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25th APS Senior Airman Adam Weber, returning from a deployment six weeks earlier because of an injury, gets two surprises - a welcome home greeting from 908th AW commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler and a ride to the clinic in an awaiting ambulance. Although "shocked" by the attention, "It felt good," Airman Weber said. He added that he was pleased about his deployment. His only regret: leaving his five fellow APS deployers behind.

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ASTS head, medical pros salute squadron

By Col. Benton L. "Ben" Busbee
Commander, 908th Aeromedical
Staging Squadron

Few things give a commander more pleasure than accepting an award for outstanding performance and service on behalf of his or her squadron.

I experienced just such a memorable moment last month at the 2006 Air Force Reserve Command Medical Awards Luncheon held at the annual Association of Military Surgeons of the United States conference. The 908th ASTS was recognized as AFRC's Outstanding 100-bed Aeromedical Staging Squadron for 2005.

This particular recognition of the efforts of the men and women of the 908th ASTS culminated a highly competitive process involving competition at the numbered air force and major command levels. Air Force surgeon general, Lt. Gen. James Roudebush, and AFRC surgeon general, Col. James Collier, presented the award.

I am extremely proud of the ASTS men and women for what they do and represent as medics serving in today's Air Force Reserve. I want to share with you a portion part of the narrative read during the presentation.



Col. Ben Busbee

"The 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron is recognized for their outstanding professionalism, devotion to duty and the pride they demonstrate through superb quality care. Invaluable transitional care was ensured for over 3,000 patients by 32 members assigned to the 908th ASTS serving in areas of Iraq, Germany, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. Seven members deployed in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"Six members deployed to the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron, Baghdad, Iraq. Under hazardous duty conditions, these seven members assisted other medics to convert an existing Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility to a Contingency Aeromedical Facility allowing for increased patient flow. Their efforts resulted in more than 600 patients being safely transported under

constant enemy mortar fire and surface to air missile attacks.

"An additional nine members of the 908th ASTS deployed to the 386th Contingency Aeromedical Squadron in Ali Al Salem, Kuwait helping establish the first operational patient staging facility in this region of the area of conflict. Seven 908th ASTS members volunteered to fill a deployment to Iraq, replacing Keesler AFB members who were affected by the Hurricane Katrina disaster. ..."

By no means is that an all-inclusive list of events and activities that members of the 908th ASTS participated in that contributed to our selection as the best of the best Aeromedical Staging Squadron in the entire Air Force Reserve Command. I tell my civilian associates in the business sector that I will put my Reserve Airmen up against any of their employees when comparing professionalism, quality of work and dependability.

As commanders we ask a lot out of our Airmen, and as commanders we are rewarded daily by the service and accomplishments of our young men and women. It is truly a privilege to command the 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Airman a hard won title: Use it

By Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

Pride in being an Airman in the United States Air Force takes many forms-the way we wear our uniform, the effort we put into our jobs, the attitude we display and the respect we show for our fellow Airmen.

All of us, whether officer or enlisted, came into our Air Force after meeting rigid mental and physical

recruiting standards, and being aligned with skills our service needed. Serving as an Airman is an honor that thousands of young Americans want, but do not attain; they are turned away for various reasons at recruiting offices. Those who make it through that door then train hard to develop skills that earn them the right to be called an "Airman."

Nowhere is this

transformation more dramatic than Basic Military Training. Earning the title of "Airman" is commemorated with a coin ceremony and the chance to don the Air Force blue uniform for the first time. This emotional event gives the trainees an identity within our organization - they are now Airmen in the greatest Air, Space and Cyberspace force in the world.

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The sought-after title of Airman is one that each of us has worked hard to earn. Why then do we sometimes refer to our fellow Airmen, both officer and enlisted, as "troops" or "kids?" Our level of professionalism must equal the immense responsibility each Airman carries as we continue to fight the Global War on Terror. We don't send "kids" into battle; we send highly-trained and motivated Airmen.

