Pope Field, NC *440th Airlift Wing* *3-4 March 2012*

Combat Airlifters,
I want to thank each of you for your dedication and patriotism and via this newsletter communicate with each of you on a more personal and regular basis.

Welcome to our first electronic Combat Airlifter Newsletter! I believe it's very important to stay in contact with every Airman in the 440th AW on at least a monthly basis and maintain a consistent cross flow of information. The newsletter will also be available in hardcopy in each of your units. We will also publish an Combat Airlifter Annual hardcopy.
This letter is a work in progress, so please feel free to share your thoughts and recommend additions in areas you would like to see highlighted.

I want to start by addressing our Top Aimpoints for 2012. I developed these to help guide our daily actions and continue to address the challenges we will encounter as the 440th Airlift Wing navigates our post-BRAC role as the lead Air Force Wing for Pope Field and the model Total Force Reserve Wing in AFRC. In short, By taking care of our people we will continue to accomplish the mission better than anyone else.

As Reserve Airmen, our number one goal is to be prepared to deploy, anytime, anywhere to support missions around the globe. Every day we prove we are a capable force and are contributing to the fight with at least two of our C-130Hs and their associated crews deployed to the area of operations 365 days a year. In addition to regular deployments, we need to attack our home-station training with just as much enthusiasm. There are a number of upcoming training events leading up to our compliance inspection.

These events, including the compliance inspection, help ensure our folks are well-trained and ready to answer our nation's call. I encourage everyone to work hard to ensure full support of these training events and properly prepare for the inspection.

Our mission is indeed very important but can't be accomplished without each of you! That's why taking care of our people will always be at the top of my list.

This includes everything from professional development, physical and mental fitness, to taking care of the family. Having been a traditional Reservist most of my career, I know how challenging it can be to balance the 'Reserve triad' three-legged-stool of military career, civilian career and family. Without balance in all three we cannot sustain our force. Between supervisor support and programs like Yellow Ribbon, Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, and our chaplain corps to name a few, we are well-equipped to take care of our Airmen and we all need to ensure it remains a top priority for our Wing.

By taking care of people and excellence in all aspects of our mission we will continue to lead the Reserve Command as a model total force Wing, maximizing efficiencies and partnerships where we can. In a time of fiscal constraints, we are leading the Reserve Command as a model total force Reserve Wing with our Active associate squadrons. Total force means Active and Reserve components working together, sharing planes and other resources. There is no other unit like ours (Reserve Wing that owns the aircraft with Active duty associated squadrons that fly, train and maintain the Reserve aircraft..all on an Army installation.) Wings like ours are the way of the future and people are looking to us to see how we get our mission accomplished.

We are busy this drill weekend! We will focus on safety during Wingman Day activities, including a mandatory Commander's Call so I can talk to you all about the importance of safety and resiliency. This is a hot topic at the highest levels and direction for the event comes directly from the Air Force Reserve Commander, Lieutenant General Stenner. For more info on that see page 6.

I highly encourage everyone to take a minute to go out to the VFW and welcome home our recently deployed Airmen and their families. On Saturday, 3 March we will welcome home deployers with a social hosted by our friends from the VFW Post 9103. While you're there, you can relax a bit and connect with reservists you may only see once a month. Looking forward to seeing you there!

I am extremely proud of you for all the amazing things you do to keep the 440th Airlift Wing the best.

Continue to focus on improving our processes and finding efficiencies within our own unit as well as with both our Air Force and Army partners on the installation. I am consistently impressed by the level of dedication, professionalism and expertise demonstrated by our Airmen as they find ways to not only succeed, but to exceed all expectations in our unique environment.

It's an honor to serve with you! *ALL THE BEST, BGen Norm Ham*

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2012 Top Aimpoints:

- **Preparation! Ready any time, anywhere**
- **Taking care of people**
- **Lead Reserve Command as model TFI unit**

Web Site: www.pope.afrc.af.mil
Friend the 440th Airlift Wing group on Facebook

— NEWS —

From the Vice

FAMILY DAY: May 5, 2012—Save the date! The Saturday of our May UTA will be our annual Family Day event, complete with picnic and the all new Herk Adventure Tour for the kids. Planning committees are already working the details so stand by for further details as we get closer.

