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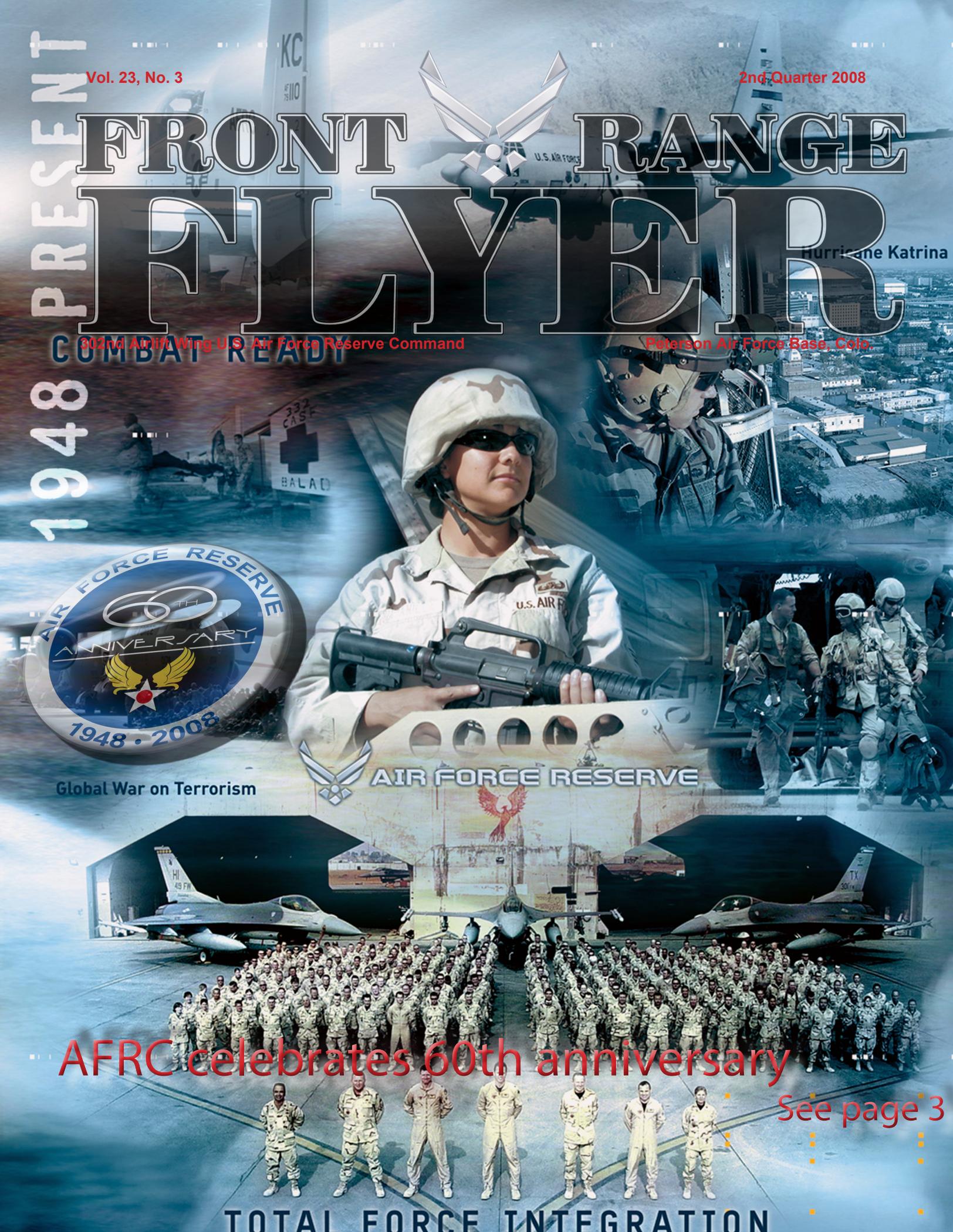
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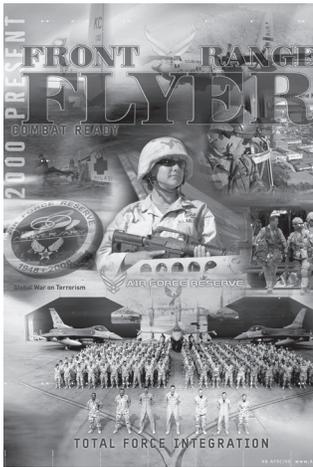
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- Internal - <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/302aw/welcome.htm>
- External - <http://www.302aw.afrc.af.mil>

