileged to

serve with many hundreds of you outstanding patriots during my career, the last five years here in the 302nd AW and 731st Airlift Squadron.

During that span, I’ve been witness to numerous changes in all aspects of military life; some have been good (finally, the AFRC patch), some bad (non-fliers wearing flight suits) and some just plain stupid (the physical training uniform). I’ve participated in every major military operation of the past four decades and I’ve been extremely fortunate to fly three of the greatest airlift aircraft ever built; the C-141, the C-17 and, of course, the C-130 Hercules.

However, the one constant throughout these many years has been the quality, dedication and professionalism of each of you – the folks at the unit level who simply go out and do your jobs every day, year-in and year-out. You make it happen. You get it done. It’s truly an awesome performance!

So I’ll “sign out” now, one last time, and say a huge “thank you” to everyone in this wing. Your daily contributions allow us to consistently perform our vital mission as a key partner in the Total Force. In fact, ever

since that horrible day in September 2001, we’ve all been witness to how absolutely essential the Air Force Reserve is in fighting the Global War on Terror. Simply put, without us the active Air Force could not do everything required to win. Mobilization has become the norm instead of the exception, and our wing continues to play a flawless role in supporting the ongoing operations in the Area of Responsibility.

Each of you, whether mobilized or not, is a key player in this conflict. The 302nd AW and the Air Force Reserve need

every one of you to continue your efforts in this supremely vital undertaking. In my humble opinion, GWOT is the most crucial challenge this country has ever faced. We simply must not fail!

All of you who raised your right hands and swore an oath to defend the United States are true patriots who deserve the deepest respect and admiration of your fellow citizens – you certainly have mine! It has been my



Lt. Col. Tom Schmitt, 731st Airlift Squadron operations officer, filled several roles within the 302nd Airlift Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

distinct honor and privilege to be a member of this outstanding organization.

I will definitely miss working with all of you in the pursuit of ultimate victory. Every time a C-130 flies over my house, I will pause and think of each of you whose efforts make every mission possible. You have my never-ending support and my undying gratitude. I wish each one of you Godspeed.

Take care and fly safe!

Check, your address on virtual MPF

Incorrect addresses are costing the 302nd Airlift Wing money as Front Range Flyers which are undeliverable are being returned to the Public Affairs office after postage has been paid.

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Go the 302nd AW internal website at <https://wwwmil.302aw.afrc.af.mil/>

welcome. htm. Click on the link v-MPF, then click on the appropriate line to log into vMPF. Scroll down the page and click on vMPF and verify e-mail and phone.

Once you are past the verification screen, click on Self-Service Actions on the left-hand side of the screen. Next, click on Personal Data, then click on Record Review/Update, and finally, click on Individual. This will provide the links to the address or addresses you need to update.

Help JEAC select new logo

The 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is rejuvenated, but there is one small problem. The JEAC needs a logo – and would like your help in creating one.

All you have to do is create a fantastic logo using your talent and any available tools (i.e. computers, pencils, crayons) and submit it to Senior Airman Tanas Mello-Patten by Saturday, Aug. 5.

Submit your entry to her by e-mail at tanas.mello-patten@peterson.com or by fax to 556-1529.

All junior enlisted airmen are eligible to participate and the winner will receive a prize and have their logo recognized as the official logo of the JEAC.

If you have any questions, call Airman Mello-Patten at 556-4530.

302nd Airlift Wing prepares for inspection

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

Preparations are underway for the 302nd Airlift Wing Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for December 2007.

One of the first steps was an operational readiness exercise, Peak Spirit 06-01, held July 10-15. Day one of training was designed familiarize members with the Airman's Manual through briefings.

Subsequent training days took place at Peterson East and included rotating personnel chalks from station-to-station for hands-on ability to survive and operate training in chemical environment training.

Training included in-processing of mobility chalks, practicing setting-up a wing operations center, disaster control center, survival readiness center, casu-

alty collection points, contamination control areas, and practicing palletizing cargo.

