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908th deployed cops, serve, protect humanitarian mission

By Staff Sgt. Beth Orlen
New Horizons 2006 - Honduras
Public Affairs

LA CEIBA, Honduras – While investigating small arms fire in the area around a Honduran base, moving stray cattle away from a tent city and guarding medical personnel during off-base free clinics isn't a normal part of their duties at home, the men and women of the 908th Security Forces Squadron from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., take it in stride – it's just part of the job.

A job the seven-member team of Tech. Sgts. Johnny Ray White, Eric Townsend and Mark Simmons, Staff Sgts. Clint Wade and Jeff Paul and Senior Airmen Matt Johnson and Angela Roland, who deployed in support of the New Horizons 2006 – Honduras exercise, do with the help of 67 other Army, Marines and Honduran Army personnel.

New Horizons 2006 – Honduras is a joint training exercise between the U.S. military and the Honduran

government that will improve the quality of life for the local people. When the exercise concludes in May, the Joint Task Force here will have constructed a maternity clinic, four schools and provided free medical care at 14 different locations in and around La Ceiba.

Every day the force protection forces are charged with the protection of more than 350 Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine and Honduran forces not only at the base, but also at five construction and medical clinic sites throughout the country.

"They do a pretty good job," said Marine Sgt. Jerrod Lantz, a 472nd Marine Wing Support Squadron small arms repair technician, who has never worked with Airmen before. "The way they carry themselves is (professional). If there is a problem, they handle it quickly."

But doing that job with other services and countries can pose challenges.

One challenge is communicating with the Honduran troops.



908th Security Forces Squadron member Tech. Sgt. Johnny Ray White, center, works with the Honduran Army troops to secure the five construction and the one medical readiness sites, as well as the base in La Ceiba, Honduras.

"The language barrier is a big thing," said Sergeant Paul. "Just being able to communicate to a (Honduran) security

guy to get what you need is hard."

"We use a lot of hand and arm signals to get our mean-

ings across," said Sergeant Townsend.

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Family Day features new twists -- zoo outing, baseball

Have you heard? This year's Family Day will be held at the Montgomery Zoo, Saturday May 6.

On a related note, plan to catch the Montgomery Biscuits vs. the Mississippi Braves baseball game at 7:05 p.m. at Riverwalk Stadium. Gates will open at 5:50 p.m.. A fireworks spectacular sponsored by Max FCU follows the game.

Reserved tickets for 500 Guard/Reserve members are available at \$8 person; children 2 and under will get in free. Deadline for tickets is April 2.

Guardsmen and Reservist should work through their first sergeants to order tickets or fill out the on-line order form on the Biscuits web site at <http://www.biscuitsbaseball.com/grouporder/airguard.html>.



Photo by Jeff Melvin



Photo courtesy Montgomery Zoo

Left, Tamar Poole, son 908th ASTS's Staff Sgt. Tamara Dunning shoots hoops at last year's Family Day. Above, the newest additions at the Montgomery Zoo, site of this year's Family Day.

Be smart, develop plan to achieve goals, resolutions

By Capt. Jameson Durham
908th Aeromedical Evacuation
Squadron

Two-year deployments, SAV, MSAV, and the list/requirements never end. How does one rebalance after all we have successfully completed? Let's compare what we just went through versus those all important New Year's resolutions.

What should we pledge to do this New Year: Improve life, job, friendships, and financial status? Each year we reflect on our past performance and life satisfactions. People go into a frenzy setting personal and professional goals that more often than not lead to frustration, dismay, and at times, depression. Yet year after year, we hope the next New Year will be different, why?

Let us look at past New Year's resolutions and analyze why they didn't come true.

1) Personally - we want to strengthen our personal relations with friends and family members. Admirable goal; but what went wrong? We had great intentions but it seemed that instead of strengthen-

ing our bonds they grew weaker. The year passed so quickly we were unable to find additional time to spend with the ones we love or care about. First goal unfulfilled.

