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After four Operational Readiness Training Periods, several sessions of station training each UTA and significant individual preparations, we are well on our way to the Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for October of 2012.

Our next major event in the ORI preparation cycle is the Operational Readiness Exercise scheduled for June of 2012. Almost all of our "Operational Readiness" training should be complete, and the learning curve for our Wing members should now be nearly flat. Next comes June's ORE where we will be demonstrating to our evaluators we have the ability to survive and operate in a hostile environment.

We need to go into the ORE with the mindset that it is our "dress rehearsal" for the ORI. The ORE is not meant to be a learning experience in a training environment, but rather, it is an opportunity to experience an event as close as possible to the actual ORI.

Please continue refining your skills and working on areas that were identified for improvement during ORTP4 in the next six to nine months. Please continue working within your units and shops to ensure everyone on our team is ready.



Col. Jay Pittman
302nd Airlift Wing commander

There is a lot going on in the Wing. An active aerial firefighting season, several Air Expeditionary Force deployments and ORI preparations in addition to our day-to-day training makes this an extremely busy time. Please keep safety in the forefront in all of your activities and remember to plan work and activities with operational risk management in mind. Please be a Wingman to those around you. Remember the acronym ACE -- Ask, Care and Escort. If you see someone appearing to have

difficulty, ask them. Show care and intervene if warranted. Escort or guide your fellow Airman to a chaplain or another healthcare professional if he or she needs help. It is important we take care of one another especially when we see signs of stress.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication and flexibility. An ORI and its preparation is an immense undertaking. I appreciate all that you are doing.

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ORI LEGAL BRIEF

By Maj. Jedd Miloud
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

As we look forward to our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, there are many legal concepts that we must keep in mind. Each of us should have the situational awareness to recognize potential legal issues.

Criminal jurisdiction during ORI: While on orders, we are all subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In addition, we are generally subject to the laws of the area in which we are operating. If we are stateside, we would be subject to federal, state and local jurisdiction. If overseas, we would be subject to host nation laws with certain exceptions. You should familiarize yourself with relevant laws in your Area of Responsibility. If you see or hear of a crime, you should report it to your security forces, your commander and the legal office.

General Orders: General Orders apply to all U.S. Armed Forces under the commander issuing the order. Typically, General Orders prohibit, among other things, alcohol, pornography and sexual intercourse while in a war zone. Violation of a General Order is a crime under the UCMJ. You should be briefed on all General Orders in your Area of Responsibility.

Status of Forces Agreements: SOFAs are agreements between the U.S. and another nation that cover a variety of legal matters, including treatment of military members. If a military member commits a crime in a foreign country and a SOFA exists with that country, the SOFA may provide jurisdictional guidance in the situation. Commanders should familiarize themselves with applicable SOFAs as soon as practical.

Rules of Engagement: Our actions must be in accordance with the ROEs applicable to our environment. ROEs compliment the Law of Armed Conflict and can limit the way in which we engage in operations. Keep in mind a service member always has the inherent right to self-defense. During the ORI, there will likely be peacetime ROEs and hostile ROEs. An order will likely be dropped when hostile ROEs become effective.

Foreign Claims: It is not uncommon for property damage to occur during military operations. If anyone (American or foreign) complains of property damage during operations, you should refer them to the legal office for assistance. Property damage may include loss of use of one's property.

If you have any questions: For more information on the items above or any other matters, please contact the 302 Airlift Wing's Judge Advocate Office.



Maj. Jedd Miloud
302nd Airlift Wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

An interactive online version of
the Airman's Manual
is located at
<https://wbhill06p.hill.af.mil/AMT>

ON THE COVER



Capt. Carrie Williamson (in front) and Senior Airman Erin Smith carry a litter off a C-17 during the Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2011 competition. Members of the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron went on to win first place in both Aeromedical C-17 Configuration Team and Aeromedical KC-135 Configuration Team. The 731st and 52nd Airlift Squadron team also took home the Best Short Field Landing Aircrew trophy. Story on Page 4.

