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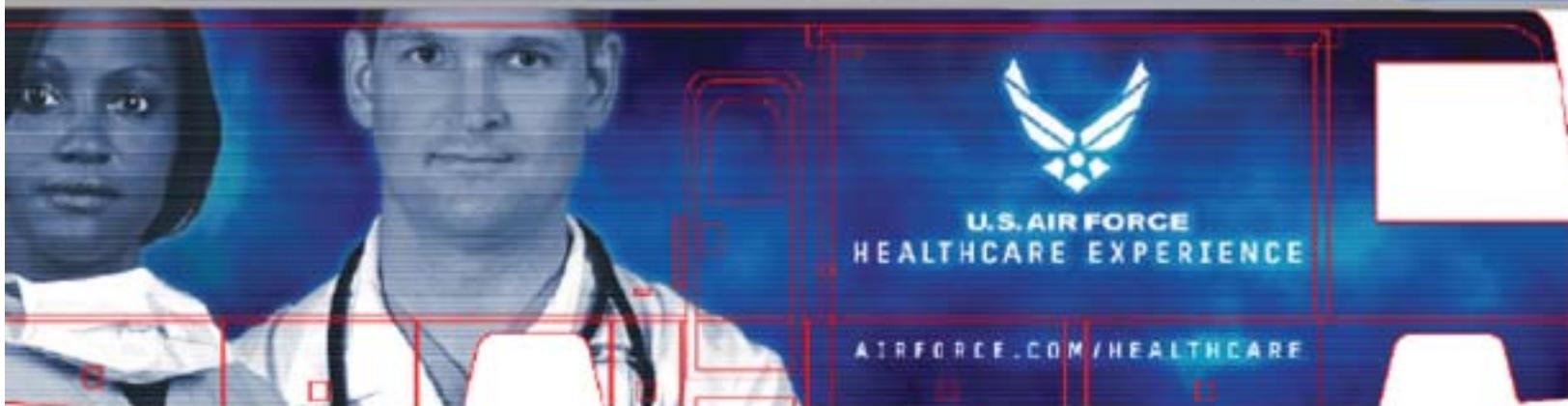
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Photos of Air Force health professions are incorporated in the wrap design for the first-ever Health Professions Mobile Tour. For more on the program, see Page 3. (Cover design by Ronn Linn)

Recruiter Spotlight

Tech. Sgt. Chuck Elder

Job: Health Professions Recruiter

Duty station: 338th RCS, Fairborn, Ohio

Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.

Time in the Air Force: 15 years

Time in AFRS: 4 years

Prior career field: 4A071, Health Care Management

What inspires you to do what you do? I enjoy being able to do my part and to set the example for my children and future generations. It is an honor to serve and it is something I will forever be proud to have done.

What is the best advice you have ever received? It may be cliché, but to honestly just take each day as it comes. In other words, overcome when you can and move on when it's passed.

Stress can shorten your lifespan by years, but happiness can lengthen it by plenty.

What's your personal motto? Common sense is not common to everyone. Don't ever forget it and you will never be surprised by what people do.

What are some of the greatest challenges in health professions recruiting? Recruiting health professionals is the same as any other applicant, except for the level of product knowledge you need to have. Health professionals expect a lot more from a recruiter.

What hints can you give to others about recruiting?

Be honest with your applicants. By being honest, you will have more success in the long run and the sincere respect of your applicants and peers. Honesty results in perpetuation.



Air Force Recruiting Service

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

The Commander's Action Line is a direct line for comments, questions, complaints and suggestions on how to make Air Force Recruiting Service a better place to work.

All action lines will be answered personally by me or my staff while protecting the identity of the individual as best as possible. Although the action line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through your chain of command.

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Brig. Gen. Dutch Remkes
Commander

Health Professions Mobile Tour unveiled

Motorcoach features displays, kiosk, hospitality lounge

By Jim Duvall
AFRS Strategic
Communications Division

When the Health Professions Mobile Tour motor coach recently drove off the production line in Detroit, officer accessions recruiters gained a road tour that rivals their enlisted accession counterparts and the Cross Into the Blue Tour.

The motorcoach, which was created to support Health Professions programs, highlights the Air Force's physician, dental and nurse programs.

It debuted June 24 at the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Convention in Baltimore, Md.

"We're extremely excited to see this project come to fruition," said Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Pigford, superintendent of Strategic Communications at Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service. "Not only are we providing recruiters with a valid tool to help them recruit our top three health professions career fields, we rolled out a state-of-the-art tour that meets the Air Force's highest quality standards."

The chief also added, "This product has a number of high-tech displays and will impress the most selective and hard-to-reach target. Now, with the hospitality lounge, our recruiters will have a private and convenient place to sit down and talk to potential recruits during the event."

The 39-foot mobile platform focuses on hospitality, benefits, and technologies that Air Force health professionals enjoy. Educating America's public about the Air Force Health Professions programs and expanding on the generous and the intangible benefits that come with it are displayed.

"I don't think people realize that this thing is going to be parked in a 25 by 50 foot spot inside convention centers. It's going to grab everyone's attention. And when people walk through it, they won't be disappointed," stated Master Sgt. David Isham, officer accessions account executive at Headquarters AFRS.



by Justin Willenbrink

The Health Professions Mobile Tour motorcoach is a traveling exhibit embarking on a 30-week road trip across the United States.

While embarking on a 30-week road tour, four local recruiters will join the road crew in promoting and operating the tour at each scheduled stop. Local Health Professions recruiters are required to support the tour when it arrives in their respected recruiting zone.

"Like the CITB tour, all that recruiters will need to do is show up and sell," added Sergeant Isham. "When you have hundreds or thousands of people attending conferences and conventions, you'll want your name associated with this tour."

Sergeant Isham also mentioned that the vehicle includes some of the industry's most cutting edge technology. One of the interior features includes an Air Force Reactix Game, which is a high-tech, interactive display that responds to people's movements.

Guests are able to select from six images such as Health Professions careers, base amenities, training, etc., and once selected, view detailed information that's revealed on the other side of the image.

Other interior features include a Virtual Recruiter Experience Healthcare Elite Interactive Kiosk, Hospitality Lounge and Zebra Imaging.

Exterior features include an Aeromedical Missions Captivator and Lead Generation at the Recruitment Counter, which includes an Air Force Health Professions Identification Badge.

The tour is scheduled to make a number of stops during its 30-week road trip across the United States.

Squadrons seeking additional information or wanting to schedule a stop should contact Master Sgt. James Harshbarger at (210) 565-0547.