2) Weight loss - the one goal most of us strive to conquer but always seem to come up short. This year started like every other year, a plan to reduce overall body size ten-fold. We set our goal. The New Year is upon us, so let's begin! Three months into it and guess what? Life has happened again, our pants are tighter and the scale is broken. Things just don't seem to be going well, so what's the use? We can't achieve this goal, either.

3) Financial independence - We are going to go to work each day, work hard, and save, save, save. No more lunches out, no more golfing, no more shoe buying. A hermit life and financial independent will be reached. Yeah! Three months later, we've earned a lot of comp time, friends don't remember what we look like, and life just isn't as fun as it used to be. And our savings account is the same as it has always been,

empty.

What happened, three goals all of which met failure? Sound familiar, rebalancing just didn't occur. Life just isn't fair! Or is it? Maybe we just haven't formalized a plan for success. I know I said that dirty word, "plan."

We've all heard it, but hate doing it. Develop a plan, write it down and stick to it. I want to lose weight, obtain financial independence, and improve my relationships. Sounds like a plan to me. So what happened and why didn't we succeed. The simple answer: Your plan was lacking. You see a good plan must be a SMART one:

S = specific

M = measurable

A = action oriented

R = realistic

T = time based (stages to measure success by)

I like to add one more step, WRITTEN.

Let's use weight loss goal as an example and apply these principles.

Our goal is to lose

weight. Now answer these three questions:

a. How much do you want to lose?

b. What is the period you would like to lose it?

c. Is it realistic?

Specific and Measurable - It took time to gain the weight and it will take time to lose it. Be specific, how much do you weigh? How much do you want to lose? Remember, you're never going to get in your high school reunion jeans! Chose something that you can accomplish, i.e., size 36/8 shoot for a 34/6.

Action Oriented - Is your weight loss plan action oriented? How are you going to lose this weight? What action are you going to take? Exercise (how often)? Eat right (develop a meal plan). How many meals are you going to eat each day (minimum is three meals)?

Realistic and Time-based - When do you want to get down to the size 34? How do you plan to increase your physical activity? Give yourself some latitude. Don't setup a goal that is too aggressive, remember be realistic.

Now the final step, Pen to Paper - Put all this in writing and place it somewhere you can see it every day and this year's resolutions/rebalancing will come true. All it takes is for us to implement the SMART principles in all we do and we'll reach our goals.

Focus on what we can do, not what we can't

Henry Ford once said "A weakness of all human beings is trying to do too many things at once. That scatters the effort and destroys direction."

I find that many of us (me especially) can fall into this trap. I look around at the world and I see so much that needs to be done. People need to be

clothed and fed, homes need to be found for those living on the streets, justice needs to be administered, and wrongs need to be righted.

I can get so caught up in all that needs to be done in the world that I feel overwhelmed and if I am not careful I end up not doing anything. Often times I will tell myself - I am only one person, what good can I really do?

Have you ever had a similar experience or thought?

Well, it is true; we might not be able to change the world. But I am convinced that we can do something in the area around us. We don't need to worry about what all we will not be able

to fix. Instead of focusing on what we can't do we need to focus on what we can change - those things right around us. And if enough of those things get changed - who knows the world itself might be a different place.



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Afghan generals tour Air University, visit 908th

Two senior generals of Afghanistan's National Army Air Corps visited Maxwell AFB Feb. 28 to observe Air University educational environment and get a firsthand look at the 908th AW's C-130 operations.

Maj. Gen. Mohammad Dawran, commander of Afghanistan's National Army Air Corps, and Brig. Gen. Abdul Wahab Wardak, an air wing commander, visited Maxwell during their three-base tour of the U.S. They also visited Fort Rucker, Ala., and Ft. Bliss, Texas.

General Dawran said the base visits were helpful as his country continues to build its military.

"Since we are changing our infrastructure and building up our air corps, it helps a lot to see how things are done here," Dawran said through a translator. "It gives us lots of ideas, and as our economic situation strengthens, we can begin to implement those ideas."

