

# 440th Airlift Wing Combat Airlifter

March 8-9, 2014



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## Commander's message

As all of you have heard by now, the Air Force and the Department of Defense have proposed to inactivate the 440th Airlift Wing no later than Sep. 30, 2015. This proposal was included in the President's fiscal year 2015 budget request submitted to Congress on March 4th. Before I address what this means for all of us, let me be clear on two major points.



Number one, this proposal has nothing to do with the manning, performance or readiness of the 440th Airlift Wing. There are many factors behind this decision, but our manning, performance and readiness have nothing to do with it. This decision was driven by budgetary constraints. The Air Force is proposing to “divest” of a number of C-130Hs and consolidate all active and reserve C-130Js at active duty locations. The C-130Js scheduled to move from Keesler AFB to Pope Field are now projected to move to Little Rock AFB. The C-130Hs currently assigned to the 440th are projected to move to other Air Force Reserve wings to backfill aircraft which will be retired.

Number two, this proposal is not final until approved by Congress. I have no idea how long it will take for Congress to act on the President's budget request and I cannot predict the final outcome. In the interim, we still have a mission and we still need to maintain our readiness. Going forward, I am going to ask a few things from you and I am going to promise a few things from me.

As the saying goes, I need you to plan for the worst, but hope for the best. First and foremost, remain professional. You should all be proud of the work you do every day and I need you to focus on that work. This will not be easy. This proposal impacts you, it impacts your families, it impacts the community. However, we cannot afford to lose focus and we cannot afford to have anyone get hurt.

The next thing I need you to do is keep an eye on one another. I promise you that if this proposal is approved by Congress, I and your entire wing leadership team will focus every effort on finding positions for each and every member of the 440th. I cannot guarantee these positions will be close to your current home and I cannot guarantee they will be in the current grade. But we will exhaust every effort to ensure all 1526 members of the 440th Airlift Wing find a military and/or civilian position.

For now, maintain your focus, keep an eye on one another and maintain your readiness. We live in an ever changing world. A natural disaster or man-made crisis could materialize tomorrow. If that happens, all bets are off. We must be trained and ready.

My final promise to you is that I will be completely honest and open with you. I will do my very best to answer your questions and address your concerns. We have a wing commander's call on Sunday morning. Bring your questions. I will tell you what I know and what I don't know. No matter what happens in the days and months ahead, you serve in the finest Airlift Wing in the world. Don't let anyone ever tell you different and be proud of what you do in defense of our great Nation.

Thanks for all you do.

