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On the cover...



2007 promises to bring many new changes and in some cases, opportunities for wing members as the unit moves operations to Pope AFB in North Carolina.

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COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

EMBRACING 2007: Sentimental farewells and new beginnings

By Col. Betty Bowen
440th Mission Support Group Commander

The 2006 holiday season has passed and it's time to ring in another New Year. The anticipation of a new year elicits many different emotions and responses among us. Many strive to adopt and keep ambitious New Years' resolutions, while others use this time for thoughtful reflection of goals pursued, accomplishments and aspirations. For members of the 440th AW team, 2007 will bring an added bittersweet dimension of sentimental farewells and new beginnings.

The BRAC process that has engulfed us the past 18 months will begin to play out as we move toward established milestones in 2007.

The 440th will officially move and stand up at Pope AFB, N.C. on May 6. Just prior to the wing stand up, approximately 92 Air Reserve Technicians (ART) and full-time civilian employees will be in place at Pope to begin setting up for arrival of equipment throughout the summer and C-130 aircraft in August 2007. Additional ART and civilian employees will follow-on to Pope during the May-August timeframe. Traditional Reservists who plan to follow their positions to Pope will report for their first UTA in October.

As busy as it will be setting up the new 440th at Pope, there will still be many folks here at GMIAP-ARS throughout Fiscal Year 2007. UTAs will continue here through September for both reservists going to Pope and those not following their positions to Pope.

Many reservists will spend UTAs completing critical AFSC and ancillary training before they transfer to other Air Force Reserve units or other military components. Others who will retire as the base closes will provide valuable expertise and service as the wing prepares massive cargo loads for shipping mission-essential equipment to Pope and completing other base-closure actions.

Our flightline operations will cease September 30, as all assigned aircraft will be at Pope AFB. Civilian employees and base contractors who

don't go to Pope will apply for other federal or private industry jobs, government incentive programs, retire or go through a reduction-in-force. A small contingent of civilian employees and contractors will remain through the Feb. 2, 2008 base-closure date completing final closure actions.

The common thread in all of the above is EVERY member of the 440th at GMIAP-ARS will have to move on in their military, civilian or contractor careers. There will be many sentimental farewells and teary moments as people reflect on their tenure at the 440th.

It is impossible for many to describe the tremendous pride and satisfaction felt for the years spent serving their country as part of the 440th Airlift Wing at Milwaukee. Innumerable mission successes and awards are the culminating result of a 'family' who works together, takes care of one another and always excels in accomplishing the mission.

Missions can be moved, but relationships are more difficult to alter.

Change is often difficult to grasp. But along with change comes the opportunity for new beginnings. The 440th will continue its exceptional performance at its new location at Pope AFB. Many wing members from Milwaukee will move on to new jobs at new locations. This is an opportunity to establish new relationships and infuse into new organizations the outstanding work ethic that is legendary here. That alone will ensure the legacy of the 440th at GMIAP-ARS.

Some will see their careers come to an end, and this will afford them the opportunity and time to try new 'adventures' in their lives.

None of us asked for the BRAC fate to be thrust upon us, but the wing can be extremely proud of how graciously and professionally so many of you turned "lemons into lemonade."

Your enduring spirit will serve you well in your future endeavors. I have never served with a finer group of men and women. I wish everyone the best for 2007...

...wherever your adventures take you!



A bittersweet goodbye to a longtime tradition

By Senior Airman Amanda Hill

The mother and sister of Lance Sijan, one of Wisconsin's most renowned Vietnam War heroes, dished up their last Christmas luncheon at Sijan Dining Hall for the 440th Airlift Wing's traditional reservists on Dec. 2.

Although Sijan Dining Hall will close with the base, the name has found a new home at the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing, also located at General Mitchell Airport. The 128th's dining facility will be dedicated and renamed in a ceremony early next year. The memorabilia display cases now in the 440th's Sijan Dining Hall will be moved to the 128th at that time according to Jane Sijan, Lance's mother.

Jane and Sylvester Sijan (Lance's father) and other members of their family have served Christmas luncheon to reservists for the past 12 years. This year's lunch was served by Mrs. Sijan and her daughter Janine Rozina. They both felt saddened by the closure of the base and the last chance to serve lunch.

