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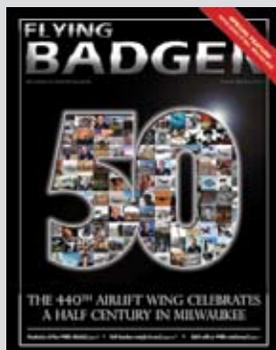
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THE 440TH AIRLIFT WING CELEBRATES A HALF CENTURY IN MILWAUKEE

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The 440th Airlift Wing celebrates its 50th year in Milwaukee this month. The wing moved to Wisconsin from its home at Minneapolis in 1957, and will remain here until the summer of 2007 when it will be reconstituted at its new home, Pope AFB, N.C.

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COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

A place to remember; a future to embrace

By Col. Merle D. Hart
440th Airlift Wing Commander

Milwaukee is blessed with one of the Air Force Reserve Command's premier wings. The 440th has provided our nation with the world's most talented and proficient Airmen, men and women who have served with distinction for over 50 years. I have no doubt that this unit's legacy of success will continue throughout the military as wing members migrate to other Reserve and National Guard units or move to Pope with the wing. The flow of 440th people will raise all boats.

Our remaining time at General Mitchell is short, yet much still has to be done. As we prepare to move, we will continue to do what was always done: doing the job right, and doing the job with honor. We will walk out the gate with our heads up and a warm glow in our hearts knowing the best anyone could have done was done. It was done the 440th way.

It is not easy to leave such an exceptional facility populated with exceptional people. A question will always remain ... why?

I think one reason the 440th was chosen to move to what will become the Air Mobility Command's Tactical Airlift Center of Excellence is the wing's record of success. Pope is a first-class facility with a dynamic mission that requires a dynamic wing. The 440th is the dynamic wing that will take a leading role in the development of new concepts and missions, and will help us achieve total-force integration.

The challenges at Pope are great, but not as great as our people. What a grand opportunity we have to stand up the first reverse associate airlift unit. We

are living in exciting times as we prepare for this transition.

Change always causes anxiety and always presents opportunity. Those who are prepared for opportunity and embrace it will prevail. The wing worked diligently to provide everyone with avenues for transition; AFRC desires each of you who wish to continue to serve to have an opportunity to do so.

Hopefully, everyone has been able to make good use of these programs. I believe all things work for good, and though the exact chain of future events is impossible to know, with faith, smart work and hard work, the future will be bright. Prepare yourself, grasp opportunity and make a difference.

My sincere thanks to each of you whose efforts help the wing excel. As we prepare for the last chapter here at General Mitchell, our continued focus on safely executing the mission should be a

primary focus. No job is so time-critical that any lack of safety can be overlooked. Be strong, be prepared, be focused and be safe.

It does indeed hurt seeing the wing move. It hurts badly. Each of us will always hold a special place in our heart for General Mitchell. It is a great honor to be associated with you and to have our common bond and a common legacy. I highly encourage each of you to become members of the 440th Alumni Association. This is a way to keep the 440th legacy alive here in Milwaukee.

Thank you for being an exceptional and vibrant force. It is such an honor to be the commander of the 440th Airlift Wing. You are exceptional people, and this is an exceptional place. May God continue to bless our nation, our wing, you and your families.



440th Alumni Association Membership Application

- () \$100 Charter Lifetime Membership (for applications received through Dec. 31, 2006)
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The 440th has been here in Milwaukee for the last 50 years. Our official unit name has changed five times since the unit was reactivated after World War II. We've gone from a troop carrier wing, to a fighter bomber wing, back to a troop carrier wing, before we became a tactical airlift wing and finally, just an airlift wing.

During that same time, the 440th has been assigned to the 4th, 5th, 10th, 12th, and 22nd Air Forces, and something called the Central Air Force Reserve Region.

Ten different men have commanded the wing since it arrived in Milwaukee. One of them went on to command the Air Force Reserve, Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III. More than a few of the officers who served here earned a general's star or their own wing command.

The aircraft this unit has flown have not changed as often as the people have. Reservists have been flying and maintaining the F-80, C-47, C-119 and the A and H versions of the C-130 Hercules.

The list of operations and emergencies that the 440th has responded to or supported would easily fill this page if we included the dates, locations and objectives of all that flying and maintaining. Sadly, there have been so many operations in the last 10 years that there is probably no member of this unit who could provide that information without extensive library research.

Our 50th anniversary in Milwaukee is a sad one because we cannot look forward to 50 more years here. Next year, Wisconsin's only Air Force Reserve unit will become a North Carolina Air Force Reserve unit. The Flying Badger staff has asked unit commanders to contribute their thoughts and recollections for this 50th anniversary.

