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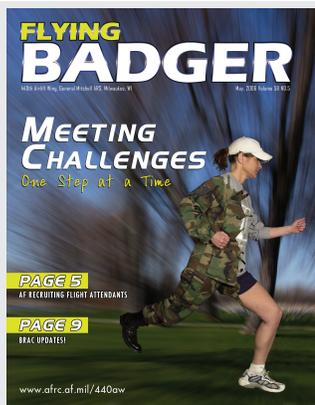
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Technical Sgt. Melissa Coppage of the 440th Airlift Wing Family Support Office, met challenges head on by running the Boston Marathon. See page 8.

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PERSPECTIVE

Men and Women Together Moving 440th AW Forward

by Col. Jane Kitchen
Commander, 302nd Maintenance Group

I was recently asked to write a "Command Perspective" article on what it has been like to be the woman commander of the 440th Maintenance Group. I was a bit surprised. My reaction was, "no different then being a male Maintenance Group commander."

I really didn't see the point at all until I read a news service article about the first female commander of an Air Force flying wing, Maj. Gen. Betty Mullis, who was recently inducted into the Women in Aviation Hall of Fame. Reading that article made me aware of how far the Air Force has come in such a short time.

It really is no big deal that a woman sits in this chair and commands the Maintenance Group. There are several of us out there.

It really is no big deal that the unit I am moving to (302nd Airlift

Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.) will have two female traditional Reserve maintenance officers and a female maintenance operations flight commander.

The true strength of the Air Force today is that people are rewarded for doing the job that is required. The Air Force cares who you are on the inside and what you bring to the fight. They care that you do lead and how you lead - not that you are male or female. The men and women of the 440th Airlift Wing are to be commended for their role in moving the Air Force Reserve forward. Each of you has taken on the personal responsibility of supporting your subordinates, coworkers, supervisors and commanders. The men and women of the Maintenance



Group have allowed me to lead them because I am their commander, and not because I am a woman.

I applaud each of you as you go on to new things as we all must. Keep embracing the new things in life for they keep you young at heart and feeling alive.

Good bye to all.

Col. Jane Kitchen was commander of the 440th Maintenance Group from July 29, 2001 to April 15. Her successor is Lt. Col. Larry Gamble. She is now the maintenance group commander for the 302nd Airlift Wing (AFRC) at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.

General Mazick Commands 22nd Air Force

Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick assumed command of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., March 11.

He replaced Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers who retired on March 31.

General Mazick previously served as the director of intelligence, air, space and information operations for Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB. Brig. Gen. Hanferd J. Moen Jr., director of war fighting capabilities assess-

ment in the Office of Air Force Reserve, Pentagon, took General Mazick's place in the AFRC headquarters.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC, presided at the change-of-command ceremony.

During the ceremony, General Mazick thanked his family for many years of support and challenged 22nd AF members to continue the tradition of hard work and dedication.

"Our number one responsibility is to ensure our people are trained, ready and equipped," General Mazick said. "There is much we will get to do together here at 22nd Air Force. Staff, keep your sleeves rolled up because the best is yet to come as we move on out."



General Martin Mazick



SAY CHEESE: 1st Lt. Kristie Piotrowicz, 95th Airlift Squadron, was the escort officer for Maj. Gen. Peter Sullivan during his April 8 visit.

General Observations

Former commander of O'Hare Reserve base shares his thoughts on BRAC

Flying Badger: What helps people get through the kinds of changes BRAC will bring?

Gen. Peter Sullivan: I think it's really important that everyone gets a chance to vent. I had to vent to get it out a little bit when our base at

O'Hare was closed down. You also have to look for the positive if you can, but somebody else has to help with that. That's why I was talking to your wing leadership. They have to be positive role models and get past their anger about BRAC quickly because other people are looking to them for guidance.

FB: What kind of positive things could BRAC bring about?

PS: It is a chance to seek out new opportunities. In my experience, it is dramatic the number of people who really do flourish after one of these changes. It brings out the best in them and forces them into something they might have been thinking about for a long time.

FB: What do you think reservists should be doing right now?

PS: I think they should be evaluating their particular situation—taking a hard look at their future, what it is that they want to do. Do they need to move, and are they willing to move?

Of course, you have to take into consideration your civilian job and your family. I would certainly be talking to my family about what the possibilities and opportunities are.