"The Airman's Manual training, Pete East field exercise and unit cargo loading was an important step in preparing for the ORI," said Col. Andrew McMahon, 302nd Airlift Wing vice commander. "With the ORI only 16 unit training assemblies away, it's important we use our training time effectively. I was particularly impressed with the positive can-do attitude displayed by our reservists."

The 302nd Security Forces Squadron had personnel present to demonstrate proper techniques for filing SALUTE reports up the chain-of-command, preparing cover and concealment, and reemphasizing weapons familiarization. SALUTE re-

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Airman 1st Class Eliana Sinizer, 302nd Mission Support customer service representative, makes a safe landing in a decontamination box during contamination control area training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

70th Flying Training Squadron welcomes new commander

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

The diversity of backgrounds of the members within the 70th Flying Training Squadron suits its new commander just fine. Lt.

Col. Scott A. Sauter, who also holds a diverse military and educational background, cited many of the different career fields contained within the unit he assumed command of on July 14.

"We've got college professors, teachers, coaches, marathon runners, NCAA champions, pilots, lawyers, a judge and full-time mothers," said the colonel after accepting the squadron's guidon from Col. Karl A. Schmitkons, 302nd Operations Group commander.

"This position had been vacant awhile," said the Colonel. "We took our time, and wanted to be successful in picking the right person. Based on what we know from working with the 302nd Ops

Group, he became the top candidate."

Being the top candidate was not hard, considering Colonel Sauter's career resume and educational background. He holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the Catholic University of America, a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Control Systems Engineering from Oklahoma State University. The colonel has completed Air Command and Staff College and was a distinguished graduate of Squadron Officer School. He is a command pilot with over 4,200 hours in the T-37B, T-38B, C-5A/B/C and TG-10 B/C/D.

"This is more about the 70th FTS as we move forward," said Colonel Sauter. "I've got 37 reservists that lead by saying 'yes.' The challenge of this command is delivering successes and ensuring the squadron's reservists succeed in their civilian pursuits.

"An active-duty unit and an Air Force Reserve component together. This is just another example of a total force solution."



Lt. Col. Scott Sauter, 70th Flying Training Squadron commander, explains glider operation procedures to Kevin and Chris Colley. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron earns well-deserved 'mahalo'

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

HICKAM AIRFORCEBASE, Hawaii (AFRC) – Need siding installed? Call the readiness guy. Need a roof put on? Call the electrician. When the 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron performs its annual tour its members will do whatever it takes to get the job done. That means lending a hand in areas which are not necessarily their specialties.

It's part of the squadron's cross utilization training program, according to Chief Master Sgt. Sally Arnold, 302nd CES chief of contingency operations.

"We're supposed to be able to backfill any position in our unit," she said. "We're supposed to have, ideally, a knowledge, not be an expert, but possess a general knowledge."

This year's annual tour was comprised of a month-long humanitarian mission to Hawaii during May and June to work on a construction project. The 302nd CES split into two groups, each spending two weeks working on the project, Aloha Gardens, for ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc.

A non-profit organization located at the Helamano Plantation on the island of Oahu, ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc. provides short-term respite care facilities and homes for elderly, handicapped and economically disadvantaged citizens, according to Ronald Renshaw, ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc. program director.

"We are looking at transitional houses," he said. "We will provide respite care up to two weeks at a time."

More than 60 members of the unit pitched in to complete a large chunk of the construction of three 1,500-square-foot houses and a 1,144-square-foot social hall. This phase of the project, which should be finished by year's end, already has three additional houses which need a few final touches.

"It should be ready for occupancy soon," said Mr. Renshaw. "It's my understanding the contractor will finish up where the military left off."

Aloha Gardens, once finished, will have 11 homes which can house 55 people, Mr.



Senior Airman Chad Kleger, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and construction equipment apprentice, fastens roofing material into place. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Renshaw said. He noted that Del Monte Foods will cease pineapple production on Oahu this year and some 700 employees will be without jobs. Some of them could have an opportunity to stay at Aloha Gardens and attend classes at an adjacent vocational training center ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc. is building.

"They can live here while taking classes in vocational services," said Mr. Renshaw. "They will receive training on how to get jobs." One example, he said, is learning about the interview process.