Besides looking back, we should also look forward—what will the wing become? More than the just unit nickname will change. The 440th thrived here for years as it recruited top professionals from several fields—talented mechanics from the “machine shop of the world,” and aircrew members from airline hubs around the Midwest. Will the 440th go on to similar renown in North Carolina?

We will see...

Dennis J. Mehring
Public Affairs Director
440th Airlift Wing





A 440TH MAINSTAY LOOKS BACK AT FOUR DECADES AS A FLYING BADGER

As the 50th anniversary of the 440th Airlift Wing at Milwaukee approaches, retired chief master sergeant Jerry Green took some time to look back at his long career here at General Mitchell. He spoke with the Flying Badger about his experiences here, changes he has seen at the 440th and in the Air Force, the closing of the base and what the 50th anniversary of the wing means to him.

FB: How long have you been at the 440th Airlift Wing?

CHIEF GREEN: *I joined the 440th in August 1966. I've been with the wing for over 40 years. I was a reservist here for 39 years, 8 months—always with the 440th. I retired from the Reserve in 2006. But, it doesn't feel like I've been here that long, it seems just like yesterday when I started here. I was a 20-year-old farm kid coming to the big city, and now 40 years have passed. I started with what was then the 933rd Aerial Port Flight and transferred to the C-119 loadmaster position in 1968. I've been a loadmaster ever since—in the C-119, C-130A and the C-130 H model.*

FB: What positions have you held here at General Mitchell?

CHIEF GREEN: *I was a loadmaster instructor when the wing got the C-130 and then a standardization evaluator after that. I held that position until 1996. Then I was appointed vice commander—and then commander—of the newcomers flight when the program was started. I was fortunate to be the commander when we got the members from the Chicago O'Hare unit. I was named AFRC Airlift Control Flight Loadmaster of the Year in 1999, and I was "performance-enhanced promoted" to chief master sergeant in 2001. I'm currently the 440th Airlift Control Flight affiliation manager in my civilian job.*

FB: What changes have you seen the 440th go through during your time here?

CHIEF GREEN: *Airmen are better educated. PME*



(professional military education) has become so important for growth and promotion. The opportunities are there—it's up to individuals to better-educate themselves. Promotions are

based on education, and our forward-leaning people are taking control of their goals by keeping on top of all these changes that keep coming with this more-specialized Air Force.

FB: What other changes have you seen?

CHIEF GREEN: *The Air Force is really stressing the importance of being physically fit ... fewer Airmen are smoking. The Air Force wants us to stay in better shape to face the challenges of being deployed, etc. It really showed during our two-year activation. Some of our people had to deal with the stresses of the desert, and I give a lot of credit to our medical folks for helping us get healthy. That activation showed the high standards that the 440th adheres to, and I was proud to be part of that for the entire two years.*

FB: What comes to mind when you think of the fact that the 440th has been here 50 years?

CHIEF GREEN: *50 years ... it was surprising to me, when I did the math and realized I've been with the 440th for 40 out of the 50 years. It's an honor to be part of the 440th. I have great memories here. I did things here years before the Air Force decided to make them mandatory. I was mentored in the late 60's—then mentoring became an official part of Air Force policy in the 90's. I was taught core values in the 60's, way before it became the Air Force motto. And I'm very lucky I had great NCOs and officers to guide me in my career. When I became a senior NCO, I gave the same guidance to my troops.*

FB: How do you feel about the base closing, and how will you remember General Mitchell Air Reserve Station?

CHIEF GREEN: *I like to look back at our time here and think about everything we accomplished. It's something I'm sure I'll do for a long time. We're closing here, but the unit isn't going away—it's just going somewhere else. I'm sure the wing will still be something to be proud of like it was here in Milwaukee. I'm very proud to be a member of the 440th.*

Interview by Senior Airman Erica Neubauer

ANATOMY OF AN EMBLEM

Ever wonder about the meaning of the 440th patch? Like, why are those stars arranged like that? Or, what's up with the crazy helmet? Never fear—here's a basic primer on the significance and history of the wing emblem.



THE HELMET

The headgear of choice for Greek Gods like Mercury and Hermes, the winged helmet represents the flight of the troop-carrier aircraft.



THE SHIELD

Modeled after good old-fashioned, Norwegian armor, the shield symbolizes the defense of freedom anywhere in the world.



THE STARS

The large star is Polaris (aka the North Star), and the group of smaller ones is the constellation Ursa Major. These stars were chosen to guide the wise men and women of the 440th to the mission and back.