FIT TO FIGHT: Obesity costs lives, time and money

By Col. Mark Rodriguez
302nd Maintenance Group
Commander

The 302d Airlift Wing is beginning it's fourth season under the Air Force's fitness program.

I understand that working out and maintaining good physical condition is challenging. Trust me, it doesn't get any easier as you get older. But 'Fit to Fight' is here to stay — it's now the standard.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that almost 65 percent of American adults are overweight. When you factor in sick leave, rising health insurance costs, life and disability insurance, obesity costs U.S. companies over \$12 billion dollars a year.

A recent article in the

American Way magazine delineated these statistics and how U.S. companies are battling this problem, and working to improve the fitness of their work force.

After implementation of an exercise regimen, one business was able to reduce the number of days an employee is out sick to less than 1.5 days per year; the national average is over six days per year. Some companies have gone so far as to offer bonuses based on maintaining fitness levels for an entire year. Despite the cost, it still saves money by lowering insurance claims, and it aids in preventing debilitating diseases.

Admittedly, the military as a whole should be in better shape than the rest of the population. However, the conclusions are

the same — the better we do in maintaining our personal health, the better the 302nd AW will be at accomplishing the mission.

It's not just important for Air Expeditionary Force support and other deployments — it's important for your health. Being overweight or out of shape contributes to a number of health issues. Conversely, fitness is a major part of an overall healthy lifestyle.

Once you have developed good workout habits, the easier they are to maintain over the years. Every day an employee is out of the office, someone else has to pick up the additional workload. All supervisors should be concerned about the health of their employees.

Help your teammates get ready for the fight.

Front Range Flyer goes quarterly

By Maj. James R. Wilson
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing is changing the way it communicates.

The Public Affairs staff will now utilize the public website as the primary medium for publicizing 302nd events and activities. As a result, the Front Range Flyer will become a quarterly publication beginning with this issue.

Changing the focus from a monthly publication to quarterly is in line with the Air Force's preference for use of public websites as the primary means for disseminating information. Escalating printing and distribution costs, widespread use of the Internet, and the ability of Reservists and their families to read news about the 302nd from their homes were just a few of the factors which lead to this change.

While many members may favor the traditional

hard copy version of the Front Range Flyer, the reality is that the printed newspaper was not looking so "newsy" anymore. Most of the events covered in a typical paper occur weeks before the paper actually hits the streets. With the public web site, stories and photos can be posted minutes after they occur.

Please spend some time getting familiar with the 302nd's corner of the Internet. Simply go to www.302aw.afrc.af.mil. You can find information on our mission, photos of the C-130 aircraft based here, and in-depth coverage of the people who work behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Over time, the Public Affairs staff will amass more content on the contributions of our Citizen Airmen to the nation's defense. If you haven't visited the site yet, I invite you to check it out. You may be surprised at what your fellow Reservists have been up to lately.

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310th Space Group officially becomes a wing

By Ed White

*Air Force Space Command
Public Affairs*

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – From perfecting “skip bombing” techniques against bridges and railroad targets in World War II to using space to fight the war on terror, the 310th Space Group has a unique history in the Air Force. Today they added another honor as the unit activated as a wing, the first, and only Reserve Space Wing in the Air Force.

