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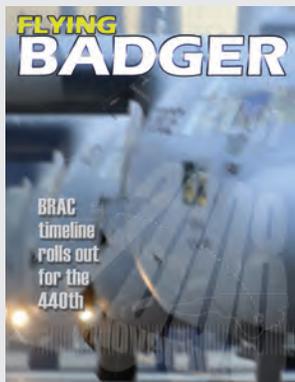
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timeline  
rolls out  
for the  
440th

On the cover...



The long-awaited BRAC timeline is released. Find out when the base is scheduled to close on pages 8-9.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# It's time to mound our BRAC attack

by Col. Tim Ward  
440th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

We've been talking about BRAC for more than a year, but the announcement of our official BRAC timeline abruptly replaced our sense of "business as usual" with a startling dose of BRAC reality. I now dream in BRAC acronyms and see full-color BRAC spreadsheets, but I too felt a rush of surprise after contemplating how close we are to final closure. This is really going to happen..... and soon!

A busy deployed first sergeant, told me something that I will never forget; "the frequency of major life events affecting some unit member in any given period of time is truly staggering." The wing has about 1,300 members and it is easy to think that for many, BRAC is just one more thing to put on top of all the other issues that demand attention. Fortunately, help is available to all wing members and if used correctly, it should help us get through these trying times.

### BRAC Buddy

I know how I felt when I had to enter the mandatory "Wingman" program while deployed to Europe, so I think I can guess what most people think about the BRAC Buddy program. As I was getting my "Wingman" briefing and "Wingman" ID card, I was

focused more on the excitement of my deployed job, the support of my family and the security I felt knowing that this deployment will be done in only 120 days... and counting. While I was coping well with my deployment, a young Austrian soldier took his own life. He was one week into his deployment, only six hours from his home and 100 meters

from my office. Spend a little time with those outside your circle of friends and ask some questions. Sometimes, we make connections to help others. This program can be the single greatest resource in supporting your fellow unit members.

### Online Resources

I am amazed by the amount of support for military members on-line. It is important to know what is available as well as what resources people can offer to a struggling friend or co-worker. One source that I found, [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com),

provides immediate help by phone from trained, certified professionals for a broad array of issues. Through *Military One Source* people can obtain up to six free counseling sessions (per situation) with a professional in the caller's area. This resource is completely confidential, comprehensive, and free. The only statistic reported

is the number of website hits per base.... which I found interesting. During a four month period, other C-130 Reserve bases averaged about 200-300 hits. During the same period, Milwaukee averaged between 900-1,000 hits. The website is being used and receiving outstanding reviews.

### Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

EAP is available to civilian employees through Federal Occupational Health (FOH) and the Public Health Service (PHS). The number of assistance programs provided under EAP is tremendous and include programs such as "Coping with downsizing and job loss." Our

Civilian Personnel Flight (CPF) recently asked for 350 wallet sized cards with EAP support numbers which will be available in the near future. Our CPF will provide EAP training sessions at GMIAP as a part of the support provided for our civilian employees. Counseling services are provided as part of the EAP

under contract through the PHS. Civilians and civilian supervisors may obtain a counselor's advice and services by calling 1-800-222-0364 (TTY 1-888-262-7848). More information about the EAP can be found online at [www.foh4you.com](http://www.foh4you.com), or by contacting the CPF at 482-5078.

### Private Counseling During August UTA

Three counselors will be here and available to meet privately with anyone who wants to talk from Friday, August 18 to Sunday, August 20. This is a great chance for any member to spend some dedicated time with a trained professional, who is qualified and willing to help. Details and the confiden-

tial contact numbers for each counselor are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Flying Badger.

Now that the AFRC clearinghouse has opened to our members and our Detachment 1 is up and running at Pope AFB, it is time for us to review and contemplate our choices. Take a moment to review these

resources so that if the time comes when you or a fellow member need support, you will know what is available and where to find it. Combine this small effort with a willingness to check on those you know the least, and the term, "BRAC Buddy" will ultimately symbolize one of the greatest achievements in the long history of the 440 Airlift Wing.

# Broken Wings

**Flying Boxcar leaves 440th, but will reappear at Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.**



*photos by Tech. Sgt. Steve Staedler*

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** A crane prepares to load components of a C-119 Flying Boxcar onto a tractor-trailer truck bound for Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.

by **Dennis Mehring**

A symbol of the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's historic legacy, a C-119 Flying Boxcar aircraft, left Gen. Mitchell ARS on July 31 on four tractor-trailer trucks that took the plane to a new display spot at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y.

The movement of the plane is one of the first base realignment and closure actions that will send the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Wisconsin's only Air Force Reserve unit, to Pope AFB, N.C., by September 2007. General Mitchell Air Reserve Station where the C-119 was located, will be closed by February 2008.