THE MOTTO

The wing's original slogan was "*Adjuvare Intercludere Perimere*," or, "To Support, To Intercept, To Destroy." But in 1957, the unit was redesignated from a fighter-bomber wing to a troop-carrier wing. Feeling the old motto didn't accurately describe the wing's new mission, base leadership changed it to "*Nunquam Non Paratus*," which means, "Never Unprepared."

THE COLORS

Chosen for the various attributes listed below, the colors represent the unit's high standards.

GOLD

Excellence
Honor
Justice
Loyalty

BLUE

Charity
Constancy
Devotion
Sincerity

WHITE

Perfection
Purity
Truth

THE SWORD & THE SPEAR

More Norwegian battle rattle, these weapons signify the striking force of the troops carried by the wing's aircraft.



UNCOMMON HIST

Unit leaders share their thoughts on the 440th



I joined the 440th Tactical Airlift Wing in December 1980 as a loadmaster with the 95th Tactical Airlift Squadron. We flew the C-130A model aircraft back then. Much has changed since those days, and there have been many voluntary deployments in the succeeding years in support of our nation's defense. Since Sept 11, 2001 our wing has supported these deployments, working seamlessly with our active-duty counterparts.

I am very proud to have been selected to represent the best of the best, the members of the 440th Airlift Wing, as the wing's command chief master sergeant. Every member of the 440th has made sacrifices to fulfill their duty to our country. I am deeply honored to have served with each and every one of you.

CHIEF MASTER SGT. CARMON M. FRANCHER
Command Chief, 440th Airlift Wing

The memory of the 440th Airlift Wing that I'll take with me when I move to another assignment is not military-mission oriented, but it depicts the fabric, compassion and work ethic of the people who accomplish our flying and support mission here at the 440th.

Several years ago, Services Flight was notified that one of its open positions would be filled by a man from another base who was being displaced and had priority for the position. Services Flight embraced the man, who had no family and had endured his share of hardships. Other 440th members also embraced him—he had an infectious smile and a pleasant, can-do attitude toward his job in the fitness center.

He was with the 440th for only three years when, tragically, he was diagnosed with cancer. I'll never forget the way the base rallied around this gentleman. Since he had no family, the 440th became his family and supported him in his desperate time of need. He didn't win his battle with cancer, but his 440th family made sure all his affairs were taken care of.

I'll never forget the memorial service and burial held at the Wood National Cemetery (in Milwaukee). People from every part of the base were represented, even though some were in the midst of demobilization processing. Even though most people didn't know him well, they appreciated and celebrated the tremendous attitude and work ethic with which he approached his job. They made sure he did not pass from this life in obscurity.

To sum it up, what makes the 440th extraordinary is the value its members place on individuals, and the incredible work ethic displayed throughout the wing. People who work here appreciate skill and a good attitude, and they possess a tremendous spirit of family that will always be the unit's hallmark. I am proud of, and will forever cherish, my service with my 440th comrades.



COL. BETTY A. BOWEN
Commander, 440th Mission Support Group



The 440th Airlift Wing has always shown a can-do attitude and a desire for excellence. This has been proven time and time again by wing teams who won competitions such as the Air Mobility Command Airlift Rodeo, or who set the standards of performance for our colleagues during numerous overseas deployments.

The consistency of our success could never have been accomplished if not for the genuine desire of our people to be part of a group that strives for excellence. I've truly enjoyed working with all the people here at General Mitchell who have made this such a special unit!

LT. COL. JEFFERY N. PAULUS
Commander, 440th Operations Group

ISTORY

Airlift Wing



I reported for duty at the 440th Tactical Airlift Wing, in the summer of 1986, as an airman first class security specialist; I joined the same unit I now have the privilege to command. A lot of things have changed since then. Back then, we were fighting a “cold war,” and were just learning about terrorists. Today, we’re in a global war, and in a sustained fight against terrorism. We were a small-weapons-system security flight, training for war. Today, we’re a battle-tested and combat-ready Security Forces Squadron defending freedom around the globe.

Many things have changed during these years. However, many things have remained the same. As I stood guard mount back in ‘86, a number of things struck me about the unit I had joined. The unit had integrity, a sense of service before self and an understanding that the phrase “excellence in all we do,” *means* something. The unit understood the core values long before they were written or published. The flight had an indescribable sense of pride that permeated the unit and manifested itself in all we did. There was pride in the fact that we took care of one another—long before formal programs told us to.