With great respect,  
Brig. Gen. Jim Scanlan

# UTA Schedule

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OPR
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
0630-0700	SIGN IN AS DIRECTED (Core hours 0700-1600)	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
0700-0800	MDS Prep for physicals		
0700-1130	Newcomers Orientation		
0730-900	ATSO Rodeo: MXG	Fuel Cell Hangar	
0800-1200	Official Passports	Bldg 285	
0800-1500	VA Briefing	A&FRC	
0800-1600	CATM AFQC		
0800-1600	Physicals (by Appt):	Bldg 399	Unit Health Monitors
0900-1030	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	Unit Health Monitors
0900-1030	ATSO Rodeo: OG	Fuel Cell Hangar	
0900-1200	RAB Office Hours	Bldg 378, Rm 13D	
0930-1100	3S0XX IHT	Bldg 306	
1000-1200	Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 306, Rm 201F	
1000-1130	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1030-1200	ATSO Rodeo: MSG, WSA, MDS	Fuel Cell Hangar	
1100-1230	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1100-1500	MFLC	A&FRC	
1200-1300	Childcare Meeting	Bldg 306, MSG Conf. Rm.	
1200-1300	ART to LRS: DRRS SORTS due to CP		
1300-1400	Lodging POCs	Bldg 306, 3rd Floor	
1300-1400	UDM Meeting	AFOC	
1300-1430	MOBEX Hotwash	Bldg 900	
1300-1430	Course III Drivers	Bldg 900	
1300-1430	UTMs	Bldg 306, Rm 106	
1300-1500	ICC/EOC Exercise	Bldg 900	
1300-1500	JAG Services	Bldg 306	
1300-1530	FM Mil Pay & Travel Service		
1300-1530	FSS Service	Bldg 306	
1300-1530	ID Cards	Bldg 285	
1300-1630	Gas Mask Fit Test	Bldg 513	SrA Geigher
1330-1600	Separation Briefing	A&FRC	
1400-1500	Cardio 101	Hercules Gym	
1500-1630	Key Spouse Training	A&FRC	
1600-1630	SIGN OUT AS DIRECTED	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
0630-0700	SIGN IN AS DIRECTED (Core hours 0700-1600)	UNIT AREAS	Unit UTAP Monitors
0700-0800	MDS Commanders Call		
0730-0830	440 AW Commander's Call: MXG & OG	PAX Shed 3	
0800-1100	CDC/PME testing	Bldg 306, 1st Floor	
0800-1230	MDS follow-up appts & shots		
0800-1500	Veterans Benefits Briefing	A&FRC	
0800-1600	CATM AFQC		
0845-1000	440 AW Commander's Call: MSG, WSA & MDS	PAX Shed 3	
0900-1030	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1000-1100	Supply CBRNE		
1000-1130	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1000-1130	Chief's Group	Bldg 306	
1000-1200	Financial Management Open ( military pay & travel)	Bldg 315	
1000-1200	RAB Office Hours	Bldg 378, Rm 13D	
1000-1230	Mask fit testing	Bldg 513	SrA Geigher
1000-1500	Force Support Squadron Services	Bldg 306	
1000-1500	ID Cards	Bldg 285	
1030-1130	Separation Briefing	A&FRC	
1100-1230	CGOC Meeting	Bldg 730	
1100-1230	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1130-1230	Airman's Council	Bldg 306, Conf. Rom	
1130-1300	HRDC Meeting	Bldg 306, Rm 009	
1200-1330	Fit to Fight testing	Hercules Gym	
1200-1300	Top 3 Meeting	OG/AES Conf. Rm.	
1200-1500	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 306, 1st Flr	
1300-1400	SORTS/ART Brief	Bldg 900 AFOC	
1300-1400	Lodging POCs	Bldg 306	
1300-1430	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 900	
1300-1530	Financial Management Open	Bldg 315	
1300-1530	MDS In-House Training		
1330-1500	Pre-separation brief: AMXS & 95 AS	A&FRC	
1400-1500	Strength Training 101	Hercules Gym	
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	

# Airman & Family Readiness

## Key Spouse Volunteers

Training for key spouse volunteers will be held on Saturday, 8 March at 1500 in conference room #1053 at A&FR (located next door to the Pope shoppette). Military members, who have stepped up to volunteer, please request early sign out from your respective squadrons. Training will last one hour with light refreshments to follow. Please contact MSgt Barbara Hedman at 394-1449 or barbara.hedman@us.af.mil with any questions/concerns.

## Pre-Separation, TAP, VA Benefits Briefings

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act mandated the requirement of the below briefings as of Nov 2012. To clarify the difference between the three, please read on:

**Pre-Separation brief** - mandatory for members who have completed or currently serving on 180 days or more of continuous active duty in an operational status covered by Title 10 i.e. this pertains to members who served at BMT with tech school, here at Pope, any stateside or overseas location. \*Mandatory\*

**TAP or Transitional Assistance Program** - is a 5 day workshop. Attendees learn about job searches, career decision-making, current occupational and labor market conditions, and resume and cover letter preparation and interviewing techniques. Participants also are provided with an evaluation of their employability relative to the job market and receive information on the most current veterans' benefits. \*Members may be exempt from TAP based on full time civilian employment, attending school, or previously attended workshop\*

**VA Benefits only brief** - mandatory after member completes the Pre-Separation brief and has full time civilian employment and/or attending school. Members who attend the TAP workshop will receive this briefing during the 5 day workshop.