The disassembly and transport of the plane was done by a civilian contractor from Florida. Aircraft displays like the C-119 actually belong to the Air Force Museum in

Dayton, Ohio, and are considered to be a loan to the military unit or civilian agency that displays the plane. According to Chuck Mosely, the man in charge of the team taking the plane apart, his team moves about one aircraft a month for the Air Force Museum.

The 440<sup>th</sup> flew the C-119 from 1957 until 1970 when the wing received its first C-130 Hercules transport. The aircraft that is being disassembled is a memorial to the 10 passengers and crewmen on a 440<sup>th</sup> C-119 that disappeared during a routine mission in the Bermuda Triangle on June 5, 1965. The plane is the centerpiece of a small landscaped area in the northwest corner of General Mitchell Air Reserve Station the reservists call Heritage Park. The plane has been at its present site

since 1997.

The transfer of the 440<sup>th</sup> and closure of the Air Reserve Station are two of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decisions that became law in November 2005. The first official transfers of wing personnel will be in early August

and should be complete by September 2007.

If all goes according to plan the only parts of the 440<sup>th</sup> left in Milwaukee by October 2007 will be those engaged in closing the Air Reserve Station.



Some of the inner details of the aircraft in the 440th's memorial park are exposed during move preparations.

# 440<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association offers continued networking, friendships and memories

By Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

As the base gets closer to final closure under BRAC guidelines, the 440<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association offers wing members and friends a new way to stay in contact with each other through virtual networking, monthly meetings and special events.

Established this summer, the 440<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association officially kicks-off its membership drive Saturday, Aug. 19, at the annual wing picnic. Sign up sheets are on page 5 of this Flying Badger and will be available at the picnic.

"Many people are looking for a way to stay involved with the 440<sup>th</sup>," said Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Ed Thomas, who served with the wing for more than 35 years. "The alumni association will help fill this void, allowing people to continue friendships and alliances developed through decades of shared experiences. Even though the wing is moving, members who choose to stay in Wisconsin will still be able to maintain ties to their wing family if they join the alumni association."

In addition to social events, the 440<sup>th</sup> Alumni

Association also plans to develop charitable programs. As a 501C-3 (not-for-profit entity), the group hopes to develop a scholarship program and other charitable initiatives benefiting the community.

"But more than anything, the association will offer an avenue for former and present members to celebrate and cherish our rich legacy," explained Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Allen Shutta, who served with the wing's medical squadron for more than 26 years, with a total of 36 years in service.

"We will host monthly meetings, an annual special event, but, most importantly, we will never let the 440<sup>th</sup> be forgotten in Wisconsin."

The alumni association is developing a website, [www.440alumni.org](http://www.440alumni.org), and will rely on virtual communication tactics like e-mail, newsgroups and an E-newsletters to keep members connected and administration costs to a minimum. The website will be divided into members and nonmembers sections. The group will host





# Avoid trouble this election season by following guidance

by Tech. Sgt. Steve Staedler

A 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing reservist heads home after a day of working on base. He's finishing up his last few days of annual tour for the year, so obviously he's in uniform. While listening to the radio on the drive home he hears a candidate, who's running for a common council seat in the reservist's city, is having a rally that afternoon. The reservist, who supports the candidate, figures he'll stop by the rally and meet the aspiring politician.

He ends up spending about 20 minutes at the rally, says hello to the candidate and continues on his way home. See anything wrong with this scenario? The Air Force does.

With the fall elections for many local, state and national races looming only a few months away, reservists need to take steps to avoid a scenario like the example above. Guidance on acceptable and inappropriate behavior regarding political activities is listed in AFI-51-902.

"The key is to avoid any political activity while in military uniform or using your military affiliation because when you start doing that, you cross the line," said Lt. Col. Kevin Shomin, 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing staff judge advocate. "It's not a problem to vote or support a political candidate, advocate a position in politics or give money to a political campaign, but you have to do it separate from your military status."

Consequences for breaking regulations outlined in AFI-51-902 are punishable under Article 92 of the UCMJ. Reservists can hold elected office. As long as they are not serving on *extended active duty* (defined to be active duty under a call or order for a period in excess of 270 days), reservists may campaign for, and hold, partisan or nonpartisan civil office if the office is held in a private capacity and does not interfere with the performance of military duties. Reservists considering a run for a public office should contact the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Judge Advocate office to find out if there are any restrictions on their plans.

## The Do's and Don't of political campaigning

### Airmen may:

Register to vote, vote, and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Air Force.

Attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.

Sign a petition for specific legislation action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot if the signing does not obligate you to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen.

### Airmen may not:

Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, to affect its course or outcome, or solicit votes for a particular cause or issue.

Attend, as an official representative of the Armed Forces, partisan political events, even without actively participating.