Dawran said visiting the hangars was particularly helpful because he is overseeing the construction of two aircraft hangars in Afghanistan.

The generals' visit was sponsored by U.S. Central Command. CENTCOM oversees U.S. military operations in 25 countries in Northeast Africa and Southwest and Central Asia.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

908th Maintenance Group commander Col. Kerry Kohler takes Maj. Gen. Mohammad Dawran, commander of Afghanistan's National Army Air Corps (2nd from left) and Brig. Gen. Abdul Wahab Wardak (front row 2nd from right), an Afghanistan air wing commander on a tour of the 908th AW's new C-130 hangars.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Refresher training

From left, LRS members Airman Santana Wilson, Airman 1st Class Crystal Bickerstaff and Senior Airman Kanitea Blackmon practice donning their chemical warfare gear during the March UTA.

Logistics squadron building traditions, plans to honor retirees' service with formal ceremony

By 1st Lt. Tonia Stephens
908th Logistics Readiness Squadron

No longer content to honor retiring members with informal send offs; the 908th Logistics Readiness Squadron wants to send off its next round of retirees in style.

April retirees Capt. Timothy Anderson and Master Sgt. John Augustus and May retiree Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Johnson will be the first unit members to get the star treatment.

The squadron is fairly new and in the process of building traditions and refining practices, starting with retirement ceremonies.

"A formal ceremony is more appropriate for our members because they have served and committed to so many years of military service. They deserve special recognition from the unit to show our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made," said LRS member Tech. Sgt. Angela Oden.

LRS commander Maj. Ben Smith concurs. A military retirement, he said, represents a milestone in a member's life.

"A formal ceremony allows for the inclusion of friends and family in applauding the

achievements and contributions the members have made to the Air Force throughout their careers," the major added.

When asked his thoughts about retiring, Chief Johnson seemed to reflect back for a few moments, nodded his head and said with a smile, "I am ready."

Chief Johnson is certainly entitled to be ready, he's served for more than 30 years.

Like many of those in the military, Chief Johnson entered at an early age. His military career began in 1966 and has gone full speed ahead ever since.

Based on combined service of nearly 75 years (Chief Johnson's 30+, Captain Anderson's 20+ and Sergeant Augustus's 24+), a proper departure ceremony is definitely warranted.

Make plans to attend Captain Anderson and Sergeant Augustus' retirement Sunday of the April UTA at 2 p.m. in the SOC small auditorium.

For information regarding the May UTA retirement ceremony for Chief Johnson, contact Master Sgt. Rochelle Peterson at 953-1278.



Photo by Jeff Melvin



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

25th APS members Master Sgts. Darrel Tubbs, left, and John Moon, above, were named outstanding performers by the 22nd AF staff assistance team. A third APS member, Master Sgt. William McDonnell was also selected as a star performer by the SAV team.

Wing aces 'open book test'

Staff assistance visit team results reveal game plan for unit compliance inspection preparation

By Jeff Melvin
908th AW Public Affairs

Wing programs and people earned rave reviews from 22nd Air Force staff assistance visit team members last month. With several programs identified as command benchmarks, the wing easily passed its 'open book' test and appears to be in good shape to take its 'final exam,' the AFRC Unit Compliance Inspection set for October 2007.

"Very few areas with 'Answerable Observations' or observations requiring external assistance," is how SAV team chief Col. Edward Whitely summarized the higher headquarters functional area experts' assessment of the 908th.

Noting that the 908th had been through an alphabet soup of inspections during the past two years and passed them with flying colors, the SAV team chief offered these encouraging words.

"During the past two years the 908th AW has been mobilized, had an ORI, an ASEV, an HSI, and a MSEP. They have participated in numerous other deployments around the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism and other demanding operations. Overall, the 908th AW showed minimal signs of mission degradation from this extremely busy period. The attitude and cooperation between the 22nd AF and 908th AW personnel was outstanding and beneficial in

the remediation of observations during this visit. The morale and motivation of all 908th AW personnel was high with great participation during this UTA," wrote Colonel Whitely in an executive summary of the final report.