Assess your civilian job if you have one, and think to yourself can I afford to make a change? Get mentored on the opportunities and investigate those opportunities.

FB: Do you have any final advice for our 440th reservists?

PS: Look to your leadership. I think the leadership here on base has to accept responsibility to find the positives in this. It takes some work to do it, but when you really think about it, almost everything can be seen as a positive.

Also, learn as much as you can. I think you can learn quite a bit online, so if you're thinking about going to someplace, like Pope AFB, go on line to take a look at them. Or call them, go out there and visit them—do whatever it takes. Investigate and learn the facts.

Major General Peter Sullivan was the commanding officer of the 928th Airlift Wing at the Chicago O'Hare International Airport – Air Reserve Station when that installation closed in 1996 during the previous round of base realignments and closures. He met with a number of 440th members on April 8th to talk about the impending closure of General Mitchell Air Reserve Station.

Reservists Can Go Online To Correct Duty History

by Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Air Reserve Personnel Center
Public Affairs

As of March 31, Air Force Reserve members around the world can correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center here.

Before the ARPC Personnel Service Delivery system went online, Airmen had to visit their local military personnel flight or call several agencies to correct their duty history. Now, no matter the time of day, reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>. If no account is established, they will have to answer a few questions to receive a user name and password.

Once an account is established, Airmen just click on the "Correct Duty History" link and annotate their desired changes, attach any relevant supporting documentation such as enlisted performance reports, officer performance reports, special orders, general orders, etc., and click on "submit."

Once correction requests are submitted, customers will receive an e-mail containing a tracking number. Moreover, when the actions are completed, they will receive an e-mail letting them know.

The process for updating current duty information has not changed; it still must be done through local commander's support staff or base individual mobilization augmentee administrators.

ARPC and the Air Force Personnel Center are working simultaneously on centralizing and automating many of their processes for all Airmen and civilians in the

Total Force.

Some processes that have been automated or centralized at ARPC include 20-year letter (re-issue), mortgage letter, current points request, promotion board counseling request, and electronic promotion letter to the board president.

Between now and Sept. 1, 2007, ARPC will work to automate or centralize retirements, separations, awards and decorations, evaluations, enlisted promotions, assignments, retraining, reenlistments, duty status, classifications, adverse actions and accessions.

More information about the ARPC Personnel Service delivery system is available by visiting www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/psd/default.asp.



for the mission support group commander at her deployed location in the desert. Right now, she, and the other members of her deployed unit are dealing with relocating all of the residents in “tent city” to permanent dormitories.

“One of the nicest things is going to be having the bathrooms and showers down the hall,” said Chief Biedenbender. “Right now you have to walk outside to get to the bathrooms, and in some cases that is quite a walk.”

Senior Airman Biedenbender has been deployed to Air Force, Army and Marine Corps bases in Albania, Iraq and Afghanistan. He has traveled with different generals as part of their security details. Senior Airman Biedenbender also worked security for President Bush during his visit to Afghanistan, as well as other high profile personalities.

“I was part of the personal security detail for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in Iraq,” said Airman Biedenbender. “I had the chance to drive for his motorcade and he presented me with his coin.”

Security details typically accompany the person and scout the area in front of the motorcade to ensure maximum protection. Airman Biedenbender works with other armed service branch members on this detail and said that he has learned the value of Air Force leadership.

“The outstanding leaders that I deployed with from the 440th Security Forces Squadron and my other team members have made this an incredible experience,” said Airman Biedenbender. “It also highlights the great leadership we have back at the 440th SFS and the training they provided before we deployed here.”

“It is always a big deal to get promoted in the desert. To have my mom, who is a chief master sergeant, there will make it even better.”

Senior Airman Jim Biedenbender

A Family Affair

Mother and son connect – briefly – when son gets promoted in the desert

by Senior Airman Erica Neubauer

Senior Airman Jim Biedenbender, a member of the 440th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) was promoted to staff sergeant on May 1, and his mother was there to see it. The promotion ceremony was not held here at the 440th, but at his current place of work, an unnamed warm and sandy location, close to the action in the global war on terrorism.

“It is always a big deal to get promoted in the desert,” he said before the ceremony. “To have my mom, who is a chief master sergeant there will make it even better.”

Chief Master Sgt. Gail

Biedenbender and her son, are both deployed overseas. CMSgt. Biedenbender has stayed in one place, while SrA Biedenbender has been traveling the world as part of a special security detail.

