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Senior Airman Levi S. McKay, 302nd Security Forces Squadron fire team member, subdues an intruder (Tech. Sgt. Elroy Cormier, 302nd SFS resource trainer) during flight line security procedure training March 4. See page 5 for more information. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

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Good leaders are good servants

By **Lt. Col. Bob Chapman**
731st Airlift Squadron commander

When I was asked to write an article for the *Front Range Flyer*, I thought, "What do I have to say that would impact people's lives?" It took a while, but I kept coming back to the subject of leadership.

What is leadership? Some would say it is inherent in the position you occupy, or the title you carry. Others would say you are born with it or it is part of your personality. I would say that a leader is a servant. We all can be exceptional leaders if we look at leadership through that filter. There comes a time that each and everyone of us will fulfill the leadership role - be it at our workplace, at home or in our community.

What do I mean by servant? Aren't we, as military members, destined to a higher calling than servitude? I would submit a hearty no! We must always remember that we are public ser-

vants and are here to protect and serve our country. We are also challenged to ensure that we do what is right and faithful to our fellow military members. We are truly in a service career where we must put others before ourselves.

Even if we are all dedicated to the mission that we have volunteered to do, some are still chartered to serve in roles that are defined as a "leader." My role as a squadron commander automatically tags me with the leadership mantle. There are times though, that I have to defer my role and realize that someone else must take the lead in what decisions are made.

A good example of this is when we are having an issue with some piece of cargo that we are loading on the aircraft and the loadmaster is working the problem. As a good aircraft commander, I need to listen and follow his/her lead in what is the best



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Demonstrate leadership through all you do

By **Capt. Bo Shelton**
302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

Whatever happened to taking pride in doing the job right the first time or exceeding the standards of dress and appearance? Are these things of the past and are no longer attributes of a generation when dedicated individuals worked with pride and dignity?

Do you remember the pride and patriotism of our fathers and grandfathers when talking about their military careers?

I am not implying that we have to be perfect, but we can-

not only meet the standards, we can exceed them.

There is a sense of pride in dress and appearance that extends into all facets of your life, and your first impression is critical in all relationships, both civilian and military.

We all want to feel the sense of accomplishment, when the day ends, that we have done the best we can do in our given occupation. Think of the emotions that you experience when your children make you proud, whether in academic or athletic achievement, you should have the same pride in your personal appearance and job perfor-

mance. Our society is fast-paced. We are all too busy with meetings, schedules and deadlines, and the norm is to do as little as possible to meet the daily demands we face. If there is a problem, we avoid it instead of finding the solution, or we place blame on others. We get too caught up in being reactive instead of proactive. If we could change the mindset of "that's the way it's always been done" or "that's good enough" we could reduce the additional stress and

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Farewell old friend

The 302nd Airlift Wing's first H model C-130, tail number 37311, departed Peterson Air Force Base March 5 for its new home, the 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard. The wing received 311 in November 1993. It is the second of four C-130s the wing is losing to draw down to 12 aircraft. The remaining two will leave in June and September. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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way to load the aircraft. This doesn't mean that I am not still responsible for the overall safety of the flight and the execution of the mission, just at that point in time I need to defer to the expert. The question comes to mind, how can I be a servant in this situation? The most obvious way is to simply be available and be ready to help and support the loadmaster in this situation. Nothing speaks greater volumes about you as a person, than your readiness to lend a hand to get the mission accomplished.

When you are in your leadership role and acting as a servant, your job is then to provide the necessary training, equipment and support to your people so as they can accomplish their tasks and meet the mission requirements. This may sometimes involve difficult decisions on deciding who and what tasks may get your limited resources. It is always a juggling act to balance unlimited requests with limited resources. We do this everyday naturally, but I don't believe we dwell on it.

My overall goal in this article is to make you, the reader, think about how your role in our organization changes according to tasks at hand. I also want to spur some thoughts about the need for servitude when you are a designated leader. We are responsible, for not only millions of dollars of equipment and missions that support the goals of our civilian leaders, but also for the lives of the people in our unit. So the next time someone calls you a "leader" realize they are complimenting your ability to serve.

302 AW Clergy Day set for May 21

302nd Airlift Wing Clergy Day will take place May 21. The event includes an orientation flight on a unit C-130, lunch at the Officers' Club and other activities.