“This activation is an indication of our continued growth in the Air Force space missions, and it validates the contribution of the Air Force Reserve in the fight against terror,” said Col. Jeff Ansted, commanding officer of the wing.

“The wing encompasses 16 units supporting such agencies as the U.S. Department of Commerce, Air Force Space Command, Air Combat

Command, Air Force Cyber keep growing and that could Command, the Space mean another Reserve space Innovation and Development wing sometime in the future.

Center, 14th Air Force and the The space wing has a 50th, 21st and 460th Space wide variety of missions and Wings,” said Colonel Ansted. several subordinate units.

Chief Master Sgt. Darin One in particular is the 7th Miley, the wing’s Space Operations superintendent, Squadron located at Schriever AFB, Colo. Lt. Col. John D. Hunt is the commander and he explained the unit’s mission. “First of all, the seventh was the first squadron in the wing.

“As a wing, it is easier to get our manpower requirements met.

We are authorized over 800 personnel and we now We are very proud of have about 600. We are now that distinction. We have getting personnel to do jobs experience with flying the that we used to have to take out Global Positioning System and of hide. That makes us more the Defense Satellite Program efficient, effective and mission and we are currently involved ready,” he said. in work with Research and Development satellites,” he said.

Chief Miley also believes Development satellites,” he said. that the space mission will only said.



They also have a booster launch operation and provide support and telemetry data from Delta II vehicles. And, the squadron will soon be operating the one-of-a-kind satellite operations center focused on the rapid fielding of cutting-edge space technologies for warfighters,” he added.

The wing is made up of the full spectrum of Reserve positions, from the Support Group at Buckley AFB, the Security Forces units, and the space operators at Schriever and Vandenberg AFBs, all are working together to get the job done.

Staff Sgt. Diana Wilson is the training manager for the headquarters. She is a full time reservist and is from the Colorado Springs area. “This is a great job for me. It is close to home, it is something I really enjoy doing and the Reserve is so family oriented. It is really great working for the Reserve.”

Diamond anniversary, then and now “Above All”

By Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner

Front Range Flyer

Sixty years ago President Harry S. Truman directed in the National Security Act of 1947 that the Armed Services revitalize their reserve programs. In April 1948 the Air Force responded to this directive by creating the Air Force Reserve. Over the next six decades the Reserve transformed from a mobilization-only force to an operation-ready, Citizen Airmen run critical assets within the Total Force.

“Our history is also a study of changing, adapting and evolving from a strategic force held in “reserve” into an operational Reserve force with the most advanced weapons systems,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve commander.

In 1949 the 302nd was established as a

Troop Carrier Group, stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. During the 1950s the wing relocated to Ohio, a change which would last until the wing’s deactivation in 1981. After a four-year break the wing was reactivated at Peterson AFB, Colo.

“I congratulate each one of you who helped us fly, fight and win.”
 ~ Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Air Force Reserve commander

Since its inception, the 302nd transformed from a Tactical Air Wing to its current full Airlift Wing status, encompassing the special missions of Modular Airborne Fire Fighting and supporting a growing reserve space program. More transformation occurred during the past month when the 302nd

parted ways with the 310th Space Group, as the Air Force Reserve Command launched its first Reserve Space Wing.

The original vision of President Truman has been carried to the next generation, as Citizen Airmen become sentries of our skies, and stars above; making our total Air Force “Above All.”

“Our diamond anniversary recognizes the Air Force Reserve--military, civilians and family members--that have made countless and enduring contributions throughout these past sixty years,” Lt. Gen. Bradley said. “I congratulate each one of you who helped us to fly, fight and win. As an Unrivaled Wingman, we are confident of tomorrow’s challenges and will serve with the same courage, commitment, and confidence that defined us in our first years.”

Annual award winners credit te

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

It was a night of gowns, glitter and congratulations as an audience of 300+ members of the 302nd Airlift Wing guests gathered at the Antlers Hilton Hotel to honor its best of the best for 2007.