"This is a small way to say thank you from our family," Mrs. Rozina said. "We are happy to be here on this bittersweet day. It's sad to look forward and know this tradition won't be carried on here any longer. But we're glad to have been here and a part of the last one."

Mr. and Mrs. Sijan have been involved with the 440th Airlift Wing and General Mitchell Air Reserve Station for the past 26 years.

"They have always been here and been supportive of the base in many ways beyond serving lunch," said Larry Guenther, a retired lieutenant colonel and longtime wing executive officer. "Their willingness to serve has been incredible."

Mrs. Sijan has been involved with the Community Council, taken part in civic leader tours and Family Readiness programs among others.

Rozina said the base's support



and promotion of Lance's tradition has been a great gift to the family.

"It's surprising to see how much he is remembered," Mrs. Sijan said. "Wherever there's been an honor for him, I've been there."

Mrs. Sijan gets many requests for memorabilia connected to Lance. She hand-writes cordial letters and tries to honor each request.

Mrs. Sijan and Mrs. Rozina both said Lance would be humbled by the amount of recognition he gets. The Air Force has the Lance P. Sijan leadership award, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., has Sijan Hall dormitory, there are many awards and scholarships named after him, and just last month he was inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.

First Lt. Sijan was promoted posthumously to captain on June 13, 1968. On March 4, 1976, he

was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, which was presented to his parents by President Gerald Ford.

Capt. Sijan thus became the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to receive America's highest decoration for heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

On Nov. 9, 1967, Lieutenant Sijan ejected from his F-4C Phantom over Northern Vietnam and successfully evaded capture for more than six weeks. In spite of his gallant efforts to remain free, Lieutenant Sijan was eventually captured and interred at the infamous



"Hanoi Hilton." Lieutenant Sijan's spirit and determination while incarcerated there inspired a fellow prisoner of war to nominate him for the Medal of Honor.



A CRISP SALUTE FROM THE LAST AIRMAN COMMISSIONED AT GENERAL MITCHELL ARS

General Mitchell Air Reserve Station is still going to close, and the 440th is still going to move, but wing members are still striving to achieve their goals. Second Lt. Bethany Totten spoke with the Flying Badger about her journey from enlisted to officer rank, her feelings on female leadership in the Air Force and her plans for the future.

FB: How long have you been in the Air Force and a member of the 440th Airlift Wing?

LT. TOTTEN: *I joined the Air Force Reserve at 19 with one year of college done. I knew it was going to be life-changing. Many people told me to wait until I was done with college, but I felt it was the right time in my life. My best friend and I joined the Air Force on the "buddy system" in October of 1991. We were lucky enough to go through basic training and technical school together and then come back to the same unit; I've been a part of the 440th ever since.*

FB: What was your highest rank and job as an enlisted Airman here?

LT. TOTTEN: *I was a master sergeant and the noncommissioned officer in charge of lodging and fitness. I also was in charge of the sports advisory committee and started the first 440th Flag Football League. The league only lasted for two seasons because too many Airmen were getting injured. But it was fun while it lasted, and the Airmen enjoyed it.*

FB: Why did you decide to become an officer?

LT. TOTTEN: *I've learned during my lifetime that there are endless possibilities for people, and we have the capability to shape our own lives. It's not that I don't believe in some common clichés like, "everything happens for a reason" and, "if it's meant to be, it will be," but I think it is up to us to make that a reality. I was 12 years old when my mother decided she wanted to join the Air Force Reserve and follow in her father's footsteps. She was 35 years old and a single mother of two. She did something that seemed impossible to accomplish. I was proud of her—that she did this and made it a turning point in her life, as well as*

my brother's and mine. She met my step-father at the 440th, and their influence is what guided me to the Air Force Reserve. I contemplated pursuing a commission for a few years. I gathered information from those who were commissioned and those that didn't have any desire to be. Lt. Col. Garland McCain impacted my life and helped mold



me into who I am today. He gave me the confidence to accomplish any challenge. He taught me that, if you are too fearful of what may happen, you aren't giving yourself the opportunity to accomplish great things. I knew I possessed the same traits he did—I wanted to support, guide and be trusted by others so they could accomplish any mission.

FB: What was the journey like to become an officer?