The \$18-million, 40-acre Aloha Gardens community will also have an elderly daycare/wellness center, agricultural and aquacultural operations, gardens, country market, campground and miniature golf course once completed.

The work required of the 302nd included trenching, plumbing, framing, roofing and electrical work. Also required was the installation of 37,600 square feet of sheet rock, 7,800 square feet of concrete board siding, and 5,700 square feet of bat fiberglass insulation, according to 2nd Lt. Fred Brooks, 302nd CES engineer and assistant officer in charge for the project.

The members of the 302nd

about 45 hours each week, including several 12-hour shifts, in Oahu's hot, humid climate. Humidity frequently reached 90 percent or higher, a stark contrast to the 60- to 65-percent range in Colorado at this time of year.

Despite the long hours and humid climate, the cross utilization training was fun, according to Master Sgt. Horace Baker, 302nd CES utilities system craftsman, and one of the team leads for the project.

"We're learning a lot," he said. "We're learning the skill of another trade and what it takes

to do it."

Sergeant Baker's team, like all the CE teams, had a mix of specialties. There was also a mix of Airmen, from senior airmen to

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Senior Airman Ronald Paul, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering technician, surveys building levels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

New consolidated aerial port/airlift control facility open for business

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

The new Consolidated 39th Aerial Port Squadron/302nd Airlift Control Flight building is officially open for business. The day the aerial port and airlift control flight members have been waiting for finally became reality during a dedication ceremony held July 8.

The facility, located next to the Federal Aviation Administration tower, came with a price tag of nearly \$7.9 million and provides a direct line of sight to aircraft taxiways.

The 35,000-square-foot structure is 2.5 times larger than the vintage 1940s hangar which previously housed the 39th APS. The ALCF members previously conducted communications set-up and aerospace ground training out of a trailer inside one of the 302nd Maintenance Squadron hangars.

"The additional space in this building will allow us to do more and increase the capability to better perform our mission," said Lt. Col. Douglas Strawbridge, 302nd ALCF commander. "We're no longer physically constrained as we've been in the past."

More work space and the inclusion of a

parachute drying tower will benefit mission requirements of the aerial port squadron.

"I believe we have the most proficient, experienced and dedicated people I've ever worked with," said Lt. Col. James Gregory, 39th APS commander. "I'm extremely grateful to be in a new facility that reflects the quality and caliber of the 39th APS. This will only increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the unit as we strive to serve the nation and the people of Colorado."

Many of those same people recently returned from spending a year supporting military operations overseas.

"The irony of the move into this building is we've had aerial port personnel who've just spent a year supporting U.S. Central Command operations rotating between Baghdad International Airport in Iraq and Andrews Air Force Base, Md., said Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueeler, 302nd Airlift Wing command chief and former 39th APS air terminal services superintendent. "They're back just in time to move into the new facility."

"This would have never happened had it not been for the efforts of the previous four wing commanders," he added. "Retired Brig. Gen. Walter Hatchell, retired Brig. Gen. Ben Pieczynski; Brig. Gen. Richard R. Moss, 403rd AW commander (Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.); and retired Brig. Gen. William P. Kane had the foresight to see this through to its completion. I can't thank them enough. This is a state of the art facility, and something that serves as a benchmark for the Air Force Reserve Command."

"It's great to be in this new facility," said Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander. "Everywhere I go people ask me to tell them about the new aerial port building. No one wants to talk about sports, it's 'tell me about the new building.'"



Left to right, Mr. Richard Hinkle, senior-vice president, C. H. Guernsey and Co.; Mr. Robert Michaels, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District; Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueeler; 302nd Airlift Wing command chief; Lt. Col. James Gregory, 39th Aerial Port Squadron commander; Ellen Cesarone, representative for the Honorable Joel Hefley, U.S. House of Representatives; Lt. Col. Douglas Strawbridge, 302nd Airlift Control Flight commander; Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander; and Col. Elizabeth Anderson; individual mobilization augmentee to the 21st Space Wing commander; cut the ribbon dedicating the new Consolidated 39th Aerial Port Squadron/302nd Airlift Control Flight building. (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

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ports are used to determine size, activity, location, uniform type, and equipment of the enemy.