Today, more than 30,000 are deployed worldwide with many more deployed in place, and more than 4,000 Airmen protecting America's skies. In the Global War on Terror, we fly more than 250 missions a day, 45 of which are strike missions against the enemy. We conduct vital airlift for equipment and fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines with one mobility aircraft taking off every 90 seconds. We complete more than 450 satellite supports each day, providing vital data and links for wartime operations. In addition, we have more than 4,500 Airmen on the ground

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-CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley

supporting Army taskings in detainee operations, convoys and as interrogators. If you couple that with our direct combat positions, search and rescue, medical and other combat support roles, it's clear to see our Airmen are heavily engaged in winning this war. As Airmen, we have much to be proud of.

You represent our nation and service well. I'm incredibly proud of your professionalism and commitment. Let's continue to respect our heritage and our future in this great United States Air Force by proudly calling each other "Airman."

HRDC aims to help Airmen reach fullest potential

By Chaplain (Capt.) David Dersch
908th AW HRDC executive officer

At the last commander's call, 908th AW vice commander, Col. Jon Andre, gave a short briefing about HRDC. That was a long meeting and some of you may have had "brain freeze" and missed the HRDC portion. If so you may be missing some excellent opportunities to grow yourself personally and professionally. Let me take a few minutes to provide greater detail about HRDC.

First of all, HRDC stands for Human Resources Development Council. The council advises and makes recommendations to the commander on any and all matters pertaining to human resources within the wing.

Our vision is to create a dynamic organization of equal opportunity that successfully attracts, trains, and retains a diverse and effec-

tive workforce. We help the commander develop everyone in the wing to be the best Airmen possible.

The council is made up of a diverse cross-section from the wing; including junior enlisted and company grade officers, as well as some of the top brass. Colonel Andre chairs the council which is divided into three working groups: the diversity group, the in-reach group, and the out-reach group. We meet in Bldg. 1056 in the wing conference room at 1 p.m. on the Saturday of each UTA. We're always looking for volunteers!

The in-reach group looks at how the wing's personnel are being developed through mentoring, recognition, PME, and professional conferences. Future articles in the Southern Flyer will describe the other two groups and their projects.

HRDC 2007 Professional Conferences

- Image (federal Hispanic employees), April 15-21, Reno, Nev.
- Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), May 29 - June 1, Arlington, Va.
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), July 9-14, Chicago, Ill.
- Federally Employed Women (FEW), July 16-20, Washington, D.C.
- Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI), Aug. 21-25, Dallas, Texas

This February the wing will be sending six Airmen to the "Women in Aviation" national conference in Orlando, Fla. If you missed nominating yourself for that conference, there are five other events that AFRC recommends (see list above).

Please note you don't have to be a member of the target group to attend!

In fact, our desire is to send a diverse group to each of these events. If you're interested in attending any of these, contact your first sergeant or commander to nominate you, or you may self-nominate to Capt. David Lionberger in plans (ext. 3-6303).

Plan ahead, don't wait 'til last minute to get health exams

Wing medical officials want to remind unit Reservists that current physical exams and standards policy require an annual physical assessment and dental examination for all reservists. The exams are due each year by the end of the birth month. However, there's no reason to wait; exams can be started five months before

the birth month. For example, if the birth month is June, Reservists can start exams in January.

Medical officials add that since Nov. 29 the paraprofessional portions of the physicals have been conducted during the week. The exams are offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m.

in Bldg. 711; hearing tests are done at the 42nd ABW Medical Clinic. To take advantage of this service, the members must call ASTS physical exams section in advance at (334) 953-5714 to make an appointment.

Other items that apply are as follows:

- Optometry pending

• Must be in military status to get shots.

• Member on orders may get dental if they make appointment in advance with dental clinic in person with records.

• Will still need to see military doctor at drill

If you have any questions, contact physicals exams.

Services sets example as 'Unrivaled Wingman'

By Chief Master Sgt. Rick Fanning
908th AW Command Chief
Master Sgt.

Our 908th Services Flight hooked up with fellow Alabama and Tennessee Air National Guard services personnel to cook and serve over 900 meals to Total Force junior officers and their Senior NCO Academy student mentors.

