

# COMBAT AIRLIFTER

Pope Field

440th Airlift Wing

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## Combat Airlifters,

As Memorial Day passes we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed to secure the liberties and freedoms we enjoy. To commemorate the day, the Air Force Sergeant's Association hosted a Memorial Day ceremony at Pope Field Thursday, May 24, at the Air Park. It was a solemn occasion with more representatives present from all five Air Force Major Commands represented while laying wreaths to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Below are some photos from that event. If you have a chance while you are here for drill, I encourage you to walk to the airpark to view the wreaths and take time to remember those who have trained on these very grounds and paid for our nation's freedom with their lives.

We are still deploying folks every month to areas of interest around the globe. I would like to remind those who have deployed members in your shops to remember their families while they are away. We should have Wingmen checking on the deployed members as well as their families left behind. There are a multitude of resources available to those who are seeking assistance. The Chaplains are always available and there are Military Life Consultants at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center willing to assist anyone that needs help. If it's a challenge to come in to the installation, Military One Source is a great on-line avenue to getting help in a number of areas. We should all be looking out for one another and encourage folks to get help.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is an excellent way to ensure deployers know their options before they deploy as well as after they return. This year, the Yellow Ribbon events are held in Orlando, Florida, and everyone that is deploying or has recently returned can attend the event, with their family, free of charge. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon Program for Pope Field, talk to Master Sgt. Katie Guinn at 394-3221.

This month we also pay homage to our past in another way. On May 25, in the early morning hours, we launched a C-130 with a blended crew of active and Reserve Airmen that is headed to Normandy, France, and is carrying Army paratroopers and their equipment to participate in the 68th anniversary event commemorating D-Day. Did you know that the 440th's first operational mission was the airdrop of the 101st Airborne Division paratroopers over Normandy from 45 C-47s in the early morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944?

We cannot forget the looming Compliance Inspection, though. It seems to be all we ever talk about, but that is because it is very important! The CI will be the report card for the Wing on how well we are managing our processes and accomplishing our mission. We want to ensure our record speaks to what we already know, the Airmen at the 440th are the best around and are doing a bang-up job here at Pope Field!

We are a model Total Force unit and want our record to show the dedication and commitment we have to our mission—to set the DoD standard for joint and total-force partnerships. It's an honor to serve with you. We are Pope!

*ALL THE BEST, Brig.Gen. 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

— NEWS —

Chief's Page



**OPERATION FIT:** You've asked for it & we deliver! During the June UTA, OP FIT will encompass Nutrition & proper diet information. Realizing that the physical portion of OP FIT is only part of a year-round healthy life-

style, we will have two certified experts in diet & nutrition present a class to all folks which require it. The class will be held at the Pope Theater, at the following time (**please note only one session provided during this UTA, so it should be a packed Theater**):

**Sunday, 3 June from 0645-0800 hrs. (Pope Theater)**

If you have an Unsatisfactory Score, are on a waiver, or are Non-Current in F2F and are not scheduled to test during June's UTA, you are required to attend this session, along with your supervisor. Please attend in your **duty uniform** & bring your military ID and note-taking materials. See you there!

**FIT TO FIGHT ASSESSMENTS:**

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's time to adjust the testing times for F2F. The new Summer hours are:

**Saturday & Sunday of Primary UTA, 0700 & 0830 hours (Hercules Fitness Center)**

Please ensure you show up NLT 15 minutes prior to your scheduled session in your AF PT Uniform, with your military ID, medical questionnaire, and a water bottle.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The 440 AW Command Chief & Senior Recruiter are seeking a dynamic leader to guide our Development Training Flight.

This flight will be made up of newly assigned 440 AW personnel awaiting basic training or a tech school date. The following are some prerequisites for any potential candidates:

- Sharp Staff Sgt. or higher
- Physical Training Leader qualified or eligible
- Not in skill-level upgrade training
- Recommendation from First Sergeant & Commander
- Permission from Unit Commander to be temporarily released to DTF
- Self-starter, organized, thorough, and motivated
- Ability to immediately start on AFRC-funded tour orders full-time for 180 days (**local area only as no billeting or per diem is funded**)

Potential candidate will work directly for the 440 AW Command Chief. If interested, please e-mail me with a resume, last (3) evaluations and/or letters of recommendation to [Jeffrey.roeder@us.af.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.roeder@us.af.mil)

**Finance Tips**

**Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Recertification**

The Reserve Pay Office (RPO) will initiate BAH Recertification in June for members who arrived on station during CY2009. Squadrons have received a list of who must complete an AF form 594 (Authorization to Start, Stop, or Change Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) or Dependency Redetermination) to recertify their dependency status. The form is used to determine the appropriate BAH rate a member receives when on orders of 30 days or more. Members not recertifying within 60 days face BAH status converting to "without dependents." There is no back-pay period for members whose BAH has been suspended. BAH will continue once BAH is properly recertified.

