440th Airlift Wing

Combat Airlifter

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Commander's message

What's your plan? I'm sure you've all heard that before. What's your backup plan? We've all heard that one too. For those who have filled out their Reserve Developmental Plan, you've probably put some thought into your one, three and five year plan, but have you thought much about your backup plan? As a baseball fan, I like to think of life as a series of curveballs, knucklers and sliders. What is your plan when life throws you one of those off speed pitches?

Over the last two months, many of our lives have been in some degree of turmoil due to the proposal to inactivate the 440th. This proposal has left many asking the question, what should I do? Some already have a plan; some do not. However, the proposed inactivation is just one of the many curveballs we will encounter in our lives. As you plan for your long-term future, I want you all to know there are a number of resources out there to help you achieve your life goals.

The Wing Education and Training office can provide you with information on any number of education opportunities, not just Air Force schools, but a myriad of college programs and professional development courses. Just last week the Maintenance Group sponsored two sessions on Effective Problem Solving and Root Cause Analysis. The week before that, they sponsored classes on Managing Emotions & Thriving Under Pressure and Conflict Resolution. (Many thanks to Col Johnson, Chief Doyle and the Maintenance Training folks for sponsoring these valuable training sessions.)

We are also in the process of scheduling future training sessions on Communicating through Four Lenses and Lean Six Sigma. If you are interested in these or other training classes, please contact the Education and Training Office, Lt. Col. Bakogiannis in the Wing Plans and Program Office or Chief Doyle in the Maintenance Group.

Another resource available to all Airmen is the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) at the Fort Bragg Soldier Support Center. ACAP is available to all Airmen and provides a wide range of transition programs and training opportunities. These training opportunities include Criminal Justice programs, Information Technology programs, Certified Nurse-Midwife programs and commercial driving programs, just to name a few. Virtually all of these programs are available at a reduced cost and, in many cases, absolutely no cost to service members. For more information, visit the Fort Bragg ACAP website at http://www.bragg.army.mil/directorates/HR/personnel/Pages/acap.aspx, or their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Bragg-Army-Career-and-Alumni-Program-ACAP/169772479790658.

The Wing Transition Team will have a transition website up running in the very near future. When they do, it will include detailed information and web links to these and many other personal and professional development programs.

We are all concerned about the future of the 440th, but this isn't about the proposed inactivation; it's about those off speed pitches life throws at you. There are ton of resources out there to help you prepare for those curve balls, knucklers and sliders. Find those resources, take advantage of them and be prepared. Nunquam Non Paratus.

With great respect,
Brig. Gen. Jim Scanlan

UTA Schedule

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OPR
	SATURDAY		
0630-0700	SIGN IN AS DIRECTED (Core hours 0700-1600)	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
0700-0800	MXG Commanders Call	Wash Rack	
0700-0800	MDS Prep for physicals		
0730-0900	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	Unit Health Monitors
0800-0930	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0800-1000	Newcomers Orientation		
0800-1000	FSS Service	Bldg 306	
0800-1000	ID Cards	Bldg 285	
0800-1600	CATM AFQC		
0800-1300	Physicals (by Appt):	Bldg 399	Unit Health Monitors
0830-1000	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0900-1200	RAB Office Hours	Bldg 378, Rm 13D	
1000-1100	CMSgt Ferch Retirement	Bldg 753	
1000-1200	MFLC	A&FRC	
1100-1600	**Wing Picnic**	**Woodland Park**	
1200-1400	MFLC	Picnic - Woodland Park	
1300-1500	JAG Services	Bldg 306	
1300-1530	FM Mil Pay & Travel Service		
1600-1630	SIGN OUT AS DIRECTED	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors

