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Senior Master Sgt. Gareth Balch, 95th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, watches out the window on a flight to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., during the flag transfer weekend.

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Let Freedom Ring

Our country was founded 231 years ago on July 4th, 1776, with our declaration of independence from England. The 4th of July culminates three months of remembrances; Memorial Day on May 28th, Flag Day on June 14th, and Independence Day on July 4th. The first two remind us of those who fought so we might live in a free country and for our country's flag ... the international symbol of freedom.



by Lt. Col. Larry Gamble
440th Airlift Wing Det. 2
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We celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the risk our forefathers took by signing it. We have picnics, parades, festivals and fireworks.

But, are we remembering and honoring the significance of that day or just having a good time because it's a national holiday? Do you remember the struggles preceding the convening of the Continental Congress or the first shots of the Revolutionary War?

The signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 was a full year after the infamous "Shot heard Around the World" that started the Revolutionary War in April 1775.

It took another five year until the famous battle of Yorktown in 1781. Even after that, it wasn't until 1783 that the Treaty of Paris officially ended the war. Our forefathers earned the freedom we enjoy through a long, drawn-out fight of over eight years and at a cost of over 4,400 combat casualties plus 20,000 non-combat casualties.

Thomas Paine wrote about "Common Sense" and how we should let no government or institution revoke or undermine the timeless truths and inalienable rights the founding fathers deemed worth fighting for to the death.

Patrick Henry wanted either liberty or death and Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying before he signed the declaration; "Let us all hang together for we will certainly hang for our actions this day."

John Adams was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He also served as the first Vice President and as the second President of the United States. He wrote to his wife on July 3, 1776, about how important he foresaw the events of the next day.

"I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival...it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other..." he wrote.

Let us also remember the sacrifices of our ancestors and our contemporaries as they fought to win and preserve our freedom, liberty and independence.

Fly your American Flag with pride! Celebrate as John Adams suggested 231 years ago!

Now, let's go enjoy our parades, picnics, festivals and fireworks this 4th of July 2007, but never forget the cost of freedom.

Local employer says good-bye to wing

by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

One of the most supportive employers of Guard and Reserve servicemembers in Wisconsin said farewell to the 440th Airlift Wing last month as the wing prepared to move to Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

In a symbolic ceremony, Jim Meier, Miller Brewing's director of financial operations, and Rob Olienczak, director of Miller Brewing's Lite Brand, thanked 440th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart and the men and women of the 440th for their fifty years of service in Wisconsin.

Miller Brewing has supported the wing and other Reserve units since Desert Shield in 1990. In 2001, the company developed a more comprehensive program when its Reserve and Guard employees were starting to get called up for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"We've been going strong ever since," said Jim Zenoni, who runs the company's "Adopt a Soldier" program. "We donated misting systems, T-shirts and more than 4,000 holiday presents since 9-11. When the Air Force deployed, they often gave the company T-shirts to medical patients they flew out of Iraq and Afghanistan."

The 440th was directly affected when the company sent care packages to 95th Airlift Squadron and 440th Maintenance Squadron reservists who were deployed to Southwest Asia during 2003-2005.



photo by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

Bob Olienczak (left) and Jim Meier join 440th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart at the going away program hosted by Miller Brewing. The 95th Airlift Squadron flew the flag over Iraq when the unit was deployed to Southwest Asia. Miller Brewing presented the wing with a sculptured flyer's helmet on top of an engraved trophy.

"We support 34 different Wisconsin-based military units," said Mr. Zenoni. "Regardless of whether we have employees serving with them or not, we support the troops in these local units."

The company organized delivery of old soccer balls from University of Wisconsin - Madison to children and troops in Iraq.

More recently, Miller Brewing started an employee contribution program that allowed

Miller workers to donate a portion of their paycheck to the Adopt a Soldier program. More than \$200,000 was raised through employee contributions last year.

The company is one of five Wisconsin businesses that earned the highest Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award, the National Freedom Award, given out by the Department of Defense.

Retired 440th officer named national ESGR Chair

Col. (ret) James G. Rebholz, the first commander of the 34th Aerial Port Squadron, was recently appointed National Chairman for the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR).