## Veteran Affairs (VA) Benefits Brief

The VA counselor will be here on Saturday, 8 March to brief reservists on their military benefits. Check your military email or contact your first sergeant to confirm if you are on the mandatory list to attend. Seats are available for non-mandatory members as well. Brief will be held in classroom #1060 at A&FR from 0800-1500. Counselor recommends members bring a personal laptop or iPad but is not mandatory. Prior to arriving, you must register for your e-Benefits 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>

## New service offered to 440 AW members!

We are pleased to announce that a Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC) will begin offering counseling services during Saturday UTAs. The MFLC counselor will be available beginning 8 March 1100-1500 at A&FR. The MFLC provides short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to service members and their families/significant other. Members are welcome to take advantage of the walk-in option or call ahead to make an appointment, 910-734-5956.

## Like us on Facebook

Like us on Facebook! You will find useful information regarding benefits, special events, and much more! Search 440 AW Airman and Family Readiness or find us at [www.facebook.com/440AWAirmanandFamilyReadinesscenter](http://www.facebook.com/440AWAirmanandFamilyReadinesscenter)

# Protocol Corner

## Interesting facts about...FLAG BACKGROUND

2.7.1. Sources for flags can be found on the GSA website: [https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advgsa/advantage/main/start\\_page.do](https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advgsa/advantage/main/start_page.do).

2.7.2. Flags that have been flown over the Capitol can be ordered from the honoree's U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative. Ordering procedures are outlined at the following website: <http://www.capitolflags.gov/ordering/>.

2.7.3. Instructions on ordering flags flown over the Pentagon are available through the Pentagon Force Protection Agency at the website: <http://www.pfpa.mil/services/flagpnt.html>.

2.8. Display of Flags. Correct height, positioning, straightening of staffs, and the draping of flags all play an important role in achieving the correct display. AFI 34-1201 provides specific guidelines on the position and manner of display of the U.S. flag. Practical tips for arranging flags for both indoor and outdoor events are outlined below.

2.8.1. Use the same size and type of flag-staff and base within a presentation of flags, unless the U.S. flag is placed at the center of a line of flags; then it must be displayed at a higher level than



other flags in the display. When the U.S. flag is displayed with flags of other nations, flags should be of equal size and height.

2.8.2. Use flags of the same material in a display—do not mix outdoor flags with indoor flags.

2.8.3. Use the same size flag, except for the smaller general officer flag.

2.8.4. Securely fasten to the flag staff to prevent sliding down the staff during the event.

2.8.5. Finals (metal nickel-plated spades) are parallel to the audience with flat side out.

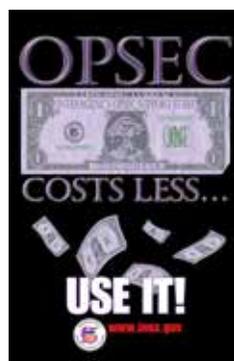
2.8.6. Due to ceiling limitations in most rooms, flag staff height may be an issue. Avoid using 8-foot staffs because a full size flag will be too large and touch the floor.

2.8.7. Flags should be draped from left to right as you look at the flag. Drape all flags the same way so the bottom tips are all in the same location.

2.8.8. It is recommended that another person, knowledgeable of flag protocol, check a flag display to ensure accuracy.

Source: AFPAM34-1202 10 JANUARY 2013, Chapter 2

For protocol questions and/or help contact Ms. Elizabeth Upton at [elizabeth.upton@us.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.upton@us.af.mil)



## Top 3 Council

The next 440 AW Top 3 Council meeting will be Sunday, 9 Mar, 1130-1230 in the OG/AES training classroom (Bldg 730/Rm 160). This is a working lunch and food will be provided by the Top 3!

The third meeting went very well; Chief Dizmond (2AS/MXG) provided an overview of Awards/EPR Bullet Writing and the impact/importance each statement provides the individual(s). While the Council has had a solid turnout, we look forward to growing participation. All SNCOs are invited to attend and participate in the Top 3. Join us as we continue to grow our knowledge and skills, so we can give back to others. The presentation at our next meeting will be Unit Manpower Personnel Record (UMPR). This will be presented by MSgt Johnson (FSS) and is sure to benefit you.