	SUNDAY		
0630-0700	SIGN IN AS DIRECTED (Core hours 0700-1600)	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
0700-0800	MDS Commanders Call		
0700-1500	Force Support Squadron Services	Bldg 306	
0700-1500	ID Cards	Bldg 285	
0715-0845	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0745-0915	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0800-1100	CDC/PME testing	Bldg 306, 1st Floor	
0800-1430	Veterans Benefits Briefing	A&FRC	
0800-1600	CATM AFQC		
0815-0945	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0830-1200	MDS follow-up appts & shots		
0830-1230	Mask fit testing	Bldg 513	SSgt Geigher
0845-1015	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
0900-1000	Airman's Council	Bldg 306, Conf. Rom	
0900-1200	Financial Management Open (military pay & travel)	Bldg 315	
0900-1200	RAB Office Hours	Bldg 378, Rm 13D	
0930-1030	Supply CBRNE		
1000-1130	Chief's Group	Bldg 306	
1200-1500	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 306, 1st Flr	
1300-1400	Lodging POCs	Bldg 306	
1300-1400	CGOCMeeting	Woodland Park	
1300-1500	Pre-seperation breifing	Bldg 753	
1300-1530	Financial Management Open	Bldg 315	
1300-1530	MDS In-House Training		
1400-1500	SORTS/ART Brief	Bldg 900 AFOC	
1500-1600	Unit Time with Airmen to close out UTA		
1600	Show time for Patriot Pope Flight	PAX Terminal	
1600-1630	SIGN OUT	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
1700	UTA Airlift Departs	Pope Field	

Command Chief's message

As spring has sprung! We are coping with trees, flowers and grass producing lots of pollen, grass growing and weeds competing for the wonderful sunshine and rain. As well as preparing for spring cleaning, house repairs, planning outdoor events. Now to add another stressor into the mix, how do we process the news about the possible way/s ahead for the 440th and Pope Field? I at times feel like the stress of our lives seem out of control, but we can always control the way we respond to them. Managing stress is in part about taking charge: taking charge of our thoughts, emotions, schedule, our environment and the way we deal with problems. Stress management involves changing the stressful situation when we can, changing our reaction when we can't, taking care of ourselves, and making time for rest and relaxation.

I try and remember the three A's: alter, adapt, or accept.

▪ Alter the situation. If you can't avoid a stressful situation, try to alter it. Be more assertive and deal with problems head on. Instead of bottling up your feelings and increasing your stress, respectfully let others know about your concerns.

▪ Adapt to the stressor. When you can't change the stressor, try changing yourself. Reframe problems or focus on the positive things in your life. If a task has you stressed, always look at the big picture: is this really something worth getting upset about?

▪ Accept the things you can't change. There will always be stressors in life that you can't do anything about. Learn to accept the inevitable rather than rail against a situation and making it even more stressful. Look for the upside in a situation—even the most stressful circumstances can be an opportunity for learning or personal growth.

We can also better cope with the symptoms of stress by strengthening our physical health.

▪ Exercise regularly. Physical activity plays a key role in reducing and preventing the effects of stress. Nothing beats aerobic exercise for releasing pent-up stress and tension.

▪ Eat a healthy diet. Well-nourished bodies are better prepared to cope with stress. Start your day with a healthy breakfast, reduce your caffeine and sugar intake, and cut back on alcohol and nicotine.

▪ Get plenty of sleep. Feeling tired can increase stress by causing you to think irrationally. Keep your cool by getting a good night's sleep.

Inclosing, this all seems so simple and easy enough however, I struggle with this so I know some of you do too. Please know your leadership team is truly interested how you are doing and how you are managing these stressors.

Thanks for all you do!

Chief Rocky Hart

Airman & Family Readiness

Why is my name on the "Pre-Separation/TAP" roster?

Short answer is – because you have served or serving on continuous military orders for 180 + days or more at some point, just prior to and ending after Nov 2012. The VOW to Hire Heroes Act mandates reservist and guardsmen to complete a pre-separation briefing prior to the end of active duty orders to prepare members to return to the civilian workforce. For many reservists who meet the requirement, the set of orders you were on ended months or even years ago. However, the requirement still exists and we are catching up to comply. However, members will be surprised to find out all of the beneficial resources and benefits they did not know about previously.

To alleviate confusion on the process, see the below breakdown of the steps that need to be taken to get your name off the list and in compliance:

1. Attend a Pre-Separation briefing – MSgt Hedman provides this 2-hour informative brief every UTA (see wing schedule for dates/time). The DD Form 2658-1 checklist is completed during the brief. Member documents if he/she meets the following exemptions: employed, enrolled in school, or has previously attended the Department of Labor 5-day workshop. This workshop was titled TAP (Transition Assistance Program) and is now called Goals, Plans, & Success (GPS) workshop.

2. If member meets one of the 3 exemptions: employed, in school, or attend the workshop previously, member has one more brief to complete – the Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits brief; held every UTA weekend from 0800-1500 by a VA counselor (see wing schedule for exact date of brief). This brief is very beneficial to members so that they know ALL of their benefits as a Veteran.