Changes-of-Command

20 new leaders join AFRS by Aug. 1

By Pam Ancker
AFRS Strategic Communications Division

Twenty new commanders have, or soon will, become part of Air Force Recruiting Service between June 14 and Aug. 1. Here's the breakout.

Headquarters

On July 17, **Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot** assumes command of HQ AFRS from Maj. Gen. (select) Robertus Remkes, who is being assigned to U.S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

Before HQ AFRS, General Vautrinot, a 1982 Air Force Academy graduate, was assigned to the Pentagon as Strategic Security deputy director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements at HQ Air Force.

A former USAFA classmate said the general's leadership skills and drive were evident even as a cadet.

"She was very bright, high energy, optimistic and very caring of others," said fellow 1982 grad Lt. Col. Tony Klucking, director of USAFA's Command Issues. "She had a clear vision on how to get things done."

USAFA's current Dean of Faculty agrees. "She's a leader of character who lives 'people first — mission always,'" said Brig. Gen. Dana Born, a 1983 Academy grad.

General Vautrinot's experience in space systems acquisition and operation includes National Reconnaissance Satellites, advanced space surveillance, and operations chief for the 14th Air Force at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.



Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot
Commander
HQ AFRS

Col. Earl Chase takes over HQ AFRS vice commander duties July 20, from Col. Bob East, who retires Oct. 1. Colonel Chase is an AFRS returnee. Before his recent job as 37th Training Wing vice commander at Lackland AFB, Texas, he commanded the 369th RCG at Lackland from November 2002 to July 2004.

He's a 1977 graduate of Illinois Benedictine in Lisle, Ill., and was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1979. His assignments include B-52 instructor navigator at the 319th Bomb Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and mission commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.



Col. Earl Chase
Vice Commander
HQ AFRS

Groups

Colonel Mario Campos Jr., assumed command of the **372th Recruiting Group**, Hill AFB, Utah, June 23, from Col. Timothy Arrington, who retires Oct. 1.

Colonel Campos, a 1982 distinguished graduate of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Texas at El Paso, brings lots of recruiting experience to his new job. He's been a squadron commander (342nd RCS, Minneapolis), deputy group commander (367th RCG, Robins AFB, Ga.), and most recently, chief of HQ AFRS Plans and Resources Division. With that varied perspective, he hopes "to make the field understand the challenges that we will face in the future, yet be able to achieve our future goals successfully by working with the headquarters and other external agencies," he said.

Col. Michael Brice assumes command of the **367th RCG**, Robins AFB, Ga., July 6, from Col. Gary Kirk, who has applied for retirement. Colonel Brice was commissioned through AFROTC at the



Col. Anthony Henderson
Commander
360th Recruiting Group



Col. Michael Brice
Commander
367th Recruiting Group



Col. Daniel Woolever
Commander
369th Recruiting Group



Col. Mario Campos Jr.
Commander
372nd Recruiting Group

University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1983. His most recent assignment was as chief of the Personnel Programs Division, HQ U.S. Air Forces in Europe, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Colonel Brice said he wants to “provide my troops the leadership, support and guidance necessary to successfully recruit the right number of people with the right skills to accomplish the Air Force mission in the 21st Century.”

Col. Anthony Henderson assumes the top job at the **360th RCG**, Hanscom AFB, Mass., July 7, from Col. Glenda Raichlenon, who’s going to HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

“I am thrilled to be back in recruiting!” Colonel Henderson wrote in an email. “The excitement is contagious—there is *no* place I would rather be.” He said his previous assignments at the 362nd RCS, March ARB, Calif., and the Air Staff at the Pentagon, gave him “a deep respect” for recruiters in the field.

“They do an awesome job!” said the colonel, who was commissioned through AFROTC in 1983, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Col. Daniel Woolever takes command of the **369th RCG**, Lackland AFB, Texas, July 14, from Col. Mark Wasserman, who becomes HQ AFRS Operations Division chief. Colonel Woolever was commissioned via Lehigh University’s AFROTC program in 1983, and also brings previous AFRS experience to his new job. He was deputy chief, then chief of the Operations Division at HQ AFRS and served as 344th RCS commander in Arlington, Texas. He also ran Air Force technical schools and supervised people in a variety of Air Force specialties. That varied experience, the colonel said, “brings me a great deal of knowledge about the 150-plus enlisted specialties and many officer opportunities, thus enhancing our recruiting efforts,” in the group.

Squadrons

313th RCS, North Syracuse, N.Y., Lt. Col. Patrick Dowling became commander June 30, replacing Lt. Col. John Sheppard, who’s retiring.

317th RCS, Oxon Hill, Md., Lt. Col. Robert Sluga assumes command July 14, from Lt. Col. Byron Demby, who’s going to a U.S. Strategic Command staff based in Falls Church, Va.

318th RCS, New Cumberland, Pa., Maj. Gregg Kline assumes command July 5, from Lt. Col. Robert (Vance) Clewis, who is headed to the Air Force Battlelab, Langley AFB, Va.

331st RCS, Gunter AFB, Ala., Maj. Cameron Gilbert assumes command July 11, from Maj. Curtis McGiffin, who’s going to Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

337th RCS, Shaw AFB, S.C., Lt. Col. Thomas Moore assumed command June 22, from Lt. Col. Tony Secrist, who’s headed to U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

344th RCS, Arlington, Texas, Lt. Col. Michael Stephens assumes command July 25, from Lt. Col. Dawn Campbell-Currie, who becomes the AFRS Inspector General.

345th RCS, Scott AFB, Ill., Lt. Col. (sel) Marvin Erickson assumes command Aug. 1, from Lt. Col. Ann Pinc, who’s

going to the Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB.

347th RCS, Milwaukee, Wis., Lt. Col. (sel) Ronald Jackson Jr., became commander June 29, replacing Lt. Col. James Fournier, who went to Royal Air Force Molesworth, U.K.

348th RCS, Little Rock AFB, La., Lt. Col. Kenneth Walters assumes command July 11, from Lt. Col. Michael Vik, who is headed to Ramstein AB, Germany.

349th RCS, Tinker AFB, Okla., Maj. Frank Alberga became commander June 22, replacing Lt. Col. Joseph Fetsch, who went to the Pentagon.

361st RCS, McChord AFB, Wash., Lt. Col. Norbert Motz became commander June 14, replacing Lt. Col. Pat McCormack, who’s retiring.

362nd RCS, March ARB, Calif., Lt. Col. Malcolm Johnson became commander June 16, replacing Lt. Col. Phil Byrd, who went to Germany.