In the months that both of them have been gone, they have had only one opportunity to meet. “I got to see him for about 15 minutes before he had to leave,” said Chief Biedenbender. “I didn’t get in until very late at night, and he was headed out on another mission early the next morning.”

CMSgt. Biedenbender works



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON: Mother and son, Gail and Jim Biedenbender, deployed to the AOR.

Attending the Skies

AFRC looks to recruit reservists who want to aim high as flight attendants

story and photo by Staff Sgt. Denise Quasius

The opportunity to travel and see the world is more than just a phrase for a few extremely adaptable, high energy individuals. Reservists from the 73rd Airlift Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill., visited General Mitchell during the April UTA to expound the benefits of their job and recruit potential thrill seekers for their unit.

Reserve Staff Sgt. April Tarbill joined the Air Force because she wanted to see the world. Her active duty job in supply didn't live up to that expectation, so she decided to change jobs and became a flight attendant. Since then she has decided that being a flight attendant is the best job in the Air Force Reserve.

"The schedule flexibility and travel opportunities are incredible," said Sergeant Tarbill.

Reserve Staff Sgt. Tom Otten is in initial qualification training. He spends about one-half of each month traveling so that he can complete his training faster. Some days are longer than others but they all go quickly and the teamwork demonstrated by his fellow flight attendants is exemplary.

"It's like a championship basketball team, we all gel together and give 100 percent to accomplish the mission," Sergeant Otten said.



WELCOME ABOARD: Senior Airman Erica Patino, 440th Logistics Readiness Squadron, chats with Staff Sgt. April Tarbill about flying.

The level of service provided by the flight attendants rivals that found in a five-star restaurant. Their goal is to provide a first-class experience to those who fly with the C-9 crew.

"Safety is our number one priority," Sergeant Tarbill said. "However, we want to make sure that everyone on board, general or airman, has a comfortable and welcoming experience."

As if traveling the world wasn't enough enticement to join the team there are several pay incentives that are offered as well. In addition to base pay flight attendants receive flight pay and per diem when traveling. When flying into the AOR they also receive hazardous duty pay and hostile fire pay.

"If you like people, travel, cooking and being in a good mood all of the time this is the job for you," Sergeant Otten said.

Anyone interested in applying for the flight attendant program should contact their local recruiter or contact Tech. Sgt. Tricia Smith, line recruiter,

932nd Airlift Wing, at (618) 229-7082 or DSN 779-7082.

Becoming a flight attendant is no easy matter. Once accepted into the program, a series of intense training follows.

Step 1: Survival school, 19 days at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash.

Step 2: Water survival school, two more days at Fairchild AFB.

Step 3: Flight attendant culinary and egress technical school, five weeks at Andrews AFB, Va.

Step 4: Egress, a two-day commercial airline training course that teaches evacuation of passengers and crew from an airplane.

Step 5: Initial qualification training, up to 240 days with the 73rd Airlift Squadron, learning about Air Force emergency procedures and equipment, proper loading of bags onto the aircraft, customs procedures and passenger service.

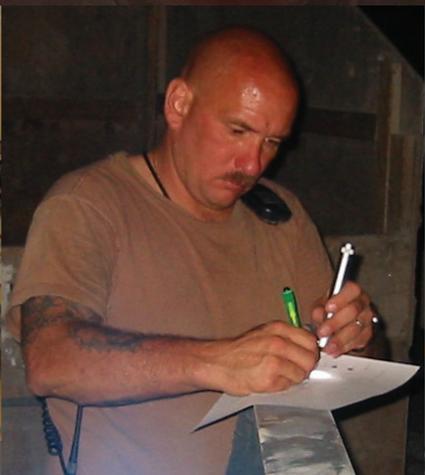
Ready to take off? Requirements for flight attendant applicants

- ✓ Your last five EPRs (if available)
- ✓ Resume (include PME)
- ✓ Five letters of recommendation: This includes one letter from your present commander and one letter from your present supervisor
- ✓ Letter stating why you want to be a flight attendant, also state any reasons for wanting to leave current position
- ✓ Height, weight and fitness test score

Acceptance is contingent upon:

- ✓ Passing a flying class III physical
- ✓ Being able to obtain a top secret security clearance
- ✓ Must qualify with ASVAB score of 28 in Administration
- ✓ Have 5 level in current AFSC
- ✓ Minimum age 21, minimum rank of senior airman
- ✓ Ability to speak clearly and distinctly

The members of the 440th Airlift Wing know C-130s. We've been watching them, riding them, flying or fixing them since they first arrived in the late 1960s. But some members of this wing know more than C-130s.



