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**Herks celebrate  
50 years of Flight**

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### FRONT COVER:

From A to J. This J-Model of the C-130 represents the latest Lockheed Martin upgrade of the most successful airlifter ever designed and built. Since 1954, the assembly line at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Georgia plant that builds the Hercules has never shut down. Like the Volkswagen Beetle the outsides of the Herk has changed little while the performance and versatility of this venerable workhorse of the air has steadily increased over the 50 years that the aircraft has been in production. Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin Aerospace.



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# Throw me a lifesaver!

By: Lt. Col. Barbara Doncaster  
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Throw me a lifesaver, I'm drowning in emails! We've finally advanced to a technological edge where our technology actually impedes productive work. Our instant access to all kinds of information is overwhelming.

I propose to you that we CAN "do more with less." Let's start with some simple basic rules and assumptions. I call these "let's reduce the clutter" assumptions. Assumption number one: A person's time is valuable. If you assume this and you're going to send someone a long attachment, sum it up. Maybe even explain what you expect the receiver to take away from the attachment. If you don't know what they should get out of your attachment then don't send it. Assumption number two: All people are polite and appreciative people. This assumption saves us from the thank you, you're welcome chain. You don't need to send me an email to thank me for sending you the information you asked me to send. This could go on for days. You thank me; I "you're welcome" you, you; "not necessary" me, I; "but I really appreciate it" you, and on and on. Assumption number three: It is healthy to get up from the computer and stretch. If we make this assumption then it breaks up the chain emailing addict. Some folks in the same work area will send an email as opposed to getting up and walking over to the next desk. And then we wonder why the new fitness program is such a challenge. Assumption number four: Everyone is trustworthy. This assumption will spare us from saving every email just to cover our trail. It could potentially save us hours in searching our folders just to

*"Some folks may think I'm technologically challenged. I call myself a realist."*

verify that you did send an email and so and so did respond and blah blah blah... Assumption number five: People are not sitting at their computer just waiting for you to send them an email. If this assumption is true then chances are you probably won't get an immediate response. Let's assume 24 hours is reasonable response time. Reading at least one hundred emails a day is counter productive. I spend a good portion of my day answering emails and little time spent on actually doing things that really need my attention.

Speaking of attention, how about all those access codes and passwords. I think I have as many passwords as I do emails. There is the MyPay, CAC card, AAFES, work-orders, long distance, Anti terrorism, screen saver, log-ins, VRed, AF Portal, copy machine, PME, MILPDS, PCIII, Fitness, virtual MPF, etc, etc, etc, passwords. I've run out of places to hide my passwords. I spend more time trying to find them than I do actually getting the task accomplished. I knew I reached my max when I stood out in the rain frustrated, wondering what the password was to my vehicle's keyless remote.

As long as I'm on a roll, one thing that defies the technology age...if we are so advanced and smart how come the VCR clock in most homes flashes "1200"? Just a side note, have you noticed the newer VCRs and DVDs don't have clocks? How are we supposed to learn all the new technology? Is there a special gene for people born later than the 80's that makes them whizzes in technology? Let me preface the next story by saying my HOME computer. I knew I missed the age of technology when I slid a CD into the slot on my computer and nothing came up on the monitor. I had discovered I slid the CD into the 5 1/4" floppy drive. In my defense, my computer has a slide out tray for CDs but my vehicle has the slot to slide the CD into. This is an honest mistake from a woman who remembers when TVs first came out with color.

Some folks may think I'm technologically challenged. I call myself a realist. I remember when I could look in a regulation and find the actual regulation, any changes (IMCs), and any pertinent messages. The realty was everything was at my fingertips. And if it wasn't I could always go down,



Lt. Col. Doncaster

to the then CBPO, and ask Master Sgt. (Ret) Edna Martin, Regulation queen of the 145th and Administrator extraordinaire. She knew everything about the regulations to include which one superseded another. Nowadays the instructions are out there in cyberspace. Technically, everything is still at my fingertips however we must first assume you know where to find it, second the system must be up, and third the links are working. (Let me say that our Communications folks do a great job at keeping the systems up and operational.) So everything being at the fingertips why is it I can access the Instructions but dang if I can find the changes or messages. Here we have another fine example of a technological advancement that impedes progress. If we can put the Instruction out there in cyber space why can't we have the changes and messages "orbit" the Instruction.

I'm not writing this to complain about the computer age. I'm glad there are advances in technology, flush toilets are great! My issues are with the overwhelming volume of information that is out there and that fact that it all seems to end up in my email. I'm not the only one that receives boat loads of emails. My suggestion is to make a concerted effort to reduce the volume. Let's start with my basic assumptions and take it from there. And hey, if you feel like discussing this give me a call, but don't forget your telephone PIN.

# C-130 marks 50 years of service

By: **Betty R. Kennedy**  
Air Mobility Command History Office

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFP) -- There is one hero that may not be the biggest or fastest, but for 50 years, has borne the U.S. standard as a welcome projection of both American will and American compassion throughout the world. In battle, this hero can pound the enemy from on high with munitions, electronic jamming or information warfare broadcasts. It can deliver forces to the fight, bring them a vast array of supplies and carry them home, wounded or well, when their duty is done. During the fight, it provides command and control, weather reconnaissance and even air refueling. But this warrior hero is also a key presence in humanitarian and disaster relief operations at home and abroad.

This hero is the legendary C-130 Hercules which has reached a 50-year milestone since its first flight Aug. 23, 1954, from Burbank to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, said the familiar aircraft is as important today as ever.

"As a career mobility pilot, I am convinced that the C-130 is one of the greatest aircraft ever built," General Handy said. "The 'Herc' has earned its place in history through its enormous contributions to crisis response for 50 years. With our C-130 fleet and the dedicated active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve aircrews that fly them, we are a tremendous force multiplier in the global war on terrorism."

With its first flight, a YC-130A prototype, tail No. 53-3397, inaugurated a half-century of continuous C-130 service to the Department of Defense. Test pilot Stanley Beltz and copilot Roy Wimmer used only 855 feet to make that first takeoff. Normally, an airplane with a gross weight of 100,000 pounds requires thousands of feet of runway. Mr. Beltz is said to have quipped: "She's a real flying machine. I could land it crossways on the runway if I had to."

Since that historic day, more than 2,200 C-130s in 70 variants to five basic models have been produced, and 676 are in service with the Air Force today. The Navy and Marine Corps fly C-130s, as do the armed forces of 66 other nations.