367th RCS, Colorado Springs, Colo., Lt. Col. Gregg VanderLey took command June 20, replacing Lt. Col. Kay Smith, who went to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

369th RCS, Los Angeles, Calif., Lt. Col. Andy Nielsen assumes command July 6, from Lt. Col. Thomas Plummer, who’s going to L.A. AFB, Calif.



CMSAF Rodney McKinley

Chief McKinley becomes 15th CMSAF

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley became the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force July 1.

Chief McKinley assumed his new position following the retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

Prior to his new position, Chief McKinley was the command chief

master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families. (AFPN)

Members earn quarterly awards

Air Force Recruiting Service announced quarterly award winners for the first quarter of 2006.

Award winners and their respective categories were Senior Airman Kimberly Cooper, 361st Recruiting Squadron, junior enlisted member; Staff Sgt. Nuyen Harper, 318th RCS, NCO; Master Sgt. Daniel Allen, 333rd RCS, senior NCO; 1st Lt. Colleen Hollis, 342nd RCS, company grade officer; Jim Duvall, HQ AFRS, civilian category III; Cornelius Mickle, HQ AFRS, civilian category II;

and Monica Fasheyide, HQ AFRS, civilian category I.

A panel of officers and NCOs judged on job performance, self-improvement and community involvement.

WAPS test program refined

Beginning with the chief master sergeant promotion testing cycle in September, Airmen will use multiple-use test booklets for promotion testing and be prohibited from marking in booklets.

The change is expected to improve test security and administrative procedures for the Promotion Fitness Examination and the United States Air Force Supervisory Examination.

The number of test booklets in the field will be reduced from about 210,000 to 7,000 and the opportunity for unauthorized disclosure or loss will be greatly diminished.

Immediate benefits include

Young recruit

Capt. Johnnie Green, left, and Senior Airman Mike Abernathy, A-10 East Demo Team, sign an autograph for a young air show enthusiast during the recent Florida International Air Show in Punta Gorda, Fla. Members of the A-10 demo team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds visited the 333rd Recruiting Squadron display throughout the day to assist in recruiting efforts.



by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy



by Dan Vargas

War veteran visits NASCAR

Senior Airman Daniel Acosta, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, visits the Air Force-Wood Brothers Racing Team car before the Coca Cola 600 Memorial Day Race. Airman Acosta was a guest of Air Force Recruiting Service at the Lowe's Motor Speedway where he received the Stonewall Jackson Award for patriotism and personal service to sacrifice above the call of duty. The Airman lost his arm while assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron in Iraq. He stepped on a pressure plate, setting off an improvised explosive device in December 2005. Airman Acosta was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

reduced costs and elimination of the need to shred test booklets after each testing session.

The Weighted Airman Promotion System testing program provides enlisted Airmen with a fair and secure opportunity to compete for their next stripe, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. (AFPN)

Air Force mandates virtual outprocessing

All Airmen with permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are required to use the Virtual Out-processing application available through the Virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site located at: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs.

Here they can view a detailed vOP checklist from the individual

actions menu.

The vOP checklist will include requirements based on the Airman's unit and other associated base agencies, such as the transportation management office, finance, medical clinic and Tricare.

The checklist also includes the timeframe required for clearing actions at each location.

The online process eliminates paper checklists and most in-person outprocessing requirements. (AFPN)

Retraining requires online application

The active-duty retraining program is now virtual and applications are processed by the Air Force Contact Center as part of the first phase of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

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Foreign language pay rates change

The Office of the Secretary of Defense recently approved new Foreign Language Proficiency Pay rates that increase entitlements for eligible and qualified military members while eliminating FLPP for others.

The highest maximum pay rate for a single-language proficiency increases from \$200 to \$500 per month; likewise, the maximum pay rate for multiple-language proficiency increases from \$300 to \$1,000 per month.

The Department of Defense also has identified several languages as "abundant or surplus" for which sufficient strategic capability already exists. These languages are Spanish, Tagalog, Portuguese, German, Italian, Russian, Korean and French.

The Air Force will no longer pay FLPP to members in these languages unless they are performing language duties in an authorized AFSC or language-designated position. FLPP pay entitlements for abundant or surplus languages ended July 1.

The incentive payments will no longer be limited to two languages. An individual claiming proficiency for more than two DOD-approved languages may receive FLPP for all languages up to the \$1,000 monthly cap. Additionally, a secret security clearance will no longer be required for eligibility to receive pay.

Language testing must still be completed annually to continue receiving pay. (AFPN)

Airmen interested in voluntary retraining as well as those identified for involuntary retraining must initiate the process online via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight.

The retraining self-service application in the vMPF gives Airmen step-by-step instructions on retraining under the Career Airmen Reenlistment Reservation System and the Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program.

Airmen requiring assistance or checking on the status of a submission should call the contact center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, option 1, option 2; commercial (210) 565-5000; or DSN 665-5000.

Information is available at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs. (AFPN)

Nonchargeable leave available for adoptions

Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of nonchargeable leave per calendar year.

A qualifying adoption is defined as the member being eligible for adoption reimbursement of qualified adoption expenses such as adoption, placement, legal and medical fees under Section 1052, Title 10, United States Code.

Adoption leave may be authorized in conjunction with ordinary leave. However, if two service members are married to each other and choose to adopt children, only one service member will be granted an adoption leave of absence.

Airmen should contact their commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, 1, 2 or DSN 665-5000. (AFPN)



Recruiter, RAPper earn recognition for act of courage

An enlisted accessions recruiter in the 349th Recruiting Squadron, and one of his Recruiter Assistance Program members received the Air Force Commendation Medal for an act of courage fighting a recent wildfire near Tulsa, Okla.

While returning from a recruiting visit to a local high school, Tech. Sgt. Martin Redenius and Airman 1st Class Brandon Lewis saw the wildfire threatening a nearby home.

After quickly notifying emergency officials, the two ran to the house and warned the occupants to evacuate. Sergeant Redenius and Airman Lewis then used a garbage can to help spread water on the advancing flames.

The local fire chief credited their "quick actions, without regard to personal safety, as the key act, which ultimately saved the home from certain destruction and ensured the responding firemen were able to quickly control the blaze upon arrival."

No injuries were reported.

Editor's note: Airman Lewis is an air traffic control apprentice assigned to the 52d Operations Support Squadron in Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.



Air Force Marathon to be held Sept. 16

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The 10th annual U.S. Air Force Marathon takes place here Sept. 16, along with a two-day Sports and Fitness Expo Sept. 14 and 15. Runners from all over the world are expected to participate, including two A-10 pilots — in honor of the A-10 aircraft, which is this year's tribute craft.