LT. TOTTEN: *It was a year from*

the time I took the Air Force Officer Qualification test to when I actually started my class. The toughest part was coordinating schedules to meet with the Deserving Airmen Board. I was pretty nervous the day I had to go in front of four officers and a chief. It was a little intimidating! I am thankful they thought I was a worthy candidate and gave me the



opportunity to attend the Academy of Military Science (AMS). The AMS experience was intense. We had 12 weeks of training packed into six weeks. During the first two weeks, I think I did enough push-ups for a lifetime of physical fitness tests! The academy creates stressful situations and forces officer candidates to get out of their comfort zones and lead others. The motto there is "Take Command, Take Charge, or Take a Hike." We were constantly being evaluated on our officer skills, which included leadership,

communication, judgment, decision-making, professionalism, organization and wellness. During the six weeks, every candidate had the opportunity to have a formal leadership position. I was fortunate to have mine during the Patriot Challenge deployment. During this three day exercise, I was challenged with leading my squad on a five-mile hike with 50-lbs packs and navigating our way to base camp. This difficult task was a great learning experience.

FB: What are your long term goals as an officer?

LT. TOTTEN: *I will be transferring to Grissom AFB, Ind. I will be a Services operations officer there. I am excited about the opportunity, and even though I am sad that the 440th is moving, I look forward to new challenges and opportunities at the 434th. I've been told by several officers that the most rewarding position I will ever hold is to be a squadron commander. I look forward to that privilege. Maybe after that ... mission support group commander!*

FB: How do you feel about being a female leader in the Air Force?

LT. TOTTEN: *At AMS, my class was comprised of 112 students, and only 19 of them were female. This greatly amazed me. I think being a leader in the Air Force is probably one of the best jobs anyone could have—whether you're female or male. While I was at school, I did a briefing on Jacqueline Cochran, the founder of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) and a pioneer in aviation. She said, "An airplane doesn't know the difference between a man and a woman, only a good pilot or a bad pilot." I believe this is the same with Air Force leaders.*

FB: How does it feel to be the last enlisted member commissioned at the 440th in Milwaukee?

LT. TOTTEN: *It's a privilege to have such a distinction. I feel like I've grown up here. I am so incredibly fortunate to be able to represent the 440th and the Air Force Reserve in such a manner.*

Interview by Senior Airman Amanda Hill

TWO-MINUTE DRILL:

Quarterbacking personal, successful military careers requires well-stocked playbooks



By Capt. Keith Leistekow

In football, the famous two-minute drill conjures up images of players and coaches scrambling to strategize just exactly what plays need to be run and in what sequence to put 'points on the board' and win the game... all within 120 seconds.

Similar to game plans being prepared and executed each week during a given season, so too successful military careers require time, attention and more importantly, an understanding of what works and what doesn't.

Game films show coaches and players just exactly why their team won or lost; why one team is better than another; their weaknesses vs strengths. The phrases, "knowledge is power", and "experience through trial and error", help describe what one can gain or lose in his or her own career by simply looking at and studying the playbooks of others – past, present and future.

The change occurring as the wing transitions from one location to another unintentionally accelerates one's own process in planning a military career. Direction and decisions need to be assessed and made more quickly than most are comfortable doing. Although this can seem as impossible as scoring the game-winning touchdown in the last two minutes before time runs out, wing members should first stop themselves and realize that they are not alone but rather surrounded by other players of an outstanding team all sharing the same, common goal of success.

The success of a sports organization is won through the combined efforts and experiences of its players, coaches and owners. So too, military members only need to look around them to find their own personal success in a military career by seeking out the knowledge of others.

Recently, the wing's Public Affairs staff asked a cross-section of members to share some best practices from their career playbooks:

I learned early on from military members who I grew to admire that if I was going to stay very long in the Air Force, I would need to become a manager of my own career. This may sound like "old school" to some, but to do that, you must take the time to set goals, both short and long range goals.

Everywhere I was stationed, I looked for several exceptional individuals, who had the knowledge and experience to help me. Goals without rock-solid information are futile and dangerous to a military career.

Stay flexible and try your best to stay current on the opportunities and changes in the Air Force.

I have one more recommendation, and many of you have heard me say this before, create and maintain a complete personal copy of your military records. Honestly, my records at home are more complete than what the DoD has in my file.