The day begins at 9 a.m. and the clergy can plan on departing Peterson Air Force Base at 2:30 p.m.

Formal invitations with a detailed itinerary will be sent to nominated clergy. Spouses are invited to join the clergy; however, Air Force regulations do not allow them to fly. Spouses will attend an aircraft tour during the flight.

Completed nomination forms need to be returned by April 30. They may be dropped off at Public Affairs, Bldg. 893, Suite 138; faxed to 719-556-4214; e-mailed to 302aw.pa@peterson.af.mil; or postal mailed to 302 AW/PA, 450 W. Hamilton Ave., Suite 171, Peterson AFB, CO 80914-2313.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 556-4117.

Clergy Orientation Nomination form

Clergy name/Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Clergy phone _____
 Clergy e-mail _____
 Reservist name/unit _____
 Clergy special needs (dietary, physical, etc.) If yes, please explain:

310th Space Group recognizes top performers

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

Members of the 310th Space Group and 275 guests canvassed every corner of a large banquet room at the Air Force Academy March 3.



1st Lt. Katrice Powell

They were there to honor the 310th SG's annual awardees for calendar year 2006.

The five members receiving awards during the evening include: Senior Airman Sean P. Voss, Airman of the Year; Tech. Sgt.

Conrad A. Dawes, NCO of the Year; Master Sgt. Sarah D. Fisk, Senior NCO of the Year; 1st. Lt. Jeremy Cotton, Company Grade Officer of the Year, and 8th Space Warning Squadron, Squadron of the Year.

"It was truly an honor and a privilege to receive such an esteemed award," said 1st Lt. Katrice Powell, 9th Space Operations Squadron executive officer, winner of the 310th SG's highest honor – the Captain Dee Jai Rogers Award. "I want to especially thank my unit which epitomizes what it means to be a member of the family of professionals."



Senior Airman Sean P. Voss

Not only does being a member of the family of professionals, and receiving the Captain Dee Jai Rogers Award have significant meaning for Lieutenant Powell, it's also an award important to the rest of the 310th SG and its members.

"The Captain Dee Jai Rogers Award is the

highest honor we give each year," said Col. Jeff Ansted, 310th SG commander. "It is named after our former group executive officer who passed away just over three years ago. Captain Rogers typified what it meant to be a member of the Air Force, the 310th SG and the family of professionals. The award recognizes dedication to the mission, positive spirit, and support to others."



Tech. Sgt. Conrad A. Dawes

Another one of the year's awardees claimed his personal successes would not have happened had it not been for support received from the 310th SG. "It's a great feeling being in the 310th SG,"

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Reservists have opportunity to honor civilian employers

Reservists have an opportunity to honor their civilian employers. The 302nd Airlift Wing/310th Space Group Employer Appreciation

Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 2.

"Since 9-11, our reservists have had to answer the call to duty more than once," said Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander. "The wing's efforts in support of the Global War on Terrorism would not have been possible without the support of civilian employers. We owe these people a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they've made to allow their reservists to serve our country. Employer Appreciation Day is one way we can thank them for that support."

Employers will be treated to an orientation flight on one of the wing's C-130H aircraft. Spouses are invited to join the employers; however, Air Force regulations do not allow them to fly. Spouses will attend an aircraft tour during the flight.

At the luncheon, they will hear from Fred Fletemeyer, Colorado Chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Colonel Muscatell. They will also receive a Modular Airborne Firefighting System briefing.

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302nd Airlift Wing/310th Space Group Employer Orientation form

Employer Information

Employer's full name _____

Employer's title/position _____

Company name _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer's e-mail _____

Employer's special needs (dietary, physical, etc.) If yes, please explain:

Reservist Information

Rank/name _____ Unit _____ Duty phone _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

E-mail _____

Military position title _____

Civilian position title _____

Planning to lunch with your employer? Yes _____ No _____



In what looks like a regional championship of the popular board game *Risk*, Col. Norman A. Frese, 22nd Air Force Plans Division director (holding pointer), discusses an exercise scenario with members of the 302nd Airlift Wing during ORTP 1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

ORI preparation kicks into high gear

By 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie
Front Range Flyer

Operational Readiness Inspection became a four letter word in March – ORTP – as approximately 75 members of the 302nd Airlift Wing spent their weekend participating in the Operational Readiness Training Program.