Top 3 Council Executive Officers

## Airman's Advisory Council

Our next AAC meeting will be held Sunday, 9 March from 1030-1130, Building 308, Basement Room #009.

Upcoming Events: Chipotle Mexican Grill Fundraiser on Saturday, 8 March from 1700-2200. 50% of all sales (with a flyer) will go in support of the AAC. Flyers will be distributed during this UTA.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to contact us.

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## Reserve Pay Office - PII

Until further notice, the Reserve Pay Office (RPO) cannot accept PII in our organizational e-mail box (440 Finance/Org). We are in the process of obtaining authorization for encrypting. This will not slow down your pay. Members are still able to fax (394-2589) with a fax coversheet addressed to the "Reserve Pay Office" including contact information. As always, members can bring the documents to the office between customer service hours, Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1500, closed/appointment only on Wednesdays.

Please contact us at 394-1332/1409/1909/1600 for questions.



## BAH Recertification

The Reserve Pay Office (RPO) will initiate BAH Recertification in March for members who arrived on station during CY2011. Squadrons will receive 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. We've also taken it one step further to notify you, take a look at your March LESes in the remarks section. You'll have a note "\$\$BAH Recertification Required See Your Local RPO\$\$". 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 the AF Form 594s against the members' Master Military Pay Account (MMPA). If there is a discrepancy between your submission and the MMPA, the RPO will notify you with necessary corrective action and suspense. 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 over-payment 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 us at 394-1332/1409/1909/1600.

### **Contact information**

Emergency: 911

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

SAPR Stand Down: April 6 the 440 AW will stand down to address sexual assault prevention and awareness. This is an AF requirement which will replace annual training.

Gen Scanlan will kick the day off with a Commander's Call followed by unit led small group discussions. Each of us are vital to changing the culture where every member is treated with respect and dignity, bystander intervention is encouraged and offenders are held accountable. If you have suggestions/ideas to help promote awareness and communicate a message of change please contact your SAPR POCs listed below.

Live our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault

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](http://AFRC.WingmanToolkit.org) today!



## Company Grade Officer Council

CGOs, please join us for the next CGOC meeting on Sunday, 9 Mar @ 1200 at North Post Starbucks. We will be having an after-action discussion from our very first Combat Dining In and discussing our future plans.

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

## Yellow Ribbon

The Yellow Ribbon 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 event will be held 21-23 March in Addison, Texas. If you think you are eligible and are interested in attending please contact your YR representative, Capt Joya Gamara, at [yellow.ribbon.pope@us.af.mil](mailto:yellow.ribbon.pope@us.af.mil) or at 394-2388 (office) 495-6481 (blackberry).

## Hearing Test Appointment

Hearing tests are now given by appointment only on Fridays. Please call Pat Watson at 394-7931 to schedule an appointment for a hearing test.

All hearing tests are given at 440 MDS, Bldg 399, Rm 119

## Force Development

The Professional Manager Certification is a professional credential awarded by CCAF to formally recognize the individual's advanced level of education and experience in leadership and management, as well as professional accomplishments.

The PMC is primarily designed for Air Force SNCOs. However, all enlisted Airmen who meet all program requirements are eligible. The requirements are: You must have a 7 skill-level or higher, completed ALS, NCOA, and SNCOA or their equivalents, completed 30 semester hours of leadership/management coursework, awarded your CCAF degree, and recommended for certification by your unit commander.

CCAF credit earned by completion of PME is applied towards the 30 semester hour requirement, however, at least 6 semester hours of coursework must be completed from an accredited college.

A sample letter is available at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/certifications.asp>. Nominations can be scanned and emailed to [ccaf.deal@us.af.mil](mailto:ccaf.deal@us.af.mil) or you can mail to: CCAF, Credentialing programs, 100 South Turner Blvd, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL 36114-3011

## We All Make Mistakes

When a mistake is made, how often do you hear the phrase, they should give him the Darwin Award? When I hear that, I want to ask the person if they ever made a mistake or bad decision. The fact is it's extremely rare for anyone to have a day go by without at least one mistake or bad decision being made somewhere. Who hasn't hit their thumb with a hammer or misread an easy test question and answered it wrong?