Participate in partisan political management, campaigns or conventions, or make public speeches in the course of such activity. Speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind to promote a partisan political party candidate.

**For more information or additional guidance on political campaigning, call the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing JAG at (414) 482-5211**

## 440<sup>th</sup> helps fight massive grease fire

by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

440<sup>th</sup> firefighters responded to a Cudahy meatpacking plant fire on July 5, assisting in preventing further property damage and possibly saving lives.

Capt. Vic Reed, Lt. Don Taylor and firefighter Richard Lambe responded to the call from the Cudahy Command Center, which had requested assistance from the Milwaukee County Fire Department and the 440<sup>th</sup>.

The fire started when bacon fat caught fire from an acetylene torch that malfunctioned.

When the 440<sup>th</sup> firefighters arrived on the scene, the fire was burning on several floors.

Reports in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel said firefighters spent five hours putting out the blaze. The newspaper quoted Cudahy Fire Lt. Jeff Bloor as saying the fire was similar to a colossal kitchen fire in a three-to-four-story vat of grease.

As the fire continued to burn, officials requested more support from the 440<sup>th</sup>.

"After our first folks reported on the scene, Cudahy command then called us back, requesting dry chemical fire extinguishing agent because it was such a large grease fire," said Brian L. Megonigle, 440<sup>th</sup> fire protection flight chief.

Both the county and 440<sup>th</sup> fire departments provided the dry chemical fire extinguishing agent which proved necessary to extinguish the fire.

The 440<sup>th</sup> Fire Department has a mutual aid agreement with Zone E fire district, which includes St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek.

The department is also part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System with the surrounding communities. In the event of multiple alarms, the department can be called for assistance from any of the communities.

"It is difficult to say how many fires we have reported to in the past," said Chief Megonigle. "But we have received at least half a dozen letters of appreciation for responding to larger fires."

# Airman draws on inspiration

Whether he's sitting in a classroom or fighting the global war on terror, Tech. Sgt. Eric Zuniga finds inspiration in everything he does. And others are now seeing ... and appreciating...his creative flair.

by Elizabeth Stoeckmann

Some would say a security forces officer doesn't fit the description of an artist, but colleagues are shocked when they see the subjects he has drawn.

His kindergarten teacher recognized a natural talent for art and she saved his artwork, knowing he would become a famous artist one day. The artist in question isn't Leonardo da Vinci, but rather freehand artist Tech. Sgt. Eric C. Zuniga, fire team leader with the 440<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

At 30, this traditional reservist has accomplished many things. He has gone from airman to technical sergeant and from the Chicago Police Academy to full-time Chicago cop. He also deployed in support of the global war on terror and moved from his home state of California to Illinois with his wife and two daughters.

Sergeant Zuniga is the only one of seven children in his family to join the military, complete active duty and join the Air Force Reserve. Like his desire to serve his county, Sergeant Zuniga's passion for art started at an early age when he began drawing in kindergarten. It's the discipline taught in the military that keeps him focused on finishing a project. Some projects take days or even weeks, like the 10-foot tall Alaskan barrier project Sergeant Zuniga started while deployed in Kuwait, which took a week.

"It was a tough job in the heat," said Sergeant Zuniga. "With temperatures as high as 120 degrees, the paint would dry really fast in the can. I'd work on it during the day and go on duty at night."

Alaskan barriers are cement blocks that deflect grenades and improvised explosive devices. The gray or white concrete barriers are used throughout the area of responsibility and units are given a designated barrier to design as they wish. Sergeant Zuniga's painting portrays Wisconsin's state animal, the badger, as the unit's mascot holding an M-16. The security forces shield is featured in the background complete with the mobilization dates and the names of deployed unit members.

"Some of my most rewarding artistic experiences were from my deployment in Kuwait," said Sergeant Zuniga. Not only was Sergeant Zuniga selected to paint the barrier, he was also asked to paint the Air Force Security Forces logo

on the wall to the armory entrance of the security forces building at his deployed location. Sergeant Zuniga completed the detailed-freehand painting in one day. The logo depicts the flash worn on the unit's beret – "Defensor Fortis," meaning defenders of the force.

While other troops found activities to pass the time during deployment, Sergeant Zuniga painted. "Everyone got 12 hours a day to themselves. Sergeant Zuniga completed all the artwork on his off-duty time," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William R. Beauchene, 440<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron commander. "Not only is he a talented artist, but he's one of the best squadron non-commissioned officers in the last six years."

Sergeant Zuniga's passion for painting continued after his four-month deployment to Southwest Asia. He designed the 440<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron's new challenge coin. One side of the coin represents the operations the unit supported and the other side represents the "Flying Badger" mascot holding an M-16 with the unit's C-130. Most recently, Sergeant Zuniga completed a special painting for the departing security forces commander. The painting showed two security forces troops in a "wartime" posture. It featured the crested security forces shield and titled, "440th Security Forces."