The 302nd AW Annual Awards Enlisted Banquet provided an opportunity for



"The most enjoyable part of my job is the people and what they offer to the maintenance squadron. They make my job easier," said Senior Master Sgt. Glen D. Blackman, 302nd AW Senior NCO of the Year for 2007 pictured here during a recent Modular Airborne Systems fire-fighting mission to help control wildland fires near San Diego, Calif. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo provided by Sergeant Blackman)

wing reservists, family members and honored guests to show appreciation to those unit members who have exceeded expectations in their job performance throughout the year.

The honored winners indicated their awards wouldn't have become a reality had



Senior Airman Audrey N. Adams was the third quarter of the year award winner for the 39th APS. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

it not been for those they serve with and the supervisors and commanders they support.

"I'm very thankful to my coworkers and the help they gave me," said Tech. Sgt. Robert S. Levins, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation craftsman and NCO of the Year. Levins added that he was honored to have been named NCO of the Year, he credits the award and overall success of the squadron to the camaraderie he and his fellow Airmen share within the APS.

Sergeant Levins wasn't the only member of the 39th APS to be named an annual award winner; Capt. Erin Reilly, 39th APS mobility officer, and Senior Airman Audrey N. Adams, 39th APS journeyman, were named Company Grade Officer and Airman of the Year awardees respectively.



302nd Logistics Readiness First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Nelson Begay, 302nd Logistics Readiness First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Nelson Begay, 302nd Logistics Readiness supply management technician during the March UT.

Members of the 302nd continued to shine as Senior Master Sgt. Glen D. Blackman, 302nd AW Maintenance Operations Flight aerospace maintenance superintendent

was named Senior NCO of the year, and Master Sgt. Ricky L. Kind, 302nd Logistics Readiness first sergeant was named First Sergeant of the Year.

"This is a great honor," Kind said. "Especially since I'm now representing my unit, the first sergeants council, and the wing. People are my business – that's the first sergeant's motto. It's what guides me."

"Team stands for togetherness and everyone achieves more. It's because of people like you I can sleep at night, and I appreciate what you do."

~ Mr. Fred Fleming
Director of Special Services
Denver Broncos

Teamwork for successes in 2007



Tech. Sgt. Ricky L. Kind, takes time out of his busy schedule to plan a wing volunteer LRS information manager and Staff Sgt. Courtney Wojt, 302nd LRS NCO of the Year award winner. (U.S. Photo/Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



Tech Sgt. Robert S. Levins, 302nd AW NCO of the Year award winner prepares to upload a pallet during the March UTA. Sergeant Levins credits coworkers for helping him win the award. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech.Sgt. David D. Morton)

Members of each unit were on hand to honor their awardees with applause and more.

Each 39th APS member receiving an award was met with cowbells and thunderous “We Deliver” chants from other squadron members in the audience.

“It was just a way for us to make noise, and let our awardees know we were there for them,” said Senior Master Sgt. Ron D. Sutton, 39th APS terminal services superintendent.

Military members and their families were not the only guests present to show support for the awardees. On hand from the Denver Broncos was their Director of Special Services, Mr. Fred Fleming. Mr. Fleming served as the evening’s guest speaker and presented a football signed by members of the Denver Broncos football team to each award winner.

“Team stands for togetherness and everyone achieves more,” Fleming said. “It’s because of people like you I can sleep at night, and I appreciate what you do. I love this country and I am glad to have an opportunity to do things like this.”



“I don’t know if I’d be here if this unit wasn’t so supportive,” said Capt. Erin E. Reilly, 39th APS Company Grade Officer of Year, shown assisting Senior Airman Eric Pettibone with his personal mobility packet during the March UTA. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

Air Force transformation — maximize values/minimize waste

By Chief Master Sgt. Mike Sanchez

302nd Maintenance Operations Flight

By now, I am sure many of you have read or seen the transformation taking place throughout the Air Force.

