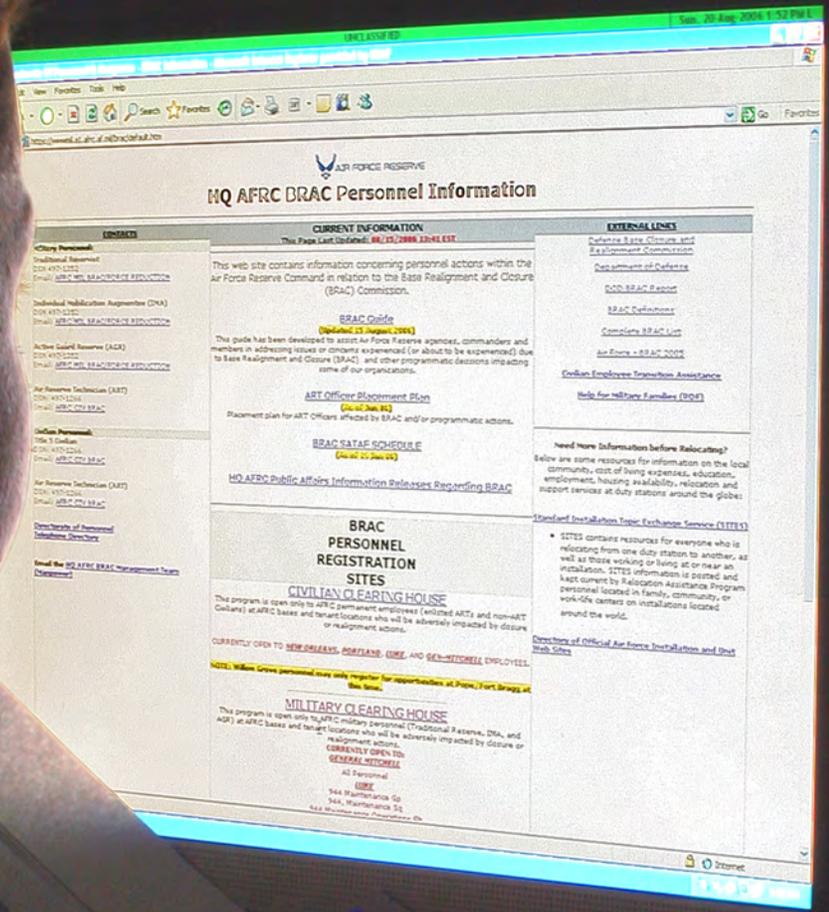


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**Military Clearing House  
opens for Reservists**

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The BRAC Military Clearing-house is *open for business* and ready for wing members to log on and indicate their intentions – see page 8 for more details.

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# Hold tight to your 440th memories and friends, change is imminent



By Maj. Ann Peru Knabe  
Wing Chief, Public Affairs

For the first time in my 20 years of serving, I did not wait in a long line of cars at the gate. Usually, the line of reservists' cars stretches all the way to the lights on Howell Avenue, but on Saturday morning I just showed my ID and drove right on.

Even more amazing, I found a parking spot right in front of the heaquarter's building at 6:45 a.m. That's when it really hit me, many of our 440th friends and family had already moved on to new assignments and adventures in life.

Throughout the weekend I signed numerous C-130 prints as going away presents, and caught the updates on "who" was going "where." Some of our finest Airmen have already accepted positions with sister units, like the 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis.

Having recently returned from an AEF deployment overseas, I returned to my first "normal" reserve weekend in six months on the August UTA.

The weekend was anything but normal. BRAC's effects were visible throughout the base.

For the first

Others are going to larger bases, like Scott AFB. More than a dozen have traveled down to Pope Air Force Base with their families, serving with the wing's Detachment 1.

I consciously tried to "capture" and savor every conversation, face and memory as the UTA progressed. I had already missed the departures of some friends, and wanted to make sure I at least said farewell to those who were leaving this fall.