"Certainly, the picture was special to me as it was something that Sergeant Zuniga spent his own time creating," said Maj. Kent D. Hansen, former 440<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron commander. "In as much as the drawing depicted two unit members 'getting the job done,' Sergeant Zuniga's creativity also demonstrated to me the caring attitude that each of the 440th Security Forces Squadron people demonstrate at one time or another. Our airmen care about their work and the quality of it, but more importantly, they care about those with whom they serve. The picture now hangs in my office at the 94th Security Forces Squadron as a reminder to me of not only



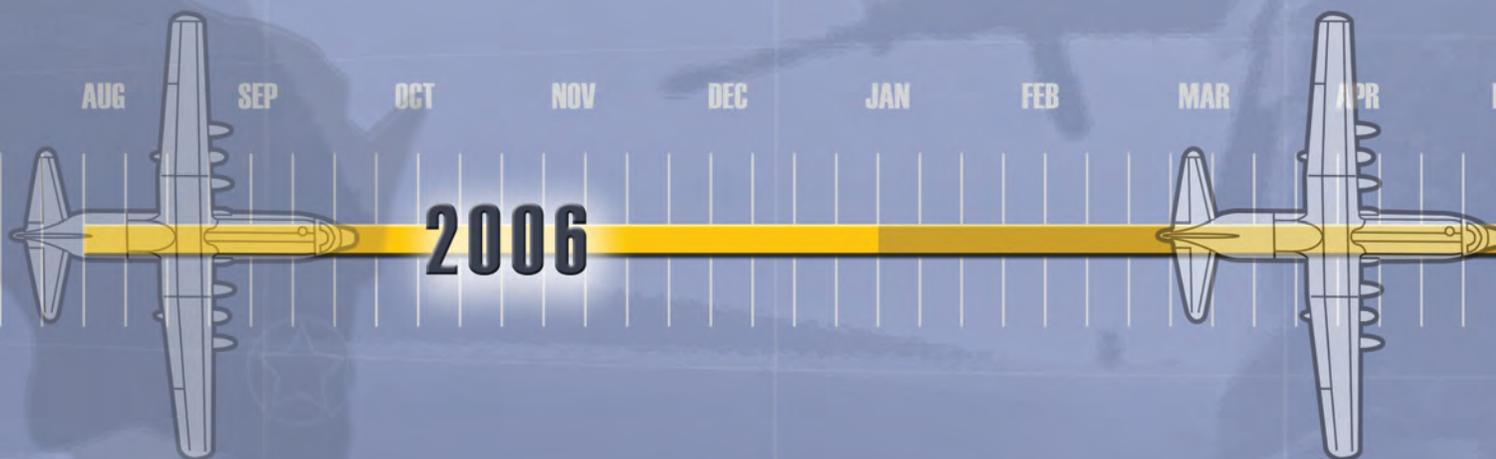
*photo submitted*  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Zuniga poses in front of the 440th Security Forces Squadron shield he painted.

the 440th, but of the importance of bringing your best work with you."

Sergeant Zuniga has no formal training in art. He says his talent is all natural.

"I think of an idea, and put it on paper free-hand," said Sergeant Zuniga. "The only supplies I maintain are a pencil or pen and some paint." He hopes his daughters are blessed with the same artistic creativity he has been given. Sergeant Zuniga's natural talent for art has been shared in the many paintings he's created for coalition partners abroad and U.S. servicemembers back home. It's the meaning behind the art that he hopes people react to because he thinks each piece tells a different story and leaves a lasting legacy.

# Official BRAC timeline says Air Reserve Station will close **Feb. 2, 2008.**



<b>Personnel</b>	100% in Milwaukee
<b>Planes</b>	100% in Milwaukee
<b>UTA Location</b>	100% in Milwaukee
<b>Major RPA and Hire Initiative for Pope</b>	