Senior Master Sgt. Keith Heapes
Chief, Military Personnel Programs

DO YOUR BEST! I really don't have any regrets or would have done anything different. I joined the Air Force at age 17 for two main reasons; to travel and see the world and earn money for a formal education. I've been in for 18 years and have been to 39 of the 50 states and have been to 9 European countries. I also utilized the GI Bill and have earned a master's degree. The only thing I wish had been different is that I would have had a mentor early on to help me see the BIG Air Force picture.

Master Sgt. Jessica Johnson
440th Airlift Wing, Judge Advocate's Office

Always have something to look forward to like a promotion, deployments, training – something that drives you personally to achieve more. If you just sit in a stagnant job in the military, you then become stagnant. You have to always look forward to the next challenge, the next opportunity. Rarely do great opportunities come looking for you – you have to go out and find them.

For new airmen coming in to the service – get involved. Show initiative.

1st Lt. Bill Beauchane
440th Security Forces Squadron

An obvious component of a successful career (military or otherwise) is our ability to achieve or excel in the tasks we are assigned. However, "career" to me implies longevity, and I don't believe hard work nor excellent job performance by itself would be enough for us to declare our careers a complete success.

I consider two other factors essential to this success equation: the measure of benefits (or costs) to others as a result of the methods we chose to accomplish our jobs, and the measure of how well we honored our personal priorities and responsibilities which continually compete with our career for our limited time and attention.

It is our challenge to manage our priorities and strike the right balance that best serves all those to whom we are accountable.

Col. Timothy Ward
440th Airlift Wing, Vice Commander

As a young sergeant, I learned that there are several elements that are key to a successful career: a "service before self" mindset, a positive, "can do" attitude, becoming the "go to" person in your field, respecting co-workers and supervisors, completing PME early, and taking on as many additional duties, schools and responsibilities as you can handle.

Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Safer
440th Maintenance Squadron

Retiring this month, my career playbook includes some oldies but goodies:

Go deep and get to know people aside from name, rank and ID number; take timeouts often to assess where you are and where you want to go; be nice, play fair and always do what's best for the team - then, everyone wins; don't stand on the sidelines; celebrate the victories together; and finally, remember to always be prepared because you may be the benchwarmer today but tomorrow you might be put into the pilot's seat, er, behind center.

Capt. Keith Leistekow
440th Airlift Wing, Office of Public Affairs



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HISTORY

The aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal made history in November 1963 when Navy Lt. James H. Flatley III and his crewmembers, Lt. Cmdr. “Smokey” Stovall and aviation machinist’s mate 1st Class Ed Brennan, made 21 full-stop landings and takeoffs in a C-130F Hercules aboard the ship.

The tests were conducted over the North Atlantic Ocean 500 miles off the coast of Massachusetts. In so doing, the Forrestal and the C-130 set a record for the largest and heaviest airplane landing on a Navy aircraft carrier.

The Navy was trying to determine if the Hercules could serve as a “Super COD” (carrier on-board delivery) aircraft. The problem was there was no aircraft that could resupply a carrier in mid-ocean, and the Hercules was stable, reliable, had a long cruising range and a high payload.

The tests were more than successful. At 85,000 pounds, the C-130F came to a complete stop in a staggering 267 feet. At its maximum load, the plane used only 745 feet for take-off.

With the data from the tests, the Navy concluded it would be possible to load a C-130 Hercules with 25,000 pounds of cargo, fly it 2,500 miles and land it on a carrier. Ultimately, the idea was considered too risky for routine COD operations. The C-2A Greyhound program was developed and the first of these planes became operational in 1965.

For his effort, the Navy awarded Lieutenant Flatley a Distinguished Flying Cross.