Wing civil engineers and readiness flight members provided training on defensive position posturing and fortifica-

tion, properly filling and positioning sandbags, land navigation techniques and identifying unexploded ordinance. Members of the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron taught a self-aid/buddy care refresher.

"Peak Spirit 06-01 achieved our training objectives," Lt. Col. Melinda Clearwater, 302nd AW

performance planner. "The war skills training concept of 'hear it, see it, do it' was extremely successful and the first of a continued series throughout the ORI prep phase. Best practice was getting people to think about the things that need to be done prior to kick-off."

The morning of July 14 was

set aside to examine the week's events and focusing on what areas the wing might need to improve upon prior to the ORI.

"I think people learned a lot over the week," said Maj. Kristine Simpson, 302nd AW chief of wing plans. "This was a great start as we begin preparation for our ORI."

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

August 5-6

| | Time | Event | Location | POC |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| SATURDAY | 0530 – 0800 | Breakfast/Brunch | Aragon Dining Facility | SVMFA/6-4180 |
| | 0730 – 1100 | Newcomers Orientation | Bldg. 893, Conference Room | DPMSC/6-8185 |
| | 0730 – 0900 | No Meeting Period | All Locations | CV/6-7087 |
| | 0745 – 1115 | MPF Hours | Bldg. 895, First Floor | DPMSC/6-8185 |
| | 0800 – 1030 | Spouse/Family Meeting | Leadership development center | DPMFR/6-6505 |
| | 0900 – 1000 | Unit Training Manager Meeting | Bldg. 895, Room 203 | DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950 |
| | 1000 – 1600 | Military Clothing Sales | Bldg. 1466 | LSM/6- 3227 |
| | 1100 – 1600 | Family Day | Bldg. 210 | DPMZ/6-7678 |
| | 1300 – 1600 | Chaplain Available | Bldg. 893, Room 143 | HC/6-7428 |
| | 1600 – 1800 | Dinner | Aragon Dining Facility | SVMFA/6-4180 |
| SUNDAY | 2000 – 2300 | Late Night Carry-out | Aragon Dining Facility | SVMFA/6-4180 |
| | 0530 – 0800 | Breakfast/Brunch | 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 219A | DPMSC/6-8185 |
| | 0730 – 1630 | Physical Exams | Clinic | ASTS/6-1132 |
| | 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 |
| | 1200 – 1300 | Junior Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg. 350 | 731st AS/6-7371 |
| | 1100 – 1300 | Lunch | Aragon Dining Facility | SVMFA/6-4180 |
| | 1600 – 1800 | Dinner | Aragon Dining Facility | SVMFA/6-4180 |

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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.

Team Pete recruiters achieve accession milestone

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

The 302nd Airlift Wing recruiters continue to build on momentum achieved last year while winning several command recruiting awards, to include the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Operating Location Award for fiscal year 2005.

This year, they've already had seven out of nine recruiters achieve annual accession goals by July, and in the process have helped the 302nd AW acquire 100 percent manning.

The office as a whole at this point has achieved 247 accessions, or 104.2 percent of the stated goal that Air Force Reserve Command allocated for "Team Pete" recruiters at the beginning of the calendar year.

"Theoretically, you can get to 110 percent accessions," said Senior Master Sgt. Henry Lewis, 302nd AW senior recruiter. "That would be the pinnacle. But our goal is to keep the wing at 100 percent manning. Our strategy was simple. We

honed in on and targeted key Air Force specialty codes, and specifically recruited those to help bring the manning up to 100 percent."

Sergeant Lewis was able to attribute other factors into playing significant roles as to why the wing was able to achieve such a lofty goal.

"To achieve 100 percent manning is an enormous achievement," he said. "However, the great thing about this is the location of our wing, the quality of personnel in the unit; and the quality of leadership that has people wanting to work for Team Pete."

With the second largest accession goal allocation in 22nd Air Force, it's hard to imagine the Team Pete recruiters having potential recruits waiting for assignments, but that's exactly the case.

"We've got a list of people waiting to come in the unit for Reserve jobs," said Tech. Sgt. Martin McCalman, Team Pete Air Force Reserve line recruiter. "There's no reason why we should stop at 100 percent."