Who do you call when the question is, "How many paratroopers fit into a C-17 Globemaster?" Or, "How many C-5s do you need to ship a Marine mobile communications unit to the Persian Gulf?" You call the 34th Aerial Port Squadron.

The 34th is made up of about 185 officers and enlisted specialists who are experts in the loading and unloading of passengers and cargo on every type of military and general aviation aircraft flying today. They can do this here at home, in the desert, or any other part of the world you can name, and they frequently have done just that. Seventy-nine members of the 34th were activated in April 2005 and then deployed to Charleston AFB, S.C. After six months in the sunny south our aerial porters left for duty in several Persian Gulf states, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their activation ended April 2nd, but this was not the first action they have seen in the global war on terrorism. Shortly after Operation Iraqi Freedom started the 34th processed and loaded a Marine combat communications unit into a series of C-5 aircraft. Aerial porters have also traveled throughout the U.S. to process and load Army and National Guard units deploying for the global war on terrorism.



440th Mission Support Group

34th Aerial Port Squadron

DIVERSITY

mydiversity | Technical Sgt. Melissa Coppage, family readiness technician, and her husband Rich.



Technical Sgt. Melissa Coppage knows a good opportunity when it comes around, and she wasn't about to let this one run past her.

Sergeant Coppage, a family readiness technician assigned to the 440th Mission Support Flight, seized a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to run in none other than the world famous Boston Marathon—never mind the fact she's never ran a marathon before and wasn't much of a runner to begin with.

"It was a challenge that I just had to do," she said. "I got the opportunity through my civilian job and I set out to do it."

Turns out John Hancock Financial Services, where she works as a life insurance agent, was a sponsor of the marathon. Through the sponsorship Sergeant Coppage could enter the marathon that normally requires all runners to have first completed another 26.2-mile trek before heading to Boston.

So she laced up her running shoes and began training in November. Although in good shape, Sergeant Coppage spent the next five months running mile after mile to build up her endurance. And when it was too cold to run outside, she ran laps indoors at the Pettit National Ice Center in West Allis, Wis.

"Training for this marathon was hard to do while working full-time, teaching aerobics part-time and coming out for UTA weekends—especially with two small children at home," she said.

An equally important aspect of her training was preparing herself mentally to run 26.2 miles.

"I spent a lot of time telling myself out loud 'I can do this,'" Sergeant Coppage said. "In the weeks leading up to the marathon I actually wrote out on a piece of paper each night, 'I can run 26.2 miles' 26 times."

The training and writing worked. She finished the April 17 marathon with a time of 4:52, about two-and-a-half hours after the top female finisher. Rich, Sergeant Coppage's husband, was there to greet her at the finish line. It was never about winning, it was meeting this challenge head on and finishing the marathon.

"My whole family has been very supportive," Sergeant Coppage said. "I think the dedication and motivation it took for me to accomplish this has made me a better person. I'm glad I did this."



Headline

Is the work performed by 440th Airlift Wing reservists the same as in their civilian job? Yes and no. Some wing members' military occupations essentially duplicate their civilian jobs; for them, reserve duty is like a busman's holiday. For others, their military job in no way resembles their civilian role. In the realm of work, the wing is a microcosm of society: diverse jobs for diverse individuals with diverse knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences. Notwithstanding their occupational differences, the wing's 1,400 members devotedly pull together to accomplish what is job No. 1 for every one of them: persistent, dedicated training for potential activation or deployment.

Diversity ... isn't it great?!