908th AW commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler thanked unit members for their efforts and said that as expected, the SAV revealed no surprises.

"We've just earned recognition as an Air Force Outstanding Unit so we knew we were in good shape. We certainly could not have performed as superbly as we have without outstanding people and programs. We all should feel flattered that the 22nd AF SAV team identified some of our 908th AW programs as benchmark programs. It takes a team effort to build, implement, and sustain outstanding programs and processes.

Although we're in a period of recovery and rebalancing stemming from the strains of a two-year activation, unit members can't rest on their laurels and let their superior performance dip, the commander cautioned.

SAV Highlights

3 Outstanding Programs:

HC – Activated Family Support Dinners
APS – Air Transportation Standardization/
Evaluation program
OSF – Intel SIPRNET webpage

3 Outstanding Performers:

Master Sgts. Darrel Tubbs, William McDonnell
and John Moon, 25th APS

4 22nd AF Gold Coins (for outstanding day-to-day contributions to 908th AW and support for the SAV Team)

Maj. Troy Vonada and Chief Master Sgt. Thrasher Jones, 908th AW
Capt. Jeffrey Randall, 357th AS
Senior Master Sgt. Byron Godwin, 908th SVF

The task now, he said, is to correct the few deficiencies the team identified and keep up with the other programs and processes that are operating smoothly and efficiently.

"These results give us a game plan to implement over the next 18 months to ensure we are inspection ready. Continuing to run self-inspection program checklists will keep us on track to wow inspectors during our Unit Compliance Inspection in Oct 07. There's no reason to waste your time and talents by re-

inventing the wheel only months before each team comes for a visit," the colonel remarked.

The 22nd AF SAV Team gave wing personnel high marks for hospitality as well. "The 908th AW personnel provided a warm and thorough welcome for the team. This was evident from the initial contact with the unit, during the planning phase, and through the outbrief," wrote Colonel Whitely in the executive summary.

Honors keep rolling in for wing intel people

Branch chief joins three analysts as award winners

By Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
908th AW Public Affairs

The chief of the 908th intelligence office is the latest member of the intel team to earn recognition from Air Mobility Command.

Maj. Christopher Anderson has been named AMC's Outstanding Reserve Intelligence Field Grade Officer of the Year, 2005. The unit-level award recognizes contributions in the Intel career field in a deployed environment. The winner is selected by a board of senior AMC intelligence officers from nominees from reserve component C-5, C-17, and C-130 units.

Originally from Atlanta, Ga., Major Anderson has been with the 908th for three years; he attributes his success to his top-notch intel staff.

"I think it's the office, the people who work for me," he said. "They are the best and the most motivated, energetic, and hardworking Intel team, I've been a part of in my 13 years of active duty and Reserve experience."

Master Sgt. Keith Britt, intelligence superintendent, heaped praise on his boss. "Major Anderson took the intel shop and built it up to an Air Force-level award winner."

Before joining the 908th,

the major worked Latin American operations U.S. Southern Command. Before that he served three and one-half years working for the 12th Air Force's 612th Air Intelligence Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. While at Davis-Monthan, the University of Georgia graduate earned a graduate degree in management information systems from the University of Arizona, in Tucson.

"He's begun one of the finest intel programs starting from scratch," said Sergeant Britt.

Maj. Anderson also praised his folks for their professionalism. "They all share a common interest and enthusiasm for the intel field."

The intel chief believes his shop's reputation as well as that of the command has increased due to the three command-level and two Air Force level intel awards earned by his people.

Intelligence is a driven environment where there is a desire to contribute and to achieve, the major said.

Intel analysts Tech. Sgt. Emory Morgan and Staff Sgt. Michael Herman were named the Air Force's top (wing level and below) Reserve NCO and Airman of the Year for 2004, respectively.