The 908th group led by Master Sgts. Samuel Ferrell and Willie Carter teamed up with the Alabama ANG's 187th Fighter Wing Services Flight and the Tennessee ANG's 134th Air Refueling Wing Services Squadron home-based at Knoxville's McGhee-Tyson ANGB.

The second lieutenants, attending Air and Space Basic Course, participated in a three-day field training experience entitled "Combined Operations" Nov. 13-15. The junior officers gained experience in areas such as weapons loading, self-aid and buddy care, and combat tactics. Additionally, they were exposed to the formal aspect of mentoring by senior NCOs.

To make the experience even more realistic they ate the new unitized group rations. UGRs represent a simple, streamlined way of providing high quality group meals to warfighters in the field wherever organized field food service is possible. UGRs are served as an alternative to Meals, Ready-to-Eat.

Chief Master Sergeant Bruce Damrow, Air National Guard advisor to the commander, College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, secured the UGRs and arranged for the services flights to get real world hands-on training to prepare them. All services flights across the Air Force are getting new equipment to prepare this new packaged food item.

The Gunter Annex encampment presented the 908th Services Flight with its first opportunity to use their new single pallet expeditionary kitchen (SPEK).

"This is a whole lot easier than the old MKT (mobile kitchen trailer) field kitchen" said Master Sergeant Ferrell.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Rick Fanning

Above, Senior Airman Cedrea Young and Master Sgt. Willie Carter dish out the tasty grub. Right, the new meals are decidedly different than MREs.

Senior Airman Willie Johnson agreed, "This is a great setup. We start heating up the food about three hours before the serving line starts and it is ready," he said.

908th SVF's Senior Airman Cedrea Young said she was amazed by the speed and ease of use. "I can't believe we served 300+ people in less than an hour," said Airman Young.

The new field kitchens were developed for the Marine Corps and can fit in the back of a HUMVEE.

"You are basically boiling water and putting the food containers in the water for 45 minutes" said Tech. Sgt. Willy Dickerson. The food comes packaged in three boxes for every 50 people. Each set of three boxes includes everything from the main course, vegetables, and a dessert to plastic-ware, food trays, and trash bags.

"Monday we served chicken, Tuesday we served sliced turkey, and Wednesday we served spaghetti" said Airman Johnson. The food was so good, several of the officers came back for seconds, services personnel said.



This event effectively illustrates the Air Force Reserve vision of being "An Unrivaled Wingman". The 908th Services Flight teamed with sister Air National Guard services flights to prepare and serve meals to support the Maxwell-Gunter AFB's commitment to Air University's Air and Space Basic Course and Senior Academy. One team one fight! TOTAL FORCE!

The members involved were: Master Sgts. Samuel Ferrell and Willie Carter Jr., Tech. Sgt. Willy Dickerson, and Senior Airmen Willie Johnson, and Cedrea Young, 908th AW/Services Flight; Chief Master Sgt. Robert Young, Master Sgt. Matthew Dagnan, Tech. Sgt. David Jones, Staff Sgt. Donna Miller and Senior Airman Jacob Daniels, 134th ARW/Services Squadron, TN ANG; and Tech. Sgts. David Chavis and Roy Parrish, 187th FW/Services Flight, AL ANG.

ASTS quartet boast nearly century of service

*Medical personnel enter final
stages of noteworthy careers*

By Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
908th AW Public Affairs

Calling a retirement routine short changes the sacrifices a member must make in order to reach that milestone. Retirements, though not routine, are regular occurrences each training weekend. There was nothing routine nor regular around the ASTS last month as four members with nearly a century of combined experience entered the final stages of their distinguished careers.

Chief nurse Lt. Col. Linda Adams, clinical nurse Maj. Linda Collier, Chief Master Sgt. Annie Cantrell, superintendent of physical exams as well as the squadron's career manager, and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Ead, nursing services manager, retired last month.

"I had to get my college degree before I retired," said Chief Cantrell, who is retiring after 28 years. She has earned a bachelor's degree in resource management from Troy University. She will continue to work on-base at her civilian job as the program coordinator for Air Force ROTC at Maxwell.