Members belonging to the ORI’s Installation Control Center, Emergency Operations Centers, and Unit Control Centers attended training in the mornings then participated in a tabletop walkthrough of an ORI in the afternoons.

The ORTP was led by a team from 22nd Air Force and is a new concept in ORI prepa-

ration. The intent is to help units begin their preparation while staying focused on what’s important during the inspection and learning how they will be evaluated.

“The best part was hearing 22nd Air Force lessons learned,” said Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Vigil, 302nd Maintenance Squadron maintenance superintendent.

During the tabletop events, additional wing members were invited to observe how decisions during the ORI will be made. The additional observers provided input to the process with Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander and ICC commander, regularly turning to them for input on how decisions may impact their work centers.

“This was a good opportunity to observe

senior leadership during an ORI and consequently allow us to better understand our own responsibilities,” said 1st Lt. Anthony Fichera, 302nd Services Flight officer in charge of food, fitness and recreation.

The March UTA training was designated as ORTP 1. The following weekend, about a dozen wing members also observed an ORTP at the 914th AW, Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y. The 302nd and 914th will participate together in the ORI.

Twenty-seven members who participated in ORTP 1 will visit Volk Field, Wis. in late April to walk through what is being called ORTP 3 as preparation for the December ORI continues.

302nd SFS begins Operational Readiness Inspection preparations

By Tech Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

302nd Airlift Wing preparations for December’s Operational Readiness Inspection are beginning to accelerate.

The 302nd Security Forces Squadron was busy doing its part during the March unit training assembly – practicing flight line security procedures.

“This is an annual requirement for us,” said Master Sgt. Elroy

“Yak” Cormier, 302nd SFS resource trainer, “but we’ve already started because most of the scenarios we’re practicing will be part of our upcoming ORI.”

A two-hour training session

included monitoring exterior and interior portions of the flight line, checking flight line security badges for proper

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Left to right, front row, Lt. Col. James L. Gregory II, 1st Lt. Erin E. Reilly, Staff Sgt. Kelly R. Bartholomew, Staff Sgt. Peggy C. Logan, Staff Sgt. Pete F. Jimenez, Tech. Sgt. Deanna Chakhaliani, Staff Sgt. Darrell E. Porter, Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Rinker, Senior Master Sgt. Dean Firestien, Tech. Sgt. Daryl A. Wood, Staff Sgt. Tobias J. Filener; back row, Staff Sgt. Steven Provencio Jr., Senior Airman Jason M. Al-Jehani, Master Sgt. Danny L. Markley. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Aerial port 'family' boasts AFRC's excellence

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Front Range Flyer

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFRC) – One big, happy family. It's an oft-used cliché which seems as old as prehistoric creatures, but if you ask Dino, it's true.

Members from the 39th Aerial Port Squadron have teamed up with three other Air Force Reserve Command aerial port squadrons here to provide passenger and cargo movement to U.S. and coalition forces within the Area of Responsibility.

A dozen members from the 39th APS, five from the 27th APS, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and one each from the 42nd APS, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. and 80th APS, Dobbins ARB, Ga., make up an aerial port team which boasts AFRC's commitment to excellence through its record-setting performances.

During February, the unit moved 1,350 tons of cargo, breaking the record it had set the previous month.

As for the record-setting effort, it has left Lt. Col. James L. Gregory II, 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, impressed, to say the least.

"Our folks have moved more cargo than ever before in the history of the ELRS here at Kirkuk," said Colonel Gregory, who is also the 39th APS commander back home.

To accomplish such a feat, the aerial porters knew they had to build a strong team atmosphere – and it started before their feet ever touched the sand. Members of the four units met at the Aerial Port of Debarkation, Naval Station Norfolk, Va., then hooked up again when they arrived in Southwest Asia.

"We all clicked from that point on," said Senior Master Sgt. Dean "Dino" Firestien, 506th ELRS Air Terminal Operations Center chief. "We hit the ground running when we arrived at KRAB. Everyone went to their assigned work sections and hooked up with their counterparts who they were to replace and learned the ropes. After two days of training the place was ours to take. We had a few mistakes here and there but we worked

through it, and now we are like fondue pot – all melted together."