302nd 'lassos' three AMC Rodeo trophies

By Capt. Corinna Jones

302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 302nd Airlift Wing saddled up and rode away from the 2011 Air Mobility Command Rodeo with the "Best Aeromedical C-17 Configuration Team," the "Best Aeromedical KC-135 Configuration Team," and the "Best Short Field Landing Aircrew" trophies. The competition took place July 23-29 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

The Air Mobility Command Rodeo is a biannual Olympic-style competition that began in 1956 and includes competitive categories for mobility aircrew, maintainers, aeromedical evacuation, aerial port, security forces and financial management personnel competing in their respective core skills.

The AMC Rodeo is designed to showcase the abilities of U.S. air mobility forces and allows the teams to share the best tactics and techniques in the continued pursuit of coalition operations around the world.

"The team came to perform their best and they did and I'm very proud of them," said Lt. Col. James Devere, 302nd Operations Group Deputy Commander and 302nd AW Rodeo 2011 Team Chief. "They have shown superior professionalism and performance in all of their respective career fields."

Twenty-five Reserve and Active Duty aircrew, aircraft maintainers and aeromedical evacuation Airmen and one C-130 Hercules aircraft from the Wing represented Colorado and showcased their air mobility and combat skills.

"The total force integration [within the Rodeo team] has been extremely successful with a fifty/fifty Reserve/Active Duty in maintenance and a sixty/forty mix with the aircrew," he said. "All members have shown great mile high spirit and camaraderie."

"You never walk away from Rodeo without learning something about yourself, your crew, and air evac," said Master Sgt. Rebecca Diaz, a medical technician assigned to the 34th Aeromedical Squadron. "We all



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Corinna Jones

Staff Sgt. Christopher Bederio, (center) an Electrical/Environmental Technician and Airman 1st Class Scott Zednick, (right) a C-130 Crew Chief both from the 302nd Maintenance Squadron compete in a maintenance skill challenge during the AMC Rodeo. The Airmen were tasked to remove an aircraft part that both were unfamiliar with. The 30 minute timed event provided them with only the hand tools needed and the technical manual. Team work and problem solving paid off; they were able to accomplish the task with seven minutes to spare.

have just come off a deployment, flying all three types of medical evac aircraft, so that gave us a strategic edge over our competition."

The 302nd AW team agreed that Rodeo is more

than a competition, but a chance to share tactics and knowledge with Airmen assigned to units across the Air Force.

"This is an opportunity for good relationship building with other units," said Capt. Carrie

Williamson, 34th AES flight nurse and 2011 Rodeo 302nd Team medical crew director. "We don't always get to interact with them and Rodeo is the chance to do that."

The 302nd AW was one of approximately 40 teams who traveled from Air Force bases around the world, including seven international teams, to participate in this year's rodeo.

"The 302nd Airlift Wing is a winning team every day. Rodeo is just a chance to demonstrate it," said Col. Jay Pittman, 302nd AW Commander. "This has been a great opportunity to showcase the skills and combat capabilities of our Wing's Airmen."

"The team came to perform their best and they did and I'm very proud of them."

- Lt. Col. James Devere

302nd Operations Group Deputy Commander

Maintainers achieve rare milestone

By Tech. Sgt. Daniel Butterfield
302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For some aircraft maintainers, it's something they may never see in a 30-year career, but for the Airmen of the 302nd Maintenance Group, it happened twice this summer in less than two weeks.

Two of the Wing's C-130H3 Hercules aircraft were designated "black letter."

This distinguished classification means an aircraft has no open discrepancies, no known discrepancies and no write-ups. And that honor was bestowed upon the crew chiefs of both aircraft with tail numbers 94-7318 and 94-7310.

"Two Black Letter aircraft in two-week's time is a rare and extraordinary accomplishment that was only possible by the outstanding skill, teamwork and dedication of our maintainers," said Col. James Van Housen, 302nd Maintenance Group commander. "We take a lot of pride in keeping our C-130s in the best possible condition."

Crew chiefs who led the "black letter" status on Aircraft 94-7318 are: Tech. Sgts. Randy Stanley and Pat Granger and Airman 1st Class James McEndree. For Aircraft 94-7310, Tech. Sgt. Eric Senzek, Staff Sgts. Stephen Marsh and Anthony Jordan and Airman Jesse Pabon achieved the distinguished honor.

These C-130 Hercules achieved the "black letter" designation at a high point in their career. With a number of deployments to Southwest Asia and numerous duty assignments, the approximately 17-year-old aircraft have performed to the best of their ability. And, they perform like few other aircraft do.