<p><b>2 Aug '06</b> 440 AW eligible for AFRC clearinghouse</p> <p>440 AW starts RPA process for Pope</p>	<p><b>1 Oct '06</b> Traditional Reservists (TRs) must enter Military Clearinghouse (NLT) to ensure priority placement for opportunities at Pope</p>	<p><b>2 Feb '07</b> 440AW (eligible) civilian employees are eligible for the DoD Priority Placement Program (PPP)</p>	<p><b>1 May '07</b> Start of primary personnel move to Pope - mostly Reserve Technicians (ARTs) and Civilians</p>
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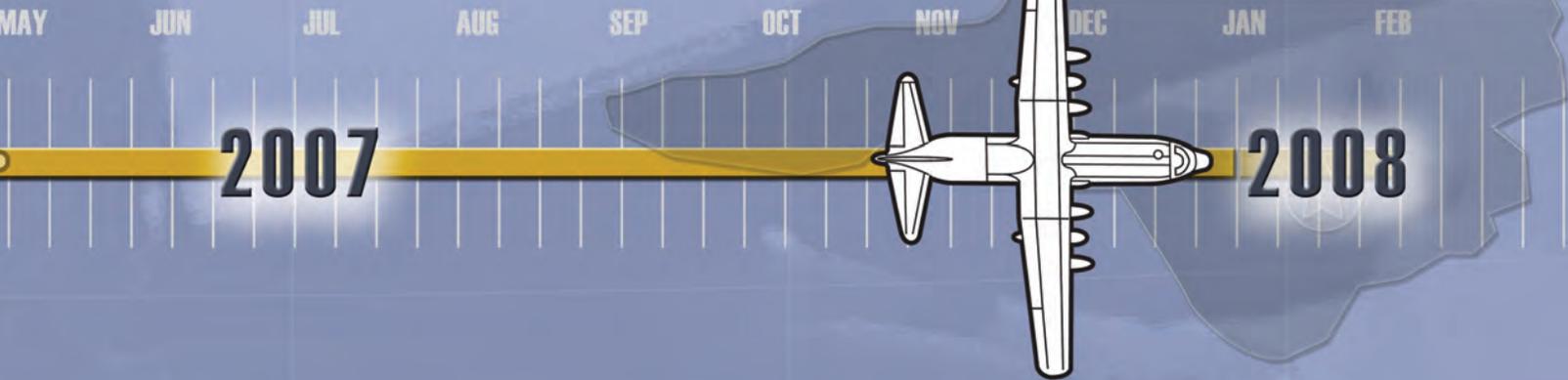
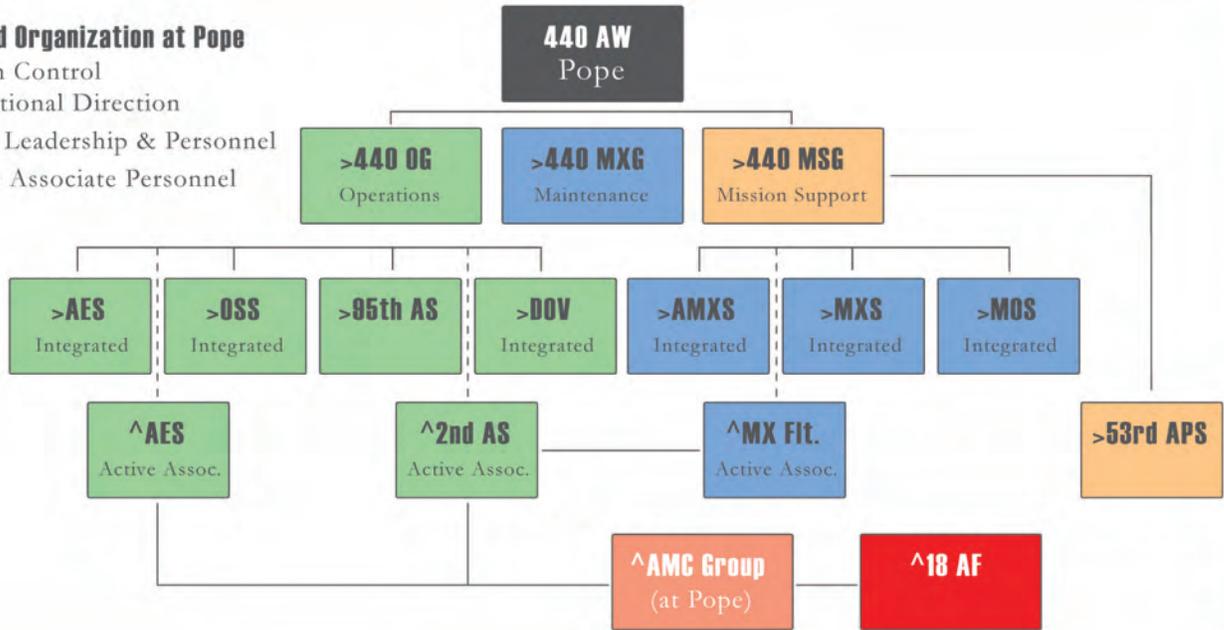
### Proposed Organization at Pope

— Admin Control

--- Operational Direction

> AFRC Leadership & Personnel

^ Active Associate Personnel



Transition	100% at Pope
Transition	100% at Pope
Transition - in Milwaukee and at Pope	100% at Pope
Ongoing RPA and Hire Process as needed	