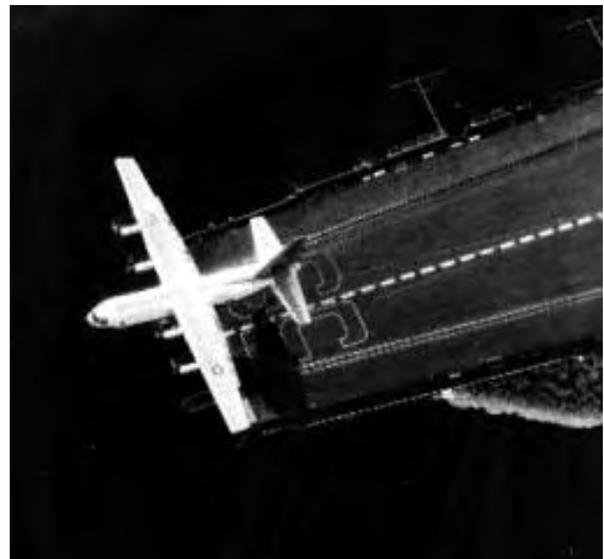
The Forrestal was decommissioned Sept. 11, 1993 at Pier 6E in Philadelphia. Currently, she is on donation hold as a museum and memorial at Naval Station, Newport, R.I.



▲ The C-130F that landed on the deck of the U.S.S. Forrestal stopped solely on its own, with no assist from the standard hook and cable used to arrest landing aircraft. Hence, the aircraft’s nose art boasted, “Look Ma, no hook.”

◀ Navy Lt. James H. Flatley III and his crew were chosen to test Navy leadership’s assertion that the C-130 was a perfect solution to their mid-ocean resupply problems. Lieutenant Flatley was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for his efforts.

C-130F Hercules BuNo 149798 rises from the deck of the Forrestal to soar above the chilly waters of the North Atlantic. The aircraft made 21 full-stop landings, proving to Navy leaders it could more than handle a supply-oriented mission for aircraft carriers. In spite of the successful tests, Navy brass later reconsidered, calling the mission “too risky.” ▼



Uniform Board Results



A Design and development of the Headquarters, U.S. Air Force identification (HAF) badge



B Wear of the blue nametag with the Air Force informal uniform - **abbreviated rank** and name on one line



C Standardized **cummerbund** wear

D Prohibit wear of **scrunchy** as hair accessory for women

E **Hair pins** and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends

F **Hair color**/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings

G No **flat top** hairstyle or shaved head for women

H **Synthetic hair** can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements

I **Braids**, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women

J Standardize **wig/hairpiece** wear - eliminates medical justification for men

K If due to a temporary medical condition resulting in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved **American Cancer Society cap** (black or tan), wigs or baldness in uniform

L Females will not wear shades of **nail polish** that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Nail polish will be limited to one color. French manicures are allowed. Nail length will not exceed one quarter inch from finger tip

M Wear of **carry type purse** with no more than two straps authorized with mess dress

N Reduce bracelet size to one half inch. **Bracelets** that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized

O **Rings** will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring

P **Eyeglasses** will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform

Q **Earrings** for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe

R Optional wear of male **flight cap** for women

S Authorize optional **epoxy blue name tag**, worn on the blue shirt

T Authorize the wear of the **fire fighter duty badge** while an individual is assigned to 3E7X1 DAFSC position, including periods of PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

U Authorize the wear of the **security forces duty badge** and beret while an individual is assigned to a 3PXXX DAFSC position and possesses a 3PXXX PAFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

V Discontinue award of the Air Force **Good Conduct Medal**. May continue to wear those previously earned and a matter or record

W **PT uniform**-mandatory wear date set as 1 October 2006 and 1 October 2005 in the AOR. Specific wear instructions released on message dated 17 November 2005

X **Cell phones**, pagers and personal digital assistant must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. May be clipped to the left side of waist band or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device

Y Authorize the permanent wear of the **scuba badge** on the BDU

For updates and more information on the results from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board please go to www.af.mil



Quarterly award winners announced

By Dennis J. Mehring

Senior Airman Lisa M. Taylor, Tech. Sgt. Kevin M. Phillips and Master Sgt. Ian W. Lindauer won the 440th Airlift Wing's Outstanding Airman, Noncommissioned Officer and Senior NCO awards for April 1 to Sept. 30.

The quarterly awards program is designed to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to units by Airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs. Airman Taylor, 440th Operations Support Flight, Sergeant Phillips, 440th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), and Sergeant Lindauer, also of SFS, were chosen based on their leadership and job performance, breadth of experience, self-improvement efforts and their base or community involvement.

Airman Taylor was singled out by Col. Merle Hart, 440th Airlift Wing commander, for consistent excellence in the preparation and delivery of intelligence briefings for wing staff members. She was also cited for providing intelligence support of tactical-flight training, coordination of general-officer visits and working with the Alaska Air National Guard during an exercise in early 2005.