3. If member returned from 180 + days of continuous active duty service and DOES NOT meet the exemptions mentioned above, member is mandated to attend the 5-day Goals, Plans, & Success (GPS) workshop. Member will be placed on 5 days of active duty orders funded by Air Force Reserve Command. We recommend 440 AW members who meet the requirement to combine their UTA with the workshop and attend the workshop on Ft Bragg.

If there are any questions/concerns regarding the above, please contact MSgt Barbara Hedman at Barbara.hedman@us.af.mil, or work @ 910-394-1449 or cell @ 910-549-4097.

Veteran Affairs (VA) Benefits Brief

The VA counselor will be here on Sunday, 4 May to brief reservists on their military benefits. If you attended a Pre-Separation briefing and met the exemptions for not having to attend the 5-day workshop, it is mandatory that you attend the VA Benefits briefing. If you know you meet this requirement, advise your supervisor and attend this briefing. Seats are available for non-mandatory members as well. Brief will be held in classroom #1060 at A&FR from 0800-1430. Counselor recommends members bring a personal laptop or iPad but is not mandatory. Prior to arriving, you must register for your eBenefits account. This can be accomplished from a non-gov't or gov't computer by searching eBenefits or click on the link below: https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/authenticate.do?execution=e2s1

Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC)

The MFLC counselor, Ms. Laurie Gillingham will be on duty from 1000 -1200 on Saturday, 3 May at the A&FR Center and 1200-1400 at the family day picnic. The MFLC provides short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to service members and their families/ significant other. MFLCs are Masters or Ph. D level, licensed clinical counselors. Members are welcome to take advantage of the walk-in option or call ahead to make an appointment, 910-734-5956.

USAJOBS/Resume Training

The Pope CPS will be offering a USAJobs/Resume training class conducted by Ft Bragg.

The primary focus will be on understanding the USAJOBS website and vacancy announcements and preparing a resume. They will provide slides, books, materials, instructors etc. The attendees will be asked to bring their resume and a USAJOBS announcement which they are interested in applying, this step will help ensure that attendees are not totally overwhelmed by the amount of information they will learn. The USAJOBS vacancy announcement is important because they will build and tailor their resume to a specific job announcement.

Another day/time will be scheduled for the instructors to return to be on hand to assist employees. This way they can be available for attendees to return with the resume they worked on and to ask question, seek further guidance, etc. The instructor will be available to provide one-on-one assistance to our employees. Based on their workload a Mon, Wed or Fri morning would be best. As a backup the instructors are also able to set up one-on-one appointments at Ft Bragg. Date and time TBD.

Title: USAJobs/Resume Training Session
Date: 2 May 14
Time: 08-00 - 1200 and 1300 - 1600 (2 sessions- only need to attend one)
Location: 259 Maynard St, Bldg 309, Rm B13 (Basement of 43 AG bldg)

Seating Limited: 25 per session
CPS will send out an E-Invitation for employees to sign up.

POC is Ms. Amanda Stephens at 394-4076

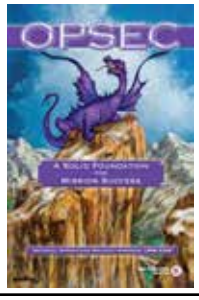
Quarterly Awards

Nominate your deserving Airmen, noncommisioned officers, senior noncommisioned officers, first sergeants, company grade officers, civilians wage employees, civilian program specialists (GS-1 through GS-11), civilian program manager (GS-12 and GS-13) and civilian senior manager (GS-14 and GS-15) for quarterly awards.

The 1st quarter nomination packages are due to the TSgt Alisha Feagin NLT April 8, 2014. Please take the time to recognize the hard work and outstanding accomplishments of your Airmen and civilians.

Award Period	Nomination Package Due
1 JAN-31 MAR (1ST QTR)	APR - 1st Tue after UTA
1 APR-30 JUN (2ND QTR)	JUL - 1st Tue after UTA
1 JUL -30 SEP (3RD QTR)	OCT - 1st Tue after UTA
1 OCT-30 DEC (4TH QTR)	JAN - 1st Tue after UTA

Selections will be made the UTA after nomination packages are due.



Top 3 Council

The 440 AW Top 3 Council meeting for May has been canceled. With the Family Day Picnic on Saturday and the Mike to Mike Marathon on Sunday, we don't want to take away from your office duties for an additional hour. The next meeting will be on June 8, 1130-1230 in the OG/AES training classroom (Bldg 730/Rm 160).