Events are open to the public and include the marathon,

wheelchair marathon, team relay, half marathon, and 5K races.

World-renowned long distance runners Bill Rodgers and Alberto Salazar will sign autographs, conduct clinics, speak at a dinner gala and participate in the races.

The Air Force Marathon is a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

Active-duty members are authorized permissive temporary duty under AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, but should first check with their supervisor before participating in the event.

For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at www.usafmarathon.com. Runners can save money by registering early online.

Participants may also call (800) 467-1823 for additional details.

Colts' president becomes honorary squadron commander

By Staff Sgt. Terry Fike

330th Recruiting Squadron Public Affairs NCO

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Indianapolis Colts' President Bill Polian became the 330th Recruiting Squadron's first honorary squadron commander during a recent ceremony here.

In this role, Mr. Polian, a distinguished visitor, receives access to and participation in squadron functions including military ceremonies and holiday parties. And, according to Lt. Col. "Jock" Dodson, 330th RCS commander, most importantly he's accepted into the Air Force family.

"The entire Colts organization has always been so accommodating to the Air Force and its mission. We are honored to have Mr. Polian join our family," said Colonel Dodson.

Mr. Polian's father served in the Army Air Corps and his brother served in the Air Force.

"People call athletes role models and heroes," said Mr. Polian. "But it's military members like you, who lay down your lives for our country, who are the real heroes. Without your efforts, we wouldn't be able to do what we do."



by Staff Sgt. Terry Fike

Indianapolis Colts' President Bill Polian gives a congratulatory promotion punch to Tech. Sgt. James O'Guin, 330th Recruiting Squadron enlisted accessions recruiter.

Mr. Polian also rewarded newly promoted Tech. Sgt. James O'Guin, 330th RCS enlisted accessions recruiter, with a traditional promotion pin-on punch.

"It was exciting to have Mr. Polian involved in my promotion ceremony," said Sergeant O'Guin. "How many people get to have a sports celebrity pin on their new rank?"

PME graduates

The following members recently completed Air Force professional military education.

NCO Academy

Tech. Sgt. Stacey Baker	333rd RCS
Tech. Sgt. Brett Boyum	343rd RCS
Master Sgt. Ray Bullinger Jr.	343rd RCS
Tech. Sgt. Garland Coleman	367th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Travis Cripps	339th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Jerry Dail	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Victor Donado Jr.	367th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Misty Driscoll	333rd RCS
Tech. Sgt. Keith Early	367th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Detrom Garrett	331st RCS
Tech. Sgt. Allen Gier	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Raymond Gonzales	343rd RCS
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Glick	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Brian Holbrook	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Jennifer James	331st RCS
Tech. Sgt. Joshua Hyatt	338th RCS

Tech. Sgt. Quincy James	369th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Steven Kerr	330th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Lykins	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Roberts	336th RCS
Tech. Sgt. John Roberts	331st RCS
Tech. Sgt. Keenan Sarpy	331st RCS
Tech. Sgt. John Solane	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Chad Staggs	330th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Sgt. Holly Ulch	347th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Danny Ulch	347th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Craig Vorhees	367th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Bernhard Wallmann	362nd RCS
Tech. Sgt. David White	338th RCS
Tech. Sgt. Stann Widmer	362nd RCS

Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Joshua Biggins	339th RCS
Senior Airman Benito Echevarria	333rd RCS
Senior Airman Raymond Estep	339th RCS
Senior Airman Nat Klungmontri	369th RCS
Senior Airman Randy Owens Jr.	332nd RCS
Senior Airman Edel Rojas	333rd RCS
Senior Airman Richard Seebaran	369th RCS
Senior Airman Michael Zeeb	367th RCS

By Pam Ancker

AFRS Strategic Communications Division

As with some enlistees, Robert East thought he'd join the Air Force for four years, get the G.I. Bill to finish college, then leave and get on with his life. But nearly 34 years, four stripes and six officer ranks later, things didn't exactly turn out that way.

Now-Colonel East, vice commander of Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service for nearly four years, will hang up his blue suit and BDUs Oct 1.

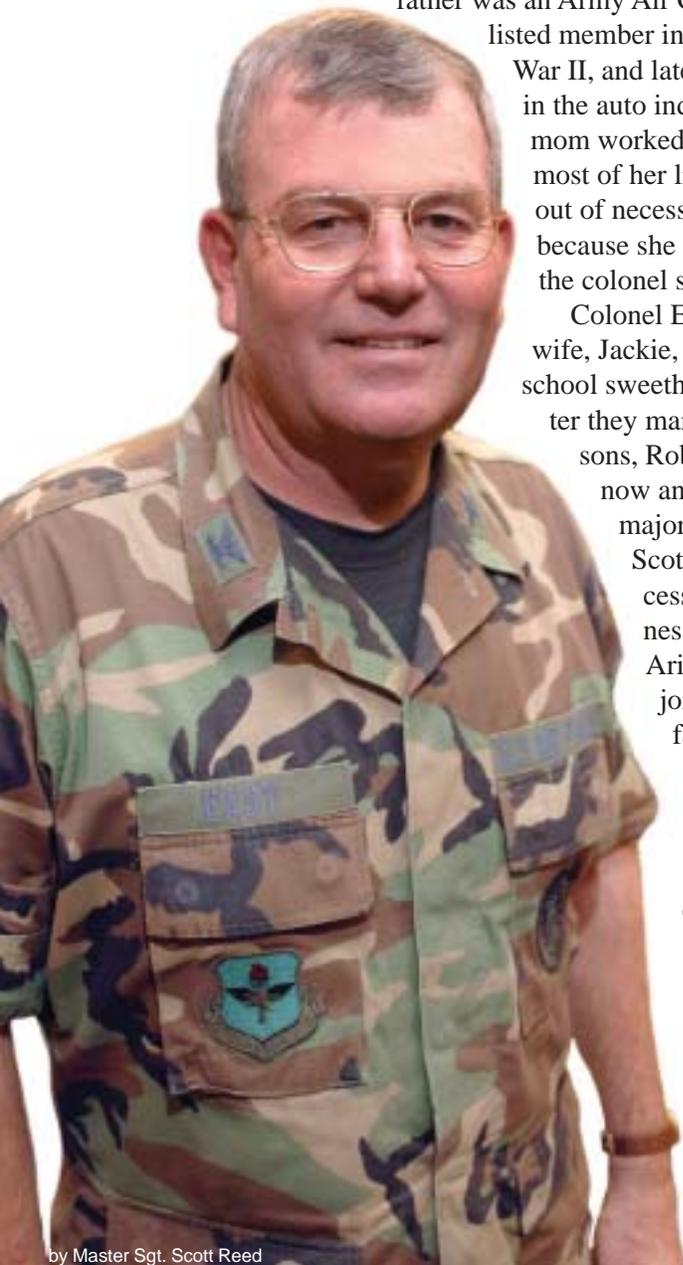
"I've had an absolute blast and wouldn't trade it," Colonel East said of his career.