A resident of Milwaukee, Colonel Rebholz has been involved with ESGR activities on a local, regional and national level since 1983 when

he was a major serving with the 440th Airlift Wing in Milwaukee.

Most recently, he served as the chairman of the Wisconsin Committee for ESGR. He also helped develop the first five-year strategic plan for ESGR at the national level.

In his new position, Rebholz will provide vision, direction and advice to the National Committee for ESGR. He will also appoint state

chairs, and recommend priorities for development and execution of employer support programs, and meet with senior DOD leaders and the business community to outline ESGR programs and accomplishments, and seek their support.

For more information about Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, visit www.ESGR.org



Farewell Flying Badgers

Wing flag moves to Pope Air Force Base

By Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

In a symbolic ceremony, 440th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart boarded a C-130 at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis., with the Reserve unit's flag waving in the wind. The 440th relocated to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., on June

9; the wing's flag was officially raised at its new home on June 10.

"The move is finally here," said Staff Sgt. Kathleen Evans, a reservist assigned to the 440th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "The 440th is moving, and there will be no more Flying Badgers (the wing's mascot)

in Milwaukee."

Sergeant Evans was one of more than 500 Reservists, retirees and civilians who said farewell to wing leadership as the commander boarded the aircraft. Many Reservists took comfort knowing the mission would continue at its new home in North

Carolina.

"We'll continue to serve, with our heads held high, and the pride that goes along with the wing," Colonel Hart told reservists. "This moment is historic, another chapter in the wing's history." The 440th is unique because it's the first wing to



photos by Joe Oliva

Lt. Col. Jon Thorell relinquishes the 440th Airlift Control Flight flag to 440th Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart during the ALCF's deactivation ceremony on June 9 at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis.

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associate Active Duty squadrons under a Reserve wing commander's operational direction.

"We're the first Reserve unit to do this," said Col. Timothy Ward, 440th Airlift Wing vice commander, who also serves as the Det. 2 commander back in Milwaukee. "When the association is complete, the 440th will be the lead flying wing at Pope AFB."

Two 440th units were inactivated during the relocation ceremony. Air Force Reserve Command's 2006 Airlift Control Flight of the year, the 440th ALCF,

and the 34th Aerial Port Squadron will no longer exist under the new wing structure.

However, the 440th will gain two active duty units, the 2nd Airlift Squadron and 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. In addition, the wing will gain two new Reserve units, including the 53rd Aerial Port Squadron, which is currently located at Pope AFB but geographically separate from its current wing in Charleston, and a new squadron, the 440th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron which stands up in April 2008.

Colonel Hart remains optimistic about the wing's future growth and future missions in North Carolina, referencing the wing's legacy.

"The world needs changes, and that's why the 440th is moving," he said. "The men and women who have filled the ranks of the 440th since its founding in 1943 have served their nation well and earned many deserved honors. The discipline of our people have made the wing one of the strongest in the Air Force, and we will carry these values with us to our new home at Pope."

Several hundred Wisconsin reservists expect to continue to serve with the wing at Pope AFB, some moving to the area permanently and others commuting weekends for unit training assemblies.

Many 440th Airmen have accepted offers for positions in the Air National Guard and Reserve units closer to Wisconsin.

The wing expects it will need to fill about 80 percent of its positions with people new to the 440th, and the unit will soon have a new mascot representing the C-130 Active Duty and Reserve aircrews.



The wing's senior leadership salutes the 440th Airlift Wing flag on the ramp at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis., after Col. Merle D. Hart boarded a plane headed to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., during the unit's flag transfer ceremony.

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Depart MKE	10	11	12 Depart POB	13	14 UTA- @ MKE
15 UTA @ MKE	16 Depart MKE	17	18 Depart MKE	19	20 Depart POB	21 UTA- @ POB
22 UTA- @ POB	23 Depart MKE	24	25 Depart MKE	26	27 Depart POB	28
29	30 Depart MKE	31				

Patriot Pope

The 440th Airlift Wing has named flights to and from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and Milwaukee as “**PATRIOT POPE.**”

The flying schedule will be posted monthly in the *Combat Airlifter* and the *Flying Badger*. It is also accessible from a “.mil” computer at

<https://wwwmil.440aw.afrc.af.mil/BRAC%5FGT/images/PatriotPope.gif>

The schedule will also be sent to Wing members via e-mail once a month at their base email accounts. Initially, General Mitchell ARS base operations will have the flight information.