"On average, we're moving more than 3,000 passengers and 1,600-plus short tons of cargo per month," said Sergeant Firestien. "Our airlift missions consist of bringing in and out Army and Air Force personnel for rotations and increased manning. We also transport temporary missions support teams, designated Joint Force dignitaries traveling through the AOR, U.S. distinguished visitors and troop entertainers. The cargo side consists of a multitude of cargo, from large power supply generators weighing around 15 tons to the vital blood shipments for injured troops, vital mission capability cargo and our most unfortunate cargo, human remains."

They run a 24-hour operation, but the sergeant said it sometimes seems longer.

"We try to give everyone a day off if we can afford it," he said, "but we only have a 19-person aerial port. If one person is gone

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said Lieutenant Cotton, 6th SOPS chief of unit weapons and tactics qualification training. "After having been force shaped and disqualified from pilot training on active-duty – with no options in front of me, the 310thSG opened its arms and invited me in. Putting forth the effort required to even compete for this honor was the least I could do to repay the people of this phenomenal unit."

While the 310th SG was busy honoring its award winners, its commander left no doubt the achievements could not have happened without the total team effort of every member within the group.

"While we highlight the accomplishments of our individuals and squadron of the year," said Colonel Ansted, "we also thank every member of our group for their collective mission success and personal accomplishments this



Master Sgt. Sarah D. Fisk

year. My congratulations go out to all our award winners and all the nominees from the units!

"The 310th SG annual awards banquet was a resounding success!" added the colonel. "We had a great evening, honored our award winners, and received a very insightful speech from General Frostman."

Maj. Gen. David L. Frostman, Mobilization Assistant to the Air Force Space Command commander, was the guest speaker.

"We will honor a few individuals this evening, but you are all winners!" said the general. "The active duty is more dependent than ever on Air Force Reserve members. I expect this to continue, both because of downsizing on the active-duty side and because we in the Air Force Reserve deliver results!"

"AFRC is very supportive of our efforts to grow our participation in space, but a hallmark of AFRC is we only commit to things we can deliver on," said General Frostman. "You have demonstrated

the truth of that commitment in the 310th SG for over a decade! I salute you for your contributions to national security in space, I thank you for your many sacrifices, and I look forward to working with you in the future as we work to fulfill the promise of the Air Force Reserve Command in space." The 310th SG has 275 additional reasons to fulfill that promise.



1st Lt. Jeremy Cotton

"Two-hundred seventy-five guests were the most to ever attend a 310th SG awards dinner," said Chief Master Sgt. Darin Miley, 310th SG superintendent. "Everyone had a wonderful evening and 310th SG personnel are exceptional folks doing extraordinary things while balancing their families, civilian employers and contributions to the Air Force Reserve."



The 8th Space Warning Squadron is the 310th Space Group's Squadron of the Year for 2006. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Members of the 302nd Airlift Wing and the Uruguayan Air Force met in Montevideo, Uruguay in January to discuss tactics and techniques before enjoying a helicopter ride around Punta del Este courtesy of the UAF Helicopter Squadron 5. (Photo courtesy of Senior Master Sgt. Ernest G. Leyba)

Southern connection builds relations

By 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie
Front Range Flyer

When most think of “heading south for the winter,” they envision Arizona or Florida, maybe even Mexico. But five members of the 302nd Airlift Wing took the phrase to extremes and traveled to Montevideo, Uruguay in January.

This wasn’t a vacation though. The wing delegation consisted of Lt. Col. Luke A. Coker, 302nd Operations Group chief of current operations; Maj. SomChai Odom, 731st Airlift Squadron C-130H instructor pilot/assistant flight commander; Maj. Michael Cole, 731st AS aircraft commander; Senior Master Sgt. Ernest Leyba, 731st AS deputy chief flight engineer; and Staff Sgt. Brian J. Trujillo, 302nd Maintenance Squadron C-130 crew chief.

The 302nd AW members were on an important international relations-building mission to this South American country that’s slightly smaller than Oklahoma. Once there, the team re-

alized they were also meeting two former members of the 302nd AW family: Capt. Steven C. Combs, traditional commander’s activities coordinator, Office of Defense Coordination, U.S. Embassy, Montevideo and C-130B tail number 295.

Captain Combs was a 302nd AW maintenance officer from 2000-2002 and was activated with the wing following the events of 9-11. Since departing the wing, Captain Combs has served as an individual mobilization augmentee supporting U.S. Southern Command and has spent time at the U.S. embassies in Santiago, Chile and Montevideo.