Chief Cantrell became a member of the 908th in 1987 coming off active duty "shy of 10 years."

The chief and her husband, Senior Master Sgt. Rich Cantrell, retired from the 908th on the same day. Senior Master Sgt. Rich Cantrell, longtime 357th Airlift Squadron first sergeant, served 35 years.

Chief Ead became a member of the 908th when the ASTS was the 908th Medical Squadron, a hospital-based unit.

"When I arrived at Maxwell AFB, the 908th was in a small, condemned building, number 1010," said Chief Ead. "It is now the parking lot."

Chief Ead, who has spent over 24 years in the Air Force, eight on active duty and the remaining 16 plus years in the 908th, said that the Air Force had become a more culturally diverse military since he first enlisted. "You have people



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

In one of his final acts as a member of the 908th AW, Chief Ead administers a shot to Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy.



A familiar sight, the Cantrells -- Senior Master Sgt. Rich and Chief Annie -- provide mutual support.

that travel several hundred miles just to perform UTA," he said. "I have driven 75,000 miles just for the UTAs, not counting the extra stuff I have done."

He's not sure what the future holds but is certain of one thing. "I'm going fishing, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. I am going to take one weekend per month, UTA weekend, and while you are down here doing what I have done, I'm going fishing," said the chief with a big smile.

Chief Ead said he saw the 908th progress to "a very ready wing."

The 908th, he added, is comprised of "a tremendous group of people" and he's proud to have been part of that.

Colonels Adams and Collier don't have as much time in the unit as the two chiefs; they arrived in 2000. Colonel Adams retires with 25 years service; Colonel Collier retires with 20.

Chief Cantrell perhaps spoke for all the retirees when she said, "the 908th has been good to us."



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

PROUD PAPA -- Recently commissioned 2nd Lt. Michael Harper renders a salute to his dad, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Harper, after administering the oath following the chief's reenlistment. The lieutenant heads to Little Rock AFB, Ark., to complete pilot training while Chief Harper is recruiting future loadmasters for the 908th.



908th AW Top 3 Assn members and several volunteers prepare goodie bags of toiletry items collected by wing personnel for donation to in patient veterans at the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA hospitals.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

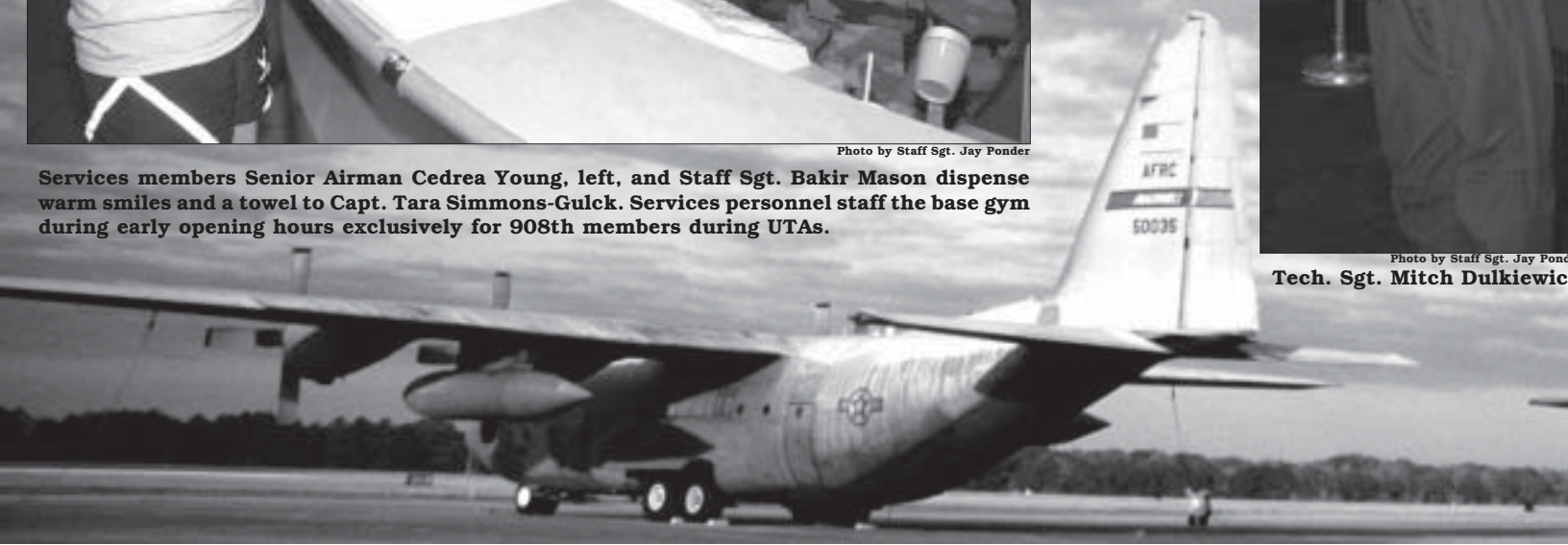
Services members Senior Airman Cedrea Young, left, and Staff Sgt. Bakir Mason dispense warm smiles and a towel to Capt. Tara Simmons-Gulck. Services personnel staff the base gym during early opening hours exclusively for 908th members during UTAs.