BRAC *Tactics*

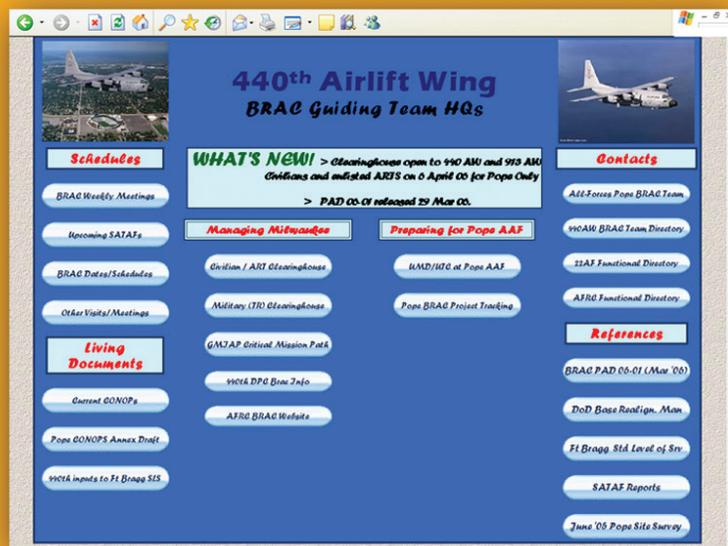
'BRAC Tactics' Home Station For BRAC Related Information

BRAC Tactics is the first stop wing members can now make in preparation for his or her's upcoming UTA weekend and career planning as it relates to all things BRAC - Base Realignment and Closure.

Colonel Tim Ward, wing vice commander, has been asked by Colonel Merle Hart, wing commander, to serve as the lead contact in preparation for the unit's transition and relocation to Pope AFB, N.C.

This page is one step in helping to make sense of the situation at hand and guide both civilian and military members towards making decisions and/or preparing for their futures.

The content of *BRAC Tactics* will evolve as more information and direction become available. Please forward any suggestions and/or ideas of what might be helpful to all members by contacting Col. Ward's office at (414) 482-5403.



The BRAC Guiding Team, chaired by Col. Tim Ward, wing vice commander, has created and will continue to keep the most current information related to the wing's BRAC activities available to all wing members at the following intranet site: https://wwwmil.440aw.afrc.af.mil/BRAC_GT/Default.htm

Military Job Fair June 3

A military job fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 on General Mitchell Air Reserve Station. The building location had not been determined at press time so check with your unit orderly room for the latest information.

Representatives from Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard units in this geographical area have been invited to talk about career opportunities in those service branches. Military Personnel Flight specialists and career advisors will also be available to answer assignment related questions.

Write Your Military Resume During May UTA

Airmen can receive help writing their resume during the May UTA. Assistance will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. May 6, and 8 to 9 a.m. May 7, in the Finance conference room, building 101.

Bring a copy of all military records, educational achievements, major awards and decorations. For more information call (414) 482-5344.

Resume Help Desk is being hosted by the Human Resource Development Council Recruiting subcommittee.

Program Streamlines Training For IMAs

A partnership between Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Space Command may signal a change in the way individual mobilization augmentees train.

A common training assembly (CTA) at Patrick AFB, Fla., March 8-10 allowed more than 200 IMAs to fulfill more than 20 hours of training and readiness requirements. Typically, IMAs have to juggle their schedules and find time on their own to complete this kind of training throughout the year.

In the first day of the CTA, commanders and supervisors receive training on the ins-and-outs of the IMA program while the IMAs arrive or receive their required physical health assessment. The second and third days focus on fulfilling other ancillary training and readiness requirements.

"This is the first and only

large program designed to fulfill all annual training requirements for IMAs," said Lt. Col. Doug Young, program manager of Readiness Management Group (RMG) Detachment 4, Peterson AFB, Colo. "In three days we are able to do everything from awareness briefings to hands-on buddy care training to physical fitness testing and health assessments."

While the active duty is responsible for the actual training programs for these reservists, it's the job of Air Force Reserve Command's RMG to track IMAs to ensure they are mission-ready with the required training. With more than 13,000 IMAs in the Air Force, finding the time and resources to fulfill training requirements for each IMA can be a daunting task.



photo by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

You're Going to Djibouti

Fighting the War on Terror starts for this reservist by keeping the peace in Africa

by Maj. Rick Jellison
440th Military Comptroller

When the Air Force Reserve Command personnel specialist asked me if I could deploy in support of AEF 9 and 10, I said, "Yes," and then I asked, "Where?"

The answer I received was Camp Lemonier, Republic of Djibouti, Africa. It is not my idea of the ideal place for a 120-day deployment, but I was looking forward to doing my part to support the global war on

terrorism.