The phone number to base operations in Milwaukee is DSN 741-5586 or commercial 414-482-5586.

Step 1: Sign Up

By the August UTA, 440th Airlift Wing Reservists will be able to sign up for Patriot Pope flights in one of two ways:

- **By e-mail** to your unit’s full-time **Patriot Pope** representative, designated by your unit commander.
- **By requesting transportation online** through our website, which will only be available from a “.mil” computer. There will be a major announcement when this feature is available on our website.

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Depart POB	4
5	6 Depart MKE	7	8	9	10 Depart POB	11
12	13 Depart MKE	14	15	16 Depart POB	17	18 UTA @ MKE
19 UTA @ MKE	20 Depart MKE	21	22	23	24 Depart POB	25 UTA- @ POB
26 UTA- @ POB	27 Depart MKE	28	29	30	31 Depart POB	

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Depart MKE	5	6 Depart POB	7	8 UTA @ MKE
9 UTA @ MKE	10 Depart MKE	11	12	13	14 Depart POB	15
16	17 Depart MKE	18	19	20	21 Depart POB	22 UTA- @ POB
23 UTA- @ POB	24 Depart MKE	25	26	27	28 Depart POB	29
30						

Step 2: Request Processing

When **Unit PATRIOT POPE representatives** receive a travel request, they coordinate with unit supervisors as needed before they approve or deny the request.

- The decision to approve or deny will depend upon the unit’s prioritization of their (sometimes) limited allotment of seats on each aircraft. Each unit is assigned a percentage seats on each flight based upon that unit’s anticipated requirements.
- Once a unit decision has been made, a **response e-mail is sent back** to the individual requesting airlift transportation, notifying them that their request was either approved or denied. Unit representatives should be able to provide members with alternate travel dates when their request is denied.

Flight Schedule

Within the next couple of months, the wing will publish a 440th AW Operating Instruction (OI) to outline the roles, responsibilities, policies and procedures governing the Patriot Pope airlift. This OI will provide guidance to include:

- Members will travel on Patriot Pope aircraft **IN UNIFORM** regardless of their military status.
- Passengers (PAX) will report to the check-in location 1.5 hours prior to scheduled departure time.
- Tentative Patriot Pope Passenger check-in location will be the Midwest Airlines Charter Facility, 555 Air Cargo Way. Parking is available at remote "Lot A" at the commercial airport.

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Depart POB	10	11	12 Depart POB & MKE x 2	13 UTA A
14 Depart MKE & POB x2 UTA A	15	16	17	18	19 Depart MKE	20 UTA B
21 Depart POB & MKE UTA B	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Depart POB	30	31			

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Depart POB & MKE x 2	3 UTA-A
4 Depart MKE & POB x2 UTA-A	5	6	7	8	9 Depart MKE	10 UTA-B
11 Depart POB & MKE UTA-B	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Details on Seating

- **Empty seats for Patriot Pope flights** will be opened to all units at the end of the prior UTA. For example, unclaimed Dec. UTA seats designated for 440 OG passengers will become available to other units by the end of the Nov. UTA.
- Most **departures will have approximately 60** seats available.
- It is a requirement that all members **inform their commander or designated rep if your travel plans change.** Failure to do so will prevent others from traveling and may impact your priority on future flights.

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Depart POB	4	5	6	7 Depart POB & MKE x 2	8 UTA-A
9 Depart MKE & POB x2 UTA-A	10 Depart POB	11	12	13	14 Depart MKE	15 UTA-B
16 Depart POB & MKE UTA-B	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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"PATRIOT BADGER"
440th aircraft TDY to
GMIAP-ANG for local training

440th UTA "A" weekend
at Pope AFB

440th UTA "B" weekend
at Pope AFB

440th commander greets Airmen, Soldiers in new partnership at Pope Air Force Base

The following excerpts are taken from 440th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart's speech at the June 10 flag transfer ceremony held at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

It has been 63 years since the 440th has called Pope its home. On behalf of the 440th Airlift Wing thank you for being here and for such a glorious welcome and welcoming us back to our much improved old home.