Testing and development of the new airlifter was rapid. Production introduced new technology including high-strength aluminum alloy for the wings and cargo floor and metal bonding and titanium alloys for the body of the aircraft and flap skins. Another new feature was the "all-round" vision flight deck.

The first C-130A became operational in December 1956,



North Carolina Air National Guard aircraft coming in for a landing during local training missions at the Regional Training Site at Stanly County Airport. Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Dennis.

reporting for duty with Tactical Air Command to replace the far less capable Fairchild C-119 Flying boxcar. The C-130's four Allison turboprop engines revolutionized aircraft performance, providing greater speed, range and takeoff. With a 33,810-pound payload at the time, the Herc could carry twice as much as the C-119. The C-130 could perform heavy equipment airdrops as well as airland operations. It was well suited as a tactical transport. Cargo loading was easier with the new aircraft's rear-opening ramp instead of the side-door, steep ramp loading required by the World War II-vintage fleet.

In 1959, the Air Force completed its planned force of 12 C-130A squadrons -- six in TAC, three in Europe and three for the Far East. Continuous improvement was the norm for the C-130 system. New external fuel tanks allowed the aircraft to fight heavy winds in flights across the ocean. The C-130B introduced more powerful engines and new propellers, added fuel capacity and beefed up landing gear. A lone C-130C, a modified "B," demonstrated short takeoffs and landings. Twelve C-130Ds, modified from the original "A," became "Ski-130s," outfitted with ski landing gear to resupply Arctic expeditions. In early 1960, an "E" model entered the operational fleet; an updated "H" model followed in the 1970s. The "E" through "H" models are still in service today, and work will begin in 2007 on converting those models to meet the demands of modern aviation and streamline support through an avionics modernization program. With avionics upgrades and some changes to the engines, the number of basic C-130 models will be reduced to two, the C-130AMP and the C-130J.



OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN -- A C-130 Hercules from the 2nd Airlift Squadron based at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., flies over the Atlantic Ocean. The C-130 has reached a 50-year milestone since its first flight Aug. 23, 1954. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Howard Blair)

The newest C-130 in the inventory, the "J" model, entered the Air Force inventory in February 1999, and since then, the Air Force received 34 more "Js." The basic design remains true to the original, but adds 40-percent more range, flies 24-percent faster than previous models, can take off on shorter runways and has greater cargo and passenger capacity. Its new avionics will also allow for better data capability and control, and requires a crew of three rather than five.

Lt. Col. Mike Cassidy, chief of AMC's Operational Programming Division, has 2,000 flying hours in the Herc, and almost 2,300 hours in other airlifters. He said the C-130 is without a doubt a special aircraft.

"Part of the attractiveness of the aircraft is you have to work the airplane hard sometimes, and you have to know how to work with it," he said. "The other unique part is the close relationship with the 'users,' such as the Southern European Task Force Lion Brigade (at Vicenza, Italy), since we did a preponderance of their airdrop missions. The C-130 is all about the mission and the people who get that done together."

One of the people who helped get C-130 missions off the ground is Master Sgt. Albert Mikolajczyk, a 23-year veteran maintainer who has worked with the several variations to the C-130 fleet. He is now assigned to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell AFB, Kan., maintaining KC-135 Stratotanker refuelers.

"No other aircraft can do what the C-130 can. Name the location; it's been there," Sergeant Mikolajczyk said. "The C-130 will be flying long after other aircraft are in the 'boneyard' at Davis-Monthan (AFB, Ariz.), and the C-130 will be there to pick up their aircrews and bring them back home."

Sergeant Mikolajczyk recalled an experience which speaks volumes. Recently deployed to the United Arab Emirates, he needed to be aeromedically evacuated. "It was an awesome feeling to be carried aboard a 1963 'E' model I had worked on during my early days assigned to Little Rock AFB (Ark.)," he said.

The C-130's combat record is an integral part of its distinguished history. The aircraft quickly earned its reputation as a tough aircraft for rough places. In the late 1950s, with Southeast Asia facing a communist take over, the Herc quickly became the armed services' premier tactical airlifter. By late summer 1959, C-130 crews trained for Marine parachute assault operations in case Laos was invaded.

C-130s increasingly provided logistical support to the Army's remote special operations camps, and the Herc proved itself with its ability to land and takeoff on short, unpaved runways. The heroics of C-130 crews flying Khe Sanh and An Loc missions are legendary. After the fall of Saigon, and the end of the war, C-130s were part of the American airlift armada, helping bring home 591 prisoners of

war. A few C-130s also served as AC-130 gunships, and the Air Weather Service flew WC-130s as rainmakers over Laos, attempting to influence the seasonal monsoon rains to allied advantage. The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service first used HC-130s for command and control during search and rescue operations. And the Marine Corps flew the KC-130F, initially borrowing two C-130As from the Air Force and modifying them for air refueling. Those widely varying models remain in service.

And what a service the C-130 provides. From the 1991 Gulf War through the crisis in Kosovo to peacekeeping operations in Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as humanitarian relief operations at home and around the world, the resilient C-130 answers the nation's call.

Recently, C-130s have airlifted several Afghan battalions, national police, U.S. advisers and supplies into Shidand to help Afghanistan's national government restore order to an area rife with factional fighting.

And in the United States, C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems are deployed to help combat wildfires in Western states, and WC-130s provided vital data as hurricane hunters over the Caribbean and Florida, collecting information for the National Hurricane Center.

These special duties, along with the daily tasks of deploying, supplying and redeploying joint service and allied forces throughout the world will build upon the C-130's legacy of heroism as one of the premier, multirole aircraft in American history. (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

# Insurance agents raise money to help Guard families

By: **Kathleen Flaherty**  
145th AW, Family Readiness  
Program Manager

The Hartford's Charlotte regional office for the second consecutive year won the company's coveted President's Award, which provides a \$10,000 grant to be given to a local charity of their choice. Their choice for a second consecutive year was the North Carolina National Guard Soldiers & Airmen's Assistance Fund.

The North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund (formerly known as the Chaplain's Fund), based in Raleigh, was established in 1990 to provide assistance to some 2500 North Carolina Air and Army National Guardsmen in Desert Storm/ Desert Shield. Today, the fund has the potential to reach more than 10,000 military personnel and their families. "With more than 5,000 of the state's guardsmen currently mobilized, we're grateful to the independent agents and The Hartford whose generosity will aid in the well being and morale of our troops and their families." said Major

General William E. Ingram, Jr., Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.

This year, the Hartford's Charlotte regional office reached out to local insurance agencies for additional contributions to bring the total donation to \$14,775. About 30 independent agencies in North and South Carolina contributed.