<p>ry es to Air icians vilians.</p>	<p><b>2 Aug '07</b> Eligible for Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) for non-DoD Federal Agency Priority. Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) issued. 440 AW aircraft start moving to Pope</p>	<p><b>1 Sep '07</b> All 440 AW Planes and Positions at Pope <b>8-9 Sep '07</b> Last scheduled UTA at GMIAP-ARS</p>	<p><b>2 Feb '08</b> Base Closure Date for GMIAP-ARS</p>
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# Timeline released: 440th AW will move to Pope Air Force Base by September 2007

The timeline for the permanent transfer of the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and the closure of General Mitchell International Airport – Air Reserve Station has been released. The 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Wisconsin's only Air Force Reserve unit, will be a North Carolina Air Force Reserve unit by May 2007 and the Air Reserve Station, located at 300 E. College Ave., will close by February 2008.

The transfer of the 440<sup>th</sup> and closure of the Air Reserve Station are two of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decisions that became law in November 2005. The first official transfers of wing personnel will be in early August 2006 when 13 members of the 440<sup>th</sup> will set up operations at Pope as Detachment 1, 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

They will be the planners and coordinators for all the subsequent moves of people and equipment to North Carolina.

The movement plan that was released today calls for the main body of the wing (about 200 full-time flying operations and aircraft maintenance specialists) to be at Pope AFB by May 1, 2007.

The command element of the 440<sup>th</sup> will transfer to Pope between May and July of 2007. When that movement is complete the 440<sup>th</sup> will be considered officially transferred to Pope AFB.

The elements of the wing that will still be in Milwaukee will become a subordinate detachment of the wing until the Air Reserve Station is closed. All eight of the unit's C-130 Hercules transport planes will be moved during the month of August

2007. They should all be in place by Sept. 1, 2007.

Unit training weekends for the transplanted 440<sup>th</sup> will begin in North Carolina in May 2007. Local training weekends will continue to be held at General Mitchell Air Reserve Station through September 2007. The only parts of the 440<sup>th</sup> left in Milwaukee by October 2007 will be those engaged in closing the Air Reserve Station.

The 440<sup>th</sup> has been primarily made up of citizens from Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan while it has been based in Milwaukee.

The 440<sup>th</sup> has been flying from General Mitchell Airport since it moved here from Minneapolis in 1957. Air Force Reserve units with different missions have been based at the Milwaukee airport since 1952.



Local media interview Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart on base the day the BRAC timeline was released.

*photo by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe*



Tech. Sgt. Jack Vollriede (right), 440th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares to eat lunch at the 'field kitchen' set up by the 440th Services Squadron.

# Training and entertaining

## Units hone their skills while strutting their stuff for the public

by Airman 1st Class Amanda Hill

Purifying water for drinking in a war-time setting or on a humanitarian mission is an important function for the 440<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. So when the squadron had a chance to practice this task, and show off their skills in front of the public at the same time—they were ready to go.

Nearly 80 Airmen from the 440<sup>th</sup> CES honed their skills June 3-4 at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Reclaiming Our Heritage event, a patriotic festival at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee that celebrates

America's military history dating back to the Civil War.

During the event the squadron established a bivouac, which is a temporary shelter set up in field conditions, and performed various readiness training exercises.

As for water purifying, squadron Airmen also set up a reverse osmosis water purification unit to demonstrate their abilities with water from Lake Wheeler, located on the VA campus.

"The training was unbelievable," said Maj. Gwen Sheppard, commander of the 440<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. "It's a rarity that we are

able to do this type of training and the ability to do it in front of the public was a unique opportunity."

Major Sheppard's unit wasn't the only one taking advantage of the training at the VA, as the base fire department and Services Flight, among others, got in on the act as well.

"There was great help from several different squadrons that made the bivouac successful for us," Major Sheppard said.

The event wasn't all about training however, as about 20 CES Airmen visited 40 veterans in a nearby nursing home. And on Sunday, June

4, all CES Airmen participating in the VA training event lined the Vietnam Veteran Parade route to pay respects to their brothers-and-sisters-in-arms that fought before them.

The 440<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineers have previously used their skills to build a pavilion and equipment facility at the nearby Wood National Cemetery.

"Our squadron is pretty diverse and the ability to use our skills in the local community is what it's all about," Major Sheppard said. "There are troops overseas helping people, but it's great being here and helping our own community."

# Wisconsin Vets eligible for free tuition in 2007

by Lt. Col. Dan Ritsche  
440th Mission Support Flight

Eligible Wisconsin veterans can qualify for free tuition at state public colleges starting with the 2007-08 academic year.

Under a law (2005 Wisconsin Act 468) recently passed by the state legislature and signed by Governor Jim Doyle on May 29, qualified Wisconsin veterans will be eligible for a 100 percent tuition waiver at any UW system institution, both four year and two year campuses, or any school in the Wisconsin Technical College system. Currently, qualified veterans may receive a 50 percent waiver of tuition and fees at these schools under a provision included in the 2005 biennial budget bill.