Today, I have the honor to serve with the members of the 440th Security Forces Squadron, and I realize the pride I saw in ‘86 is stronger than ever. It remains indelible. It cannot be broken. It is forever strong and will be carried forward by our troops wherever they may go.

MAJ. TIMOTHY H. MARTZ
Commander, 440th Security Forces Squadron

I have the privilege of serving as the commander to the men and women of the 440th Civil Engineer Squadron. They have dedicated their service to this base, this community and our country. More than 70 members from readiness, Prime Beef and the base fire station served in direct support of OIF/OEF during the past three years. The list of tours and accomplishments is truly amazing. Local projects include work at Summerfest, Plymouth YMCA Boy Scout Camp, Paloma soccer field, Zablocki VA Medical Center and the Greenfield Historical Society. The 440th CES helped rebuild after Hurricane Andrew at Homestead, Fla. and Hurricane Hugo in Charleston, S.C. Countless projects have been completed all over the world. The jobs the men and women of the 440 CES have done are generally behind the scenes and often unnoticed. They do thankless deeds, and they are always there—the unsung heroes.



MAJ. GWENDOLYN M. SHEPPARD
Commander, 440th Civil Engineer Squadron



The sight of the giant wood shingle in the shape of Wisconsin alongside Interstate 94 near Kenosha always marked the beginning of great family memories for us kids from the “flat-lands,” who live “south of the border.” After 15 years with the 440th Airlift Wing, and more than 3,100 border crossings, that sense of going somewhere special continues, but for many different reasons.

Granted, there is probably some sort of genetic link passed down from previous generations that plays into our migratory habits. But the overwhelming draw for me has been the people of this wing and the missions we achieve together. The combination of great talent and outstanding attitudes here at the 440th is unmatched. As a team, we found ways to laugh through long deployments and difficult inspections while we focused on unparalleled success.

We also shared in the tragic loss of great friends, and I am proud and grateful of the way our wing family honors our own when it matters most. Gratitude is the one word I’d use to describe my experience with the 440 AW.

COL. TIMOTHY J. WARD
Vice Wing Commander, 440th Airlift Wing

Airmen portraits available

Weren't people in your Reserve office, unit or shop always telling you at one time or another that you "oughta be in pictures?"

Ok, well, even if they didn't, your opportunity has arrived ... and just in time for Christmas.

Personal portraits will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis in Hanger 217 (the primary maintenance hanger) starting at 9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 3. Two professional photographers will be on hand to capture this moment in time as the wing celebrates its 50th anniversary in Milwaukee on Dec. 8, 2006.

The event will be hosted by members of the 440th Public Affairs and Multimedia offices. For more information, please contact Capt. Keith Leistekow, 440th Public Affairs, at 482-5482.



Pope AFB job requests

Starting around mid-December, the initial request for personnel actions (RPA) will be sent from the Pope CPF to fill 440 AW jobs at Pope AFB. Those interested in Pope positions must enter into the AFRC civilian clearinghouse as soon as possible. Beginning in late November and continuing through early December, the 440 AW CPF will contact all current General Mitchell ARS civilian employees and enlisted air reserve technicians to inform them of the beginning of the RPA process at Pope, and to encourage entry into the clearinghouse if appropriate.

Summer training schedules

In preparation for a summer filled with BRAC moves and fewer personnel at GMIAP, all training areas, as well as the medical clinic, are planning for an increase in training capability in advance of this summer. The wing is working with key training units and unit commanders to create and fill more training events from now through May to decrease or eliminate most of the training requirements scheduled during the transition months of June through September. For planning purposes, if you have any training requirements, due during this transition period, make plans to accomplish these events between now and May. More details will be coming out through your unit commanders.

WINTER WATCH: base closure and delay info

Winter winds will soon be blowing a series of low-pressure storm systems this way, so it's time to review where members of the 440th can get the latest

information about base closures or reporting delays.

Wing members who live in Southeastern Wisconsin can get the latest information on reporting times or base closures on WTMJ-TV (NBC), Channel 4, and WISN-TV, (ABC), Channel 12.

Radio stations that will carry the same information are: WTMJ-

AM (620), WISN-AM (1130), WOKY-AM (920), WKTI-FM (94.5), WMIL-FM (106.1), WKKV-FM (100.7), WQBW-FM (97.3) and WRIT-FM (95.7).

Closure and delay information will also be posted on theMilwaukeeChannel.com and www.todaystmj4.com.

Illinois residents can get closure and delay information at

www.EmergencyClosings.com or (312) 222-SNOW.