In North Carolina, contributing insurance agencies (in alphabetical order by town) included: Mark W. Mabry, Inc. of Albemarle; Swimmer Insurance Agency, Hood Hargett & Associates, Palmer & Cay of N.C., Michael P. Hair & Associates, and Edwards Church & Muse, all of Charlotte; United Cabarrus Insurance Agency and Shuford Insurance Agency, Inc., both of Concord; JJ Wade Agency of Davidson; Surry Insurance of Dodson; Snipes Insurance Service of Dunn; Watson

Insurance Agency of Gastonia; Senn Dunn Marsh & Roland of Greensboro; Wester Realty & Insurance Agency of Henderson; Breeden Insurance Services, Inc. of Lexington; BB&T Insurance Services of Mount Airy; Mayo Simmons & Harris Insurance of Rocky Mount; Smith & Smith Insurance Services of Wilson; Julian T. Hill Insurance Associates of Winston Salem; and Winterville Insurance Agency of Winterville

In South Carolina, contributing insurance agencies (in alphabetical order by town) included: Kinghorn Insurance of Bluffton; Adams-Eaddy & Associates, Dana Insurance Agency, and Keenan & Suggs, Inc., all of Columbia; Rosenfeld Einstein & Associates, Capstone Insurance Services, and Willis Corroon Corporation, all of Greenville; Aiken & Company

and Trans Carolina Insurance Agency, both of Florence; and Union Insurance Agency of Union.

A big thanks to all of these companies who contributed to this great cause.



David Zwiener, The Hartford's president of property-casualty operations presented the checks to Maj. Gen. William Ingram, NCNG Adjutant General at a ceremony on July 7th. "Men & women serving our country deserve our support. We're truly honored to be able to offer assistance to our soldiers, airmen, their spouses, children & others who have made personal sacrifices for our nation," said Mr. Zwiener.



The 2003 President's Award was presented to the Charlotte office in recognition of its significant contribution toward The Hartford's growth and profit objectives



Maj. Gen. William Ingram presents his Adjutant General's "Silver Eagle" Award to Mike Lesniak, The Hartford's regional vice president based here in Charlotte. Lesniak noted, "The Fund provides critical services to soldiers and their families coping with extremely difficult situations. Financial emergencies, job loss, illnesses and death of loved ones should not be faced alone, and the support provided by the Fund can ease some of the burden in time of need."

# NCNG State Family Readiness Conference, "Families Surviving Deployments"

By: **Kathleen Flaherty**  
145th AW Family Program Manager

The weekend of May 21 was a special one for Family Readiness. Members of the North Carolina Army and Air Family Readiness Program assembled for the 2004 NCNG Family Readiness Conference in Raleigh.

The theme "Families Surviving Deployment" was this year's focus and it was a power packed day and a half. We learned a lot about each other, how strong this state's program has become, and how dedicated everyone is to helping our families. Break outs included personal safety/anti-terrorism, family advocacy, Guard Family Team Building, Military Service Organizations and our newly developed youth program.

Staff Sgt. David Francis, NCARNG, shared his personal experience during his recent deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom at the awards luncheon. The guest speaker, Mr. Al Walker, president of Al Walker and Associates, spoke on helping business and individuals solve problems. Al is a masterful teacher and is nationally recognized for his unique, fun-loving, humorous approach to speaking. During the awards luncheon, a number of Air Guard members received awards. Mrs. Kim Orick, the 118th ASOSq Family Readiness Lead Volunteer, received the "2003 North Carolina National Guard Volunteer of the Year - Air Guard". First Sergeant,



1st Sgt., Master Sgt. Douglas Greene, accepted the "2002 NCNG Outstanding Unit Family Program of the Year" award on behalf of the 145th Security Forces Sq.

Master Sgt. Douglas Greene, accepted the "2002 North Carolina National Guard Outstanding Unit Family Program of the Year" award on behalf of the 145th Security Forces Squadron, Mrs. Martha Pasour received the "2002 North Carolina National Guard Coordinator of the Year", and Kay Bramhall & Joyce Goins received the "2002 North Carolina National Guard Volunteers of the Year".

Captain Sherrell Murray, NCNG State Family Program Coordinator stated "North Carolina has been greatly called upon in the Global War on Terror. We have many brave airmen and soldiers giving of their talents and skills in order to make our global community a safer place. They are able to better concentrate on their mission because we have a successful Family Readiness Program in place. Our presence in the lives of family members of deployed

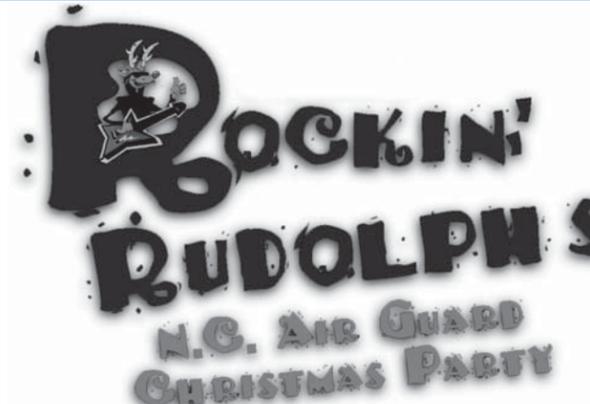


Mrs. Kim Orick receives the "2003 NCNG Volunteer of the Year - Air Guard" from Maj. Gen. William Ingram, TAG - NC and Kathleen Flaherty

members makes a big difference." Mrs. Lil Ingram, spouse of Major General William Ingram, NC-Adjutant General, gave an inspiring closing address. Representatives from state, wing staff and unit family readiness groups were on hand to actively participate and contribute to making our program the best it can possible be for our members and their families.