Once I received verification of the location, I started looking for information on Djibouti. The east African nation is about 8,880 sq miles large and is surrounded by Eritrea to the north, Ethiopia to the west, Somalia to the south, and the Gulf of Aden on the west.

Basically, Camp Lemonier is a tent city with few permanent structures. The daily temperature does not drop below the 80s and in the summer months reaches well into the 130s. I found an informative site managed by the U.S. Department of State and proceeded to learn as much as I could about the country I was going to live in for four months. I did this because I think it is important to find out as much as you can about the culture and environment you will be living in to ensure you adhere to the customs and courtesies of that country.

After getting a good feel for my assignment location, I wanted to gain a better understanding of what the Horn of Africa (HOA) mission was all about. I soon found out in person during the welcome briefing.

To quote the commander of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Timothy F. Ghormley, "We are waging peace here in Africa." General Ghormley further explained his remarks by saying we are here in Djibouti to prevent terrorists from finding a safe haven in the Horn of Africa. We do this through a myriad of civil affairs activities, military to

military training events, and building infrastructure in and around the Horn of Africa. As I listened to the general, I thought to myself, "How does this relate to me as a military member? What can I provide to this important mission?"

While in Djibouti I am assigned as the comptroller to a joint special operations command and control element. Our focus is more specifically on counter-terrorism and providing necessary training to the countries in the Horn of Africa to help them defeat terrorism.

My part in this mission may seem secondary to the focus on training, but as we all know, you need funding to make sure a mission is successful. You could say I'm responsible for financing the fight against terrorism in the Horn of Africa.

In addition to work in Djibouti, I also get the chance to travel to countries throughout the Horn of Africa to discuss funding issues with our Embassy staff. This has helped me gain additional insight into the delicate relationships we continue to build with these countries.

The experience has broadened my view of the Air Force and the military's varied roles in the global war on terror.

If you have the chance to deploy in support of the global war on terror, consider it an honor to be a part of a global process that will have lasting effects on our future.

HOME SWEET HOME: Maj. Rick Jellison in his tent in Djibouti.

Desert Faith

Kuwait deployment rewarding to chaplain's assistant *by Staff Sgt. Denise Quasius*

Senior Airman John Shackelford, 440th Airlift Wing chaplain's assistant, is spending 120 days in Kuwait with the 386th Expeditionary Air Wing. There he supports the religious needs of about 2,000 personnel assigned to his unit, satellite units, the U.S. Embassy and the Kuwait International airport.

During the 12-to-16-hour work days Airman Shackelford supports the religious staff in three key initiatives: ministry, visitation and counseling. He considers this a great and rewarding experience, and it gives him the opportunity put all of his Air Force training to the test.

"It was a seamless transition, I felt prepared to come over here and do my job," Airman Shackelford said. "Within a few days I was able to



TEAM FAITH: From left to right, Chaplain (Maj.) Derrick Harris, Senior Airman John Shackelford, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Dunn, Master Sgt. Diane Johnson, Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Newton.

pick up and run the show just as if I had been here for the previous 120 days."

Off duty, Airman Shackelford spends two-to-three hours working out and frequently visits the on-base movie theatre. He was recently able to participate in a cultural tour of Kuwait and was amazed by the beauty of his surroundings.

Benefits and Job Fair May 12-13 in Oshkosh

A Supermarket of Veterans Benefits and Veterans Job Fair will be held from noon to 5 p.m., Friday, May 12 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the Sunnyview Exposition Center in Oshkosh.

The center is located at Exit 124 (Hwy. 76) from Hwy. 41, 500 East Sunnyview Road (County Road Y) in Oshkosh.

At this free, "one-stop-shop" for benefits, veterans can learn about the wide range of benefits available including health care, loans, compensation and pension, education, job training, aging services, funeral honors, and more. Information about job opportunities will also be available.

Veterans should bring their DD Form 214 so they can establish eligibility for state veterans benefits, or apply for state and federal benefits. They can also get help in obtaining military medals and records.

Admission, parking and refreshments are free-of-charge. For more information call the Winnebago County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) at (920) 236-4898, or the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387) www.dva.state.wi.us.

Free consulting, advice

Military members and their families can call a consultant 24-hours a day at (800) 342-9647, or

visit www.militaryonesource.com for information on subjects like debt management, deployments, savings and investment, family readiness and support, emotional well-being, health, addiction and recovery, and education.