HRDC: The 440 AW Human Resources Development Council, or HRDC, is off to a solid start!

The purpose of the HRDC is to advise the 440 AW Commander on matters relating to human resource development, with the goal of helping to maintain a fully developed, skilled, diversified and fulfilled work force ready to effectively accomplish the Wing's mission. It does this by reviewing any and all human resource issues dealing with both military and civilian personnel and making recommendations for improvements.

THE HRDC NEEDS YOU! Whether or not you wish to be a member of the HRDC, you can have a positive impact on the Wing by submitting your ideas/suggestions either through your unit's HRDC rep or directly to the HRDC. Don't be shy!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the HRDC please let your supervisor know and come make a difference in the lives of your fellow Airmen!

SPOUSES INFO: Members of the 440 AW come from all over the country. One way for members and families to stay connected to their unit and Wing events is through the Internet.

The 440 AW operates both a web page and a Facebook group (440th Airlift Wing). Addresses for both are at the bottom of each page of this newsletter (hint, hint!).

Another great website for members and families is Military OneSource (www.militaryonesource.com). Military OneSource is a virtual extension of the Airmen & Family Readiness Office and provides a wealth of information for military families. OneSource also has an 800 number (800-342-9647).

For those living in the Fayetteville area, check out www.bragg.army.mil. Fort Bragg is our host station and has a wealth of activities for service members and their families.

Chief's Corner

VFW COOKOUT: VFW Post 9103 in Spring Lake is hosting a social for any of our returned deployers on Saturday, 3 March at 1800 hrs. Join me in welcoming back our folks and enjoying some FREE snacks. See you there!

AWARDS: Pope Field hosted the NAF 12 OAY & FSOY Awards Board on Feb. 13-14. Of the four individuals chosen to represent 22nd AF for the next level of competition at AFRC, two are from the 440th AW!!

Please join me in congratulating these two outstanding Airmen!

NCO: SSgt Samuel Hogue (440 SFS)
SNCO: MSgt Aurora Broughman (440 SFS)

OPERATION FIT: The inaugural event for OP FIT in February was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated!

OP FIT will again be held during the March UTA on the Pope Field Track, at the following times:

Saturday, March 3 from 1545-1700 hrs.
Sunday, March 4 from 0545-0700 hrs.

If you have an unsatisfactory fit test score (even those on a waiver) OR are non-current for Fit to Fight and are not scheduled to test during the March UTA, you are required to attend one session, along with your supervisor.

Please wear your PT uniform, bring your military ID and a water bottle. See you there!

Free tickets and backstage passes!

Interested in this event? Go on line to the Get One Now website

http://get1now.us

or talk to a recruiter for more info!

— WING HIGHLIGHTS —

Promotions-Check out who's flashing new rank!

Airman Basic to Airman

Amy Flynn, 440 OSS
Brice Miller, 440 SFS
Tadarrin Phronebarger, 440 MDS
Dale Wheatle, 440 LRS
Brittany Williams, 53 APS

Airman to Airman 1st Class
Derrick Boyland, 440 OSS
Ashelica Rivera, 36 AES

Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman

Kaira Osgood, 440 SFS
Sierra Colson, 440 SFS
Timothy Farrar, 440 SFS
Zachary Staniewicz, 440 MXS
Cynthia Ford, 440 SFS
Austin Hanna, 440 MXS
Krystal Alston, 440 LRS
Sarah Cottle, 53 APS

Senior Airman to Staff Sgt.
Amy Wilkerson, 36 AES
Logan Workman, 440 SFS
Jason Oscar, 440 MXS

Staff to Tech. Sgt.

Brandon McKnight, 440 MDS
Jerry Veach, 440 MXS
Michael Duff, 440 MXS
Stacie Tindle, 36 AES

Tech. to Master Sgt.
Joel Rodriguez, 440 AW

Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt.
James Zuehlke, 440 SFS

Senior Master Sgt. to Chief Master Sgt.
Timothy Edwards, 440 MSG

Congratulate these Airmen when you see them!