We are in the process of evolving into a more expeditionary force and increasing our ability to take on any mission, anywhere in the world.

I recently attended a conference, and one of the main topics of discussion was the decision to align aircraft maintenance to the flying squadrons they support.

As we undergo this transformation, it is vital we have a strategy that enables us to continue evolving, while meeting America's needs.

Our answer: Air Force Smart Operations 21. This program, also known as AFSO 21, was adopted by our service's leaders and is now being implemented Air Force wide to help us navigate through our transformation.

This dedicated effort will maximize value and minimize waste in our operations. AFSO 21 is a leadership program for commanders and supervisors at all levels, looking at each process from beginning to end. It doesn't just look at how we can do each task better, but asks the tougher and more important question: Why are we doing it this way? Are each of the tasks relevant, productive, and value added? In other words, is it necessary at all?

With AFSO 21, in the words of the Secretary of the Air Force, "we will march unnecessary

work out the door forever." The AFSO 21 program borrows some of the best business principles from the corporate world and applies them to our Air Force organization, structure and processes. The primary goal of AFSO 21 is to eliminate waste: waste of time, waste of manpower and waste of money. As a more expeditionary force, we must have a way to identify wasteful processes and fix them. AFSO 21 does just that. It asks each of us to take a long, hard look at how we can better accomplish the mission, while maximizing value and minimizing waste.

I ask each of you to look at your processes within your work center and instead of looking at the negatives of a new process, have an open mind and look on how you can improve your day-to-day operations. Take a

long, hard look at how you do your job. If you come across a wasteful process, tell your supervisor or unit leaders and be proactive in helping develop a better, more efficient way to accomplish the task at hand.

For most of us, this will require a culture change or a shift in our way of thinking. It is centered on processes (groups of tasks) rather than tasks alone, which allows us to gain insights into the value, or lack of value, in each task we perform.

As we head into this transformation, I urge you to improve what we do every day by providing value and eliminating non-value added activity. We want to enhance our ability to accomplish our mission and provide greater agility in response to rapidly changing demands in our day-to-day operations.



News to use

2008 TSP contribution limits

The Fall Retirement Thrift Investment Board recently announced that 2008's elective deferral limit for TSP contributions is \$15,500, the same as for 2007. Contributions for the catchup plan will remain at the same \$5,000 limit set in 2006 and 2007. For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil.

News and information at 302nd website

The official 302nd Airlift Wing website is a convenient resource for anyone seeking information about the base. You can easily access current and past issues of the Front Range Flyer, general tour information, a Westover services directory and the latest news from around the base. The official site can be reached at www.302aw.afrc.af.mil.

Sexual assault reporting options

Victims of sexual assault now have two options for reporting the crime. One option is to pursue a criminal investigation through official channels. This can be accomplished by contacting a supervisor, first sergeant or security forces member.

Alternatively, victims can report the crime to the wing sexual assault response coordinator who works with the victim in an information-protected environment.

Members may contact Senior Master Sgt. Kelli Wolf, 302nd AW chief communications flight, the coordinator for SARC at (719) 556-8192.

CGO meets during drill weekends

The Company Grade Officer Council meets at 11 a.m. on Saturdays of each UTA. For more information, call 2nd Lt. F Schnell at (719) 556-3205.

A new AES coming to Peterson AFB

The Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will officially become part of the 302nd Airlift Wing April 6 in a ceremony at Peterson AFB.

The unit's primary mission is transporting critically ill and injured patients from high risk threat areas to various echelon care environments. The unit is comprised of approximately 70 reservists.

AROWS available online for Reservists

The AROWS web site is available for all Reservists to monitor their annual training days and other orders paperwork. AROWS is short for Air Force Order Writing System. The web site link is: <https://arows.afrc.af.mil/arows-r>.