**T H R E E
AMIGOS --** from left, 357th Air-lift Squadron members Tech. Sgt. Mitch Dulkiewicz, Maj. Greg Heer and Lt. Col. Sam Dayhood speak to squadron and family members and well wishers during their respective retirement ceremonies Dec. 3.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Tech. Sgt. Mitch Dulkiewicz



Wing Snapshot



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Master Sgt. Ken Wright and Tech. Sgt. Flo Walker deliver a goodie bag to Montgomery VA hospital patient Raymond Griner Dec. 7.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Maj. Greg Heer



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Lt. Col. Sam Dayhood



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Master Sgts. Nick Monday and Sharon Jones, LRS and CES first sergeants respectively, count the money donated by wing members to the Christmas Cheer program. Proceeds help make the holiday brighter for wing families in need.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

Each one, teach one

Security forces mentors put young Airmen in the lead so they can learn under fire

By Tech. Sgt. James Harrell,
908th SFS Unit Public Affairs
Representative

Target Code Name: Blue Thunder

The operation: Conduct a raid of a terrorist arms storage facility.

Objective: Sweep and clear the location, secure arms caches, detain any occupants, neutralize any combatants.

Team Call Sign: Justice Zero Five

As the seven-member sweep team exits their tactical vehicle, team leader Tech. Sgt. Mark Simmons takes the point. For Sergeant Simmons, this operation isn't anything he hasn't done before. He possesses years of experience in combat operations of this type.

As the team reaches the first building, a shot rings out and Sergeant Simmons goes down, victim of sniper fire. Behind the sergeant is Senior Airman Johnson who has been in the unit barely a year.

"OK Airman Johnson, your leader is down. 'What are you going to do?'" asks Master Sgt. Brad Counce, 908th Security Forces Squadron NCOIC of training. The training operation was part of a mentoring exercise for young security forces Airmen in the unit.

The training at Blue Thunder accomplishes several goals. On the one hand, it gives unit members the chance to work with each other and learn small unit tactics. Supervisors can observe, correct, and fine tune tactics of their personnel.

It also gives leaders the chance to incorporate lessons learned from back reports from unit members serving in Iraq. Reports about Airmen not knowing how to wear body armor correctly or failing to wear protective gear in a high threat environment are invaluable feedback.

With the likelihood that unit members may see deployments to hostile locations in the near future, training scenarios like this give unit members an opportunity to be better prepared.

Another important objective is to give younger, less experienced Airmen the chance to learn from the most experienced, and then apply their lessons learned by leading from the front.

"You might say it's mentoring under fire," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Higginbotham, a unit training NCO. He developed the scenarios used in the exercises and designs them to yield maximum training dividends.

The young Airmen earn the biggest payoff, Sergeant Higginbotham said.