Mrs. Martha Pasour receives the "2002 NCNG Coordinator of the Year" from Maj. Gen. William Ingram, TAG - NC and Kathleen Flaherty



**NCANG's 3rd Annual**

**Saturday, December 4th**

**Holiday Inn on Little Rock Rd.**

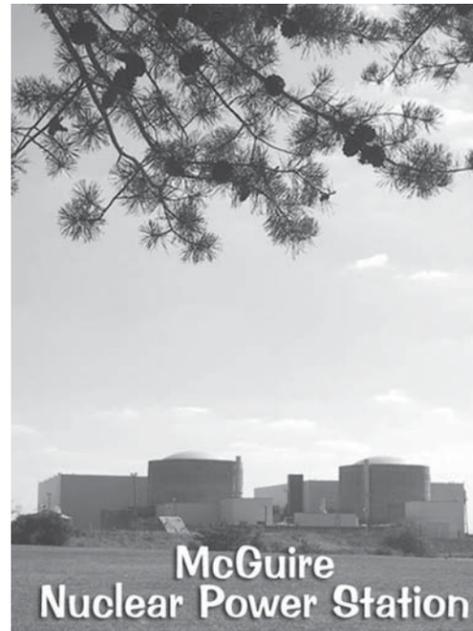
**Look for more information next month including ticket sales.**

# "Operation Homeland Support"

By: *Kathleen Flaherty*, Family Readiness Program Manager

Over 900 employees from Duke Power McGuire Nuclear Station in Huntersville conducted a project as part of their annual Global Services Event. Rick Jiran, Public Affairs & Community Relations Manager and prior service Air Force, contacted the 145th Family Readiness as he was looking for a community project that would benefit local military. Rick stated that "Operation Homeland Support" kick-off campaign was set to run June 1 through June 30.

Due to the outpour of support from employees, "Operation Homeland Support" ran for an additional month. This project was their special way of showing how proud and supportive they are of our military members and their families. In addition to over \$2,000 worth of gift cards for area grocery stores, fast food coupons, and shopping cards, donations included diapers, baby wipes, bears and other stuff animals, paper goods and much more. We thank the employees of McGuire Nuclear Station for their generosity, support and especially for keeping our military members and their families in their thoughts.



McGuire Nuclear Power Station in Huntersville, NC. (Photo courtesy of Duke Power)

## Chaplain's Corner

# Strength to Love

By: *Chaplain Capt. Floretta L. Watkins*



Capt. Watkins

When most of us think of the word love, several thoughts come to mind. We think of compassion, thoughtfulness, kindness, gentleness and others. But have we considered that love is more than a thought? Love is more than an emotion. Love is an act; an action that moves is every realm of existence. Love is able to see good, when all around seems dismal and forsaken. Love is able to see hope, when every expectation has been missed. Therefore it

takes strength to love. And this strength comes directly from our Source which is God, maker of heaven and earth.

1 Corinthians the 13th chapter says some special things about the strength it takes to love.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)  
(from The Holy Bible: New International Version. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, by International Bible Society)

It takes great strength to love. As you continue on your journey of life, develop love as a core value! And remember the strength it takes to love.

This month, I wish to end with a prayer for you, written by William Temple (1881-1944, England). My prayer is that it speaks to your heart.

*O God of love, we pray thee to give us love:  
love in our thinking, love in our speaking,  
love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls;  
love of our neighbors near and far;  
love of those with whom we find it hard to bear,  
and love of those who find it hard to bear with us;  
love of those with whom we work,  
and love of those with whom we take our ease;  
love in joy, love in sorrow;  
love in life and love in death;  
that so at length we may be worthy to dwell in thee, who art eternal love.*

(A Forgiving Heart: Prayers for Blessing and Reconciliation. Edited by Lyn Klug)

# Gone but not forgotten

By: *Staff Sgt. Lyndsey M. Leffel*  
*Tarheel Times Editor*

When most people think about friends and family members deploying they think about the teary-eyed send offs and the thoughts of being without their loved ones for a period of time.

Yes, this is probably the saddest part of deploying, saying goodbye. But, have you ever wondered what it feels like to be on the other side. The one who is leaving their friends and families behind and going off to a foreign land that most have probably never seen before except on television. It is defiantly as traumatic to us Airmen and soldiers who are deploying as it is to the family members.

While friends and family are continuing on with their daily lives their loved one are thousands of miles away probably thinking about home 24/7 and counting down the days until they return home safely.

Morale is a huge factor while you are deployed and the number one morale booster is mail. Whether it be email, a package or a card it just doesn't matter. It's a small reminder that someone back in the states is thinking of them and gives them somewhat of a connection to home.

It may just seem like a small gesture to send a greeting to someone who is deployed or you think to yourself "they will be home in a month or so its no big deal" but it is. When they are sitting out in a field or a bunker a letter or card may be the one thing that keeps them motivated to keep on going no matter how hard it may seem.

I encourage you to all take a few minutes out of your day and just send a hello to someone you may know who is deployed and let them know that they are being thought about.

You never know when you may be on the other end and you too will be excited when you see that mail plane landing.



Deployed father returning home after a deployment greets son. Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrea Jenkins.

## Health Corner

# Health Promotions Training and Screening

By: *Maj. John Morgan*  
*145th AW Health Promotions Manager*

Health Promotions has a new web page. It is accessible from the base intranet home page. Click on 145th MDS (medical squadron) and follow the links to Health Promotions. From

here you will find many helpful links on healthy lifestyles. We've included topics requested from our health promotions survey last October. These topics include:

Physical fitness, tobacco reduction/cessation, nutrition, cardiovascular risk reduction, cholesterol management, stress management, back conditioning, cancer awareness and more.

Also, mark your calendar for the following scheduled Health Promotion events:

<b>Smoking Cessation Class:</b>	November UTA, Sunday, noon at the clinic classroom.
<b>Cholesterol screening:</b>	January UTA, Sunday, 8 a.m., do not eat breakfast.
<b>Prostate Screening (MEN):</b>	May UTA, Sunday, noon at the clinic classroom.
<b>Breast Cancer Screening:</b>	May UTA, Sunday, noon, at the clinic classroom.
<b>Skin Cancer Screening:</b>	July UTA, Sunday, noon, at the clinic classroom.
<b>Smoking Cessation Class:</b>	November UTA, Sunday, noon at the clinic classroom.
<b>Blood Pressure Screening:</b>	Every Saturday during UTA's, at room 116, 08:30 – 09:30 and 15:30 to 16:30.



# NCANG hosts NCOA seminar

By: Chief Master Sgt. Janice Richardson  
Chapter 7 President

Chapter 7 and the women and men of the North Carolina Air National Guard hosted the 36th NCOAGA Seminar with pride and professionalism that clearly speaks to the caliber of outstanding people we have in our organization.

Once again Chapter 7 led the way by submitting the first ever nomination for the NCOAGA Hall of Fame Award, Chief Master Sgt (Deceased) Myron L. Pigg. The nomination was approved and our special guests at the banquet were Mrs. June Pigg, son Lee and daughter Miriam who accepted the award.

Other special guests attending the Awards Banquet were four of the five Chapter 7 past Major General IG Brown Command Excellence winners: Brigadier General (Ret) Lackey, Brigadier General (Ret) Outwater, Colonel (Ret) Brown and Lt. Col (Ret) Carrigan. Chapter 7 continues to enjoy the support of these outstanding individuals.