C-130B tail 295 left the 302nd AW in October 1992 when the wing transitioned from the C-130B models to the C-130E. The aircraft now represents 50 percent of the Uruguayan Air Force C-130 inventory. Today, the aircraft bears tail number 592 for the UAF, but it didn’t fool one visitor.

“295 was the first C-130 aircraft I had ever taken a ride on,”

said Sergeant Trujillo. Additionally, the first time he actually performed maintenance on an aircraft was changing a starter on tail 295. After noting that 295 is still flying worldwide missions, he added, “I felt the pride that maintenance personnel have in their aircraft, a C-130 crew chief is the same worldwide.”

While in Uruguay, the delegation met with United States Chargé D’Affaires James Nealon and his staff, as well as Col. Pablo Tarabal Navarro, Uruguayan Air Force 1st Air Brigade commander.

“The purpose was to examine a variety of tactics, techniques and procedures associated with deploying C-130 crews to harsh environments such as Antarctica and Africa,” said Captain Combs. He reached out to the 302nd AW for the visit because he knew the wing had the capabilities the Uruguayans were looking for during this information exchange.

“We were able to provide the UAF some information in re-

gards to preparing their C-130B model aircraft with night vision taping procedures,” said Sergeant Leyba. “We are reminded daily here in the U.S. that we have to do more with less, they are doing an extreme mission with extremely less.”

“We could help them greatly by instructing their C-130 unit on how to fly with night vision goggles. They need this ability to aid their sister helicopter unit in doing search and rescue. They have a very large area of rescue coverage that cannot be reached by their helicopters, so they need the C-130s to be able to augment,” added Major Odom.

“I learned a great deal about how nations around the world cooperate together to provide search and rescue capability to the world’s oceans. These countries do this with very few resources and perform an excellent service,” said Major Cole.

Unfortunately, the information

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Grandmothers deploy to Kirkuk

By Tech. Sgt. Kevin Williams
506th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq—“Your grandmother wears combat boots.”

At least that’s what can be honestly said of Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Felix and Staff Sgt. Peggy Logan’s grandchildren.

Sergeant’s Felix and Logan, 506th Expeditionary Logistics Support Squadron, are on their 3rd and 2nd deployments respectively since becoming grandmothers.

Sergeant Logan, deployed from the 39th Aerial Port Squadron, has five grandchildren ranging in ages from four to 11 years old.

Her two sons, both U.S. Army recruiters, have never deployed, something she likes to tease them about.

“Here we are supporting the Army, and my sons are at home putting people in the Army,” she said. “They always teased me, saying I was a wuss for being in the Air Force. Once I got my orders for Baghdad (in 2005), I waved it in their face and said, ‘Who’s the wuss now?’”

While there may be some friendly inter-service rivalries in her family, her oldest grandson,

Scott, was relieved about her being around Soldiers during her deployment.

When she told him she was going to war in Iraq, Scott asked, “Is the Army going to be there?” She told him they would be. He replied, “Oh good. You’ll be fine then.”

“They miss me, but they think it’s cool that I’m here,” Sergeant Logan said. “However, my youngest wants me to come home now.”

Sergeant Felix, deployed from the 27th Aerial Port Squadron at Minneapolis Air Reserve Station, Minn., is a grandmother of two girls ages three and six.

“They miss me,” she said. “They know I love chocolate so they send me lots of it.”

Chocolate isn’t the only way they keep in touch.

“I call them every few days,” said Sgt. Felix. Her oldest granddaughter, Haven, gives her an update on how many days she has left before she returns home.

Sergeant Logan initially entered the Air Force in 1972. She said she chose the Air Force because she liked blue better than green. She served on active duty until she became pregnant with her first son in 1974. She decided to join the Air Force



KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq – Staff Sgt. Peggy Logan, 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, keeps a family portrait of her children and five grandchildren on her desktop. Sergeant Logan is serving her second deployment in Iraq since becoming a grandmother and is deployed from the 39th Aerial Port Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Williams)

Reserve 21 years later, after her first grandson was born.

During her 21 year break, the Air Force has gone through many changes.

“When I first came in, we didn’t shoot guns, they kept us (away) from the guys and we never wore the same uniform,” Sergeant Logan said. “When they first handed us BDUs in 1995, I had

no idea how to wear them. It was a whole different world. When I went through basic training in 1972, they stressed how to be a lady. Now it’s totally different.”