General Austin, commander of the 18th Airborne Corps and all of our Army brethren who make up the finest Airborne Infantry force the world has ever known, it is an honor to be amongst you. Our 18th Air Force brethren are represented by Maj. Gen. McCutchan. The 18th Air Force provides the world's finest air chariots which

provide unmatched Global Reach that enables our airborne infantry to reach our nation's enemies with unbridled swiftness and accuracy to protect our nation and preserve our American way of life.

It is also an honor to have General Mazick here today. (He is) the commander of the 22nd Air Force, in charge of all of Air Force Reserve Command's tactical airlift forces. Along with the 18th Air Force and our Air National Guard brethren, this triad enables our nation to meet any challenge requiring tactical airlift opera-

tions. The 43rd Airlift Wing, a component of the 18th Air Force, commanded by Col. Tim Zadalis, participates daily in military operations throughout the world. Many are engaged in combat activities at this very moment supporting our wartime partners and always at the ready to put the air in airborne. We look forward to working with the 43rd as we establish and develop this first ever Active Association.

(Thank you) to our civilian partners from Milwaukee who have served the 440th faithfully and with distinction over the past 50 years.



photos by Joe Oliva

440th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart and 43rd Airlift Wing Commander Col. Tim Zadalis salute Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, at the flag transfer ceremony held June 10 at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

(Thank you) to the civilian partners of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, whose accolades are well known for providing unceasing support to our nation's finest quick reaction forces. We are now part of your community, your support is already felt in the 440th; General Dortal ingratiated us early and is a superb ambassador of your organization. I am honored to make your acquaintance, I feel the warm friendship and hospitality and a true sense of family and look forward to working with you for many years to come.

We are also honored here today to have Charles Everett Bullard a member of the original 440th Tactical Combat Group who served in every major airborne operation in the European Theater during World War II.

The 440th has served with honor and distinction since its inception, having called Pope home in December 1943 and participating with a true wartime partner, the 18th Airborne Corps from the very beginning.

From the first airdrop of combat infantry into hostile grounds at Normandy during D-Day to supporting combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and throughout the world, the 440th has proven worthy of every task. Winning awards and receiving laurels as it continue to grow and modernize throughout the years as we supported our nation in peacetime and wartime; the 440th always demonstrated the pride of excellence and always displayed dignity and honor.

The dedication of so many fine wartime partners of the 18th Airborne Corp and the 43rd Airlift Wing, combined with our community leaders, will help the 440th excel. Success breeds success. The 440th is back at Pope after many years and as a small token to commemorate this day I will present a special plaque to the 18th Airborne Corps, the 22nd Air Force and to the 43rd/440th team.

I thank each of you for being here for this historic moment and to welcome us back home.

May God continue to bless us all and what we do to keep America strong and the world a better place.

The past meets the future: World War II veteran reunites with 440th at Pope AFB

by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

"I'd like to acknowledge a special man today," said Col. Merle D. Hart, 440th Airlift Wing commander. "Is the 'Little One' out there?"

The crowd of more than 500 people at the June 10 flag transfer ceremony turned and looked at an elderly man in the front row.

Colonel Hart proceeded to thank Charles Everett Bullard for his service on June 6, also known as "D-Day," which occurred more than 63 years ago.

The two Airmen hugged after the flag transfer ceremony on June 10 at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., posing for pictures and celebrating the 440th's rich history. According to Henry Cunningham, who wrote about Mr. Bullard in the Fayetteville Observer, the senior citizen was once a crew chief on an aircraft belonging to the 440th Troop Carrier Group.

Then 19-years-old and single, Mr. Bullard joined the 440th at Baer Field near Fort Wayne, Ind. Sergeant Bullard would go on to serve in Europe during World War II, working as a crew chief of the C-47 transport plane. C-47 crews dropped paratroopers and hauled supplies throughout Europe during the war.