Promotions

Master Sergeant

Robert J. Arnold
Richard D. Fickas
Roy A. Hall Jr.
Bryan M. Lee

Technical Sergeant

Samuel A. Alexander
Jeffrey A. Buettner
Duane C. Caudill
Mark D. Flutcher
Juan Gutierrez
Andy R. Heath
Jonathan D. Hilliard
Yris K. Johnson
Michael J. Laforge
Thomas W. Leaman
Gerard M. Lopez
Amy L. McColloch
Gayla A. Romanowsky

Paul J. Runnells
Patrick A. Turner
Staff Sergeant
Liana L. Chavez
Kelly J. Dague

Michael P. Gonzalez
Benjamin L. Heuberger
Howard H. Hunter IV
Ricardo L. Junious
Alex K. Pickens Jr.
Jody L. Sanchez
Joshua Vigil

Senior Airman

Kyle H. Alexander
Christopher J. Davis
Scott J. Hollister
Joshua R. Thomas
Airman
Adrian A. Salas

Retirees

Senior Master Sgt. Ivan A. Sundheim, 310th SFS
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Ambrosine, 310th SFS
Tech. Sgt. Glenda G. Buscarello, 302nd ASTS
Tech. Sgt. David J. Dryden, 302nd MSF

302nd AW Family Day, Aug. 5



Staff Sgt. Scott Forbes, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and construction specialist, operates a backhoe during trenching operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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senior master sergeants, and some of CE's leadership, providing the labor, which offered plenty of training opportunities.

The CE members also learned some different aspects of construction. It was not uncommon to see a heavy equipment operator hanging siding or a plumber doing framing. Squadron members who normally perform administrative, personnel, supply and readiness duties tested their home building skills as well.

Staff Sgt. Margaret Alire, 302nd CES material management technician, was one of them. In addition to handling all aspects of supply, she also learned carpentry techniques and how to hang drywall.

"Everybody helped me out," she said.

"We're learning a lot because we get to do plumbing jobs, electrical jobs, heavy equipment and other things," said Senior Airman Victor Apodaca, 302nd CES structural helper. "Everybody's doing different things and it seems like everybody is working hard. We're getting a lot of hands-on training."

Non-CE members who were in Hawaii to provide support functions pitched in as well when not required to perform their usual duties. This included members of four other 302nd Airlift Wing units.

By the end of their stay on Oahu, the members of the 302nd CES had achieved the satisfaction of a job well done and a heart-felt "mahalo" (thank you) from the natives.

Newcomers

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Frank E. Abate
Staff Sgt. Aaron I. Evans

Senior Airman Lynda B. Fauland

Staff Sgt. Shane M. Goddard

Airman 1st Class Joseph S. Lightner

302nd Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Darius Krala

302nd Aeromedical

Staging Squadron

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Staff Sgt. Rueben D. Romick

302nd Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Thomas J. Martinez

Senior Airman Levi S. McKay

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gary R. Bucher

Senior Airman Michael C. McDuffie

Staff Sgt. Michael S. Mullins

302nd Operations Group

Senior Airman Janice R. Wilson

310th Communications Flight

Airman 1st Class Kevin A. Madore

310th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Chase D. Alvarez

Staff Sgt. Jeremy S. Babcock

731st Airlift Squadron

Capt. Eric M. Swartz

7th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jose A. Rodriguez

19th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. Tara L. Farlow

Maj. Kenneth Peachey

Capt. Christopher Rosenberger

National Security Space Institute

Lt. Col. Stephen A. Marxer

Maj. Tammy Baker

News to Use

Electronic claims enhance TRICARE pharmacy benefit

TRICARE beneficiaries with other health insurance no longer have to file paper claims for prescriptions filled at most retail pharmacies. Retail pharmacists can immediately submit electronic claims to TRICARE when beneficiaries purchase medications.

The new process allows a pharmacy to receive TRICARE's payment before requesting a copayment from the beneficiary. In many instances, the beneficiary can leave the pharmacy with less out-of-pocket expenses and no requirement to file a claim. (Air Force Print News)

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