Radio and TV sources include WGN-AM (720); WBBM-AM (780) and Zone Radio 94.7 FM. Chicago area TV stations that will carry closure and delay details are Channel 2 (CBS), Channel 5 (NBC), Channel 7 (ABC), Channel 9 (WGN), Channel 32 (FOX) and CLTV Cable.

New tail flash needed for wing C-130 fleet

The 440th Airlift Wing wants creative design ideas for a new C-130 "tail flash" to be used after the wing moves to Pope AFB, N.C.

The tail flash is the colored, horizontal stripe band placed on both sides of the vertical fin of the aircraft. Flashes are 11.5 inches tall by 8 feet long, are unique to each wing and reflect a corporate image.

The best design will be selected by the senior leadership of the 440th and sent to Headquarters AFRC for approval.

Designs should be visible from a distance—once placed

on a C-130 tail, it will sit about 30 feet above ground. A reasonable number of subdued colors may be used in the design. Preferred format for design submissions is through digital software, but wing judges will accept a high-quality print.

Send designs to Chief Master Sgt. Mark Maslowski at: mark.maslowski@generalmitchell.af.mil, or take it to his office, room 208W in building 217, no later than close of business on Nov 30. For more information, contact Chief Maslowski at (414) 482-5552.





By Tech. Sgt. Mark Ulmen

POPE AFB, N.C. -- Detachment 1 continues to work on multiple challenges and make improvements in our abilities to move the transition plan along here.

Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Taylor, the wing's senior recruiter in North Carolina, has moved into his office and is settling in. The active duty BRAC team, which includes members of the Air Force and Army, has moved into rooms at the end of our building. Their arrival means our ability to effectively communicate and coordinate with them has improved.

The new manning document is a continual work in progress with changes, corrections and additions still being made. We remind everyone to get registered in the Air Force Reserve Command clearing house if they want to come to Pope. If they have already registered but not for Pope, they can go into the clearing house again and add Pope to their list of preferences.

Recent visitors to Detachment 1 include Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Safer, 440th Maintenance Squadron, who helped evaluate the maintenance facilities here, and Master Sgt. Jason Drewitz, also 440th MS, who helped establish the Reserve maintenance program.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Detachment 1 of the 440th Airlift Wing, (The Hybrids) are coordinating the construction, build-up and development of the new 440th Airlift Wing associate unit at Pope AFB, N.C. The detachment's official address is: 440 AW / DET 1, Building 399, Suite 212, Maverick Street, Pope AFB, N.C. 28308.



Tax breaks for reservists

WASHINGTON -- Military reservists called to active duty can receive payments from their individual retirement accounts, 401(k) plans and 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities, without having to pay the early-distribution tax, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

The newly-enacted Pension Protection Act of 2006 eliminates the 10-percent early-distribution tax that normally applies to most retirement distributions received before age 59½. The new law provides this relief to reservists called to active duty for at least 180 days or for an indefinite period.

Eligible reservists activated after Sept. 11, 2001, and before Dec. 31, 2007, qualify for relief from this tax. This tax is often referred to as the 10-percent early-withdrawal penalty. Regular income taxes continue to apply to these payments in most cases.

Early distributions from both Roth and traditional IRAs received by a reservist while on active duty qualify for this relief. Likewise, a reservist's elective contributions and earnings distributed to him or her by employer sponsored 401(k) plans and 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities also qualify for this relief.

Because this relief is retroactive, eligible reservists who already paid the 10-percent tax can claim a refund by using Form 1040X to amend their return for the year in which the retirement distribution was received. Eligible reservists should write the words, "active duty reservist," at the top of the form. In Part II Explanation of Changes, the reservist should write the date he or she was called to active duty, the amount of the retirement distribution and the amount of early-distribution tax paid.

Reservists can choose to re-contribute part or all of these distributions to an IRA. Ordinarily, these special contributions must be made within two years after the reservist's active-duty period ends. However, if the reservist's active duty ended before Aug. 17, 2006 (the date the new law was enacted), he or she will have until Aug. 17, 2008, to make these special contributions. No deduction is available for these contributions.



A pair of pint-sized patriots peer down Kilbourn Avenue as the annual Milwaukee Veteran's Day Parade rolls by Saturday Nov. 4.

Col. Merle Hart, 440th Airlift Wing commander, was one of the officers on the parade reviewing stand. A 440th C-130H also did a fly-by during the parade.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Sommer

Many ways to send support to troops

A number of Web sites have been set up to help people show their support of military members serving overseas:

TreatAnySoldier.com offers tips on what service members need and want and arranges the shipment of care packages that range from \$18 to \$155.