One of Sergeant Bullard's most memorable flight took place on D-Day, when paratroopers jumped out onto the beaches of Normandy, France, during the night. D-Day commenced the Western Allied effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II. Known as "the tiny one," Mr. Bullard left the military in 1945 with a rank of technical sergeant.

He recently wrote a book recounting his experiences, called *Little One and His Guardian Angel: One Man's Story of the 440th Troop Carrier Group during World War II*.

The reunion was just one of many historical events that took place the weekend of June 9-10 when the 440th Airlift Wing flag and command staff transferred back to Pope AFB after 50 years in Wisconsin.



95th Airlift Squadron hosts last base tour at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station



photo by 1st Lt. Jeff Schoen

Children from Whitnall School District enjoyed one of the last base tours at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station on Flag Day, June 14. In addition to touring a C-130 Hercules aircraft and the base fire department, the children learned how to fold a flag. The flag they worked with was flown by the 95th Airlift Squadron Airmen in Southwest Asia, Jordan and Iraq in 2004 and 2005. After touring the C-130, the children saw a water cannon demonstration at the fire department. They also had the opportunity to look through night vision goggles used by aircrew.

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Good luck

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

Lt. Col. Rob Frazier
Lt. Col. Daniel Ritsche
Maj. Rolf Breen
Maj. Patrick Brien
Maj. Dannielle Pearce
Maj. David Phillips
2d Lt. Jennifer Flowers
CMSgt. Raymond Litvinchuk
CMSgt. Kathleen Swoboda
SMSgt. John Szydel
MSgt. Roger Almaguer
MSgt. Thomas Donnelly
MSgt. Linda Greene
MSgt. Gregory Jacob
MSgt. Daniel Schmitz
MSgt. Paula Trestik
MSgt. Erich Uebersohn
TSgt. Shawn Carnahan
TSgt. Kevin Cook
TSgt. David Corbin
TSgt. William Ehlers
TSgt. Edward Hubbard
TSgt. Sarah McMullen
TSgt. Carrie Stroessner
TSgt. Julie Stubblefield
TSgt. Gary Wagner
SSgt. Jeffrey Burke
SSgt. Charles Gruenwald
SSgt. Steven Lee
SSgt. Patrick Morrison
SSgt. Jason Tammelin
SrA James Faustmann
SrA Nicholas Hindman
SrA Joseph Homernik
SrA Andrew Lietzau
SrA Rachael School

Congratulations

The following Airman earned the Air Combat Medal:

TSgt. Craig Schueller

The following Airmen earned the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal:

Col. John Flournoy
Col. Laura Talbot
Col. Jane Kitchen
Lt. Col. Scott Brickerd
Lt. Col. Stephen Deguire
Lt. Col. Jack Lewis
Lt. Col. James Nowak
Maj. Christopher Brennan
Maj. Patrick Brien
Maj. Jerry Christensen
Maj. Rosemary Cooper
Maj. Paul Knapp
Maj. John Schmidt III
Maj. Gwendolyn Sheppard
Maj. John Smigla
Maj. David Tarter
Capt. Keith Leistikow
CMSgt. Kathleen Swoboda
SMSgt. Terry Butz
SMSgt. Rodolfo Figueroa II
SMSgt. Frederick Froeber
SMSgt. Ernest Logemann
SMSgt. William Rheingans
MSgt. James Balling Jr.
MSgt. Timothy Biermann
MSgt. Derrick Bozeman
MSgt. Timothy Bracker
MSgt. Michael Burzelic
MSgt. Kenneth Campbell
MSgt. Paul Drobnik
MSgt. Ronald Gustafson
MSgt. Ryan Hoffman
MSgt. James Kasprzak

MSgt. Donald Olsen
MSgt. Thomas Rice
MSgt. Thomas Safer
MSgt. Robert Szesny
MSgt. Laurence Wilson
MSgt. Alan Winter
MSgt. Gene Woller
TSgt. Rene Arriazola
TSgt. William Ehlers
TSgt. Angela Gentry
TSgt. Gregory Harper
TSgt. Eugene Kangas
TSgt. Robert Lewis
TSgt. James Litscher
TSgt. Paul Miller
TSgt. Vincent Niemczyk
TSgt. Derek Thompson
TSgt. Donald Watson
SSgt. Eric Hudson