The same weekend we celebrated the 440th's legacy with the debut of a DVD that commemorates the wing, its impact on the community and its legendary work throughout the last five decades.

We also shared memories at the annual family picnic which drew a record crowd of reservists, civilians, families and retirees.

While some of us will travel to Pope with the wing in 2007, most reservists will have moved on to new opportunities for growth and change. Some may retire and stay in the area.

My advice for fellow reservists is take the time to have one more conversation and share a little laughter, maybe take an office photo and get that goodbye hug in the weeks to come.

Be sure to capture those e-mail addresses and phone numbers as 440th family and friends move on. These will be priceless in the future.

I am deploying again in the near future for another 120 days, and understand the wing as I know it will be gone forever when I return in January. But in my heart,

the Flying Badger legacy will live forever with long-lasting friendships, cherished memories and continued networking across the Air Force.

*"Take the time to have one more conversation share a little laughter, maybe take an office photo and get that goodbye hug in the weeks to come."*

## 440th Alumni Association Membership Application

- ( ) \$100 Charter Lifetime Membership (for applications received through Dec. 31, 2006)
- ( ) \$100 Lifetime Membership (for applications received after Dec. 31, 2006)
- ( ) \$12.50 (1 year) or \$30 (3 years) Annual Membership

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- ( ) Military dates served with the 440<sup>th</sup> from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
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- ( ) Friend of the 440<sup>th</sup> affiliation with 440th (contractor, friend, Community Council, etc)

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Make checks payable to and mail to:

**440<sup>TH</sup> ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 320143, FRANKLIN WI 53132-6021**

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Maj. Jon Jones, 95th Airlift Squadron, surveys the horizon during a deployment to Kulis Air National Guard Base, Anchorage, Alaska.

by Senior Airman Erica Neubauer

The 95<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron and 440<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron completed one of their last major deployments for training before the wing moves to Pope AFB, N.C. Eighty six reservists deployed for a week to Alaska as part of Exercise Badger Force.

“It’s a great opportunity for our people to do some training that we can’t do here,” said Maj. Clifton Wade, Badger Force mission commander. “Everyone was scheduled to fly at least once, and in Alaska we can do dirt landings and mountain flying that we just can’t do here in Wisconsin.”

The deployment had its own challenges and rewards. Alaska is a mountainous state, with elevations reaching as high as 20,000 feet. The weather was about 65 degrees all week, and much colder over glacial areas, creating heavy turbulence for planes flying overhead.

“Flying is more complicated in Alaska,” said Maj. Tony Smith, a C-130 instructor pilot. “You have the mountains and the weather, but there is also a lot more small plane traffic in Alaska compared to Milwaukee.”

The 95<sup>th</sup> flew out of Kulis Air National Guard Base, which is located in the city of Anchorage.



# Last Stop Alaska

“The people at Kulis bent over backwards for us,” said Major Wade. “They’ve really helped make this trip possible.” Major Wade and Maj. Joe Hollman were the officers in charge of making arrangements for this exercise, and worked with the people at Kulis ANGB.

The dirt landings were done at a gravel airstrip near Kulis ANGB. Aircrew also simulated cargo drops. Non-aircrew reservists, such as life support, maintenance and aerial porters, were invited to watch the airdrops, and then take an orientation flight afterwards. They were flown through mountains and then over a nearby glacier.

Ground training was also conducted throughout the deployment, including water survival, hazardous cargo and combat survival training.

Combat survival training took place at Campbell Tract, an Alaska state park. The life support team held refresher courses in the use of survival equipment, trapping animals and determining what plants were safe to eat. They also built temporary shelters, learned how to evade the enemy, and find drinkable water.

The water survival was conducted at an indoor pool located on Fort Richardson, about 20 miles from Kulis. Aircrew members were instructed on how to use the water rafts, take care of them, and also how to use water survival kits.