Top 3 Council Executive Officers

Deserving Airmen Program

The 440 AW is having the Deserving Airmen Commissioning Program (DACP)Board during the July 2014 UTA. The program is designed to commission deserving Airmen to fulfill valid, non-rated, line officer unit vacant positions. Package Checklists may be picked up at 440 FSS/FSMPD.

All packages are due to 440FSS/FSMPD (Career Development) NLT June 1, 2014.
College transcripts must be received by the 440 FSS/FSMPD NLT June 20, 2014.
Official AFOQT scores must be added to the completed package NLT July 9, 2014.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

POC: MSgt Nunez 910-394-4480; Maureen.Nunez@us.af.mil

Exec Tip of the Month

When submitting a decoration for an extended tour, remember that the timeframe must cover at least three years. Also ensure you submit all evaluations that are covered during the award period and a current, passing pt score in vPC-GR.

Things to remember when writing the decoration:
- numbers "zero" thru "nine" should be written out
- no acronyms or symbols should be in citation (% and $ are acceptable)
- must be written in past tense
- use 10 or 12 pt font
- MSM & AFCM: 14 lines max
- AFAM: 11 or 12 lines max

Contact the command section at 394-5440 for any specific questions or reference AFI 36-2803_AFRC_I, The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program.

100% BAH Validation

BAH Validation is required for all reserve military members claiming dependents to include military married to military. To facilitate this goal, the Reserve Pay Office will visit your organization according to the schedule below ~ centralized location will be determined by the unit. We highly encourage ARTs and TRs who hold a civilian position to visit us during customer service hours during the week. Reservists may visit us during UTA customer service hours if the unit visits conflict with other training requirements.

Required documents must include a completed AF Form 594, **ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED (with raised seal)** marriage license and/or birth certificate; divorce decree stipulating custody/child support ~ proof of dependency claim. Individuals not completing their BAH validation by 30 Sep 14, will be changed to single with no dependents with no retro-pay. If you have any questions, please contact us at 394-1409/1332/1909/1600.

7 June UTA, 0730 - 1100: 36 AES/95 ALS/OPS Group
7 June UTA, 1300 – 1430: 36 AES/95 ALS/OPS Group
8 June UTA, 0730 – 0900: MDS

12 July UTA, 0730 – 1100: 440 MS Group and Wing Staff Agencies
12 July UTA, 1300 – 1430: 53 APS/440 LRS

9 Aug UTA, 0730 – 1100: 440 MX Group
9 Aug UTA, 1300 – 1430: 440 MX Group

Airman's Advisory Council

Our next AAC meeting will be held Sunday, May 4 from 0900-1000, Building 308, Basement Room #009. This UTA's topic will focus on our Morale/Membership Committee and what we can contribute for upcoming events.

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SrA Kiana Parker, Vice President
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Non-Emergency SFS: 910-394-2800/2808
Chaplain: 910-394-5458
Safety: 910-394-8387
Military Equal Opportunity: 910-394-3961
IG: 910-394-1798
ALRS/UTA lodging: 910-394-1291
ESD: 910-396-4444, DSN: 945-2900
Services Customer Support: 910-394-1056/1574
Military Pay: 910-394-1600/1909/1409/1332
Travel Vouchers: 910-394-1412
MPF Customer Service: 910-394-4480/4447/4477
Patriot Pope/Airlift Support: 910-394-7152/6152
IHG Army Hotels: 910-396-7700
Wing Public Affairs: 910-394-5533
Fitness Questions: 910-394-4287
Command Post: 910-394-9000

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.

SARC News

There are many ways that you can help a friend or family member who has been a victim of sexual assault:

- Listen. Be there. Don't be judgmental.
- Be patient. Remember, it will take some time to deal with the crime.
- Help to empower them. Sexual assault is a crime that takes away an individual's power; it is important not to compound this experience by putting pressure on them to do things that he or she is not ready to do yet.
- Let them know that support is available through the SARC, DoD Safe Helpline, Victim Advocate and local Rape Crisis Center.

Ms Karen Smith, SARC/Behavioral Health Specialist: 910 394-4551/7272 Capt Elenah Kelly, SAPR Victim Advocate: 910 394-1452

Take care of yourself and others - Visit AFRC.WingmanToolkit.org today!

Company Grade Officer Council

CGOs, please join us for the next CGOC meeting on 3 May at 1300 @ the wing picnic. We will have a quick meeting to discuss future social events and upcoming elections.