When there is no change, members only need to complete an AF Form 594. The RPO reviews 594s against the members' Master Military Pay Accounts (MMPA). When there is a change to dependency status, supporting documentation is required. Changes requiring supporting documentation include: New Marriage, Divorce w/custody, Legal Separation, and Legal Separation w/custody

Members shouldn't wait until directed to make changes. Members having a change in dependency status must contact their RPO immediately for assistance, to prevent possible overpayment and subsequent collection of BAH entitlements.

Members also recertify when reporting to a new duty station. Unless there are changes, the only document required is the completed AF Form 594. Please contact Mr Mike Goss (394-1409) or Ms Connie Baker (394-1600) for questions.



REMEMBER OPSEC

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

### Spouses Corner

#### Resources for you

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies offers the Operation: Military Child Care program. Families/legal guardians of the children of National Guard & Reserve members who are currently activated/deployed are eligible for the OMCC program. NACCRRRA helps by assisting with locating licensed child care options in communities and providing a fee subsidy. Families are eligible to participate during the period of the Airmen's deployment and for 60 days after returning home. In addition, a child care subsidy can be provided for 60 days while a non-military spouse is looking for work. More information can be found at <http://www.naccrra.org>



#### Military family support websites

The Department of Defense and every branch of military service provide online information for military families, including those in the Guard and Reserve. These websites will inform you about services, points of contact, links to additional sources of support, and opportunities to learn and interact with other military family members:

\* MilitaryHOMEFRONT at [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)

\* Air Force Community at [www.afcommunity.af.mil](http://www.afcommunity.af.mil)

\* Military Once Source at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

Looking for information regarding TriCare and your eligibility, visit [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) and click on "Which TriCare Plan is for You."

Have you heard about Daddy Dolls Inc. Daddy Dolls was created by two military spouses looking for ways to help make deployment separation easier for their children. They created a pillow doll with a picture of the deployed parent that the children could carry with them where ever they go. Check out their website [www.hugahero.com](http://www.hugahero.com).

Daddy Dolls Inc. also started Operation Hug-A-Hero. The mission of Operation Hug-A-Hero® (OHAH) is to help comfort the children of our American Heroes working valiantly in support of our nation's homeland security by providing them with a free Hug-A-Hero® doll. Check out their website [www.operationhugahero.com](http://www.operationhugahero.com)

Don't forget to join our facebook group 440th Airlift Wing. Check us out on the web at [www.440aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.440aw.afrc.af.mil)

### Public Service Announcement:

Since this is the first Leadership Unit Training Assembly, the pre-UTA staff meeting that is normally held in the wing conference room Friday nights will now be at 1300 on Friday, 1 Jun at the 18th ASOG multipurpose room.



### AUDIOGRAMS!

Audiograms are now available at Preventative Medicine on Fort Bragg for all individuals that work on Pope Field, excluding Active Duty. (They should report to Pope Clinic) No appointment is needed, and no medical records are required. They are located at the corner of Hamilton and Randolph in Preventative Medicine, Bldg #2. The entrance faces the field in front of FORSCOM and the telephone number is 643-1973. POC: Capt Scott. Hours are Monday through Friday 0730-1130/Lunch/1230-1530. They do close every 1st and 3rd Wednesday for administrative duties. When the audiogram is done, the individual will need to bring the copy of the audiogram back to 440 MDS to be recorded in PIMR and placed in the medical records. Please remember this!

Supervisors-this service is for new employees working in hazardous noise areas also!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Army and Capt. Scott for helping us out!

For more info, please call Ms. Pat Watson at 394-7931.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

### Are you looking for ways to volunteer?

**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. Point of Contact is First Lt. Rob Walsh, 43 LRS.



### “GET FIT CHALLENGE”



Anyone can join the Mission Support Group's Get-Fit Challenge!! Here How:

- Register for the VA Beach Rock-N-Roll Half Marathon to run (or walk) the race with the MSG Get Fit Challenge and save money on the registration fee
- <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/virginia-beach->  
\*\*Be sure to register under the MSG Get Fit Group!\*\*
- Start training for the half marathon this month and take a picture on your first day of running training....we will take a picture on race day to show how far we've come individually and as a team!
- For details or more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Role at 394-7197 or Col. Grimes

### Professional Development tips from Chief Ferguson, 440 OG

Does the following sound familiar? Sir, Ma'am, Chief, Sgt, Airman...we've got a hot task! We must create a (citation, 1206 package, evaluation, etc) by "unrealistic deadline". We need bullets immediately!