An only child from Danville, Va., Colonel East's late father was an Army Air Corps enlisted member in World

War II, and later worked in the auto industry. His mom worked in retail most of her life, "first out of necessity, then because she liked it," the colonel said.

Colonel East and his wife, Jackie, were high school sweethearts. After they married, their sons, Robert II, now an Air Force major, and Scott, a successful businessman in Arizona, soon joined the family.

Following several years in and out of college and working at different jobs, Colonel East was ready for a change.



by Master Sgt. Scott Reed

Living a Colonel East wraps of service, more

He mentioned the Air Force idea to his wife.

"She thought I was crazy," Colonel East recalled of his wife's reaction. "Later I said, 'No, I'm really serious about this, I want to join the Air Force,'" he said.

As Jackie remembers, "I didn't know anything about the military, except that people moved around a lot," she said. But she agreed to join her husband in talking with a recruiter, and Tech. Sgt. Vic Murphy visited their home.

"I'll never forget his name," Jackie said with a chuckle, "because I told him 'Don't lie to me. Tell us what it's going to be like,' and he did," she said.

That was 1971. In June 1972, Colonel East began basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Because of his test scores, he could attend whatever technical school he wanted. He looked for the longest so his family could be with him while he completed the course.

"It was between crypto school at Lackland," Colonel East said, "and PMEL [Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory] in Denver, Colo., so I picked PMEL." The family went west.

After graduating from the PMEL course in April 1973, the colonel was assigned to Shaw AFB, S.C. He and his family stayed there more than four years and Colonel East completed his bachelor's degree. He briefly considered leaving the Air Force, but reenlisted and got orders for Howard AFB, Panama.

"I want to be remembered for treating people the right way, those I worked with and for, and having fun doing an important job."

a legacy

aps up 34 years

than 15 in AFRS

While there, he was accepted to Officer Training School. After his commissioning, he was assigned to OTS as an instructor, flight commander and wing protocol officer from March 1980 to May 1983.

In June 1983, Colonel East began the first of his eight jobs in Air Force Recruiting Service as chief, officer procurement branch, 3541st Recruiting Squadron at Lackland. A move across town 13 months later to Randolph AFB made him chief of the analysis and support branch; then executive assistant, and later executive officer to the AFRS Commander. That general helped him get his next job at U.S. Special Operations Command in Florida.

“I became commander of Air Force Recruiting in 1985, and he was the executive officer,” said Maj. Gen. William J. Porter, who retired in 1992. “He had leadership skills and people skills,” the general said, adding that after getting orders to MacDill AFB, Fla., he asked then-Capt. East to go too.

“He learned a brand new programming position, which involved money and acquisitions — a tough job. He did great!” General Porter said. General Porter will be the presiding officer for Colonel East’s retirement ceremony on July 20 at Headquarters AFRS.

Colonel East returned to Shaw AFB in June 1992, this time as 337th Recruiting Squadron commander. He graduated from Air War College in June 1996, and then went to Hill AFB, Utah, and the 372nd Recruiting Group. There he was deputy commander, interim commander for six months, then deputy commander until September 1998.

From September 1998 to November 2002, the colonel and his wife moved four times: to Maxwell AFB, Ala., where he was Air University Public Affairs director; to the Pentagon, where he served as chief, integrated marketing division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for PA; to Hanscom AFB, Mass., as 360th RCG commander, and back to HQ AFRS for what has become his last job in the Air Force.



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

Above, Brig. Gen. William J. Porter, AFRS commander, shares Combined Federal Campaign awards with his executive officer, Capt. Bob East, circa 1985. Now-retired Maj. Gen. Porter will be presiding officer at Colonel East’s retirement ceremony July 20. At left, Airman East during basic training, summer of 1972.

Colonel East said he has seen many changes during his service with AFRS — from missing goal by 1,500 to 1,700 in 1999, and being short 300 recruiters, to improvements in manning and logistical support, and health professions recruiting challenges. “I wish I could’ve made a bigger impact with the HP recruiting efforts,” he said. “We’re moving in the right direction, but we have a lot more to do.” He added, “In the next five years it’s going to get tougher to meet the enlisted quota.”

Of his post-retirement plans, Colonel East said, “In the short term, nothing, except helping my mom at her house. In the long term, visiting our grandchildren [they now have six], traveling and playing golf,” he said. “I am *not* going to start another career!”

For Jackie, who retired from civil service in 2005, the Air Force “was the best thing that ever happened to us,” she said. “We were two kids, with kids, and it made us depend on each other and grow up.”

About his own legacy, Colonel East said, “I want to be remembered for treating people the right way, those I worked with and for, and having fun doing an important job.”

Looks like he’s already met that goal.

Recruiter earns Air Force Personnel honors

By Dale Eckroth

AFRS Strategic Communications Division

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — A senior NCO responsible for working recruiting-related manning issues between Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service and Air Staff has earned the 2005 General Robert J. Dixon Personnel Award.

Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Jones, a recruiter assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center, received the award, which recognizes outstanding contributions made to programs affecting enlisted personnel Air Force-wide.

As the AFPC Skills Management Branch superintendent, Sergeant Jones administered 18 Air Force-level enlisted programs that processed more than 33,000 reenlistments/extensions and more than 2,400 retraining packages. He assigned surplus or disqualified Airmen into shortage skills saving the Air Force more than \$350,000 in unused class seats.

Air Force officials lauded Sergeant Jones for realigning the initial enlisted bonus program that eliminated more than 400 backlogged cases and decreased payment time from 10 days to one. He also completed

\$18.5 million in bonuses with 100 percent validation through both finance and personnel systems.

“Sergeant Jones’ recognition as the Dixon Award

winner for 2005 is a phenomenal achievement,” said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, AFPC Skills Management Branch chief. “His initiative and ingenuity have positively impacted the future of many important Air Force personnel programs and serves as a tremendous professional example for others to follow. He’s a great asset to our Air Force and our personnel team.”

In receiving the award, Sergeant Jones thanked many people. “I’m truly thankful and blessed to be recognized,” he said. “I owe thanks to God, my family, the chiefs I’ve worked for at

AFPC, the AFRS Inspector General chief and the greatest support staff in the Directorate of Personnel Procurement that does great things for our Air Force.”