AdoptaPlatoon.org was founded in 1998. It is a nonprofit 501C-3 organization managed nationwide by volunteer mothers to ensure that deployed U.S. service members in all branches of the military are not forgotten by providing mail support and promoting patriotism in schools and communities.

To provide a better deployment quality of life, lift morale, and assist military families, the AAP has created projects that meet the needs of military requestors, established special projects for holidays, and assigns morale lifting mail support to service members of all branches of the U.S. military serving their nation around the world.

OperationMilitaryPride.org is a volunteer organization with a wide range of programs that boost the morale of troops stationed overseas.

The group sends cards, letters and care packages to troops overseas and also shares the mailing information to "patriots" who want to send cards, letters or packages to troops overseas. This is one of the few groups that allows direct contact with deployed troops. The group also supports military working dogs.

eStripes.com is the online site of the Stars and Stripes newspaper. The site contains a comprehensive list of groups and agencies that support our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. Click on the box on the left hand side of the home page that says "Ways to support our servicemembers."

BooksforSoldiers.com provides advice and help for people interested in shipping books to bases, ships at sea, military hospitals and other sites.

OperationUSOCarePackage.org For \$25 you can send a USO

care package to a deployed service member. Space is provided for a personal message of support to the service member who will receive the package.

Approved and endorsed by the Department of Defense, Operation USO Care Package is a way to send a message of encouragement thanking the troops for their service and sacrifice.

AmericaSupportsYou.mil spotlights what Americans are doing to support deployed service members.

Send a postcard to U.S. troops overseas

Computer users visiting the Web site www.lets saythanks.com can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier now serving in Iraq. Visitors to the Web site can't pick who gets the card, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

New VA program for OIF/OEF veterans

A seven-week relaxation program for veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism called "Battle Body Re-Training" will be offered by the Zablocki VA Medical Center outreach team from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13 to Jan. 25. The program will be held in the Matousek Auditorium, in the VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave.

Program leaders are Dr. Anthony Peterson, OEF-OIF coordinator and psychologist, and Andrew Hendrickson, RN, OEF-OIF education specialist.

Customer service changes hours

Manning shortages in the military personnel flight (MPF), combined with the number of customers seeking relocation assistance on drill weekends, has necessitated changes to customer service designed to reduce wait times and help personnel specialists work more efficiently.

Effective this September UTA, the MPF has established group briefings on Saturday and Sunday of every UTA for military personnel considering retirement or reassignment to another unit or the inactive Reserve. Interested individuals can report to MPF customer service.

A briefing area has been set-up between career enhancements and relocations/employment/wing career advisor sections. Please sign in on the appropriate sign-in roster before sitting down.

Personnel relocations will have briefings Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m. consisting of the following items:

- Clearing House (online process)
- Retirement registration (online process)
- Assignments to the Air National Guard

Individuals who need one-on-one retirement counseling can still schedule appointments with Tech. Sergeant Eric Orcholski at 482-5323 starting at 12:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

The wing career advisor will have briefings at 8:30 a.m. on UTA Saturdays, which will focus on assignment to the inactive Reserve (ARPC).

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Terry Harmon at 482-5324.

VA seeking help

The Clement Zablocki VA Medical Center at Wood, Wis., (south of Miller Park) is asking for people to help with the Center's 18th Annual Christmas program on Dec. 16.

The Center is asking for donations of home made or store bought cakes, pies, doughnuts, brownies, cheese and sausage trays, and crackers, which will be served to more than 200 hospitalized veterans.

Plan to drop the donations at the east entrance to the VA Medical Center from 5:30 - 6 p.m. on Dec. 16. Veterans will be at the sidewalk area to receive them.

The VA Medical Center is also asking for 225 bags filled with toothpaste, tooth brushes, pens, pencils, paper, razor blades, snack items and socks.

For more information, contact Jeff Dentice at (414) 218-3030 or at docdentice@wi.rr.com.



COMMEMORATIVE COINS ARRIVE AT BASE EXCHANGE

The Gen. Mitchell ARS Base Exchange has coins designed to commemorate the 440th Airlift Wing's 50-year anniversary in Milwaukee. The 440th moved from its home at Minneapolis Int'l. Airport in Minnesota to Wisconsin Dec. 8, 1957.

Wing Top Three committee elected; meeting scheduled

A 440th Airlift Wing Top 3 noncommissioned officer meeting will be held at noon, Sunday Dec. 3, in Heritage Hall. All wing senior NCOs are encouraged to attend.

A new wing Top 3 committee was elected during the November meeting. Those elected were: Master Sgt. Ian Lindauer, 440th Security Forces Squadron, vice president; Senior Master Sgt. Rosanne Peterson, 440th Civil Engineer Squadron, secretary; and Master Sgt. Sue Lang, 440th Airlift Control Flight, treasurer.