She assumed a number of duties thanks to personnel losses caused by base realignment and closure actions. She was the "go-to" briefer for all wing staff meetings, coordinated training for UTA weekends, deployed in support of readiness exercises and provided daily support for the operational support flight, operations

group and the wing. She was also described as a "diligent and focused scholar" who worked on her five-level development course, a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree and a bachelor's degree at Columbia College.

If that wasn't enough, she was also involved in fundraising for a family with conjoined twins, volunteered to help with unit outings, collected donations for a benefit raffle in Sheboygan, raised money for conservation programs and volunteered at a facility for the mentally ill and disabled.

Sergeant Ian Lindauer's overall knowledge and experience earned him a spot on the planning team that went to Pope AFB, N.C., to begin the process of moving the wing there. He was invaluable to the security forces squadron as they updated their weapons inventory, introduced new weapons and continued to operate the Air Station firing range, which was used by unit members, the FBI, Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Agency, Customs Agency and the Transportation Security Administration.

His superb job performance in support of operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom earned him an Air Force Commendation Medal. At home, his job involves the scheduling of weapons training for the entire wing during weekend training assemblies.

Away from the job, Sergeant Lindauer helped raise more than \$15,000 for a church building project, worked with local Civil Air Patrol groups, coached more than 70 boys in

the Racine County Youth Football League and taught hunter safety training for a local Boy Scout troop.

In spite of such a daunting workload, Sergeant Lindauer is not standing still. He is currently working on a CCAF degree and completing the senior NCO academy course.

Sergeant Phillips volunteered for a 200-day deployment to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). He was lauded for "stellar" performance as he coordinated, directed and managed personal security protection missions for CENTCOM flag officers at locations throughout the command. During his deployment, he also trained and mentored 10 people, conducted joint-training sessions with local nationals and developed training plans for the personal security detachment.

Sergeant Phillips also completed high-risk personnel training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., which included firearms training on a variety of small-arms weapons. He still found time to amass 45 credit hours toward a CCAF associate degree, get certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and self-aid and buddy care, and earned a 100-percent fitness evaluation.

Away from the base, he provided security services for his hometown high school, was an active member of the Willow Springs American Legion Post, helped plan and coordinate activities at the Willow Springs Community Center and is a lifetime member of the Air Force Sergeants and Air Force associations.

Wisconsin honors top enlisted members of the Reserve and Guard

Forty outstanding enlisted members of the seven military Reserve components, including some of our nation's newest combat veterans, were recently honored in Madison at the 42nd Annual Wisconsin Military Achievement Awards. The ceremony took place in the Wisconsin State Capitol building.

More than 2,150 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members have received this award since the program began in 1964.

The ceremony is the only multi-branch awards program of its kind and recognizes exceptional military job performance, leadership, military appearance and bearing, and citizenship.

The Wisconsin Military Achievement Awards were presented by Maj. Gen. Al Wilkening, the adjutant general of Wisconsin, and by Jim Rebholz, chairman of the Wisconsin Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Senior leaders of all seven Wisconsin Reserve components also attended the ceremony.

The four members of the 440th who were honored were: Master Sgt. Debra Bernhardt, Racine; Technical Sgt. Chan Copas, Antigo; Staff Sgt. Robin Miller, Brillion; and Staff Sgt. James Williamson, Oak Creek.

The program is sponsored by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve



By Tech. Sgt. Mark Ulmen

It's a new year, and the members of Det 1 are continuing to work for the future of the 440th at Pope AFB, N.C.

A hiring meeting took place here Nov. 14, and decision-makers

from the 440th, Charleston AFB, S.C., Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., 22nd Air Force Personnel Headquarters at Dobbins ARB, Ga., and all levels of Air Force recruiting made definite progress on several hiring issues.

We have started loading positions into the Reserve vacancy system so recruiters can start hiring for the 440th. Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Klapste, Master Sgt. Jason Drewitz and I also took part in meetings with the site activation task force held

Dec. 4-7 at Milwaukee. A number of issues were covered during the meetings.

Detachment 1 is reminding everyone in a senior master sergeant or chief master sergeant position that they must complete the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy in order to move to Pope in a senior or chief position. The requirement came from AFRC headquarters. The course must be completed before transferring to Pope.