If you have any questions please contact Capt Joya Gamara or Capt Elenah Kelly. Hope to see you there!

Yellow Ribbon

The Yellow Ribbon (YR) Program promotes the well-being of reservists and their families by connecting them with resources before and after deployments. It began in 2008 following a congressional mandate for the Department of Defense to assist reservists and National Guard members in maintaining resiliency as they transition between their military and civilian roles. Each year, the Air Force Reserve program trains 7,000 reservists and family members in education benefits, health care, retirement information and more.

The next YR event will be held 16-18 May in Washington DC.

Can't attend an event but would love some resources? The US Small Business Administration (SBA) offers many helpful resources to service members who want to start and grow a small business. For reserve members that have 180+ days of active duty, SBA offers "Boots to Business: Introduction to Entrepreneurship." It is a two day course that offers participants a more extensive opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship through interactive, classroom-based training.

To find a SBA resource partner in your area, visit:
www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance
For more info regarding the Boots to Business program, visit:
www.sba.gov/bootstobusiness

For more info on YR resources or eligibility please contact your YR rep: Capt Joya Gamara at yellow.ribbon.pope@us.af.mil or DSN 424-2388.

Force Development

The purpose of the Air Force Air Frame and Power Plant (A&P) Certification Program is to provide aircraft maintenance technicians the opportunity and resources to obtain professional certification through an FAA approved program that leads to FAA eligibility and certification. It also assists career enhancement and professional development, resulting in a more well-rounded and diverse aircraft maintenance technician benefiting the individual and the Air Force.

To be eligible, you must have your 5-Level and be in one of the following AFSCs: 2A0X1, 2A090, 2A3X3, 2A3X4, 2A3X5, 2A390, 2A300, 2A5X1, 2A5X2, 2A5X3, 2A590, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A690, 2A691, 2A600 (EXCEPT AGE), 2A7X1, 2A7X2, 2A7X3, 2A7X5 AND 2A790.

The A&P Program is a 4-tier training/experience program. 1. On-The-Job Training (OJT). 2. Completion of 3 Air University Online A&P Specialized Courses. 3. Documented evidence of 30 months practical experience in the airframe and powerplant systems 4. Four years Time in Service.

Enrollment is done on-line through CCAF at https://ccaf.maxwell.af.mil/faa/index.asp . Please see the Education Office for a brochure for further guidance.

POC is SMSgt Cheryl Somann, 394-4024.

Drug Demand Reduction

As of March 2014, until otherwise notified, the new location for members to report for drug testing will be the Troop and Family Medical Clinic (Knox Clinic); the address is 2864 Woodruff Street. Directions to this clinic can be obtained from your First Sergeant.

Airmen are required to update their medical records with any new prescriptions for anything they may receive while not on duty. You do NOT need an appointment to make this update; just bring the prescription bottle or a copy of the prescription as soon as possible to Bldg 399 for medical staff to update the record. For DDR purposes, this pertains to meds pre or post surgery or other procedures requiring any pain meds. If a member is selected for drug testing and tests positive, a current prescriptions is a mandatory requirement for the medical record.

If you have any questions regarding this policy ask your First sergeant or DDR at (910)394-3994 during the UTA.

During the month, members may call Chief Chesley at 910-394-1650 with any questions about your prescription(s). If members are considering taking OTC products, or nutritional supplements always read the label for the ingredients.

Promotions

Airman Basic to Airman

Traven Z. Forston, 440 FSS
Carlos J. Jones, 53 APS
Monica A. Sealey, 53 APS

Airman to Airman 1st Class

Dalvin Harrison, 440 OSS
Kou Christopher Lo, 53 APS
Lexus S. Smith, 440 OSS

Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman

Howard M. Borchert, 95 AS
Michael T. Jennings, 53 APS
Matthew L. Laws, 440 MDS
Julie D. O'Neil, 440 LRS
Zinia R. Thomas, 53 APS
Justin D. Turbeville, 53 APS

Senior Airman to Staff Sgt.

James C. Price, 440 MXS
Everette J. Robinson, 440 AMXS
Joseph M. Tomlin Jr., 440 LRS
Thomas P. Vasbinder, 440 MXS

Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt.

Justin Benz, 440 SFS
Richard A. Bugbee, 440 FSS
Erin E. Duke, 440 MXS
Maria T. Gonzalez, 440 AW
Jackie A. Hammond, 440 SFS
Andrew P. Maldonado, 440 MXS
Logan M. Workman, 440 SFS

Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt.