To be eligible, a veteran must have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time he or she entered active duty, generally must have completed an initial term of enlistment or period of obligated service in the case of officers, and

must be a state resident when applying for the benefits.

The tuition waivers may be used for eight semesters or 128 credits, whichever takes longer.

There is no time limit for when the benefits must be used, no restriction on age or income, no limit on level of education for which they may be used (undergraduate or graduate courses), and no requirement that a veteran have served during a period of conflict or in a combat zone.

The tuition waiver program, often called the "Wisconsin G.I. Bill," in combination with housing loans, tax relief, and other programs, constitute one of the most generous packages of veterans benefits offered by any state.

For information about the tuition waiver program, contact the admissions or financial aid office at the college or university at which you wish to take advantage of the benefit.



photo by Senior Airman Dan St. Pierre

## Thinking Army?

Staff Sgt. Anna Dressler, 440th Services Flight, learns what life would be like in the Army by chatting with a recruiter from the Wisconsin Army National Guard during a military job fair. Reservists can receive contact information on all the units from the job fair by calling Maj. Jenny Carpentier at (414) 482-5209.

**Ibuprofen pain reliever gel caps \$ 7.49**  
**1-Hour back & neck massage \$ 40.00**  
**1 quart Brownie Thunder custard \$ 5.29**

## Long term help with stress & coping *PRICELESS*

Challenges stemming from the BRAC process are difficult by themselves. In fact, it is far more likely that BRAC concerns are being added to financial, relationship, parenting, health or other personal issues. It is during times like these that we all need a little help in finding ways to cope with stress and adjust to change. From Friday, August 18 through Sunday, August 20, the wing is sponsoring three outstanding counselors, available for anyone desiring a confidential meeting. Share your story and receive some help from trained professionals. We invite all 440 AW civilian and military members to call the counselor of your choice anytime, from now through the end of the August UTA to set up a confidential meeting. Each counselor will provide the private meeting location at the time the appointment is scheduled. All calls are anonymous.

**Q: Is this opportunity right for you and truly worth millions?**  
**A: Call one of the numbers below for the correct answer.**

<b>Chaplain (Father John) Gaglione</b>	<b>414-482-5097</b>	(914 AW Chaplain- Niagara)
<b>Maj. Denise Thompson</b>	<b>414-482-5098</b>	(22 AF CISM/ Life Skills)
<b>Capt. Sean Hoyer</b>	<b>414-482-5099</b>	(440 AW – MDS)

# Sharp new look?

## New service dress has input from Airmen

Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform.

Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services. One senior airman said, "the current uniform resembles a cheesy business suit." A staff sergeant said, "think world's most dominating air power, not CEO," and another described it as a "cheap leisure suit."

Comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force's history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, "I want to look good and be proud of my AF heritage." Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. "We need something that distinguishes us as proud members of the U.S. military."

The Air Force began exploring

these ideas by producing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years.

A more formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments.

"We've been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more 'military,' and less 'corporate' look and feel, something more reflective of the Air Force's heritage, and its role as a professional military organization," said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell's Air Force," General



**HISTORICAL LOOK:** This is one of two dress uniforms designs being considered for adoption. Suggestion say that a new uniform should reflect heritage of Air Force, and less of a corporate image.

Allardice said.

The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes.

"We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initia-

tive. We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform," General Allardice said.

The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process. (Air Force Print News)



### Providing Hope ... One Heart at a Time

Senior Master Sgt. Paul Yeager (left) and Tech. Sgt. John Joyce (right), both of the 440th Civil Engineer Squadron, spend their free time volunteering at a local medical clinic during their deployment to the Middle East. (Right) The same girl who posed leaves the clinic with gifts from the Airmen.