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## Family, Friends, Fun and Food



Clockwise from top left: **Master Sgt. Charles (Andy) Duplechien**, Operations Support Flight current operations specialist, took top prize in the Sweet Treats contest with his ice cream cookie concoction. **Margo Jones**, wife of Communications Flight commander Capt. Scott Jones, shows off her Spouse of the Year award. **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lisa Taylor**, 440<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight, earned the Col. Nasiruddin Rana Chapter 45 Reserve Officers Association scholarship. **Tech. Sgt. Linder Jines** earned the Samuel Keene Chapter 45 Reserve Officers Association Scholarship.

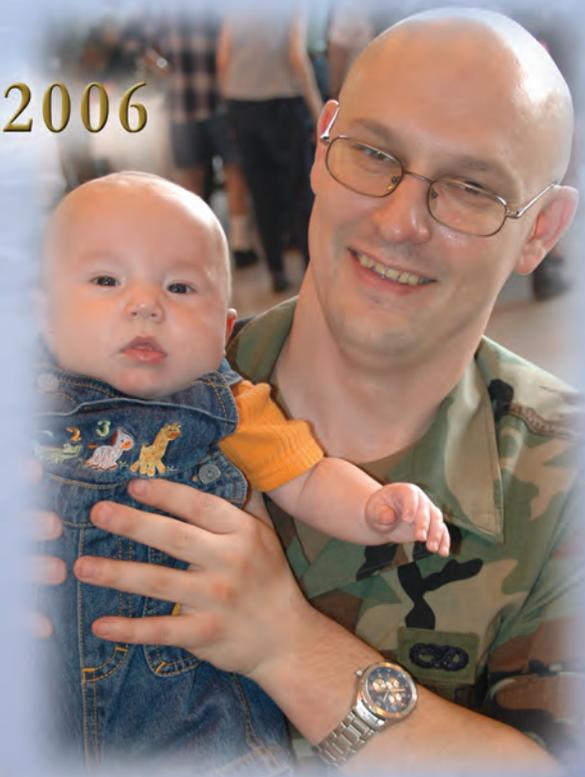
*award photos by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe*



# Remember -

## 440th Airlift Wing's Picnic 2006

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Center left: **Brandon Scott** accepts the trooper of the year award from **Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart** on behalf of his mother, Amy Hamel. Brandon's father, **Master Sgt. Paul Scott**, nominated his former wife for the award. "She showed tremendous support for me and the children while I was activated," said the Maintenance Operations Flight data analyst. Top right: **Staff Sgt. Jason Grube**, an aircraft mechanic with the 440<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, shows off his 4-month-old son, Nicholas, to friends and co-workers. Left: **Senior Airman Ruby Rivera**, MOF information manager, pals around with her sister Vanessa Rivera. Airman Rivera was joined by several generations of family members at the wing's final picnic. The MOF reservist was featured with three other wing members in a local TV story about the wing's Family Day picnic.

*family photos by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe*



*foodline and crowd photos by Tech. Sgt. Richard Lindquist*

**Clark named new Operations Group Commander and Det. 1 Commander**

Col. Brett J. Clark assumed command of the 440th Operations Group on Aug. 19 at an official ceremony at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station. He will also serve as commander of 440th Airlift Wing, Detachment 1, based at Pope AFB, N.C.



Colonel Clark, formerly the commander of the 94th Operations Group at Dobbins ARB, Ga., succeeds Col. Jay Flournoy who is the new director of operations for 22nd AF at Dobbins ARB.

**Rodriguez named new 440th Maintenance Group Commander**

Col. Mark A. Rodriguez is the new 440th Maintenance Group commander. Like Colonel Clark, Colonel Rodriguez will also be based at Pope AFB. Colonel Rodriguez previously served as the senior individual mobilization augmentee to the commander of the 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group at the Oklahoma Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**OSI seeks staff sergeants and technical sergeants for IMA slots**

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is recruiting staff sergeants and technical sergeants to serve as special agents in the Air Force Reserve's Individual Mobilization Augmentee program. Current Reservists or Airmen leaving active duty may apply. Accepted applicants will attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Air Force Special Investigations Academy, both in Glynco, Ga.