The December meeting will finalize the NCO induction ceremony scheduled for January. The ceremony is designed to mark the three major milestones in an enlisted Airman's career: when they become NCOs, senior NCOs and chiefs.

The "Wing Top 3" is inviting all newly-promoted staff, technical, senior master and chief master sergeants to be a part of a short ceremony recognizing their advancement in NCO status.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Koetter at 482-6108 or e-mail suggestions to 440AW.WingTop3@generalmitchell.af.mil.

First sergeants' food drive

The annual 440th Airlift Wing First Sergeants Food Drive is underway. Wing members are being encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items for the drive which ends on Dec. 18. Donations should be given to unit first sergeants who will track donations.

The weight of donated food will be divided by the number of assigned people in each unit to determine which unit donated the most food. The unit that donates the most will be allowed to sign out one-half hour early on Sunday of the January UTA (Jan. 7).

Cash donations will also be accepted.

Enlisted promotions

MSgt. Debra Bernhardt
MSgt. Michael Dederich
MSgt. Ryan Hoffman
MSgt. Ken Kiefer
MSgt. Thomas Kondziella
MSgt. David Livingston
MSgt. Roger Pattie
MSgt. Angela Psket
MSgt. Jack Vollriede
TSgt. Robert Losey
TSgt. Rocio Resendiz
TSgt. Joseph Stark
SSgt. Devon Brilla
SSgt. Garrett Campbell
SSgt. James Cross
SSgt. Marc Huguet
SSgt. Daniel Sattler
SrA Charles Porter
SrA Rachael School
SrA Lisa Taylor

Way to go

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received an Air Force Achievement Medal:

SMSgt. Mark Koenig
SSgt. Kenneth Schwingendorf
SrA Keenan Mayweather

Terrific

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received an Air Force Commendation Medal:

Maj. Kevin Rourk
Capt. Julianna Olson
Capt. Derek Wolter
MSgt. Linda Greene
SSgt. Michael Bunting
SSgt. Kathleen Finley
SSgt. David Hernandez
SSgt. Reginald Steele
SSgt. William Welter
SSgt. Chad Wendt
TSgt. Michael Fair
TSgt. Brad Gardebrecht
TSgt. Keith Hanse
TSgt. Wayne Jenerou
TSgt. Dan Kuehn
TSgt. Theodore Mazza
TSgt. Lyndon Moton
TSgt. David Passow
TSgt. Kenneth Schwark
TSgt. Christopher Thorn
TSgt. Kristopher Walkosz
TSgt. Keith White

Super

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received a Meritorious Service Medal:

Col. Richard Fischer
Lt. Col. Thomas Collins
Lt. Col. Larry Guenther
Capt. Christine Gurnik
Capt. Susan Tubic
Maj. Betsy Schoeller
CMSgt. Gail Biedenbender
SMSgt. David Abuya
SMSgt. Frederick Kmiec
MSgt. Melissa Binns
MSgt. Candace Chesley
MSgt. Jennifer Henderson
MSgt. Adrian Vuletic
TSgt. Paul Daly
TSgt. Thomas Florez
TSgt. David Malmarowski
TSgt. Steven Mitchell
SSgt. Wayne Tompkins

So long and good luck

The 440th Airlift Wing says goodbye to the following reservists who have retired, separated or taken another assignment:

Col. John Flournoy
Col. Laura Talbot
Lt. Col. Stephen Deguire
Maj. Laurin Bellg
Maj. Christopher Hammond
Maj. Richard Nelson
Capt. Jill Cudnoski
Capt. Glen Evenson
SMSgt. Marlene Moore
SMSgt. Thomas Poppe
SMSgt. David Schramm
MSgt. Gregg Boulware
MSgt. Jennifer Henderson
MSgt. Carl Herrmann
MSgt. Gerald Labinski
MSgt. Stephen Larson
MSgt. Frank Townsend
TSgt. Roger Aasterud
TSgt. Michael Ashby
TSgt. Don Blythe
TSgt. Richard Brockmann
TSgt. Gregory Collins
TSgt. Francis Greenan
TSgt. Mark Greger
TSgt. Philippe Henley
TSgt. Thomas Hokenski
TSgt. David Hoover
TSgt. Wayne Jenerou
TSgt. Kenneth Jones