Sergeant Felix also has prior military experience. Prior to joining the Air Force Reserve, she served on active duty in the Navy and 11 years in the Army Reserve.

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the next person in line will have to step up and accomplish two jobs for the day.”

The sections consist of a 3-person ATOC, three people running the passenger terminal and 12 members in the cargo/ramp/materials handling equipment sector.

The 39th APS also deployed Master Sgt. Danny L. Markley, Tech. Sgts. Mark A. Rinker, Daryl A. Wood and Deanna Chakhaliani, Staff Sgts. Peggy C. Logan, Pete F. Jimenez, Steven Provencio Jr., Tobias J. Filener, Darrell E. Porter and Kelly R. Bartholomew, and Senior Airman Jason

M. Al-Jehani to Kirkuk. Airman Al-Jehani was here before, as an Army private first class and javelin gunner in 2003 and early-2004. First Lt. Erin E. Reilly is serving as the 506th ELRS operations officer.

Five members of the 27th APS are part of the team. They are Master Sgt. Nestor A. Evaristo, Tech. Sgts. Rebecca R. Felix and Jeanette M. Gillie-Harp, and Staff Sgts. James R. Kiecksee and Randy M. Gottschalk.

Tech. Sgt. Gerard A. Cote is there from Westover and Tech. Sgt. Samuel L. Farmer represents Dobbins.

Colonel Gregory has praise for all. “The professionalism and commitment I

see in each troop is incredible,” he said. “I couldn’t be prouder of all of them and the exceptional work they are doing.”

The 39th APS swept the 506th ELRS Airmen of the Month awards – Sergeant Firestien the senior NCO, Sergeant Provencio the NCO and Airman Al-Jehani the Airman.

“The folks from the 39th never cease to amaze me,” said Colonel Gregory. “We have outstanding people in our unit, both back at home and here – along with the 27th, 80th, and the 42nd.”

“We are one big, happy family,” insists Sergeant Firestien.

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workload we face on a daily basis.

Accountability is key – we all make mistakes, and the difference is to use these experiences as a learning tool. It takes more courage to admit you made a mistake than to place blame on others – you will also gain the respect of your fellow workers.

I honestly believe that if you're not doing something you are passionate about, you're wasting your time! Don't make yourself and others miserable doing a job you're not dedicated to. Find your unique talent, or attain education or skills to find this profession.

Give somebody else the chance to achieve what you didn't have the desire to do.

In retrospect, we will all come to a time in our careers where we reflect on our accomplishments, and your fondest memories will be the camaraderie and respect you have earned from your fellow reservists and civil servants over your career.

The question will be, "Did I give my best, was I a role model for the Airman and NCOs I interacted with over my career, did I give my best effort?" The answer could be "yes," "no," or "who cares." Which category do you want to be associated with?

Only you can change your attitude and habits. Your presence, appearance and attitude speak volumes of your character. You wake up each day with the ability to control your attitude – and a positive attitude is contagious to all those around you! Although we all face adversity, we control our "weather" and decide how to face each issue. I'm not saying life is not difficult, we will be challenged every day. There will be good days and bad.

As professionals, we have to strive to be the best in everything we do! We have a responsibility to those who have worn this uniform before us – fathers who fought and died to preserve our heritage.

I challenge each of you to reassess, or re-blue your attitude, lead by example, and ensure we continue to maintain our reputation as the best wing in AFRC!

News to Use

Anthrax vaccinations mandatory for high-threat deployments

Anthrax vaccinations became mandatory March 19 for reservists who have or will deploy to a high-threat area for more than 15 days.

Mandatory vaccinations are limited to Airmen in specific high-threat areas – U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and the Korean peninsula. Other people such as emergency-essential and comparable Department of Defense civilian employees and certain contractors performing essential services may also be included in the program.