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Free admission to theme parks throughout 2006

"Here's to the Heroes," a program that provides a single day's free admission to any Sea World, Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA theme park for members of the U.S. armed forces and their families, has been extended through 2006.

Reservists and as many as three direct dependents are entitled to free admission. Register online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show a DoD photo ID.

Welcome The 440th Airlift Wing welcomes these new reservists to the wing:

- SSgt. Raymond Chiavetta 440 CES
- SrA Luz Gonzalez 440 SFS

So Long The 440th Airlift Wing says good-bye to the following reservists who have either retired, separated or taken another assignment:

- Col. Michael Pierce 440 AW
- Maj. Jean Pyzyk 440 MXS
- Capt. Scott Pawlicki 440 MDS
- SMSgt. Peter Ruzicka 440 CES
- MSgt. Michael Cooper 440 MXS
- TSgt. Robert Begley 440 CF
- TSgt. Gene Koch 440 LRS
- TSgt. Greg Schumacher 440 AMXS
- SSgt. Isaac Rades 440 MXS
- SSgt. Janet Toliver 440 CES

Way To Go The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal:

- Col. Jane L. Kitchen 440 MXS
- Col. Timothy J. Ward 440 AW
- Lt. Col. Dennis T. Beatty 95 AS
- Lt. Col. Thomas E. Kittler 95 AS
- Lt. Col. Jeffery N. Paulus 95 AS
- Maj. Kent D. Hansen 440 SFS
- Maj. Therese J. Kern 440 MDS
- Capt. Keith A. Leistekow 440 AW
- CMSgt. Mark D. Biedenbender 440 AW
- CMSgt. Gerald L. Green 440 ALCF
- SMSgt. Raymond J. Korizon 440 MXS
- MSgt. Barbara A. Augustenborg 440 CF
- MSgt. John H. Degroot 440 CF
- MSgt. Kenneth F. Erdman 95 AS
- MSgt. Kathryn A. Schmidt 440 AW
- MSgt. Daniel C. Skopp 440 MDS
- MSgt. Phillip J. Tojek 95 AS
- TSgt. Stephen P. Staedler 440 AW
- SSgt. Marque B. Riley 34 APS

Armed Forces Week

Sunday, May 14, 84th Army Reserve Band Concert, Milwaukee County War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 15, ESGR Breakfast, Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., 7 a.m.

Monday, Wisconsin Club Armed Forces Week Dinner, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, Rotary Club Armed Forces Week Luncheon, Milwaukee County War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, 11:30 A.M.

Wednesday, May 17, Kiwanis Club Armed Forces Week Luncheon, Milwaukee County War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 18, 440th Airlift Wing Civic Dinner Dance, 440th Airlift Wing, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19, Armed Forces Week Golf Outing, Muskego Lakes Country Club, S100, W14020 Loomis Road, Muskego, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 20, Armed Forces Harley-Davidson American Legion Ride, Milwaukee County ending at the U.S. Coast Guard compound, 2420 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 20, Military Display, Miller Park, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Armed Forces Day baseball game, Milwaukee Brewers vs. Minnesota Twins, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Day of Honor at Wisconsin African American Women's Center, 3020 W. Vilet St., 2 to 6 p.m.

FINAL NOTES



Wisconsin Chapter, Auxiliary 851: (Front row, L to R) Sue Metzger, president and Jean Kolwitz, vice president. (Back row, L to R) Gloria Teifke, 1st trustee; Lou Ann Rogowski, secretary treasurer; Mary Gordon, 2nd treasurer; Jeanne Sprangers, 3rd trustee.

Wisconsin members of the Division 8 Air Force Sergeants Association, Auxiliary 851, prepare an annual history book highlighting the organization's volunteer work over the past year.

"This handmade book helps show the many accomplishments, activities and contributions our auxiliary has made to Air Force military members and their families during a calendar year," said Division 8 President Sue Metzger.

The Division 8 area includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri. The auxiliary memberships are made up of military members' spouses, parents, brothers, sisters and children age 16 and older.

The history books created by the auxiliaries throughout the United States and at overseas military installations are entered into an annual book competition.



Military Job Fair June 3

When:
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where:
General Mitchell Air
Reserve Station

Who:
Representatives
from Air Force Reserve, Air National
Guard, Army, Marine
and Coast Guard
units.

**Military Personnel
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answer assignment-
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