Doesn't matter which role you happen to be in or what the product is, the need for bullets will impact you. No one enjoys hair-on-fire drills. Yet we continue to operate in this mode even when we have tools to mitigate the turmoil.

One common tool for use by every individual is MyDP. Regardless of your role, it provides a common resource; accessible by the appropriate people for the information needed.

#### How to access MyDP

1. Open AF Portal home page <https://www.my.af.mil>
2. Find Top Portal Links: Education/Training/Force Development
3. Click on MyDP (My Development Plan) - (haven't registered yet? it will walk you thru setup)

#### How to Navigate in MyDP (Enlisted)

Right Menu: Displays four items:

1. Alerts: notices of pending journal items, mentee requests
2. My Development plan Tools: Enlisted Career Path, My EPR Bullet Tracker, MyEDP Summary, eRecords and vPSC
3. My Account: Profile, My Journal and Goals, My Folder, My Links, and Mentor Network

Complete the following in MyDP: (\*\*mentors must be registered to selectable) 1-Mentor Network link -> Add Mentors->(Supervisor, 1st Sgt, Sq Super, Grp Super, Unit CC, etc) 2-My EPR Bullet Tracker-> Start a new tracker->Update->"Bullets"->category->add bullet 3-Explore other links in My Account, My Development Plan Tools

Using MyDP will provide a common reference point for individual career path development, mentoring and as a resource for generating products to take care of each other. Updating the bullet tracker, journal entries and goals sections proactively will give you back valuable time. Help yourself and each other reduce the stress levels. Take care of each other more effectively. Work smarter - not harder...use MyDP.

### Contact information

Emergency: 911  
 Non-Emergency SFS: 910-394-2800/2808  
 Chaplain: 910-394-5465  
 Safety: 394-8387/8387  
 Military Equal Opportunity: 394-3961  
 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	5:30-745 a.m.
Lunch	10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Dinner	4:00-7:15 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.

— WING HIGHLIGHTS —

**MAY PROMOTIONS:** Check out who's flashing new rank!

**Airman Basic to Airman**

- Darius Moore, 440 FSS
- William Weldon, 440 FSS
- Caleb Sides, 53 APS
- Steven Perry, 440 MXS
- Kendale Leary, 440 SFS
- Brandon Goldsmith, 440 MXS
- Matthew Carocci, 440 MXS
- Thomas Brown, 440 MXS



**Senior Master Sgt. to Chief Master Sgt.**

Thomas Doyle, 440 SFS



**Airman to Airman 1st Class**

- Wesley Beardsworth, 440 LRS
- Dina Hart, 440 LRS
- Jabarie Nesbitmartin, 440 FSS
- Ashante Owenscarrol, 440 FSS
- Sherrod Long, 440 MXS
- Denise Harrington, 440 FSS
- Joy Darden, 440 FSS
- Triston Cliette, 440 MXS



**Congratulate these Airmen when you see them!**

**Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman**

- Chauness Williams, 36, AES
- Teresa Williams, 440 FSS
- Jean Thompson, 440 MXS
- Oliver Riley, 440 MXS
- Elijah Jones, 440 MXS
- Jashiya Campbell, 440 MXS
- Reginal Batten, 440 MXS
- Joshua Mixon, 440 LRS



**Newcomers**

Welcome the following Airmen to the 440 AW Family

- Capt. Bryan Roach, 440 MDS
- Capt. Stephanie Tillman, 440 MXS
- Capt. David Borden, 53 APS
- Master Sgt. Jerry Brown, 95 AS
- Staff Sgt. Crystal Heath, 440 MDS
- Staff Sgt. Summer Rawls, 440 MXS
- Senior Airman Matthew Krawiec, 440 MXS
- Senior Airman Kimmon Malloy, 440 FSS
- Senior Airman Angel Ortiz, 440 FSS
- Senior Airman Sheila Russo, Det 1
- Airman First Class Scott Robinson, 36 AES
- Airman First Class Kirby Whitley, 440 MXS
- Airman First Class Damien Nelson, 440 MXS
- Airman Sherrod Long, 440 MXS
- Airman Terence Williams, 440 SFS
- Airman Basic Brandon Goldsmith, 440 MXS
- Airman Basic Lindsey Holland, 440 MXS
- Airman Basic Jason Moore, 53 APS

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

**Senior Airman to Staff Sgt.**

- Canvis Dolberry, 440 OSS
- Shaka Thompson, 440 FSS
- Ronald Mitchell, 440 FSS
- Brian Fuller, 440 MXS



**Staff to Tech. Sgt.**

- Timothy Pasquale, 440 MXS
- Kurt Kyder, 440 MXS
- Katy Hurd, 440 MDS



**Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt.**

Erik Wielinga, 440 OSS