The assistant secretary of defense for health affairs approved the Air Force plan for resuming mandatory anthrax

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Saturday

6 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast/Brunch	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Newcomers Orientation	
Bldg. 895, Conference Rm.		556-8185
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Physical Exams	
Clinic		556-1132
7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	MPF Hours (Closed 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)	
Bldg. 895, First Floor		556-8185
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Military Clothing Sales	
Bldg. 1466		556-3227
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch & A Lift	
Aragon Colorado Room		556-7428
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Company Grade Officer's Council	
Silver Spruce Golf Course		556-6234/6190
Noon – 4:30 p.m.	Customer Service Hours	
Bldg. 895, Room 121		556-8185
12:15 – 3:30 p.m.	CDC/PME Testing	
Bldg. 625		556-7573/7250/7950
1 – 4 p.m.	Chaplain Available	
Bldg. 893, Room 143		556-7428
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Dinner	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180
9 – 11 p.m.	Late Night Carry-out	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180

Sunday

6 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast/Brunch	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Chiefs' Group Meeting	
Silver Spruce Golf Course		556-8132
7:30 a.m. – Noon	MPF Hours	
Bldg. 895, Room 219A		556-8185
9 – 10 a.m.	First Sergeant Council Meeting	
Silver Spruce Golf Course		556-8307
10 – 11 a.m.	Homosexual Policy Training	
Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room		556-8140
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Human Resources Development Council	
Bldg. 216, Conference Room		556-4117
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180
Noon – 1 p.m.	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	
Bldg. 895, Conference Room		556-7550
4 – 6 p.m.	Dinner	
Aragon Dining Facility		556-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but made lodging reservations? Contact Master Sgt. Terry Bras-sard, (719) 556-4001 or 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.**

UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: April 14-15
May 5-6, June 2-3, July 7-8**

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exchange was cut short when the UAF C-130 crew had to leave for a short-notice Antarctica trip. With the C-130 crews absent, the 302nd AW delegation took the opportunity to visit Maj. Washington Enrique Alejandro, UAF Helicopter Squadron 5 commander, who offered an orientation flight aboard a UAF helicopter.

The helicopter ride around Punte Del Esta beach turned out to be the unexpected highlight of the trip for the delegation.

"We fly low here, though not as low as the UAF helicopter pilots. Very exciting," said Sergeant Leyba.

The hospitality shown to the 302nd AW team left an impression as the trip ended.

"Uruguayans are extremely friendly and are willing to give you the shirt off their backs," commented Sergeant Leyba.

The visit with the Southern 302nd AW family was considered by all to be a success with many looking forward to the next visit, whether that is on Uruguayan or United States soil.

Participate in charity golf

The American Red Cross 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held April 20 at the Silver Spruce Golf Course on Peterson Air Force Base.



The event will be a 4-man scramble format. The registration fee is \$20 per person plus cart and greens fees. Greens fees, which include a cart, range from \$32 to \$49 (based on military rank or civilian status. Teams must be registered by April 16.

There will be prizes and giveaways. Proceeds will benefit the Red Cross Volunteer and Armed Forces Emergency Services programs.

For rules and information, contact the Red Cross office in Bldg 350, Suite 1042 or call (719) 556-7590.

Retirements

- Maj. Michael Ruff, 6th SOPS
- Capt. Mark Raezer, 6th SOPS
- Tech. Sgt. Kenneth C. Feathers, 302nd LRS
- Tech. Sgt. James R. Kohler, 302nd LRS
- Tech. Sgt. Charles A. Meuser, 302nd LRS
- Tech. Sgt. Edward H. Pastori, 302nd LRS

Sharp Troop of the Month

Name: David A. Dunnock
Rank: Staff sergeant
Section: 26th Space Aggressor Squadron, Adversary Tactics Flight
Job: NCO in charge, technical lead, ground radio technician
Date assigned: April 2004
Hometown: Tracy, Calif.
Hobbies: 4-wheeling, hunting, fishing
Favorite thing about your job: "Working with a group of professionals in a mission whose scope works towards making us a smarter military force."

Note - Any member of the 302nd Airlift Wing or 310th Space Group may nominate an individual for Sharp Troop of the Month. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-411, or toll free (800) 446-9624.