Member enjoying a training session during the seminar. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrea Jenkins)



Mrs. June Pigg with son Lee and daughter Miriam as they accept the Hall of Fame Award for Chief Master Sgt (Deceased) Myron L. Pigg. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrea Jenkins)

Seminar 36 awards to Chapter 7 were: National Awards (104 Chapter's are considered in the National Awards) Pride Thru Recognition – Chapter 7 received 3rd place and parade of chapters – 3rd place.

Regional Awards: Region 4 Outstanding Chapter – Chapter 7; Region 4 Director's Award: Chief Master Sgt. Janice Richardson.

Scholarships awarded to Chapter 7 members dependants:  
Phillip Brent Jonas - William Goyer Scholarship - \$1600.00  
Dependent of Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Jonas (145 MSF)

Senior Airman Chris R. Johnson - Senior Division Scholarship - \$1300.00 (TMO) Dependent of Senior Master Sgt. Eric Johnson (145 MDS)

Staci Evon Comer - Dependent of TSgt Timothy Comer (263 CBCS) - \$500 USAA Senior Division Scholarship

While our association members were busy taking care of the association business we provided off site activities for the adult and youth guest attending Seminar. This was a big hit with both the adults and youth. States night at the NCANG Recreation Center was another success story! All the attendee's were pleased that we could have this away from the hotel, for some of us it was our only opportunity to be away from the hotel the entire week. The weather was nice so people could be outside or inside to enjoy the fellowship. We couldn't complete this article without mentioning our hospitality room. What a job our people did keeping the hospitality room stocked and ready to serve as the people came in. We had our own MSgt (Ret) Russell, "Squirrel" in charge and as usual the hospitality room received rave reviews.

Special thanks to everyone involved in making Seminar 36 Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association a huge success. Everyone's job was very important and contributed to the overall success of the Seminar.

My challenge to you now is to "Lead the Way" to encourage our younger Airmen to become more involved with Chapter 7 and other unit activities. We should all be mentor's to the young women and men that will replace us – not only in Chapter 7 but also in the North Carolina Air National Guard.

Even the children got involved in the fun during Seminar 36. Here Bridgar, Christopher and Jeanne enjoy themselves at Discovery Place. They are shown here in front of the dinosaur exhibit. (Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Dennis)



Chief Master Sgt. Janice Richardson; Master Sgt Melvin Barnes; and Lt. Col (Ret) Phil Carrigan receive awards during the Awards Banquet.



Cake anyone! A wide variety of desserts were enjoyed during the State's Night. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrea Jenkins)



Here a group from Puerto Rico show their information about their area. This group has been selected to host next year's seminar. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Andrea Jenkins)



Members from Seminar 36 enjoy a Charlotte Knights game. They even had an opportunity to mingle with the mascot, Homer, the dragon.



Staci Comer receives the USAA Senior Division Scholarship of \$500. Shown here with her dad, Technical Sgt. Timothy Comer.



Senior Airman Chris R. Johnson receives the Senior Division Scholarship of \$1300.00. Shown here is son and dad; Johnson and Johnson. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Brian Christensen)

# NCANG member 1st ANG member to graduate from Weapons School

By: *Lt. Col. Marshall C. Collins*  
145th AW Operational Support  
Flight Commander

As I sit here and try to describe the accomplishments of an airlifter, in particular an airlift pilot, I can't help but think how the Air Force and the Air National Guard continue to evolve. In the 20 years since I joined the Air Force and then the Air National Guard I have seen numerous good airmen and airmen come and go, but I have also seen the Air Force change as well. When I first joined the Air Force the natural progression for aviators was to complete training, go to your squadron and become the best aviator possible and progress from there. Usually that meant becoming a formation lead aviator, then an instructor, and finally an evaluator in your respective crew position. For many this was the extent of their operational progression, but for a few there was more.

For a few, several years ago, there could have been, CAT School (Combat Aircrew Training School) at Nellis AFB, Nevada, AATTC (Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center) at St. Joseph, MO, AGOS (Air Ground Operations School), at Hurlburt AFB, FL, and a few others. Today, while a few of those courses still exist, we now have the USAF Mobility Weapons School, at Little Rock AFB, AR. What this course has done is combine the above mentioned courseware and much more into one course. This course is approximately six months in length and requires TDY travel to a number of exercise locations throughout the country.

In the past, due to the length of the course, primarily active duty members were the only attendees, however recently members of the ARC where highly encouraged to have unit



Maj Jaye Stepp

members submit an application for attendance. With that said Major Jaye Stepp submitted an application for a Weapons School slot. Maj. Stepp's application listed him as a member of the 156th Airlift Squadron, and an Instructor Pilot.

With his credentials and an extensive exercise and operations resume Maj. Stepp was handpicked as one of the first Air National Guard members to attend the USAF Mobility Weapons School. During his course Major Stepp was tasked with assorted tests, extremely demanding flying scenarios, and very complicated mission planning requirements. With all of these tasks and requirements Maj. Stepp excelled. His ability to multi-task, what-if numerous situations, simple sheer determination, and positive attitude resulted in his recognition for several Weapons School awards. First, in the academic portion of the course, Jay received the

Superior Academic Performance Award. When the course moved into the flight phase Jaye continued to excel, for this portion of the course he received the Superior Flying Performance Award, also for the flying portion of the course Major Stepp was selected for the Top Flyer Award. The recognition for this award identifies him as the top pilot of that C-130 Weapons Instructor Course. With the above listed awards it only stands to reason that Maj. Stepp was selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award, the top graduate at the C-130 Mobility Weapons School. So to these awards and to all his hard work I would like to add my congratulations and the congratulations of all of the Operations Group.

As one of the first Air National Guard members to complete this grueling course, I must say we in the Operations Group, and I am sure the wing, are extremely proud to count this Distinguished Graduate as a fellow NCANG Guardsman. With his recent graduation Maj. Stepp has been assigned to the 145th Operational Support Flight, and named the Chief of Tactics.

Lastly, I can only say that as the North Carolina Air National Guard, and the USAF continue to evolve and grow, the newer and in most cases younger faces are stepping up to the challenge. As they transition into positions to move this wing to the next level, I see only a bright future with many new challenges for both organizations. With leaders like Maj. Jaye Stepp, I can only imagine at what higher level of knowledge and capability he will hand the Chief of Tactics reins to when it is time for him to continue into higher leadership positions.