During his off duty time, Sergeant Jones keeps active in the community. As the AFPC Top 3 president, he organized Hurricane Katrina relief efforts that raised \$2,000 and hundreds of pounds of clothing, food and hygiene items. He has also organized Habitat for Humanity, Role model and Adapt-A-Highway programs.



Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Jones



by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Heritage prototypes

Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice and Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos show off prototypes of the Billy Mitchell heritage coat in the Pentagon recently. General Allardice is director of Airman development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Luke AFB dental squadron commander shares experience with applicants



by Senior Airman Joseph Thompson

Col. Jeffrey Swartz, 56th Dental Squadron commander, performs dental work on a patient at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

By Staff Sgt. Russ Martin
362nd Recruiting Squadron Public Affairs

When deciding on whether or not to join the Air Force, an aspiring dentist often weighs the relative differences between private practice money and a military lifestyle.

That's according to one officer who is leading the way in assisting Air Force recruiters help quality young men and women cross into the blue.

Col. Jeffrey Swartz, 56th Dental Squadron commander at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., takes personal interest in educating soon-to-be dentists about the possibilities the Air Force has to offer.

For his efforts, Brig. Gen. Dutch Remkes, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, recognized Colonel Swartz as an Honorary Recruiter in a recent ceremony.

"Colonel Swartz's involvement has allowed my applicants to really get a feel for what it's like to be an Air Force dentist," said Staff Sgt. Jason Joncas, an officer accessions recruiter in Tempe, Ariz. "I'm always amazed at his positive attitude and how highly he speaks about the Air Force. He never has anything bad to say, nor does the entire dental clinic. When

you tour the dental clinic everyone seems really happy to be there."

The biggest hurdle usually comes in the form of dollars and cents, according to Sergeant Joncas. Colonel Swartz's experience helps put such concerns into perspective, he said.

"I try to tailor it to the person," said Colonel Swartz. "With dental students and residents, scholarships, paying for school, specialty training and loan repayments are the big topics.

"For private practice dentists, it's money vs. lifestyle," he continued. "Many private practice dentists are making a lot of money, but are burnt out. "You don't have to sell dentistry in the Air Force and you get paid even when you're on leave. In private practice if you take a vacation you're not making any money and the bills are still piling up."

Typically, the colonel joins the recruiter and applicant for lunch at Luke's Officers' Club, followed by a tour of the clinic, according to Sergeant Joncas.

"The Colonel is amazing; he will literally spend several hours with my applicants," said the recruiter. "Colonel Swartz even takes the applicants to the flightline where they watch F-16's take off. This allows the applicant to see the bigger picture of what we do and how they can contribute to the overarching mission of the Air Force."

But despite every lunch and every tour of the flightline, not every potential candidate decides to join the Air Force. It can be frustrating to see dental students take on a \$100,000 to \$200,000 debt vs. joining the Air Force and reducing their debt by 50 to 100 percent, said Colonel Swartz.

"They don't realize how long and how much more they're going to have to pay to get out of debt in the future," the colonel added.

Still, it's the opportunity to talk with dental students and share his experiences as an Air Force officer that makes the time worthwhile.

"The most rewarding part is seeing people you've recruited join the Air Force and continue with advanced training and a career," the colonel said.

Chinese immigrant crosses into the blue

By Maj. Ann Knabe

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — Six thousand miles away from her native country of China, Yi Liu knew she wanted to make a name for herself in America.

She grew up in a small copper mining town in the province of Canton and immigrated to the United States in 2003. At the age of 21, she lived with her family in a “box-sized” apartment in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

“I was thrilled to be in the United States,” said Airman 1st Class Yi Liu, who was assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron “Grab and Go” flight kitchen earlier this year. “We waited 12 years to move to America, and I had a whole new country, whole new world and whole new life of opportunity in front of me.”

Opportunity knocked when Airman Liu met an Air Force recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Chris Williams.

“I was so impressed with her sharp blue uniform and professional image. She was everything I wanted to be ... resolute, confident and helpful. I wanted to be just like her and open up my wings,” said the Airman from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Airman Liu realized the Air Force was a way to achieve her

dreams while giving back to her new country. But it wasn’t easy.

“Can you imagine what it is like to be deaf and dumb?” she said. “That’s how I felt in basic training. Not only was I trying to adapt to the tough physical and mental requirements, I was also learning English as a new language.”

Although basic training and technical school were challenging, Airman Liu passed with flying colors, earning an award for excellence along the way. Within a year, she earned her 5-level qualification, learned how to drive and bought a car. More importantly, she became a U.S. citizen, and found self-confidence and identity in her Air Force job.

“I know I play my own special role in the global war on terrorism,” she said. “And this is satisfying, but I want to give more.”

“I’m picking up new English words daily, and, in turn, am helping Air Force linguists practice Chinese.”

Others have noted Airman Liu’s commitment to excellence. Her squadron recently named her a “Warrior of the Week,” and she voluntarily teaches a Chinese language class. Airman Liu believes this will help her reach her ultimate goal, to serve as a linguist in the Air Force.

“More than ever, I feel alive,” Airman Liu said. “The Air Force has given me wings

to fly into that big blue sky, and today I am doing what I can to help with this critical overseas mission. In the future, I expect to give even more.”

(Editor’s note: Airman Liu has returned to the 27th Services Squadron at Cannon AFB where she works as a lodging front desk representative. Major Knabe has also returned to her duties as the public affairs chief for the 440 Airlift Wing, General Mitchell Air Reserve Station in Milwaukee, Wis.)