Newcomers

- 310th Space Group**
Master Sgt. Francis G. Fischer
Senior Airman Christian J. Spencer
Staff Sgt. Jesus S. Vera
Senior Airman Emil Vical
- 310th Security Forces Squadron**
Staff Sgt. Casey Karins
Staff Sgt. Veronica L. Quintana
302nd Operations Support Flight
Master Sgt. David F. Robbin
- 39th Aerial Port Squadron**
Senior Master Sgt. David Norman
- 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**
Airman 1st Class Nathaniel H. Guinn
- 302nd Airlift Control Flight**
Senior Airman Jennifer A. Herman
Staff Sgt. Joseph McWilliams
- 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight**
Master Sgt. Penny Young

- 302nd Mission Support Flight**
Airman April A. Migliore
- 302nd Maintenance Squadron**
Staff Sgt. Jason M. Gallegos
Airman 1st Class Jermaine A. Gordon
- 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron**
Airman 1st Class Rene Hernandez
Staff Sgt. Jasen G. Rodriguez
Airman Basic Stephanie M. Swisher
- Reserve National Space Security Institute**
Maj. Nathan A. Englehardt
Maj. Thomas McKinnis
Maj. Gregory A. Pantle
- 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron**
Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Cremeens Jr.
Senior Airman Delia A. Cruz-Murphy
- 14th Test Squadron**
Capt. Justin Durfee

Promotions

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| Major
Laura Cantu | Gilda Shepherd
Staff Sergeant | Kevin A. Madore
Joshua M. Price |
| Captain
Melissa Mierz | Jake M. Cline-Norton
Josephine Y. Duong | Joshua K. Rasmussen
Airman 1st Class |
| Senior Master Sergeant
Terry T. Brassard | Antoinn Kidd
Matthew Royal | Brian A. Bell II
Christopher J. Gillroy |
| Jonathon Demboski
Dan A. Lehmann | Senior Airman
Chase D. Alvarez | Brittany A. Iles
Tina C. Keenan |
| Master Sergeant
Dewayne Robinson | Ryan M. Broda
Chad A. Dickson | Deanna M. Leclair
Sean M. Milafsky |
| Technical Sergeant
Matthew K.L. Burge | Brandy R. Duncan
Rene Hernandez | Michael L. Mosley Jr.
Rebecca M. Ortiz |
| James M. McMahan
Jose A. Rodriguez | Antonisha S. Lancaster | Adrian Salas
Latasha M. Walker |

Good Friday - April 6, Easter Sunday - April 8

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identification and challenging intruders who fail to negotiate entry control points properly.

"I can't stress enough that you own those aircraft when you're on duty," said Tech. Sgt. Aaron Thomas, 302nd SFS assistant squad leader, while addressing nearly 15 security forces members who were present for training.

"The first step to good security is to always check your resources and know what is in your area of responsibility when arriving for shift change," said the sergeant. "Your job is to protect those planes."

Protecting the wing's aircraft also means ensuring which people should be on the flight line during what hours.

"During open flight line hours ground crews are performing maintenance on the aircraft and should be accessing the flight



line in and out of designated entry control points. No one but security forces personnel should be on the flight line during closed flight line hours," said Sergeant Thomas. "If someone is out there late at night and no aircraft are flying, they're up to no good."

It's not an uncommon practice for security forces members to randomly check for proper identification and flight line badges.

"We want to establish a good working rapport with our maintenance crews in the event they notice something out of order," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Goode, 302nd SFS fire team member. "They know we're out there and may even begin to check other maintenance ground crew members to ensure they have their line badges. There are going to be times when you may need help. If we've established a good working relationship with them,

As part of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, the Web-based system allows reservists to conduct personal transactions and access information without visiting a military personnel flight.

Tuskegee Airmen seeking annual awards nominees

The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is seeking nominations for its annual awards for outstanding junior enlisted, senior enlisted, company grade and field grade officer. All commanders are encouraged to submit nominees for this prestigious award. Deadline for submissions is May 15. Awards point of contact is HQ USAF/AIDO.

More information is available at www.tuskegeeairmen.org. If you still have questions, contact Trent Dudley at trent.dudley@pentagon.af.mil.

they'll be willing to help when assistance is needed."

However, what is needed now is focus on the ORI preparation. "Be aggressive and enthusi-

astic. Some of the inspectors will be security police personnel, said Sergeant Thomas. "They'll know what to look for and how you perform your job."



A flight line intruder (Master Sgt. Preston C. Teneyck, 302nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of training), is detained by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Thomas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

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vaccinations. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

JEAC changing meeting locations

The 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council will now meet in the upstairs conference room in Bldg. 895.

The JEAC will continue to meet from noon to 1 p.m. on Sunday of unit training assemblies.

AFRC going virtual

Air Force Reserve Command directed its officers, senior NCOs and supervisors to establish virtual Personnel Center-Guard/Reserve accounts by April 2. The command also urges all reservists to get an account, by logging on to <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>.

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