TSgt. Stephen Koldenhoven
TSgt. Carlton Lebroke
TSgt. David Malmarowski
TSgt. Gary Mills
TSgt. Theresa Morales
TSgt. George Mueller
TSgt. David Peterson
TSgt. Anne Rivera
TSgt. Martin Rueter
TSgt. Brian Schumacher
TSgt. Kenneth Schwark
TSgt. Ronald Simon
TSgt. Brent Westerhausen
TSgt. Keith White
TSgt. Jason Zimmerman
SSgt. Paul Brunette
SSgt. Robert Cardoso
SSgt. Anna Dressler
SSgt. Aaron Fontagneres
SSgt. Roberto Galindo
SSgt. Daniel Hayes
SSgt. Jeffrey Hamilton
SSgt. James Herbert
SSgt. Janelle Herek
SSgt. Troy Hermans
SSgt. Danuta Hetrick
SSgt. Christopher Lambert
SSgt. Michael Michalek
SSgt. Timothy Mitchell
SSgt. Katie Pinar
SSgt. Patrick Polson
SSgt. Marie Quiroz
SSgt. Paul Schlembrecht
SSgt. Scott Shewmake
SSgt. Luke Steffen
SSgt. Jason Thibeault
SSgt. Josh Weigner
SSgt. Chad Wendt
SrA Scott Adams
SrA Justin Blackburn
SrA Dillon Briesemeister
SrA Tamara Clintoncook
SrA Joshua Crouch
SrA Jennifer Crouch
SrA Jay Ehlers
SrA Kyle Franck
SrA Francisco Hernandez
SrA Anthony Kasmiski
SrA Anthony Ketchpaw
SrA Keenan Mayweather
SrA Michael Prestidge
SrA Kevin Quale
SrA Ryan Regan
SrA John Shackelford
SrA Shannon Smith
SrA Lori Stelter
SrA Andrew Stines
SrA Anna Thiel
SrA Nick Wauters
SrA Lora Wolski
SrA Brian Backhaus
SrA Robert Lange
SrA Danielle Taylor



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FIRST C-130 ARRIVES

TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
10/15-10/17	WISCONSIN	ARRIVAL
10/18-10/20	WISCONSIN	TRAINING
10/21-10/23	WISCONSIN	TRAINING
10/24-10/26	WISCONSIN	TRAINING
10/27-10/29	WISCONSIN	TRAINING
10/30-10/31	WISCONSIN	TRAINING

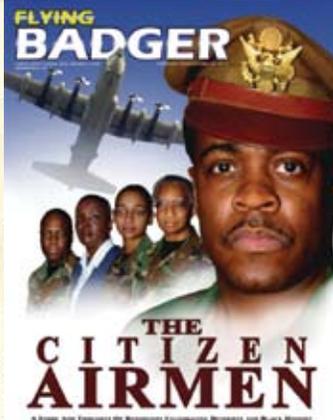


Nine Missing On Flight To Island

Search Squad Begins Active Pursuit Of 91 and Sea Search for Plane



CORAC Commander Retires After 34 Years of Service



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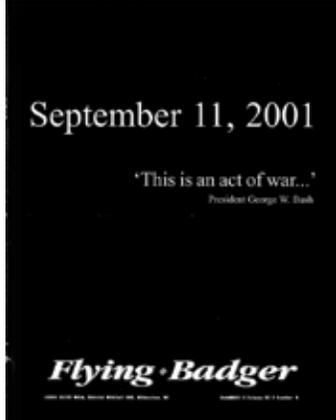
Month of the Military Child



Major Nell First AF Female Flight Surgeon Present Wings During April OTA



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President George W. Bush

Flying Badger



We Can Do It!



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Era Ends, Last C-119 Leaves



Kennedy Assassinated in a Dallas Motorcade



Polio, Flu Vaccines Given Wing Members



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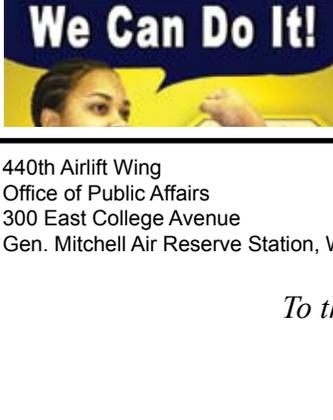
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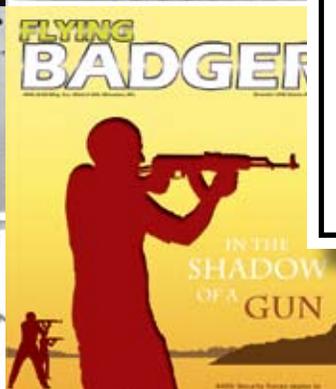
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