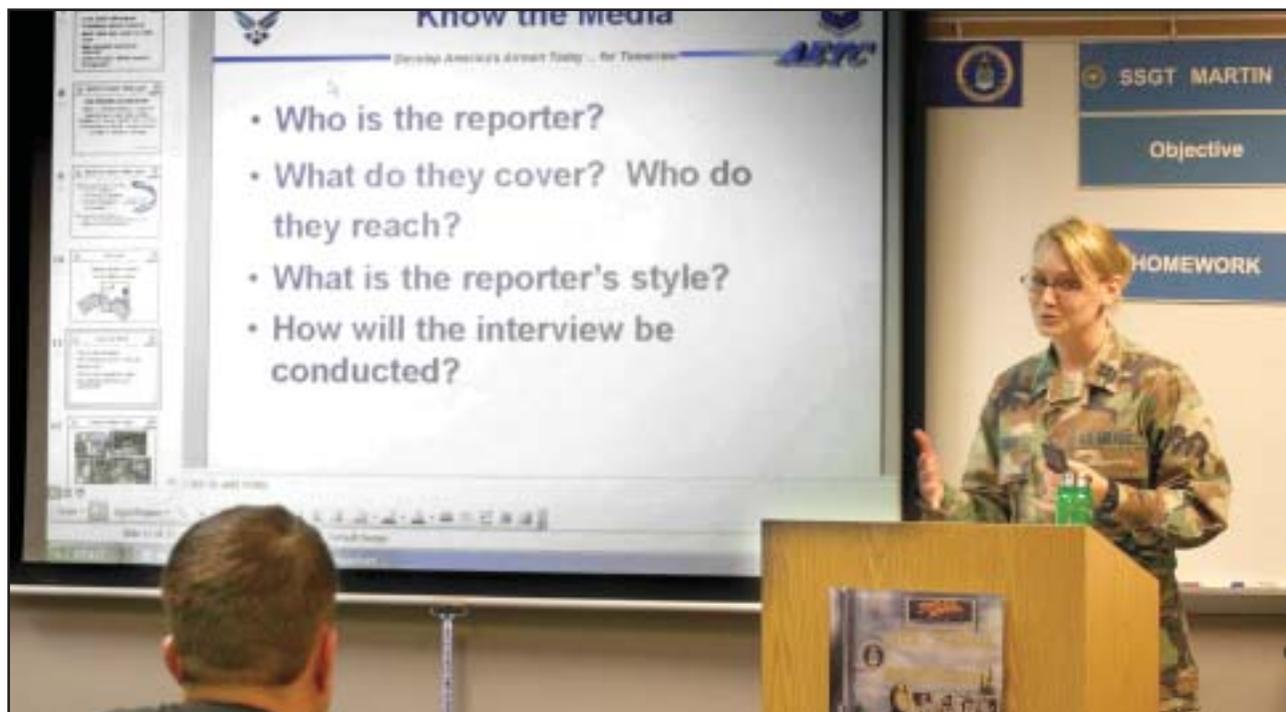


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Airman 1st Class Yi Liu immigrated from China to the United States in 2003 when she was 21 years old. Shortly after, she joined the Air Force.

“More than ever, I feel alive. The Air Force has given me wings to fly into that big blue sky.”

**Airman 1st Class Yi Liu
379th Expeditionary Services Squadron**



by Dale Eckroth

Capt. Amy Render, chief of Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs, conducts media training at the Recruiting School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Media training is now conducted on the 31st day of training.

Recruiters learn how it feels to be on camera

By Capt. Amy Render
Chief, AFRS Public Affairs

Recruiting School students in their 31st day of training receive more than the usual school house briefings at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. They now learn what it's like to talk to the news media.

On June 5, Air Force Recruiting Service implemented media training in the curriculum.

With manpower cuts forcing Public Affairs spe-



by Pam Ancker

Dale Eckroth, of the AFRS Strategic Communications Division, conducts a mock TV interview with Staff Sgt. Rebecca Nyame. Sergeant Nyame is an enlisted accessions recruiter in Richmond, Va.

cialists to leave the recruiter career field, and many recruiters geographically separated from a base or squadron PA office, AFRS leaders realized recruiters needed an introduction to media awareness.

In the past, recruiters had time to react and plan a response when the media came knocking on their door; the internet has changed all that. Now with instant news, reporters are quick to post their stories online and to show up when recruiters least expect them.

Media training allows recruiters to have a basic understanding of how the media works and prepares them for what to say and how to look good on camera. Mock interviews are videotaped outside the classroom and played back for the rest of the students to critique.

Training has been received favorably by students and teachers.

"Our training was very useful and entertaining," said a group of students recently. Their only regret was they wished they could have gone through similar training in their previous Air Force jobs.

"You never know when you might get a camera shoved in your face," said one student.

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Military, families can get online mental health screening

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Military members and families coping with the stress of overseas deployments and other potential health-threatening issues can log onto the Internet to get help, said a U.S. military psychologist.

Servicemembers from all components and their families can obtain a mental health self-assessment or screening through a Web site co-sponsored by the Department of Defense and Screening for Mental Health Inc., a nonprofit organization, said Col. (Dr.) Joyce Adkins, a psychologist with the Force Health Protection and Readiness directorate at the Defense Department's Health Affairs office.

"The (online) screening actually gets you to where you need to be in terms of counseling," Dr. Adkins said. "Once you do one of the screening checklists, it will give you the benefits that are available to you."

The Web site was brought online in January, and can be found at www.mentalhealthscreening.org/military/index.aspx. The link to the survey is in the upper right corner of the Web page under "Click for anonymous self assessment."

The site augments other DOD mental health assistance resources, Dr. Adkins said. People logged onto the site are

asked to answer a series of questions. The program "grades" the completed survey, Dr. Adkins said, and gives people an evaluation of their present mental health and provides assistance resources, if deemed necessary.

Other DOD-endorsed health sites tell customers how to access mental health counseling services, but do not provide an online mental health screening program, Dr. Adkins said.

National Guard and Reserve members returning from overseas deployments also are authorized to use the Web site, Dr. Adkins said. Returning Reserve-component members have two years of health benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. "And, it's totally free to them," the colonel said.

Such services are especially important now because of the potential stressful effects deployments can have on both military and family members, Dr. Adkins said.

"It's a concern that people don't understand what their thoughts and feelings mean as they come back from deployment," Dr. Adkins said. "As they re-integrate with their families there may be conflict in the family that's not easily resolved."

The mental health screening Web site and other related programs available to servicemembers and their families provide "a level of benefits and a level of service to help them understand what services are available to them for mental health issues," Dr. Adkins said.

A simple reminder: play it safe this summer

By Dale Eckroth

AFRS Strategic Communications Division

Here we are smack dab in the middle of summer and just when you thought it was safe to go into the water, drive a car, ride a motorcycle and even grill that juicy burger, along comes this simple reminder — play it safe.

In a recent safety message, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley, reported that 29 Airmen lost their lives last year during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. The deadliest activities were automobile and motorcycle accidents. Alcohol, speeding, fatigue and failure to use seatbelts were the leading causes of death. Water safety is also of concern. General Mosley said fatigue and lack of flotation equipment led to the deaths of five Airmen.

“It sounds simple and something we take for granted, but we all need to think about the risks involved in our summer fun, no matter how insignificant they may seem,” said Ray Brown, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service safety manager.