Michael Murdock, 440 SFS
Richard A. Palocsik, 440 MXS
Edward D. Wilkerson, 53 APS

Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt.

Trevor Dettmer, 440 SFS

Congratulate these Airmen when you see them!

Newcomers

The 440th Airlift Wing welcomes the following Airmen to the family!

1st Lt. Allen C. Nicolosi, 36 AES
Master Sgt. Joann N. Colon, 440 AW
Tech, Sgt. John J. Wilson, 440 FSS
Staff Sgt. Justin N. Baker, 440 MXS
Staff Sgt. Samuel M. Ngata, 53 APS
Staff Sgt. Cindy N. Pezely, 95 AS
Senior Airman Carla A. Beltran, 440 MDS
Senior Airman Krashonda Benbow, 440 LRS
Senior Airman Danielle L. Burns, 440 MDS
Senior Airman Robert A. Eriksen, 440 MXS
Airman Kristin B. Kurtz, 440 AW
Ariman Derrick J. Tanner, 440 MDS
Airman Basic Khali J. Bredell, 440 SFS
Airman Basic Antonio L. Hairston, 440 SFS
Airman Basic Shakera F. Johnson, 440 SFS
Airman Basic Raekwon E. Rice, 440 SFS
Airman Basic Zachary T. Whisnant, 440 AMXS

Let these Airmen know you are glad they have joined our team.

Harnett County department head leadership training at Pope Army Airfield

by Brian Haney

POPE FIELD, N.C. - Harnett County department heads took part in a leadership training event last week at Pope Army Airfield at Fort Bragg. During the event, which was hosted by the 440th Airlift Wing, department heads toured the airfield and saw first-hand what it takes to make sure the men and women in the U.S. Air Force receive the best training and preparation possible to keep our nation safe. During the event, department heads toured a C-130H, witnessing the aircraft's capabilities with a pilot and two loadmasters. They also toured facilities including the Combat Control School, Security Forces and the Prop Shop, where engineers design and construct propellers for military aircraft.

Harnett County Manager Tommy Burns explained how, just as the many different parts of the Air Force at Pope work together as a whole to ensure the readiness of U.S. Air Force, the county's departments work in similar fashion to provide the best service possible to the county's residents.

The Leadership Training event also coincided with the Harnett County Board of Commissioners' approval of a resolution opposing the proposed elimination of 440th Airlift Wing, stationed at Fort Bragg, as part of the Air Force's 2015 budget proposal. The proposed budget would decommission the 440th Airlift Wing and remove the C-130H aircraft from Fort Bragg. The 440th provides approximately 23 percent of the training missions for paratroopers at Fort Bragg. The removal of the C-130H would leave Fort Bragg without permanent aircraft and would diminish the future mission readiness of the 440th. It would also impact some 1,600 jobs and remove some $77.8 million from the local economy. The resolution was approved unanimously and copies were sent to the county's state and federal elected representatives along with the county's municipal boards, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, Fayetteville City Council and Spring Lake Board of Aldermen.

440th Airlift Wing conducts elephant walk

by Adam Luther

POPE FIELD, N.C. -- The 440th Airlift Wing conducted an eight aircraft elephant walk followed by an airborne operation to demonstrate some of the units capabilities and showcase readiness and training at Pope Field, N.C., April 17.

The total force aircrews consisting of both Active Duty and Reserve Airmen were from the 2nd and 95th Airlift Squadrons. Six of the C-130H aircraft dropped 60 paratroopers from the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psycological Operations Command and Airmen from the 21st Special Tactics Squadron back onto Pope Field. Additionally, 30 21 STS Airmen preformed high altitude, low opening military freefall jumps to comclude the days events.

The other two aircraft containing aeromedical evacuation crews split off from the rest of the group to conduct medical evacuation training.

"It was a testament to the men and women fo the 440th," said Lt. Col. Jerry Wood, 95th Airlift Squadron commander. "It took a team effort from support functions, maintenace and operations; with all the variables and moving parts coming together in immaculate execution!"

440th Airlift Wing Family Day

Passport to Adventure

0900 - 1100hrs, Saturday, May 3 at bldg 715 (Prop shop)

&

Family Picnic

1100 - 1600hrs, Saturday, May 3 at Woodland Park

Bring your family out for the fun!
FREE food and drinks
Prizes
Beer Garden
Squadron challenge tug-o-war
Children's activities and games

Contact your Top 3 Council for more information