## So Long

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

Lt. Col. Anthony P. Chosa	440 OSF
Lt. Col. Jack B. Lewis	440 MDS
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Francis X. Malloy	440 AW
Maj. Kyle J. Cioffero	440 OSF
Maj. Timothy M. Leverence	95 AS
Capt. Scott M. Uselding	440 SVS
SMSGt. Raymond J. Korizon Jr.	440 MXS
MSgt. Barbara A. Augustenborg	440 CF
MSgt. Elizabeth M. Disalvo	440 MDS
MSgt. John A. Parman	34 APS
MSgt. Henry K. Trudrung	440 CES
TSgt. Dean W. Ackmann	440 MXS
TSgt. Joseph W. Giambrone Jr.	440 SFS
TSgt. Kevin D. Kelver	440 MSF
TSgt. Charles O. Highley	34 APS
TSgt. Richard R. Labodda	34 APS
TSgt. Greg A. Loose	440 CES
TSgt. Susan M. Maitz	34 APS
TSgt. Earl Keith McKee	440 ALCF
TSgt. Robert J. Mendenhall	440 MSF
TSgt. James A. Nielson	440 MOF
TSgt. Dean C. Oakes	440 MXS
TSgt. Michelle L. Roy	440 LRS
TSgt. Scott B. Schweighauser	440 MSF
TSgt. Gregory Stevenson	440 MXS
SSgt. Nicholas J. Boehlke	440 LRS
SSgt. Bryan K. Bula	440 SFS
SSgt. Kimberly A. Craddock	440 MSF
SSgt. Emily M. Decker	440 MDS
SSgt. Joseph L. Fioretti	440 LRS
SSgt. Mark A. Keough	34 APS
SSgt. Robert J. Landeck	95 AS
SSgt. Kevin M. Peterson	440 CES
SSgt. Marque B. Riley	34 APS

SSgt. Aaron J. Ritchie	440 CES
SrA David D. Long	440 CES
SrA Robert M. Schmoyer	34 APS

## Pomp and Circumstance

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who have earned their Community College of the Air Force degree:

SMSGt. Andrea McClam	440 OSF
MSgt. Melissa Binns	440 MSF
MSgt. Robert Krivanek	440 ALCF
MSgt. Janet McKnight	440 MDS
TSgt. Phyllis Harris	440 MSF
TSgt. Scott Schweighauser	440 MSF
TSgt. Tuppence Weix	440 MDS
SSgt. Robert Cardoso	440 LRS
SSgt. Paul Schlumbrecht	440 AW
SrA Sabrina Drogos	34 APS

## Way to Go

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who have received the Air Force Air Medal:

Lt. Col. Dennis Beatty	95 AS
Lt. Col. Stanley George	95 AS
Lt. Col. Richard Larson	95 AS
Lt. Col. Charles Osum	95 AS
Lt. Col. Michael Slepica	95 AS
Maj. Patrick Brien	95 AS
Maj. Jeffrey Dasher	95 AS
Maj. Michael Day	95 AS
Maj. Andrew Krafft	95 AS
Maj. Timothy Reynolds	95 ALCF
Maj. Anthony Smith	95 AS
Capt. Christopher Triplett	95 AS
SMSGt. Dan Hirn Jr.	95 AS
MSgt. Ed Dabrowski	95 AS
TSgt. Michael Brofka	95 AS

# One Final Drive

The last 440th Airlift Wing blood drive to benefit the Wisconsin Blood Center was held June 3. Mary Savarino, blood drive coordinator, said that 52 people registered to donate. Forty-two units of whole blood and three double units of red blood cell components were drawn. Seven people were deferred from donating due to travel outside the United States and low iron levels.

The number of donations is lower than in recent years when donations averaged 100. Savarino said that the decline was probably due to the large number of 440th reservists who have been deployed to overseas locations and are not eligible to donate for up to a year after their return to the United States.



photo by Airman 1st Class Dan St. Pierre

**THANKS FOR THE GIFT:** Mary Savarino, blood drive coordinator, thanks Master Sgt. Jennifer Henderson, 95th Airlift Squadron, for her donation during the June 3 blood drive.

# Official Employer Day Nomination Oct. 2006 (Saturday UTA)

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(Please type or print clearly - if it's not readable there will be no invite)

Employer's full name and title:      Please circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other

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Employer's company/agency name:

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Employer's mailing address with zip code:

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Employer's daytime phone number:

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Reservist's name, rank, unit (office symbol):

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Reservist's daytime phone number:

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Note: A schedule of events will be in the information mailed to you and your employer.

**Day will include:**  
Registration/refreshments  
Welcome by the wing commander  
Base tour  
Orientation flight in a C-130  
Lunch  
Tour of your (reservist) workplace

**Return this form by Sept. 11 to:**  
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General Mitchell ARS, WI 53207  
Fax: (414) 482-5913  
E-mail: 440AW.PA@generalmitchell.af.mil  
For more information, call (414) 482-5481

The flight is subject to cancelation for weather or operational reasons.

# Thunderbirds soar...



photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Knight

Maj. Scott Zamzow waves an American flag on take-off from the base. The pilot is a member of the Air Force Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds demo team visited Milwaukee the second week of July.

## Family Day Picnic set for Saturday of August UTA

The 440th Family Day picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19. The picnic starts immediately after commander's call in hangar 217. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be games and activities for the whole family.

## New Reserve retirement applications on-line

Since July 31, all eligible members of the Air Force Reserve may now submit their retirement application electronically via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center. This new Web-enabled service is available at any time from anywhere in the world and will give Airmen the ability to monitor the status of their application from start to finish. Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp> to begin the process.

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