Detachment 1 members extend

thanks to the 440th members who recently came to Pope to assist the detachment: Senior Master Sgt. Todd Ramsey, Master Sergeants Frank Coddington, Ed Ferch and Jerry Johnson, and Joan Freundt - all from the maintenance group. Lt. Col. Bobby Oates, Senior Master Sergeants Terry J. Studstill and Mike Hazlett—all from the 95th Airlift Squadron—were also among recent visitors.

Until next time ...

Former wing Airman dies in tragic crash; security forces mourns fallen colleague



Elizabeth Nowak

A former member of the 440th Security Forces Squadron was killed in a traffic accident November 13 in Seattle.

Elizabeth Nowak, 30, was on her way to work at the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct when a man driving a stolen vehicle struck her car.

The vehicle was speeding through Seattle's Interbay neighborhood with its lights off when it ran a red light and broadsided Nowak's car, killing her instantly.

She was a fire team member here with security forces from 1998 to 2004.

"Sergeant Nowak was an outstanding Security Forces member who always performed well beyond her rank and level of responsibility," said Maj. Timothy Martz, SFS commander. "Our thoughts and prayers will forever be with her family."

Sergeant Nowak mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle and was deployed to the Central Command area in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She also served as a member of the 440th Airlift Wing Honor Guard, Human Resource Development Council and Air Force Reserve Command's Security Forces Strickland Trophy Team where she competed at an international level against the best in tactics and marksmanship.

She was recognized as the 440th SFS Airman of the Quarter and the Wing Semi-Annual Outstanding Airman. Sergeant Nowak was also named the AFSA First Term Airman of the Year for 2001 and received many other awards and accolades while serving with the 440th SFS.

"She was a true warrior who faithfully served her country with honor and distinction," said Major Martz.



Photo ops capture the 'look-n-feel' of proud wing members

Many members took the opportunity during the December UTA to capture their moment in time by having either individual or group photos taken inside and outside of a wing C-130.

All portrait photos are accessible on the [Y:drive/AW/PA/C130 Portraits](#).

Please note that all outside images will be

color corrected and balanced prior to the January UTA due to the hanger's lighting. In other words, members may want to reaccess his or her photos during the weekend.

A special thanks to Joe 'Salt-of-the-Earth' Oliva (photographer) and Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse, 440th Public Affairs, who made this all happen.



New wing historian

Master Sgt. Sue Lierman in the Military Personnel Flight has been appointed as the unit historian for the Mission Support Flight, Mission Support Group and Airlift Wing. Units are being asked to provide monthly updates regarding any occurrences they consider newsworthy, such as PCS's, retirements, recognitions or awards, or any other significant achievements or events. They will be evaluated for inclusion in the Wing history reports. Sgt Lierman will provide you with additional guidance.

Safeguard personal information

Based on the recent increase in the number of incidents where personal information on individuals has been lost, stolen, or compromised, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone to be diligent in safeguarding the privacy of others.

Personal information includes items such as an individual's name, Social Security number, home address, telephone numbers, birthdates, and the identity of family members, which you should not post on shared drives or Web sites. Because the loss of personal information can result in harm, embarrassment, and inconvenience to individuals and may lead to identity theft or other fraudulent use of the information, we all need to protect that information from loss and misuse.

Members need to take privacy seriously; they need to be cognizant of actions before posting personal information on shared drives, Web sites, or public forums; and adequately protect that information beyond agency premises or control such as when using laptops.

Following are resources for the protection of personal information:

Your base/MAJCOM/FOA/DRU Privacy Act manager

AFI 33-332, Privacy Act Program; DoDD 5400.11, DoD Privacy Program; and DoD 5400.11-R, DoD Privacy Program

The following Web sites:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/540011.htm>

<http://www.foia.af.mil>
https://www.mya.af.mil/gessaf/USAF/AFP40/Attachment/20060815/PA%20Awareness%20Slides_11%20Aug%202006.ppt NOTE: This link takes you to the Air Force Portal login page where you will be prompted to login with your Portal username and password. Once logged into the Portal, the Privacy Act slides will display for your review. <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/130b.pdf>

<http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/withhold.pdf>

http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/names_removal.pdf

For more information call Dawn Watson, Wing Privacy Act Manager, at 482-5933

Top 3 ceremony

The Wing Top 3 enlisted members are conducting an NCO Promotion Recognition and Induction Ceremony, Sunday January 7.