"He's the reason we were

able to go to war and provide current and accurate intel to our aircrew, assisting them to safely return home," said Sergeant Britt about his boss. Britt earned recognition as AMC's Outstanding Air Reserve Component (wing and below) Senior NCO Intelligence Analyst of the Year 2004.

"Maj. Anderson has challenged us," said the intel superintendent, "in the military profession and in military and civilian education."

He didn't ask his people to do things he wouldn't do himself. For example, the major is the first 908th intel officer to attend the Mobility Electronics Combat Officer's course, the sergeant said. MECOC is a very detailed class where students learn various weapons systems.

Sergeant Britt praised the major for developing an internal training program to help train intelligence analysts and further their competence and capability to train aircrews on enemy weapons systems and counter-tactics.

Similarly, the intel shop has taken on more tasks and responsibilities like force protection. Included among their force protection tasks is supporting the security forces in physical security by



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
Maj. Christopher Andersen, AMC's Outstanding Reserve Intelligence Field Grade Officer of the Year, 2005

providing evaluation of local threats such as terrorists casing the base.

The shop also stays busy providing external products to its customers including aircrew members and anyone deploying to an overseas location.

When Major Anderson

isn't working in the intel shop, he may be found riding his 2006 Harley Davidson Street Glide motorcycle, or joining his intel analysts for regular team-building functions outside the work environment like cookouts and golf outings.

: deployed cops

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Even with this challenge, the U.S. security troops have had a positive experience working alongside their Honduran counterparts.

"They (Hondurans) are very professional, and their (security) policies are very similar to ours," said Sergeant White.

Another challenge is dealing with the ways different services do security.

"There are different rules and regulations, and ways of doing things," said Army Sgt. Maj. Russ Orlowitz, New Horizons 2006 - Honduras Force Protection NCO in charge, "but they're real receptive to what

needs to be done (to get the job done)."

Sergeant Lantz agrees.

"There is a difference in how we do things, but we are on common ground now," he said.

Along with this common ground comes camaraderie.

"We do things together, like playing cards and going to different places ...," Sergeant Major Orlowitz started to say.

"... Which builds cohesion in the team," finished Sergeant Townsend.

"We work hard and play hard together," Sergeant Paul added.

But playing is only for off-duty days. In the meantime, the members of the 908th SFS will continue protecting New Horizons team members - day and night.

(Editor's note: The members of the 908th SFS are scheduled to deploy to Puerto Rico in the future to continue their force protection duties for the Air Force.)



Staff Sgt. Veuril McDavid shows local children images on his video camera's viewfinder at the New Horizons 2006 Gonzales Rivera construction site in Honduras. Sergeant McDavid is with the 1st Combat Camera Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria J. Bare

Defense Dept. releases annual sexual assault report

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Department of Defense released the results of the second annual report on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.

The report addresses data on alleged sexual assaults that were reported during 2005 in which members of the armed forces are victims or offenders.

The Air Force received 584 reports of alleged sexual assault -- an increase of 28 percent over the prior year. One hundred eighty-one reports made under the restricted reporting option accounted for the increase. Twenty-nine of the restricted reports later moved to an unrestricted report, meaning that an investigation was opened.

"This is exactly what we expected would happen," said Lt.

Gen. Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff, manpower and personnel. "Increased reporting gets people the help they need, and hopefully will lead to a more complete report from which we can take appropriate action.

"And, through our educational efforts, we are strengthening a culture where Airmen step up, hold each other accountable and help in preventing sexual assault," he said.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sexual assault is the nation's most underreported violent crime. There are a number of barriers that discourage victims from reporting to investigators and the command said Claudia Bayliff, chief of the Air Force sexual assault prevention and response office. The Air Force is focus-

ing on eliminating those barriers. Since June, military victims of sexual assault have been offered a restricted reporting option, which allows those who have been sexually assaulted to receive medical treatment and support without automatically triggering a criminal investigation.