More information about OSI Reserve Affairs is available by calling (240) 857-0866 or DSN 857-0866, sending an e-mail to [mary.mesa@ogn.af.mil](mailto:mary.mesa@ogn.af.mil) or going online at <http://public.afosi.amc.af.mil/> and following the link to "Joining OSI" or "Reserve Affairs."

**PT gear guidance for reservists**

Central Command has authorized units to issue an additional two PT t-shirts and two pairs of PT shorts to enlisted individuals deploying to the AOR. Each enlisted member should deploy with four PT t-shirts, four pairs of PT shorts, and one set of PT outer garments. Contact the Clothing Store upon initial notification of pending deployment. This item is not stocked and must be ordered early to meet intended departure dates. For more information, contact Leonard Mettlach at 482-5846

**Explosive ordnance reconnaissance training required**

The Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance Course is a mandatory course which needs to be completed every 15 months, (every 24 months for aircrew). The primary means for completing the course is by CBT through the Advanced Distributed Learning System at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>, click on 'course list,' click on 'INFO AFCESA' - Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance (EOR) Course #ZZ131006, click on AFCESA - Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance (EOR) Course (#ZZ131006), click on 'Take Course.' An account will need to be set-up if one doesn't already exist. The secondary means is mass training which is offered each UTA, 8-10 a.m. Sunday in building 252. People can be scheduled for the mass training via e-mail to [gerald.milbourne@generalmitchell.af.mil](mailto:gerald.milbourne@generalmitchell.af.mil) and [nathan.thrun@generalmitchell.af.mil](mailto:nathan.thrun@generalmitchell.af.mil).

**Civil Engineer reservist earns award**

Senior Airman Adam Craft, 440th Civil Engineer Squadron, earned the Bricklaying and Masonry Program Award from Waukesha County Technical College. The reservist who works in 440th Emergency Management also received the Outstanding Student Award for the Industrial and Engineering Technologies Division, one of only three awards given to graduating students last spring. To be chosen for this award, students had to interview with a committee. Only students who received a program award in their program area were eligible.

**New post-deployment downtime policy**

Deployed personnel now earn two and a half days of downtime for every 30 days deployed, up to a maximum of 14 days. The new post-deployment downtime policy more than doubles the amount of time given under the old policy, which limited Air Force Reserve Command-gained people to one day for every 30 days deployed. AFRC members gained by other major commands will follow their respective command's downtime policy.

**Officer promotions**

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following individuals who have been promoted to the indicated rank:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Col. Thomas Kittler       | 440 OG   |
| Lt. Col. Dana Davidson    | 440 MXS  |
| Lt. Col. Michael Day      | 440 OG   |
| Lt. Col. James Frame      | 440 MDS  |
| Lt. Col. Joseph Hollman   | 95 AS    |
| Lt Col Therese Kern       | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. Andrew Krafft    | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. Bret Larson      | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. James Murtha     | 440 MXS  |
| Lt. Col. Anthony Polashek | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. Timothy Reynolds | 440ALCF  |
| Lt. Col Marvin Schaitel   | 440 AMXS |
| Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitz   | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. Roger Stoeckmann | 440MSG   |
| Lt. Col. Clifton Wade     | 95 AS    |
| Lt. Col. Keith Wesley     | 95 AS    |

**Civilian service awards**

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following civilians who earned the service awards indicated below:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 30 Year    | Lynn Holstrom<br>Rade Zoric   |
| 20 Year    | Muriel Bohlman<br>Harvey Echols<br>Deborah Janczak<br>Theresa Novak<br>Joyce Polk |
| 10 Year    | Joseph Strohmeier   |
| Idea Award | Gail Knitter-Stibor   |

**Welcome to wing**

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|---------------------|---------|
| A1C James Hlevyack  | 440 SFS |
| A1C Tiffany Koch    | 440 SFS |
| A1C Sean Mueller    | 440 SFS |
| A1C Jessica Shaffer | 440 LRS |
| Amn Brandon McNight | 440 MDS |
| AB John Hermans     | 440 LRS |

**Circled lapel insignia guidance for senior NCOs**

The implementation date for the circled lapel insignia is Jan. 1, 2007, and the date for mandatory wear of chevrons for senior NCOs on the sleeves is Oct. 1. Chevrons are available and can be obtained from the Clothing Store. Presently the circled lapel insignia is not available and the depot does not have stock. Base Supply will not have these items in the near future either. For more information, call Leonard Mettlach at 482-5846.