# Where were you? Where are we?

By: *Captain James R. Mosier III*  
263rd CBCS Operations Officer

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage. – From 'The Cycle of Democracy' by Alexander Tyler, 1778

Obviously we all remember where we were at the morning of September 11th, 2001 at 8:46, 9:03, 9:43, and 10:48 am. More than location, we know where we were mentally, emotionally and militarily. I happened to be at work and remember a feeling of disbelief and an inability to get my focus back on work as I watched the news. Like many, I left work before lunch. I remember having an extremely high sense of awareness the first time I ventured out from my home after the attack.

I had the honor of being a speaker for 9/11 memorial ceremonies in 2002 and 2003. As this September approached I wanted to reflect on what is different and what has not changed as a result of those horrific events.

## What's different NOW?

There is no doubt, that as a nation, our geography is a little better. Some of us have visited countries we knew little, if anything, about a few years ago. Even 3 years later, we still see a lot more flags flying and observe a greater sense of patriotism in our citizens. Physical and electronic securities have made tremendous leaps in all aspects of our lives. There are more free people in Afghanistan and Iraq than any other time in my lifetime. We no longer 'train like we fight'; we 'train so we can fight.'

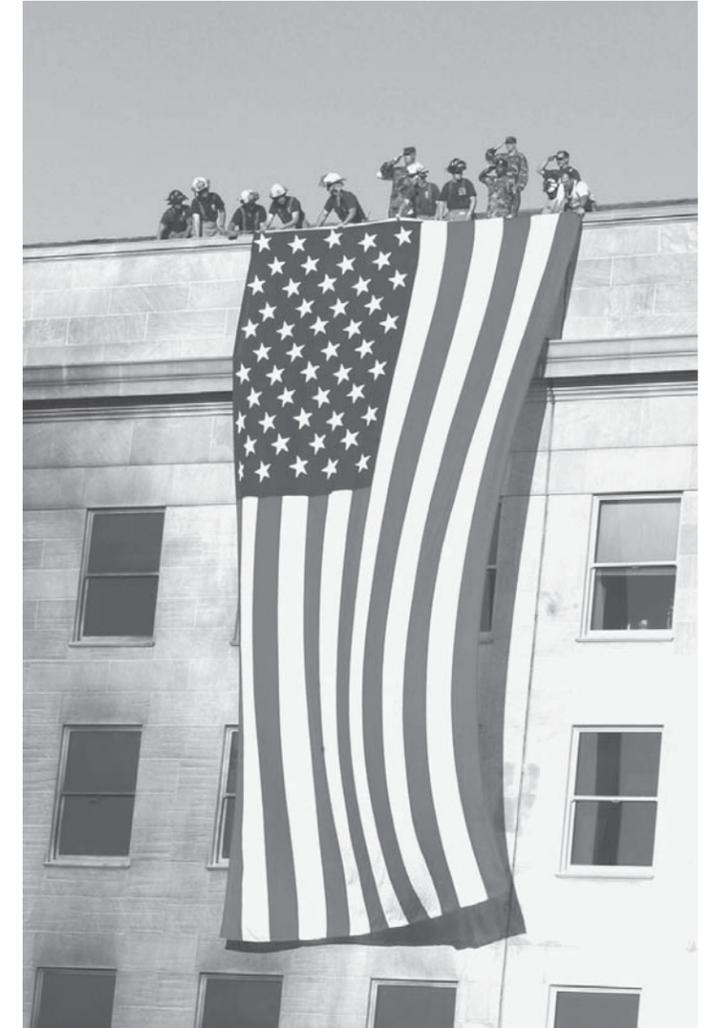
## What's the same?

National attention and government is continually distracted by issues our founding fathers took great effort to ensure the federal government would not be involved in. For the most part, we take our freedoms for granted. We are settling for being normal.

The speech I gave in 2002 focused on the wearing of the uniform and what it meant to me. I opened the floor up for others to express their feelings; there were very few dry eyes when we dismissed.

In 2003, I was angry at how quickly our nation had forgot how we felt on 9/11 and what we resolved to do. We were already getting back to normal; whatever that is.

This year I want to celebrate freedom. I have come to understand that my freedom is a relationship that I have



Military servicemembers render honors as fire and rescue workers unfurl a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery efforts following the Sept. 11th terrorist attack. (Photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Michael W. Pendergrass)

with my country. Like any relationship, to survive and flourish, it must be feed. It takes effort to ensure that it is nurtured. I must not forget why I do what I do, and who I really am.

History is providing a warning beacon for us. We should not take our freedoms for granted, nor should take light the efforts of those who sacrifice to protect them. Let's not forget that America is 228 this year. Where are we as a country in our cycle of democracy?

Never forget the events of September 11th, 2001. Never forget how you felt. Civilian in Peace, Soldier in War...I am the Guard.

# Greetings from Chisinau, Moldova

Through the State Partnership Program the North Carolina National Guard has enjoyed long working relationship with the military of the Republic of Moldova. Moldova, one of a number of former Soviet republics, is a country the size of Maryland nestled south of the Ukraine and east of Romania.

Many of our Guard folk have been there through a variety of exchanges and familiarization events funded primarily by the European Command or the National Guard Bureau. The current North Carolina

representative, or Bilateral Affairs Officer, at the Moldovan MOD - Military of Defense (former headquarters of the 14th Soviet Army) is Chaplain Bob Sturge.

Lt. Col. Sturge is on a one year unaccompanied PCS that involves coordinating the military to military, military to civilian, and civilian to civilian, relationships that are encompassed within this program.

His three "bosses" include the NC National Guard, EUCOM, and the U.S. Ambassador to Moldova.



On a recent trip to meet with Coalition Allies, Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld (center), took time to visit Moldova, a former Soviet republic. There he met with Moldovan military leaders and was briefed by North Carolina liaison, Lt. Col. Robert Sturge (third from right). Sturge is a coordinator for the State Partnership Program of the North Carolina Guard presently serving in Moldova. Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense.

Chaplain Sturge lives in embassy assigned housing in an area local Moldovan taxi drivers like to call "Beverly Hills," in that a number of the westerners live there. His office includes an operations officer, an NCO, along with key Moldovan civilian translators and office personnel. Much of the BAO focus is on humanitarian and development type projects in that Moldova, unfortunately, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

Some experts report that as much as 20% of the current Moldovan population is economically compelled to seek work out of the country. In terms of the military development of a NCO corp, westernization of equipment, and upgrades military housing, are among the key issues.

Chaplain Sturge brings a background of working with various NGO's (non governmental organizations) in the former Soviet Unit, along with basic Russian language skills. Hopefully future Air Guard events in Moldova will be generated during his tenure.