The Air Force encourages victims to report the crime so it may be investigated and prosecuted. However, the restricted reporting option provides victims who may not be able to immediately take that step, with the care, support and time to make an informed decision. Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed in April and is dedicated to raising awareness about the nature and prevalence of this crime and to increase preven-

tion efforts.

Significant strides have been made in Air Force prevention and response efforts over the past year, said Air Force officials. Over 360,000 Airmen worldwide have received awareness training. Sexual assault response coordinators and victim advocates have been trained and are engaged in prevention efforts and providing assistance to victims.

The Air Force has been aggressively addressing this national problem, said Ms. Bayliff. The message from senior leadership is clear. Sexual assault is criminal behavior and contrary to the high standards of our service. (Editor's note: A copy of the report can be found at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-060316-010.pdf>)

Recruiting service looking for recruiters from ranks

By Master Sgt. Gary Johnson
Air Force Reserve Command
Recruiting Service Public
Affairs

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- If you are motivated and perform above the status quo, you might consider a career in recruiting.

Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is always looking for enthusiastic, qualified people who are physically and morally fit.

Recruiting is not an ordinary 9-5 job. Recruiters are the Air Force Reserve in the eyes of people in their community. They represent the pride, honor and tradition of the Air Force Reserve to everyone they meet.

Recruiters work in the community. They call on radio and

television stations. They visit high schools. They help others make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives.

The process of becoming a recruiter starts by meeting with the local senior recruiter face to face. Applicants complete a packet to include a current physical, and the packet goes to the recruiter selection board at Robins AFB.

If approved, the next step is attending a five-day evaluation and selection course at AFRC Recruiting Service headquarters. The course gauges a person's potential to become a successful recruiter.

"The course introduces prospective candidates to reserve recruiting," said Chief Master Sgt. Budell Willis, chief of

recruiting's training branch. "Candidates stand an open-ranks inspection, participate in physical training, give speeches and complete memorization work.

"The challenges are progressive," he said. "Only the top candidates attend the recruiting school."

The school is six weeks at Lackland AFB, Texas.

"This is one of the most challenging technical schools in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Barry Kowald, an instructor at the school. "The six weeks prepare a person to be a mission-ready recruiter."

The students learn about the pay, benefits and entitlements the Air Force Reserve has to offer to recruits. They study ad-

vertising, community relations, public speaking and salesmanship. They are graded on their performances and how they apply what they've learned.

New recruiters serve an initial, extended tour of active duty for up to four years. They get to extend their tours if they meet or exceed the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, appearance, integrity, production and acceptance of responsibility.

908th AW senior recruiter Senior Master Sgt. Robert Spears has more details about becoming a recruiter in the Air Force Reserve. Call Sergeant Spears at 334 953-5212 or e-mail him at Robert.Spears@maxwell.af.mil. (AFRC News Service)

ARPC expands customer support for drilling reservists

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Air Reserve Personnel
Center Public Affairs

DENVER (AFPN) -- Beginning March 3, Air Reserve Component members will be able to speak to an Air Reserve Personnel Center customer service representative the first weekend of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. MST.

"ARPC will now be manned Saturdays and Sundays to help better serve all ARC Airmen," said Col. Ann Shippy, center commander.

"This is another step in our personnel service delivery transformation toward improving customer service for all of our Reserve force."

This enhanced customer service step gives drilling reservists the flexibility to speak with a customer service representative to help resolve personnel issues during their primary unit training assembly, which typically occurs the first weekend of every month.

"Some people don't have time during the week to take care of personnel issues," said Staff Sgt. Carrie Doolen, who volunteered to work the first weekend. "That is why we will come in on the weekends to help them out."

Reservists who still aren't able to call ARPC are encouraged to log on to the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by ARPC at arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp.

Airmen will have to answer a few questions to establish an account.

ARPC and the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, are currently working to centralize and automate many personnel functions and processes throughout the entire Air Force.