“Take for example, driving a car. It requires concentration, perception and judgment,” he said. “Don’t compromise safety for a moment. Before the key goes into the ignition, before the gear goes into drive, make sure all the risks have been weighed.”

When it comes to boating and other water activities, the American Red Cross says the best thing anyone can do to stay safe is to learn to swim. Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. Children or inexperienced swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices.

Don’t mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination and reduces your body’s ability to stay warm.

What would summer be without backyard barbecues? If you’re like millions of other Americans, you own a gas or charcoal grill waiting to be fired up. According to the National Fire Protection Safety Association, gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grills. Leaks and breaks are the leading cause of gas grill fires.

The NFPSA says when using a charcoal grill never add starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

“Our summer activities are meant to be fun and exciting,” Mr. Brown said. “To keep it that way, just remember to play it safe.”



April - June Promotions

Major

Kate Ritzel 367th RCS

Captain

Eric Barnett 318th RCS
 Ross Kurtz 344th RCS
 Dawn Nishimoto 367th RCS
 Sarah Verstraten 318th RCS

First Lieutenant

Timothy Goines HQ AFRS

Chief Master Sergeant

Elliot Clark HQ AETC
 Ronald Neely 345th RCS
 Alfred Wilkes HQ AFRS

Senior Master Sergeant

Myron Alexander 338th RCS
 David Aragon 336th RCS
 Gregory Bendel 372nd RCG
 Jon Christie 314th RCS
 Richard Kelly 337th RCS
 George Stanage IV 349th RCS
 Scott Stoy 318th RCS
 Gerald Thomas 345th RCS

Master Sergeant

Reginald Anderson 332nd RCS
 James Black 330th RCS
 Craig Blevins 317th RCS
 Maurice Brooks 314th RCS
 Jeffery Bucholtz 339th RCS
 Ray Bullinger Jr. 343rd RCS
 Jerry Bunch 345th RCS
 Francisco Campos 367th RCS
 Michael Cattafi III 332nd RCS
 Matthew Cherveney Sr. 361st RCS
 Chad Cribb 333rd RCS
 Christopher Cunningham..343rd RCS
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 Amy Decker 338th RCS
 Michael Deluzio 344th RCS
 Ronnie Dunker 345th RCS
 Paul Ellison 347th RCS
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 Michael Fly 362nd RCS
 Cheryl French 331st RCS
 Cory Frommer 369th RCS
 Jerry Gobble 336th RCS
 Theodore Harrell Jr. 337th RCS
 Gregory Hunter 313th RCS
 Brad Incrocci 347th RCS
 Robert Little 364th RCS



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 Jeffrey Moffet 369th RCS
 Monte Lindsey 343rd RCS
 Larry Moore 332nd RCS
 Jeffrey Morris 344th RCS
 Bruno Pell III 311th RCS
 Brad Ritt 347th RCS
 David Rooney 330th RCS
 Michael Sanger 367th RCS
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 Renee Skalij 331th RCS
 Christopher Warsitz 313th RCS
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 Michael Wolfe Jr. 341st RCS
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The April Recruiter Magazine inadvertently omitted a member from the promotions list. Tech. Sgt. Richard McKenna, 349th Recruiting Squadron, was promoted to the rank of master sergeant in February.

Uniform Board Results

Immediately effective approved items from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board

A Design and development of the Headquarters, U.S. Air Force identification (HAF) badge

B Wear of the blue nametage with the Air Force informal uniform - **abbreviated rank** and name on one line

C Standardized **cummerbund** wear

D Prohibit wear of **scrunchy** as hair accessory for women

E **Hair pins** and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends

F **Hair color**/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings

G No **flat top** hairstyle or shaved head for women

H **Synthetic hair** can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements

I **Braids**, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women

J Standardize **wig/hairpiece** wear - eliminates medical justification for men

K If due to a temporary medical condition resulting in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved **American Cancer Society cap** (black or tan), wigs or baldness in uniform

L Females will not wear shades of **nail polish** that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Nail polish will be limited to one color. French manicures are allowed. Nail length will not exceed one quarter inch from finger tip

M Wear of **carry type purse** with no more than two straps authorized with mess dress

N Reduce bracelet size to one half inch. **Bracelets** that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized

O **Rings** will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring

P **Eyeglasses** will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform

Q **Earrings** for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe

R Optional wear of male **flight cap** for women

S Authorize optional **epoxy blue name tag**, worn on the blue shirt

T Authorize the wear of the **fire fighter duty badge** while an individual is assigned to 3E7X1 DAFSC position, including periods of PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

U Authorize the wear of the **security forces duty badge** and beret while an individual is assigned to a 3PXXX DAFSC position and possesses a 3PXXX PAFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above the group level

V Discontinue award of the Air Force **Good Conduct Medal**. May continue to wear those previously earned and a matter of record

W **PT uniform**-mandatory wear date set as 1 October 2006 and 1 October 2005 in the AOR. Specific wear instructions released on message dated 17 November 2005

X **Cell phones**, pagers and personal digital assistant must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. May be clipped to the left side of waist band or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device

Y Authorize the permanent wear of the **scuba badge** on the BDU

For updates and more information on the results from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board please go to www.af.mil

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The Air Force is an official sponsor of Gus Macker basketball tournaments featuring a slam-dunk contest, 3-point shootout, free-throw contest, or other skill events. Tournaments may also feature local or nationally recognized players or coaches to conduct clinics for the young people at the events.

Macker Tournaments also include "non-basketball" events such as a carnival-type area with rides and games for the kids, a concert featuring local or national recording artists, or similar entertainment activities.

Recruiters are required to support these events. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Enrique Jones, Air

Force Recruiting Service Special Events Marketing, (210) 565-0547 or DSN 665-0547.

July

8-9	Eau Claire, Wisc. Cambridge, Ohio Norwich, N.Y. Springfield, Ill.
15-16	Ludington, Mich. Riverdale, Ill. Oconomowoc, Wisc. Washington CH, Ohio
22-23	Muncie, Ind. Sheboygan, Wisc. Ellenville, N.Y. Wadsworth, Ohio Socorro, N.M.
29-30	Hornell, N.Y. Midland, Mich. Washington, Ill.

August

5-6	West Bloomfield, Mich. Belding, Mich. Findlay, Ohio (youth only)
12-13	Rome, N.Y. St. Paul, Minn. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
26-27	Rockford, Ill. Kokomo, Ind. Toledo, Ohio

September

9-10	Charlotte, N.C. Springfield, Mo.
16-17	Fresno, Calif.
23-24	Milwaukee, Wisc. (National Championship)
30-Oct. 1	Lafayette, Ind.