# Official Employer Day Nomination Oct. 2006 (Saturday UTA)

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(Please type or print clearly - if it's not readable there will be no invite)

Employer's full name and title:      Please circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other

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Employer's company/agency name:

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Employer's mailing address with zip code:

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Employer's daytime phone number:

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Reservist's name, rank, unit (office symbol):

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Reservist's daytime phone number:

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Note: A schedule of events will be in the information mailed to you and your employer.

**Day will include:**  
Registration/refreshments  
Welcome by the wing commander  
Base tour  
Orientation flight in a C-130  
Lunch  
Tour of your (reservist's) workplace

**Return this form by Sept. 11 to:**  
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General Mitchell ARS, WI 53207  
Fax: (414) 482-5913  
E-mail: 440AW.PA@generalmitchell.af.mil  
For more information, call (414) 482-5481

The flight is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

Still looking for a Reserve slot?  
Planning on going to Pope AFB?

Register online at the Military  
Clearing House by Oct. 1

The Military Clearing House became available for military personnel affected by BRAC to register for all AFRC locations. The Clearing House can be accessed through the HQ AFRC secure access website, or from home via the Air Force Portal <https://wwwmil.a1.afrc.af.mil/brac/default.htm>.

A guide has been established to assist personnel in navigating the website. To obtain the guide please see your unit commander or first sergeant.

Personnel who experience any problems registering or have questions can contact Personnel Relocations/Employment at 482-5340 or 482-5338.

## ARPC launches redesign Web site

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims, HQ ARPC Public Affairs

**DENVER** – The Air Reserve Personnel Center public Web site has a new look and feel similar to more than 74 other Air Force Web sites now on the Air Force Public Information Management System, or AFPIMS.

“The new Website provides ease of use to our customers, while adhering to Air Force guidelines,” said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander. “It’s a very well-planned, well-thought out redesign which will only enhance our ability to serve our customers.”

ARPC customers will find the new Website easier to navigate. It also adds several new features to the front page that are in line with the Air Force Public Web program standard. It will have Air Force Really Simple Syndication, or RSS, feeds, a direct link for Air National Guard personnel services, and eventually a direct sign on to the virtual Personnel Center – Guard Reserve.

Currently, ARPC’s new site will not be on the AFPIMS server under the Air Force Public Web program until its scheduled migration in mid-2007.

“We know eventually ARPC will go to AFPIMS,” said Thomas Laursen, Personnel Data Systems Directorate here. “So, we created an in-house template to mimic AFPIMS sites. This way our customers, as well as our local page maintainers can get used to the idea of this new style well ahead of actually launching under AFPIMS.”

The Air Force plans to consolidate and standardize the appearance of its sites as part of the AFPW program.

The Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs initiative centralizes Web content and establishes a global network for all of the service’s public sites, including those originating at major commands, wings and specialty organizations like the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

## Intel airmen earn AF level award



photo by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

Maj. Gen. (sel.) David Senty, Headquarters Air Force Intelligence, presented Tech. Sgt. Christina Thums (left) and Staff Sgt. Nicole Dunovsky, 440<sup>th</sup> OSF, with the Air Force Outstanding Reserve Duty Intelligence NCO and Air Force Outstanding Reserve Duty Intelligence Airman of the Year respectively, in an awards presentation held during the August UTA. The awards are part of the Air Force Intelligence Award Program. It is a competition among all AF Reserve and ANG enlisted intelligence personnel AF wide at the wing level or below.

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