Winners get goodies

From left, 908th AW yearly award winners Senior Airman Tifarah Boyd, Tech. Sgt. Connie Rollins, Senior Master Sgt. Leon Alexander and Capt. Jameson Durham accept items donated by sponsors of the 908th recognition program. Among the items the award winners received were: \$100 gift card and \$100 in discount coupons from AAFES; two tickets provided by the Alabama Shakespeare good for any performance; one year complimentary membership and a Eagle Trophy from Air Force Association Chapter 102; \$25 and a T-shirt from First Command Financial Planning; lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant courtesy GEICO Insurance Company; round trip limousine ride to Olive Garden for lunch courtesy Touch of Class Limousine and Transport; and medallion set in acrylic and cash donation to 908th Family Day each year courtesy USAA Military Affairs Representative.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Take Note

**Congratulations
to the following
people:***Promotions*

....to Senior Master Sgt.
Gregory D. Taylor,
AMXS

....to Master Sgt.
Jujuana Alexander,
ASTS
Chris Austin,
AMXS
Rodney Bush, MSS
Charles E.
Hammond, 25th APS
Maryk Hawkins,
CES
Terry Jones, 25th
APS
Darryl Kinney,
25th APS
Apen Phillips, AES
Joel Stanfield, CES

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Wayne Askew,
MXS
John Camarata,
AMXS
Paul Conley, 25th
APS
Cassandra
Crayton, 25th APS
Howard DeForest
III, ASTS
Margie Driver,
MXS

Thomas Duke,
AMXS
Robert Kenning,
AMXS
Valerie McClellan,
357th AS
Joseph Smith,
ASTS
Tanya Spell, ASTS

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Kevin Clark, MXS
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AES
Donald Fykes, CES
Latonya
Hambright, AES
Michelle Haynes,
ASTS
William Little,
MXS
Brandon Means,
25th APS

....to Senior Airman
Michael Conner,
ASTS
Kalliah Holmes,
MSS
DeAndrea Pratt Jr.,
SFS

....to Airman First Class
Reginald Hunter,
SVF
Brandon Shorter,
CES

....to Airman
Stephin Smith, MXS



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Readiness chief earns honors

Andrew Butler, wing personnel readiness chief was named the 908th AW's Outstanding Civilian for 2005. Mr. Butler served here as an ART for 10 years before retiring last July. "It is indeed an honor and a privilege being named Civilian of the Year even though I was only in straight civilian status for six months in 2005. I must note that this honor not only belongs to me but also to the other straight civilians in the wing who continually do an outstanding job on a daily basis," said Butler, commenting on his recognition.

**Development center offers
seminars for junior officers**

ROBINS AFB, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command's Professional Development Center here is taking applications for a series of junior officer leadership development seminars this summer in the United States and Germany.

The JOLDS seminars train company grade officers in leadership, teambuilding, cultural diversity, mobilization issues and military officership.

Second lieutenants through captains have until May 26 to enroll in a JOLDS seminar at Peterson AFB, Colo., June 8-11. Enrollment will start later for a seminar at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., Sept. 14-17.

The International JOLDS will run from July 29 to Aug. 5 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Deadline to sign up via e-mail is May 10.

More information and course requirements are available on the AFRC internal Web site at https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/hq/dp/dpi/home/Professional_Development_Center.htm. Mickey Crawford is the program manager.

**Ceremony honoring NCOs
ascent to top ranks set April 2**

Wing personnel are invited to attend the 908th Airlift Wing SNCO Induction Ceremony Sunday, April 2 at 8 a.m. in large auditorium of Academic Instructor School (Bldg. 803). A reception will follow.



Photo by Larry McTighe

Maxwell AFB holds air show in April

Thunderbirds advance pilot/narrator Capt. Tad Clark shows Kenny Schrader, driver of the Air Force #21 Wood Brothers/JTG Racing Ford Fusion how they are going to climb after take off. Mr. Schrader received an orienta-

tion flight with the Air Force Thunderbirds March 9. The Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team will perform at the Maxwell AFB Air Show April 8. Gates open at 8 a.m. Admission is free.

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