"It's not like a civilian aircraft that goes up and comes down," said Master Sgt. William Harris, 302nd Maintenance Group aircraft structural maintenance section chief. "They do high-tech maneuvers and hard landings. That puts a lot of stress on the airframe and systems on the aircraft. They land on unimproved runways and rocks fly up into the tires and tear up the fuselage and landing gear."

Whatever condition the aircraft are in when they return, the group works as a team to solve any problem.

"Everyone's of the same mindset to fix it right the first time and not have to go back. We try to alleviate the quick fix concept," Harris said.

According to the aircraft maintainers, one of the reasons "black letter" designations take place at the 302nd Airlift Wing is because of the joint effort brought about by Total Force Integration. In October 2009, Active Duty Airmen of the 52nd Airlift Squadron joined with their Air Force Reserve counterparts here.

"They (52nd Airlift Squadron) brought a lot of different looks to the table," said Master Sgt. Linda



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Daniel Butterfield

Airman Jesse Pabon inspects the main controls of a C-130H Hercules aircraft assigned to the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Pabon, a crew chief assigned to aircraft 94-7310 in the wing's inventory, was one of several Air Force Reserve Airmen who assisted in achieving the C-130's black letter designation, the second 302nd AW C-130H to receive that recognition in less than two weeks.

Armstrong, the integrated avionics supervisor for the 302nd Maintenance Squadron. "We got four brand new Airmen out of tech(nical) school and it put us back into training mode. You have to know what you're training, which makes us better."

And these "black letter" aircraft might not be the last the maintainers see. Several aircraft in the wing's inventory are close to earning the distinction, with only a handful of discrepancies.

Although the "black letter" accolades are appreciated and deserved, these are not the reasons the maintainers work so hard.

"We want to give the flight crews the best, quality aircraft we can," said Chief Master Sgt. Larry Crooks, 302nd MXS maintenance superintendent. "That's the goal."

Editor's Note: In addition to Harris and Armstrong, Crooks also wanted to recognize the following Airmen for their contributions to the black letter aircraft designations: Senior Master Sgt. Michael Sinchak, 302nd MXS communications and navigation shop chief; Master Sgt. Edward Falls, 52nd AS production supervisor; Master Sgt. Wade Claussen, 52nd AS maintenance superintendent; Master Sgt. Michael Bruner, 302nd MXS fuel cell shop chief; and Tech. Sgt. Ronald Jordan, 302nd MXS electronics and environmental acting shop chief.

302nd Family Day 2011



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stephen Collier
Air Force Reserve 2nd Lt. Matthew Fenton, a C-130 pilot with the 731st Airlift Squadron, launches his nephew Eli onto the Velcro fun castle.



U.S. Air Force photo/Ann Skarban
Ryah Sapp, daughter of Airman 1st Class Petra Sapp, an Air Force Reservist with the 302nd Operations Support Squadron, tries on a child's life preserver during her visit to the Wing's "Herc Adventure Tour."



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stephen Collier
Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Robert Fairbanks, a C-130 pilot with the 302nd Operations Group, gets taken down by his daughter Bridgette during a friendly sumo wrestling matchup.

Members of the 302nd Airlift Wing brought their families and loved ones out to the base for an afternoon of fun-filled activities, including a climbing wall, a picnic lunch, sumo wrestling, and hayrides. The wing's annual Family Day event aims to show families and loved ones appreciation for the support they give to their Air Force Reserve member.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stephen Collier
Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Lynn Jui, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, gets dunked. Several members of the 302nd Airlift Wing leadership were nominated to get soaked in the dunk tank.



U.S. Air Force photo/Ann Skarban
Tech. Sgt. James Romero, an Air Force Reservist with the 302nd Maintenance Squadron, takes his twin daughters Aiyana and Briyana on a tour of a Wing C-130 during their visit to the Wing's "Herc Adventure Tour" just prior to the Wing's Family Day activities.

DISCOUNTS FOR DEPLOYED

All Airmen returning from deployment and families of currently deployed members can receive special discounts at select 21 Force Support Squadron activities to help ease the pressures and stress associated with deployments. The "PLAYpass" card offers the opportunity to participate in programs at either reduced cost or free of charge. The cards are issued through the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 350, and are good through December 31, 2011. For more information, visit www.myairforcelife.com or call 556-6141.