The following Airmen earned the Air Force Commendation Medal:

Maj. Rosemary Cooper
Maj. Constantinos Kartsonas
Maj. Ann Knabe
Capt. Edward Buck
Capt. Scott Jones
Capt. Timothy Kerrigan
Capt. Jered Mies
Capt. Erik Wichmann
1st Lt. John Hoffman
SMSgt. Lynn Klapste
MSgt. Frank Coddington
MSgt. Robert Leisle
MSgt. Kujtim Sinani
MSgt. Frank Townsend
MSgt. Jeffrey Venus
TSgt. Bryan Bursiek
TSgt. Dave Forchette
TSgt. Gregory Jacob
TSgt. Joann King

TSgt. Patrick Kuminecz
TSgt. David Livingston
TSgt. Scott Mand
TSgt. Michael O'Brien
TSgt. Ivan Pelaez
TSgt. Michelle Roy
TSgt. Kurtis Sneide
TSgt. Robert Sommer
TSgt. Carrie Stroessner
SSgt. Nathan Butz
SSgt. Lesley Carhart
SSgt. Danuta Hetrick
SSgt. Andrew Lamia
SSgt. Jonathan Morgan
SSgt. Stephen Pore
SSgt. Dawn Putzke
SSgt. Bruce Sherwood
SSgt. Robert Stanish
SSgt. Dawn Watson
SSgt. Malinda Yates
SSgt. Jason Zeitler
SrA Stephen Nehls
SrA Kyle Umentum

The following Airmen earned the Air Force Achievement Medal:

MSgt. Vincent Leto
TSgt. Timothy Bensen
TSgt. Darwin Constantine
TSgt. Paul Grabow
TSgt. Keith Kieliszewski
TSgt. Thomas Kondziella
TSgt. Bryan Nowak
TSgt. Robert Oseseck
TSgt. Martin Rueter
SSgt. Brian Christie
SrA Christopher Hibben
SrA James Kamphaus
SrA Jessica Palm

AFRC commander earns ROA Minuteman Hall of Fame award



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

The commander of the Air Force Reserve Command accepted the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award at the Reserve Officers Association national convention June 30 in San Francisco. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley was nominated for the association's highest honor for contributing to "the advancement of ROA programs and objectives," said Navy Capt. Michael P. Smith, immediate past ROA president.

"On behalf of all of the Airmen in the Air Force Reserve, I accept this award," General Bradley told a crowd of more than a thousand officers. He commended servicemembers for sacrificing their personal lives, jobs and families to serve overseas. He compared today's Airmen to veteran's who served in World War II. "No one is making them serve in these situations; they are all volunteers," said the Chief, who recently returned from visiting troops in Iraq and Southwest Asia.

Created in 1958, the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award is conferred annually on a military or civilian citizen to honor a public servant for his or her contribution to national defense. Previous inductees include Presidents Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy, and Generals Colin Powell and Merrill McPeak.

FINAL NOTES



photo by Tech. Sgt. Steve Staedler

Master Sgt. Fred Kusik of the 34th Aerial Port Squadron lowers the U.S. flag during a retreat ceremony on the June UTA while Tech. Sgt. Kevin Sampson of the 440th Mission Support Group prepares to assist and Tech. Sgt. Keith Dodge of the 34th APS salutes. The flag, which will be framed, was the last one to fly in Milwaukee under the 440th Airlift Wing. Reservists remaining at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis., are now assigned to the 440th Airlift Wing, Det. 2, while Reservists assigned to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., now represent the 440th Airlift Wing headquarters.

My Favorite 440th Memory...

"Arriving to work every morning to the sight of the C-130's on the flight line. To me it was awe-inspiring to see their unmistakable silhouettes in the early morning sunrise, parked in formation with props and flaps exactly set.

I must say these planes have definitely left me with an appreciation of just who we are and I am extremely proud to have been part of this great organization. The 440th Airlift Wing has given me a lifetime of great experiences and memories."

**CMSgt Mark G. Maslowski, Superintendent
440th Maintenance Operations Flight.**

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