302nd AW readies for fire season

The 302nd Airlift Wing will be recertifying crews for the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission May 3-10 at Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif. The 302nd AW is the only reserve wing in the Air Force that performs the fire fighting mission. For the 2009 season, the 302nd AW will be receiving MAFFS II, an upgrade system that will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their ability to support the fire fighting mission. The 302nd AW began the MAFFS mission in 1983.

Newcomers

302nd Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Richard A. Carnes

Senior Airman Robert D. Suhre Pinder

Staff Sgt. John P. Romanishan

302nd Services Flight

Senior Airman Jessica E. Dixon

731st Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Kelly E. Dowd

Airman 1st Class Mariela Y. Fuentes

Staff Sgt. Cassandra L. Hanak

Capt. Jason Bertino

Lt. Col. Kelvin Anderson

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Tashira M. Hall

Master Sgt. Frank Teller

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Zacheriah O. Hare

Senior Airman Amanda J. Lesko

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Jason W. Jones

Senior Airman Jimin Jones

Senior Airman James W. Lockhart

Staff Sgt. William N. Wells

302nd Communications Flight

Senior Airman Jessica M. Miller

Staff Sgt. Nicole M. Robinson

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Senior Airman Ronesha Haynes

Airman Basic Alexa J. Worrell

302nd Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Sharon Cross

710th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. David T. Aerne

Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Chase

Airman 1st Class Jamie M. Foster

Senior Master Sgt. Charles T. Smith

7th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Timothy J. Baptist

310th Space Group

Senior Airman James R. Gomez

Maj. Daniel A. Loving

Capt. Tanya S. Regan

Tech. Sgt. Roslin A. Rowe

Tech. Sgt. Marek A. Rumian

Staff Sgt. Earl Tubbs

Capt. Dominic N. Wong

310th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman David J. Lopez

Tech. Sgt. Randy L. Porche

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302nd Aeromedical

Staging Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cecelia L. Bevel

Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Czubik

Staff Sgt. Sonja M. Earle

Senior Airman Shawna R. Hoffman

Staff Sgt. Christopher S. Huskins

Tech. Sgt. Tricia M. Ochinang

Staff Sgt. Ralph J. J. Jr. Padia

Staff Sgt. Armando D. Padua

Airman Anna L. Comar

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Marco A. Cotto

Staff Sgt. Jason D. Roeske

302nd Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Sean S. Hammerland

302nd Maintenance

Operations Flight

Staff Sgt. Julie A. Glass

Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Migliore

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Betty Jennifer Foote

Staff Sgt. Kevin Obrien

302nd Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Darwin J. Baker

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Master Sgt. Deann Chakhaliani

Airman Laurel L. Watson

6th Space Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. Donald Malone

710th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Daniel R. Calhoun

UTA Schedule

May 3-4, May 31-June 1, Aug. 2-3

The Front Range Flyer is mailed each month to all 302nd Airlift Wing members on file. If you are not receiving your magazine, check virtual MPF, or with your orderly room section to ensure your address is correct.

Retirements

302nd Operations Support Flight

Senior Master Sgt. Gary L. Nester

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Susan J. Rennett

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Ruben C. Reyes

Retirement applications now online

Preparing to retire? Reservists are reminded that all retirement applications are now accomplished online at your Air Force Portal account, vPC-GR.

Previously, members of the 302nd Airlift Wing had to visit the military personnel flight, complete the required retirement application package, submit it to their supervisor, and send it to ARPC.

Once approved, the vPC-GR will send e-mail notifications to the Airman and his or her commander. Retirement certificates are provided by Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center and are usually sent

to the member/unit. Units should check with members on whether they receive the certificates at their homes. If so, the member should bring in certificates so they can be presented as part of the retirement ceremony if desired.

As a precaution, please check to make sure the member name and date are correct. In the event of an error, contact ARPC at (303) 676-7074 for assistance. In the event of an emergency, a corrected certificate can be sent FedEx overnight.