In the Air Force, mistakes are called human factors. Most mishaps will have at least one human factor while others have multiple. Because we all make mistakes, engineers do their best to alleviate as many as possible, for example machinery is designed with guards to keep body parts out of danger and vehicles are built to save lives in a crash. Yet we still have mishaps so that tells me we need more work on preventing them.

So what can we do to prevent mishaps? A quick risk assessment of the hazards of the task and stay focused on each task. During any activity, do quick self-assessments to catch mistakes or unsafe conditions. If it feels like something is wrong or unsafe, it probably is! We should all be a good Wingman and watch out for each other. Air crewmembers are taught to look out for each other and we should do the same whether at work or at home.

No one is perfect and mistakes will happen! By using good risk management and being an alert Wingman, most mistakes can be corrected before they become a mishap.



## Promotions

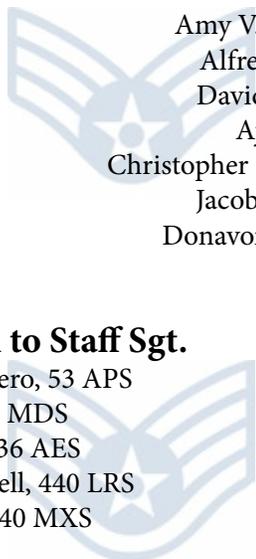
### Airman Basic to Airman

Francheska S. Wulf, 440 MXS



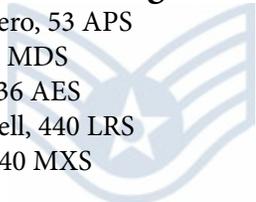
### Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman

Amy V. Cardozo, 440 MDS  
Alfred J. Davis, 440 MXS  
David O. Heard, 440 LRS  
Ajulya J. Irby, 440 SFS  
Christopher D. Kiser, 440 AMXS  
Jacob S. Mazza, 440 MXS  
Donavon O. Shelby, 440 SFS



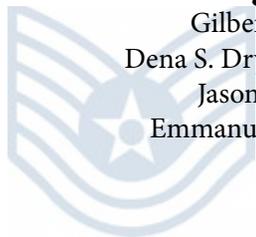
### Senior Airman to Staff Sgt.

Christopher M. Aufiero, 53 APS  
Tyesha E. Cave, 440 MDS  
Rachel N. Kincaid, 36 AES  
William C. McDowell, 440 LRS  
Robert j. Pearson, 440 MXS



### Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt.

Gilbert Candelaria, 95 AS  
Dena S. Dryegoodson, 440 LRS  
Jason I. Millett, 440 MXS  
Emmanuel J. Perez, 440 MXS



### Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt.

James A. Erickson Jr., 440 MXG



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

## Newcomers

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

Capt. Nicole Jones, 53 APS  
1st Lt. George J. Atiee  
2nd Lt. Kristen D. Parham, 36 AES  
Staff Sgt. Travis S. Bramble, 440 AMXS  
Staff Sgt. Sharette N. Gary, 440 SFS  
Senior Airman Ashlee Yun, 440 MXS  
Airman 1st Class Rebekah Furches, 440 MDS  
Airman 1st Class Kyra S. Graham, 440 AMXS  
Airman 1st Class Robert W. Matheus, 440 MDS  
Airman 1st Class Phillip W. Touchton, 440 MXS  
Airman Basic Aaron S. Brown, 440 MXS  
Airman Basic Carlos J. Jones, 53 APS  
Airman Basic Darvin J. Wilson, 440 AMXS

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

**PII**  
reference AFI 33-332

PII is any information about an individual that can be used directly, or in connection with other data to identify, contact or locate that person.