"They are going to be the ones on point when and if they get sent down range. Operations in Iraq have had many instances where officers and NCOs leading a unit in combat became incapacitated."

In such cases, younger, less experienced troops had to step up and take charge of platoon, even company size units.

"You can't simply stop an operation because your leader is out of the fight, especially if you're under fire," the sergeant added.

For the more experienced NCOs, the training scenario presents a chance to pass down what they have learned over the years.

"It's fun being up front leading ... but if I don't teach these young Airmen what I know, then I'm not being an NCO," said Tech. Sgt. Johnny White, a squad fire team leader who has deployed on countless missions.

The training operation at Blue Thunder is the first of a three phase training cycle. Phase two, under development, will be a field



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Harrell

Senior Airman Angela Roland takes point while Tech. Sgt. Mark Simmons and Airman 1st Class Henry Relf follow during a training exercise at Maxwell AFB's Blue Thunder facility.

training exercise at the Maxwell AEF training facility at Lake Jordan with a helicopter insertion and extraction.

Phase three will culminate with a deployment in March to Patriot Defender, a two-week combat training exercise provided by the 610th Security Forces Squadron at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. Members will train in one of three tracks or specialties. Squad tactics, radio-telephone operator, and leadership. A two-day MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) exercise and three-day field training exercise are

the highlights of the training.

Ultimately, the final test for these Airmen is a deployment to a combat theater. Members already in Iraq tell of days filled with mortar, sniper, and insurgent attacks. One member told of the bullet holes in his sleeping bag.

"This is real war where the dumb (or inattentive) don't come home!" said Master Sgt. Ronald Leboeuf, squad leader and senior Raven. "If you don't learn now and if you are not sore from the training you get now, then you will probably live to regret it down range."

Officials release tax statements availability schedule

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Servicemembers, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service began receiving their 2006 tax statements in December, DFAS officials announced.

DFAS customers with access to the secure, Web-based "myPay" system will be able to retrieve their tax statements electronically up to two weeks sooner than those relying on regular mail delivery, officials said.

The myPay system includes layers of defense against identity theft, officials noted, adding that its technology meets or exceeds security requirements in private industry worldwide.

"Tax statements are available online, allowing customers to view and print W2s and 1099Rs," said Patrick

Shine, DFAS operations director. "Whether anyone needs the statements to complete taxes or just wants an extra copy for their records, the tax statements can be accessed and printed at any time. The printable statements are approved by the Internal Revenue Service."

Here are projected distribution dates for DFAS customers' tax statements:

- Retiree Annual Statement: Available on myPay Dec. 9, mailed via U.S. Postal Service Dec. 16-31;

- Retiree 1099R: Available on myPay Dec. 15, mailed Dec. 16-31;

- Annuitant Account Statement: Available on myPay Dec. 18, mailed Dec. 19-31;

- Annuitant 1099R: Available on myPay Dec. 18, mailed Dec. 19-31;

- VSI/SSB W-2: Not available on myPay, mailed Jan. 4-5;

- Active Duty Air Force, Army, Navy W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 22, mailed Jan. 23-29;

- Reserve Air Force, Army, Navy W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 2, mailed Jan. 5-8;

- Marine Corps active and reserve W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 5, mailed Jan. 9-10;

- Civilian employee W-2: Available on myPay Jan. 9, mailed Jan. 11-18;

- Savings Deposit Program 1099INT: Available on myPay Jan. 19, mailed Jan. 19-20; and

- Vendor Pay 1099: Not available on myPay, mailed Jan. 27-31.

Mr. Shine added that current myPay account holders can eliminate the costs asso-

ciated with generating and distributing the tax statements immediately by signing up and using myPay. A personal identification number, or PIN, is required to use the system, and eligible users can apply for one at the myPay Web site, www.mypay.dfas.mil.

Users with military e-mail addresses --addresses in the .mil domain -- or a pre-registered personal e-mail address can receive their new PIN via e-mail. All others will receive their new PIN via mail in about 10 working days from the date of request, officials said.