Please ensure the unit commander's e-mail address is correct to prevent any delays to the process.

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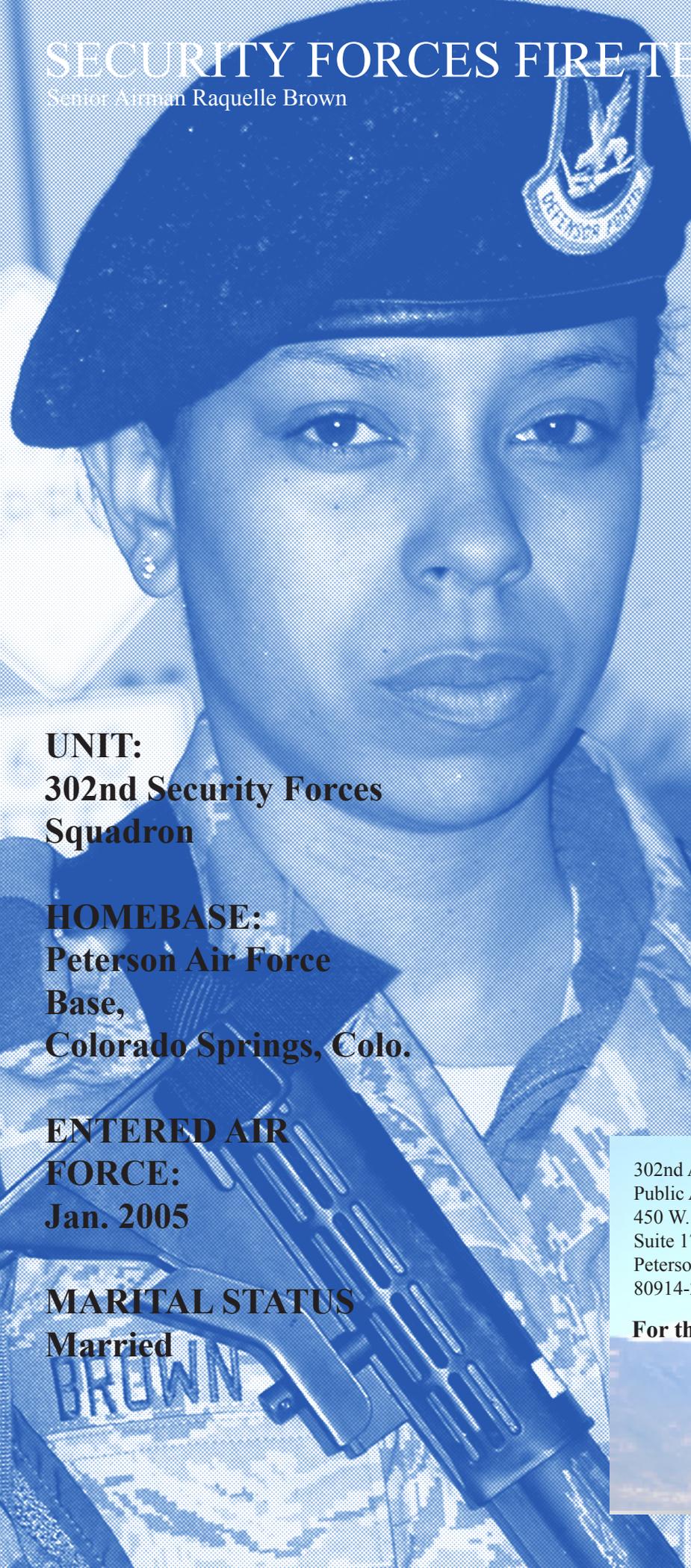
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Senior Airman Raquelle Brown



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Squadron**

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**Peterson Air Force
Base,
Colorado Springs, Colo.**

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Jan. 2005

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Married

“The Security Forces job is very important to me. I like protecting the base. I look at my young son, and think about what the world would be like as he gets older without us protecting it.”

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