ARPC NOW ON BUCKLEY:

The Air Reserve Personnel Center has moved from the old Lowry Air Force Base in Denver to its new home on Buckley AFB. ARPC's 82,000-square-foot building is a state-of-the-art facility equipped to provide administrative support to more than 980,000 Airmen in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The center tracks military careers from initial service entry to retirement. The center maintains records on assignments, promotions and separations. Citizen Airmen needing assistance can contact the Total Force Service Center - Denver at 1-800-525-0102.

CCAF OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to earn your Community College of the Air Force Degree? The 302nd Wing Education and Training office can help! Colorado Christian University, in partnership with the 302nd's Wing Education and Training Office, offers the five General Education courses required for a CCAF degree (on a rotating basis): math, social science, humanities, oral communication, written communication. Talk to your first sergeant for more information and registration. Only 150 slots are available.

2012 UTA SCHEDULE:

The 2012 UTA schedule is now posted on the 302 Airlift Wing Official Web Page: www.302aw.afrc.af.mil. Remember to provide this link to your civilian employers and family members for reference.

UNIFORM POLICY CHANGES:

AFI 36-2903 has been revised with an effective release date of July 18, 2011. Reviewing the changes is strongly recommended. The latest uniform news, updates and policy changes can be found on the AFPC [website at http://www.afpc.af.mil/dress/index.asp](http://www.afpc.af.mil/dress/index.asp)

Effective July 18, 2011:

- Morale patch on pen and pencil pocket of the Flight Duty Uniform not authorized.
- Effective Nov. 1, 2011:
 - Black and Brown T-Shirts no longer authorized for wear with the Airman Battle Uniform, Dessert Camouflage Uniform or Flight Duty Uniform. Dessert Sand/Tan is the only color authorized for wear
 - Black Combat Boots no longer authorized for wear with the ABU or FDU (Commander may authorize exception for industrial work areas)
 - Sage Green is the only boot color authorized for wear with ABU or FDU

RESILIANCY AWARENESS:

The Department of Defense (DoD) provides all active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and their families with a variety of counseling services and suicide prevention programs. Installation support programs also provide referrals for assessment, treatment, and other suicide prevention and counseling services as needed.

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255): <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
- Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: http://afspp.afms.mil/idc/groups/public/documents/webcontent/knowledgejunction.hcst?functionalarea=AFSuicidePreventionPrgm&doctype=subpage&docname=CTB_018094&incbanner=0
- Military homefront's Suicide Prevention offers reliable information and resources. To find help or to lend a hand to someone in need. Visit http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/mhf/MHF/MHF_HOME_1?sectionid=20.40.500.585.0.0.0.0



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NAME: Chief Master Sgt. Randy Ussery
JOB: Senior recruiter 302 AW/310 SW
HOMETOWN: New Orleans

TO 1C-130(K)H-1CL-1
FOREWORD

When and why did you enter the military? I enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1988 as a fuels specialist with the 926th Fighter Wing. I have always enjoyed telling others of my military experiences and sharing my stories, so in '96 I applied for, and was accepted into the AFRC Recruiting Program and have been a recruiter ever since.

If you could tell someone on the street one thing about what you do, what would it be? As senior recruiter my goal is to seek out and find the most qualified recruits, matching them with available positions in both wings, ensuring mission readiness. Additionally I am responsible for the welfare and well-being of my 11 troops.

What is your most effective recruiting tool? Get 1 Now is our best lead program. It allows Reservists to be rewarded for viable leads. For just recommending a friend or family member, a Reservist qualifies for a pair of VIP tickets that include a meet and greet with the talent of an upcoming concert/show. Once their referral joins the Air Force Reserve they qualify for numerous awards such as an iPod, an iPad 2, a DVD player, or even a laptop. More information can be found by logging onto www.GetOneNow.us

What's your favorite music and movie? I enjoy alternative rock and classic 80's. Movies, I'm more of an artsy fan, Sundance style movies.

What are your hobbies? I'm an outdoors person; I like traveling, mountain biking, hiking, skiing, and other outdoor activities.



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