Customers who already had obtained a PIN but have forgotten it can apply for a new one at the myPay site. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Area civic leaders view Air Force Reserve in action during Texas tour

908th AES medical technician Master Sgt. Jonathan Griswold discusses the C-130's aeromedical evacuation capability with one of the 34 community leaders from across the state who flew to San Antonio aboard one of the 908th's C-130 Hercules aircraft Nov. 16. In addition to viewing the Lackland AFB-based 433rd Airlift Wing and its C-5 Galaxy mission, the Alabama visitors traveled cross town to Fort Sam Houston, where they toured the U.S. Army combat medic training school and Army Medical Museum. The group capped their visit with a tour of one of the area Fisher Houses where they presented an assortment of gifts from Alabama as well as a check resulting from an impromptu collection donated by community leaders as a gesture of appreciation for the invaluable contribution Fisher House makes to military families. Civic leader tours are used to educate civilians about the military and the Air Force Reserve. The group returned to Maxwell Nov. 17.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry W. Lobb

908th AW to host clergy, employers this spring

Two events designed to provide employers and clergy of wing members a firsthand look at the wing mission capped by a local area orientation flight are planned for this spring.

An Employers Day is planned for April 13, the Friday before the April UTA.

The Clergy Day is planned for May. The date isn't finalized yet; however, May 4, the Friday before the May UTA is the most likely date.

These events provide a chance for your employer (both supervisor and president/chief executive officer) or minister to see the wing mission firsthand as well as learn all about the Air Force Reserve.

Please nominate your boss or minister by filling out the forms below and returning it to the Public Affairs office, Bldg. 1056, room 204 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.

Employer's Day Nominations

Employer's name/title:

Employer's phone number:

Company/organization:

Nominating Reservist name:

Company mailing address:

Your civilian job title:

Unit duty phone:

Clergy Day Nominations

Clergy Member's name/title:

Clergy Member's phone number:

Denomination/affiliation:

Clergy Member's mailing address:

Nominating Reservist name/Unit duty phone:

Take Note

Ceremony honors Airmen's ascent to NCO ranks

Right (L-R), Staff Sgts. Daniel Thompson, MXS; Tracie Story, CES; Victor Senegar Jr., AMXS; Sonya Myers, 25th APS; and Arthur Maxie, CES, affirm their acceptance of increased duties and responsibilities during the induction ceremony held Dec. 3 to recognize their ascension to the NCO ranks. The ceremony recognized wing Airmen who attained the rank staff sergeant from Nov. 1, 2005 to Sept. 1, 2006.



Photo by Jeff Melvin



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Pilot gets ACSC nod

Maj. Jeremy Mickelson, 357th AS chief of standardization and evaluation, is among the select group of officers slated to attend Air Command and Staff College. The major enlisted in the AF Reserve in 1991, serving five years before trading his stripes for bars and earning his commission in 1996. During his 10 years with the 357th, Major Mickelson has served in a variety of positions including pilot scheduler, unit training officer, and training officer for current operations. He said, "Any success I've had couldn't have happened without the help and support of fellow squadron members."

Vouchers require set order

Travel vouchers submitted with pay document to the Reserve Pay Office must be arranged in a specific order, secured without staples and should not contain double-sided pages, Reserve Pay Office personnel say.

Use a gem clip (no staples) to attach the pay document on the top of the travel voucher.

Submit one original and one copy of your completed travel voucher (again no staples) to include: Travel Voucher (form DD 1351-2), all receipts and copies of orders with continuation page and all modifications.

If the order has a continuation on re-

verse, submit a copy of the reverse on a separate sheet. Don't use the front to back copier process for the order.

"The reason for this change is to facilitate a new process implemented by AU Finance where they now scan copies of all travel vouchers for electronic filing. This will help eliminate extra time to break the voucher down and make copies prior to scanning. 908 AW/FMFP will maintain the second copy," said Linda Roberts, finance analysis officer.

Reserve Pay customers should direct any questions about the revised process to Debbie Smith, David Frase or Tech. Sgt. Angie Solomon at (334) 953-6722.

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