# Letter from the Chief of Staff:

## "Personal finance transformation – improving payroll services through the use of MyPay"

THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON DC

JUN 7 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM-FOA/CC  
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SUBJECT: Personal Finance Transformation – Improving Payroll Services  
Through the Use of MyPay

As the world's premier air and space power, we must always be ready for any contingency even as we transform for tomorrow's challenges. A key component of overall readiness is modern operations support that minimizes member distractions and allows our warfighters to focus on mission needs. One such "enabler" is the myPay web-based pay system. MyPay allows each civilian and military member to conduct pay transactions in a secure electronic environment 24 by 7. Prominent features of myPay include the ability to view, print, and save payroll documents, update address changes for correspondence, and update changes to Thrift Savings Plan accounts.

Additional myPay functionality initiatives are underway. We look forward to the enhancements that allow self-service processing of allotments, a single sign-on between the AF Portal and myPay, and "information personalized identification numbers (PINs)" to provide read-only access to a member's spouse or other designee. With all this functionality, we will soon reach a point where the majority of financial transactions will be accomplished by members via myPay. That's good news for Airmen and their families and for the Air Force.

Regular and frequent use of myPay aids the member because pay changes will be more accurate and timely. It provides enhanced flexibility since transactions can occur at any time from any location, home or abroad. That means no more lines or time-consuming visits to the finance office, which translates into increased mission availability and capability for the Air Force. Indeed, today's expeditionary Air Force requires this kind of financial capability and "freedom" to directly address pay issues whenever they arise. We saw just how well this worked during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM when we required all deployed airmen to have a PIN to access and use myPay. It's time to expand the use of this tool across the Air Force.

Take the necessary steps to mandate myPay utilization and make it the default choice for routine pay transaction for your commands not later than September 2004. Be sure to complete required local bargaining obligations before implementing this requirement for bargaining unit civilian employees. SAF/FM will provide additional guidance on executing our myPay implementation plan AF-Wide.

  
John P. Jumper  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

  
James G. Roche  
Secretary of the Air Force

# Bill approved to help NCANG members with tuition

RALEIGH, N.C. - Legislators approved a bill in August that its supporters said would help more members of the military in North Carolina receive in-state tuition at University of North Carolina and community college campuses. The bill seeks to disentangle the current law, which makes it difficult for the members of the armed forces or a family member to receive the reduced rate, according to supporters. The current statute uses a complicated formula to prevent service members from paying the out-of-state rate. The bill would set in plain language that the in-state rate applies to them. The measure also would allow dependents to retain their in-state eligibility if the active-duty member is reassigned outside of North Carolina. The bill also would allow people from out of state who serve with North Carolina-based National Guard and military reserve units eligible for in-state tuition within North Carolina. The Senate agreed to the House changes approved Saturday night and sent the bill to Gov. Mike Easley to be signed into law.



Governor Easley signs bill into law as Maj. Gen. Ingram and other look on. Photo by Technical Sgt. Brian Christensen.

# "IN GOD WE TRUST" Special License Plates



Governor Easley displays a replica of the special "In God We Trust" license plate as Maj. Gen. Ingram and others look on. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Brian Christensen)



Thank you for your interest in the new "In God We Trust" "Support Our Troops" North Carolina license plate.

For each plate sold, the North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund will receive \$20.00. These funds will be used to provide emergency financial assistance to our North Carolina National Guard soldiers, airmen, and their families who experience financial problems and need a helping hand to help them through their difficulties.

To apply for a special plate, please complete the application and mail it with your \$30 check (\$60 for personalized plates) payable to "NCNG SAAF" to

North Carolina National Guard  
Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund  
Post Office Box 30786  
Raleigh, NC 27622-0786

When we receive a minimum of 300 applications, we will forward them to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for approval to begin issuing plates. At that time, you will be notified that your current plate may be exchanged for the new distinctive plate. After initial issue begins, you may send your application direct to the DMV.

Once again, thanks for your interest and your support of our North Carolina National Guard soldiers, airmen, and their families. Should you have questions or comments, please contact Mr. Bob Suber, Fund Manager, 919-664-6294 or email robert.suber@nc.ngb.army.mil.

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Remit a \$30.00/\$60.00 check or money order with this application. Please make your check payable to "NCNG SAAF" and mail to:

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## Volunteers needed

The 145th Services Flight is soliciting volunteers to serve on the Base Search and Recovery Team.

The purpose of the Search and Recovery Team is to secure and preserve the remains and effects of military and DOD personnel fatally injured as a result of military accident or, occurring on a military installation.

No experience is required to join the team, just a desire to serve your fallen brothering. All the required training and equipment will be provided to you.

If you are interested in joining, or have questions about the team, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Ed Jenkins or Master Sgt. Anne Trial at extension 4346.

## Taps

Mr. Paul Eugene Peeler, age 75, died July 22. A full United States Air Force Military graveside service was held at Hollybrook Cemetery. Mr. Peeler was born on August 3, 1928 in Lincoln County. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother.

Peeler was preceded in death by his parents, R.V. and Gladys Hoover Peeler and two sons, Paul Eugene Peeler, Jr. and Monty Dale Peeler. He was Senior Master Sgt. upon retirement after 37 years as a supply technician for the NC Air National Guard with the 145th Supply Squadron. Peeler had been honored receiving numerous ribbons and meritorious awards during his military service.

Survivors include his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 56 years, Shirley Peeler; his



beloved children, Gary Eugene Peeler and wife, Lynda of Charlotte and Kippen Southerland and husband, Bill of Waxhaw, NC; three grandsons, Jeremy Peeler and wife, Sherry of Rock Hill, SC, William Southerland and Paul Southerland, both of Waxhaw, NC; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Peeler of Charlotte, NC, Jillian Myers and husband, Jason of Raleigh, NC, and Katherine Southerland of Waxhaw, NC; four great grandchildren, Justin Peeler of Mt. Pleasant, NC, Christopher Archie of Rock Hill, SC, Andrew Myers of Raleigh, NC, and Meredith Peeler of Rock Hill, SC; one brother, Donald Peeler of Charlotte, NC; and one sister, Janice Bentley and husband, John of Lincolnton, NC.