Newcomers

Welcome the following Airmen to the 440 AW Family

- Maj. Beth Spoon, 36 AES
- Maj. Phillip Miller, 440 MDS
- Capt. Patrick Brown, 36 AES
- Capt. Bennett Reid, 36 AES
- Senior Master Sgt. Juliet Alonso, 440 FSS
- Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Durant, 440 MXS
- Master Sgt. Mark Birchard, 95 AS
- Tech. Sgt. Charles Howard, 440 MDS
- Staff Sgt. Justin Moredock, 36 AES
- Staff Sgt. Anthony Grayson, 440 LRS
- Staff Sgt. Rebecca Edwards, 440 FSS
- Senior Airman Thomas Vasbinder, 440 MXS
- Senior Airman Justin Moll, 440 MXS
- Senior Airman Tyesha Cave, 440 MDS
- Senior Airman Chad Caddell, 53 APS
- Senior Airman Renne Byrd, 440 MXS
- Airman First Class Jean Thompson, 440 MXS
- Airman First Class Frank Moorefield, 440 AMXS
- Airman First Class Laura Helton, 53 APS
- Airman First Class Wayne Chavis, 440 MXS
- Airman Basic Caleb Sides, 53 APS
- Airman Basic Matthew Mofield, 440 MXG

Let these Airmen know you are glad they've joined our team!

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Chaplain

WAR ON STRESS: The war on stress is a daily battle! However, equipped with God's armor, weapons of the spirit, and other essential resources, we are reminded that God is our AFI, our model and example for facing everyday life stressors and challenges. Join our 30 minute Discovery Mission and path to God's promise for comfort and hope at 1200 hours on Wednesdays in the 440th Chaplain's Office in the basement of building 308.

GOD AND FOD: Every Monday the Chapel Team joins maintenance to pick up pieces of FOD along the flight line. As we walk alongside of our Airmen searching for bits and pieces of debris which need to be removed, we are graciously reminded that we are there to help pick up the unwanted debris and FOD from people's lives. We are all here to build community, smooth out the rough edges along the flight lines of our lives, and where there is brokenness, may there be wholeness once again!

FLIGHTLINE DELIVERIES: A volunteer airman, a chaplain, and a chaplain assistant drive on to the flight line…sounds like the beginning of a good joke, doesn't it? However, this is NO joke! Every Tuesday and Thursdays the Chapel Team delivers hot chocolate, water, and an assortment of delicious treats to our maintenance crews in appreciation for all they do on a daily basis. As the team makes several stops at the planes and several buildings along the way, it is a valuable time to build an esprit de corps and offer care, counsel, and ongoing support.

SARC

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING: The Bystander Intervention program is a part of the larger USAF Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.

The Air Force has been implementing sexual assault prevention education since 2005 and BIT since 2010. All Air Force personnel (Active and Reserve) and civilians that supervise military are required to complete Bystander Intervention training by Jun 2012.

Course schedule is currently listed on the SARC EIM page https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/440aw/440_WSA/440AW_CVK/default.aspx

Personnel are able to sign up for a class by clicking on the class date/time. All training classes are held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For questions regarding BIT, please contact Major Tyeshia King at tyeshia.king@us.af.mil.

Upcoming Events

Are you looking for ways to volunteer to help out with these events? Contact Maj. Reaver to get involved!

- ***3 Mar– VFW cookout after Sat UTA!!***
  - Contact Senior Master Sgt. Poole for more info
- ***10/11 Mar—ASYMCA Mother/Daughter tea and fashion show***
  - Contact ASYMCA at 436-0500 for more info
- ***17 Mar—ESGR banquet in Greensboro***
  - Contact Maj. Reaver at 394-5455 for more info
- ***26 Apr—ASAC Golf Tourney***
  - Contact Maj. Reaver at 394-5455 for more info
- ***26 Apr—Fayetteville Liberty Ladies Night***
  - Contact Maj. Franks at 394-3989 for more info
- ***27 Apr—Warriors on the water fishing***
  - Contact Maj. Reaver at 394-5455 for more info

AIR FORCE ASSITANCE FUND: Tech. Sgt. Jeff Preece (Chaplain's Assitant) is the Point of Contact for this program and has the forms required if you would like to donate to this worthy cause!