The ceremony celebrates the induction of junior enlisted Airmen to noncommissioned officer status, the induction of noncommissioned officers into the senior noncommissioned officer tier, and the culmination of the Air Force enlisted tier, promotion to chief master sergeant.

All newly-promoted NCOs are invited to don their service dress and join us from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Promotees are advised to arrive 15 minutes early. Commanders and fellow NCOs are encouraged to attend. Uniform of the day is adequate. Guests are encouraged and welcome.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Steve Koetter at 482-6108.

Way to go

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

- TSgt. Michelle L. Davis
- MSgt. Terry R. Harmon
- MSgt. Rodney W. King
- SMSgt. Anthony M. Schmit
- Lt. Col. Michael C. Slepica
- MSgt. Kenneth J. Smith Jr
- Capt. Scott M. Uselding

Terrific

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

- SSgt. Timothy P. Kiernan
- TSgt. Scott B. Schweighauser
- Lt. Col. Roger R. Stoeckmann

Outstanding

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservist who received the Joint Service Commendation Medal:

- MSgt. Demaine Milbach

Super

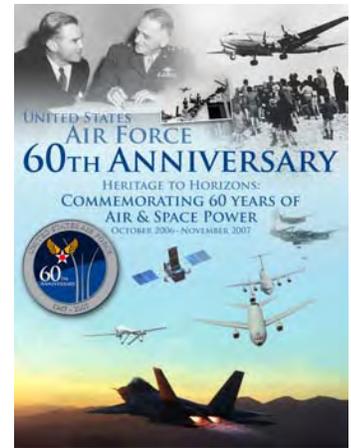
The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservist who received the Joint Service Achievement Medal:

- SrA Jonathan M. Walters



60th Anniversary Commemoration Coin

60th Anniversary Commemoration Coin was developed to capture the theme of the AF 60th Anniversary - "Heritage to Horizons: Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space Power". The official release/use of the AF 60th logo will begin October 14, 2006 by order of the CSAF. Use of the logo is generally unrestricted within the Air Force and may/should be used on a variety of items including: Letterhead, Briefings, Folders and Sales Promotional Items (Stickers, Shirts, Mugs, Patches, Coins...) The Air Force retains trademark rights to the LOGO. If anyone outside the AF wants to use the logo contact Mr. Harry Lupuloff, via email at Harry.Lupuloff@pentagon.af.mil or call 703-588-5090.

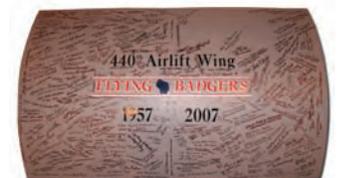


60th Anniversary Poster

60th Anniversary Poster measures 7.5x10 inches. Air Force Link does not provide printed posters but assistance can be provided in acquiring posters through your servicing DAPS. A PDF version for printing on office printers is also available. Requests can be made to art@afnews.af.mil. Please specify the title and number.

Finding Air Force Art

The Air Force does not provide printed copies of its art collections. Members need to take the electronic copies and have them printed. Not all of the art is high resolution, or resolution independent, so members must take this into consideration before printing them. Reservists can also check with the Air Force Art Collection (HYPERLINK "<http://www.afapo.hq.af.mil/Presentation/main/Index.cfm>") \t "<http://www.afapo.hq.af.mil/Presentation/main/Index.cfm>"). They have a collection of original paintings they will loan out for extended periods of time to U.S. Air Force bases.



Signature (not) required

It is not too late to sign the wing's commemorative panel. The panel will be on display in Sijan Hall all weekend. Plans are being made to donate the panel to the City of Milwaukee. For more info, contact 440AW/PA at ext. 5482

Thar she blows!!



A COUPLE OF REAL BLOWHARDS -- On the Friday before the December UTA, Gen. Mitchell ARS got blanketed by a deep coating of the cold, white stuff. Members of Burns & Roe's roads and grounds crew promptly fired up their commercial-grade flightline snowblowers and commenced to flinging flakes. The high-octane trucks are capable of launching snow more than 100 feet. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse)



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