stand-alone data	grouped data
Social Security Number	Driver's license number
Alien registration number	Medical information
Biometric identifier	Citizenship/immigration data
Financial account numbers	Passport number
	Full date of birth
	(with person's name or other unique identifiers)

examples

## **440 AMXS helps lean Tobyhanna Army Depot**

Story by Col. Sharon Johnson

Senior Master Sgt. John Sosko, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Superintendent, has a special relationship with management at the Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa from the years he worked there. This depot has been at the forefront of leaning their processes and making their work more efficient. We are excited about their progress and reached out to them for a benchmark opportunity. This visit revolved around the AN/TRC-176 lean event. This is a mobile SATCOM platform for all services. We were invited back to participate in this event because of the tremendous success of the last visit. Senior Master Sgt. John Sosko, Master Sgt. Stephen Simkonis, Tech. Sgt. Benjamin McIlvain, Staff Sgt. Anthony Queer and Staff Sgt. Dustin Brown made up the group that visited Tobyhanna.

They got the chance to participate in the event, as “outsiders” to give a fresh perspective on their process. The Army Depot has benefited from this incredibly professional group of Airmen who are interested in making a difference and at the same time bringing back the tools and resources to make our processes more efficient. We can all appreciate this as our “white space” is limited and our primary mission of training Reservists seems to get smaller every day.

The group battled the snow storms to get to the depot and then had to make special arrangements to get back home because all the flights were cancelled.



## **Pope Airmen train with Atlas troops to recover aircraft**

Story by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. April Campbell

Fort Bragg, N.C. – 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade troops hosted joint Downed Aircraft Recovery Team and Crash Damaged Disabled Aircraft Recovery training with Airmen from Pope Army Airfield at Simmons Army Airfield, Feb. 24.

DART and CDDAR teams are responsible for recovering aircraft after they crash or become disabled and can no longer fly.

“Training with the Air Force allows us to see the equipment and techniques they use and vice versa,” said Sgt. Zachory McMahon, of the 122nd Aviation Support Battalion.

Soldiers from 122nd ASB and 1-82 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, and Airmen from 440th Maintenance Group and 2nd Airlift Squadron, 43rd Airlift Group, practiced using the Unit Maintenance Aerial Recovery Kit on an AH-64 Apache helicopter.

“This kit is a set of ropes and slings that is used to rig a downed helicopter for recovery,” said 1st Lt. Mike Van Oteghem, 122nd ASB DART platoon leader. “The UMARK can be used with a crane to load a damaged helicopter onto a flatbed truck and it can also be used to rig and aircraft to be slung underneath another helicopter for recovery.”

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dax Rankin, of the 2nd AS, had never worked with an Apache helicopter.

“Joint training expands our range of knowledge and enables us to help Soldiers if they ever need extra manpower for this type of operation,” Rankin said.

While the training focused on using the UMARK on the AH-64, the kit is compatible with all types of helicopters used in the Army.

Learning about the technology of their sister services is not a new endeavor for these service members.

“The 122nd ASB DART and the 440th CDDAR team have worked together in the past to the benefit of both units,” Van Oteghem said. “We continue to support each other through joint training events such as this in order to achieve and maintain the highest level of readiness and to foster a cooperative spirit among the Soldiers and Airmen.”



# ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support the 440th Airlift Wing Airman's Advisory Council.

Just come into Chipotle on Skibo Rd on **Saturday, March 8th**, from **5:00pm to 10:00pm**, and bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the team.



# 440th Airlift Wing Family Day



## Passport to Adventure

0900 - 1100hrs, Saturday, May 3 at building 750

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## 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

Fayetteville Technical Community College  
Department of Performing Arts presents

NOËL COWARD'S

# Blithe Spirit

**MARCH 8 AT 7 PM**

**MARCH 9 AT 2 PM**

**LIVE AT POPE THEATRE  
BLDG# 372, VIRGIN STREET**

*Blithe Spirit is a comic play written by Noël Coward which takes its title from Shelley's poem "To a Skylark." The play concerns the socialite and novelist Charles Condomine who invites (the eccentric medium and clairvoyant) Madame Arcati to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book...and the scheme backfires.*

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