He will be available during lunch on Saturday at the DFAC. Sunday you can find him at the Commander's Calls at the Pope theater. This program is voluntary, but even a small donation will aide our Air Force members.

AIR FORCE BALL: Sept. 8, SAVE THE DATE! The committees and planning for the 2012 Air Force Ball is underway! The committees are picking the theme soon and are looking for any 440th AW member who would like to help in the planning process.

Great opportunity for an NCO or CGO who would like volunteer!!

The next meeting is 1 March, 1000 at Bldg 900. POC is First Lt. Rob Walsh, 43 LRS.

Force Development

ATTENTION ALL STAFF– AND TECH. SGTs: Would you like to improve your first line supervisory skills and earn management college credits at the same time?

Sign up for the NCO Leadership and Development Course (NCOLDC) being held here at Pope Field June 4-8 and 11-15 . (Must attend both weeks.)

Deadline to sign up is May 10, 2012.

See your unit training manager or First Sergeants for details. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt .Cheryl Somann at 394-4024.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

VFW Post 9103 invites YOU to a welcome home social for returned deployers!

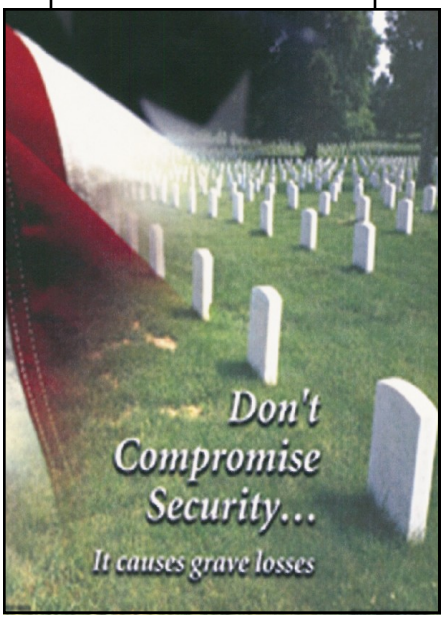
Come out to say welcome home to your wingmen and enjoy some free sancks!

When: Saturday, 3 Mar, 1800

Where: VFW Post 9103, Spring Lake

More info: Senior Master Sgt. Poole at Robert. Poole.3@us.af.mil

OPSEC REMINDER:



AIR FORCE RESERVE
WINGMAN PROJECT

SUNDAY, Mar. 4, Pope Theater

MANDATORY FORMATIONS

07:30-Operation and Maintenance Groups

08:45-Mission Support Group, Medical and Wing Staff

Check out the Wingman Day folder on the shared drive under AW/SE/Wingman Day/2012 CONOPS for more info on the Wingman Day program and activities!

Contact information

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency SFS: 910-394-2800/2808
Chaplain: 910-394-5465
Safety: 394-8387/8387
Military Equal Opportunity:
IG: 394-1798
ALRS/UTA lodging: 910-394-1291
Comm. Help Desk: 910-394-2666
Services Customer Support: 910-394-2216
Military Pay: 910-394-1600/1909/1409/1332
Travel Vouchers: 910-394-1412
MPF Customer Service: 910-394-4337/4439
Patriot Pope/Airlift Support: 910-394-7152/6152
Carolina Inn Lodging: 910-394-4131
Wing Public Affairs: 910-394-5455/2619
Fitness Questions: 910-394-2538
Pope Operator: 910-394-1110
Command Post: 910-394-9000

Kitty Hawk Dining Facility hours

Breakfast	5:30-8 a.m.
Lunch	10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner	4:30-7 p.m.
Midnight Meal	11 p.m.-1 a.m.

For more information, call the DFAC at 552-3114.

Pope Fitness center hours

Monday-Friday	5a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	7 a.m.– 3 p.m.

For more information, call 394-2671.

FLIGHTLINE MINISTRY

OPERATION FIT