## Menu

Saturday - 11 September  
(choice of)  
Baked Ziti or Grilled Pork Chops♥  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Peas♥  
Carrots♥  
Salad Bar♥  
Dinner Rolls  
Choc Chip Cookies/Carrot Cake  
Assorted Beverages

### SEPTEMBER 2004 UTA



♥ = Heart Healthy

Sunday - 12 September  
(choice of)  
Herbed Baked Chicken or Pepper Steak♥  
Rice  
Corn  
Green Beans♥  
Salad Bar♥  
Dinner Rolls  
Cherry Pie/ Choc Chip Cookies  
Assorted Beverages

## Salutes - Enlistments

A1C Tierra M. Blevins	156 AES
A1C Matthew T. Capps	145 CES
SrA Troy M. Danko	145 MXS
SSgt Erika K. Dexheimer	235 ATCS
A1C Shane A. Frick	145 MXS
SrA Heather M. Gondek	235 ATCS
SSgt Sally J. Hawkins	145 SFS
SrA Brandon G. Johnson	263 CBCS
SrA Lisa J. Jordan	263 CBCS
A1C Daniel J. Layell	263 CBCS
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## Salutes – Promotions

### TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Thomas W. Brown, Jr. 145 OG  
Steven C. Chambers 145 OSF  
Sharon M. Hamrick 156 AES  
William D. Taylor 145 MDG

### TO MAJOR

Miles K. Harkey 156 AS  
Timothy E. Moran 145 CES  
Anthony D. Sullins 263 CBCS  
Bobby L. Walston 145 CES

### TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Michael J. Boyd 145 LRS  
David G. Long 145 LRS  
John J. Mello Hq NCANG  
Douglas E. Rook 145 MXS

### TO MASTER SERGEANT

James R. Braswell 145 CF  
Archie A. Mustafagordon 145 SVF

### TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Michelle S. Duran 263 CBCS  
Phillip R. Dwiggin 145 APS

### TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT cont

Leonard J. Moose 145 APS  
Jermaine Parker 156 AS  
Robert G. Strickland, Jr. 145 LRS  
Tammy B. Terry 145 MDG

### TO STAFF SERGEANT

David A. Dietz 145 MXS  
Adrian C. Ellis 118 ASOS  
Jason A. Irwin 118 ASOS  
Lindsey M. Leffel 145 AW  
Keith M. Long 145 OSF

### TO STAFF SERGEANT cont

Randy S. McClure 118 ASOS  
Daryl P. Shaw 145 CES  
William M. Struge 156 AES  
Robert V. J. Onesios 145 MXS  
Tina S. Wickham 145 MXS

### TO SENIOR AIRMAN

Candy K. Bell 156 AES  
Giselle M. Hartl 145 AMS  
Jonathan K. Sullins 145 AMS

## Salutes – Training Completed

**A1C Michael K. Acree** 263 CBCS Apprentice Communications-Computer Systems Operations Specialist Course

**2nd Lt Nathan B. Barron** 156 AS Combat Survival Training Course (ERR)

**A1C Candy K. Bell** 156 AES Medical Materiel Apprentice Course

**2nd Lt Chad E. Bloodworth** 156 AS Academy of Military Science Course  
Physical Fitness Award, **Outstanding Performance During AMS Fitness Program**

**SrA Richard D. Bone, II** 145 SFS Combat Arms Apprentice Course

**SSgt Lewis M. Bowman** 156 AS Combat Survival Training Course (ERR)

**SSgt Jamey L. Britton** 145 CF Advanced Communications-Computer Systems Operations Course

**TSgt Arthur W. Brown, Jr.** 235 ATCS Ground Radar Systems Apprentice Course

**Capt Allan R. Cecil** 145 CF Intermediate Leader Seminar

**A1C Matthew B. Crump** 145 CES Basic Military Training Course

**Amn Megan M. Delgado** 145 AMS Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice (C-130) Course  
Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice

**SrA Kevin B. Eldridge** 263 CBCS Apprentice Communications-Computer Systems Operations Specialist Course

**LTC Peter A. Fenn** 156 AES Stage Operations Officer Course

**SSgt Kelly D. Gilbert** 156 AES Radio Communications Systems Craftsman Course

**MSgt Douglas E. Greene** 145 SFS USAF First Sergeant Academy Course

**LTC Sharon M. Hamrick** 156 AES Stage Operations Officer Course

**MSgt Joseph S. Harrell** 145 MSG Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

## Salutes – Training Completed

**MSgt Richard A. Hergenreter** 156 AES Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

**SSgt Kim D. Highfill** 263 CBCS Communications-Electronics Career Advancement Course

**TSgt Janice W. Holloway** 156 WF Weather Forecaster Apprentice Course

**SSgt Jennifer W. Holt** 156 AS Information Management Craftsman Course

**SMSgt Marlicia M. Hunt** 145 SVF Physical Fitness Specialist Course

**TSgt Jeffery M. Keever, Sr.** 145 LRS Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy

**SSgt Phillip A. Kerr** 263 CBCS Communications-Computer Systems Control Craftsman Course

**SSgt Lyndsey M Leffel** 145 AW Air Force Airman Leadership Course

**SMSgt J. Allen McGaha** 145 AW Mishap Investigation Non-Aviation Course

**SrA George W. Nesbitt** 145 CES Fire Protection Apprentice Course

**A1C Maria E. Pilley** 145 CES Basic Military Training Course

**SSgt Bruce D. Pope** 156 WF Weather Forecaster Apprentice Course  
Tactical Weather Operations Course, Air National Guard Combat Weather Team

**A1C Gabriel I. Propst** 145 MXS Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice (C-130) Course  
Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice Course

**TSgt De'Anna A. Redmon** 145 MSF United States Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy

**Maj Joseph H. Stepp, IV** 156 AS C-130 Weapons Instructor Course

**SSgt Lane P. Thompson** 263 CBCS Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice Course (Phase I)  
Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice Course (Phase II)

**SrA Peter R. Tubiolo** 118 ASOS Tactical Air Command and Control Apprentice Course

**A1C Jonathan K. Sullins** 145 MXS Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice (C-130) Course  
Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice Course

**SSgt Paul D. Williams** 118 ASOS Interservice Mechanic Apprentice Course  
Teamwork Award, General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice

**Capt Gerald H. Wofford** 156 AES Communications Officer Network Training Course  
Communications Deployable and Tactical Comm Education

**SSgt David Mm.Wood** 145 OSF Operations Intelligence Apprentice Course  
**Academic Honor List**



*During July UTA members of the 156th Fighter Inceptor Squadron held a reunion. As part of the weekend this group did a tour of the base. This F86 brought back fond memories for these fighter pilots and members of the squadron during this period. These individuals represent a page out of our history. It was an honor to have them visit the base again. (photo by Master Sgt. Daniel Beaudreau).*

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