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Loadmaster Senior Airman Daniel Brown receives instruction on overboot removal procedures from life support's Tech Sgt. Michael Epps during recurring aircraft chemical contamination control area training for 357th Airlift Squadron personnel.

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March celebrates women's accomplishments

In the early nineteenth century, women were considered second-class citizens whose existence was limited to the interior life of the home and care of the children. Women were considered sub-sets of their husbands, and after marriage they did not have the right to own property, maintain their wages, or sign a contract, much less vote. It was expected that women be obedient wives, never to hold a thought or opinion independent of their husbands. It was considered improper for women to travel alone or to speak in public.

With the belief that intense physical or intellectual activity would be injurious due to physiological differences, women were taught to refrain from pursuing any serious education. Silently perched in their birdcages, women were considered merely objects of beauty, and were



looked upon as intellectually and physically inferior to men. This belief in women's inferiority to men was further reinforced by organized religion which preached strict and well-defined sex roles.

Since that time, women have aided in the abolition of slavery in the United States, won the right to vote and today continue the fight for freedom, equality and justice in their everyday life from the classrooms, boardrooms, courtrooms, homes and communities. The history of

American women is an expansive story of outstanding individuals who sacrificed much and worked hard in pursuit of a better world, where peace, dignity, and opportunity can reign. Women's History Month provides our country the privilege of honoring the countless contributions that American women have made throughout our history. (Submitted by the 908th AW Military Equal Opportunity Office, source of print and photo: <http://www.history.com/minisites/womenhist>)

Stand still, know God protects you, your family

By Chaplain (Capt.) Val Shumate
908th Airlift Wing Chaplain's Office

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever. Exodus 14:13



Chaplain Shumate

stance would prefer that I be immobile and ineffective.

God, with his powerful hand, delivered an estimated 600,000 men (not counting women and children) from Egyptian slavery. God was a promise keeper then and God is a promise keeper this very moment. Moses, God's chosen leader, navigated difficult terrain as he led the children of Israel toward the Red Sea. Pharaoh, never a promise

keeper, reconsidered his options after agreeing to free God's people, Israel: "Who would work my fields," he surely thought? "Who would build my temples to honor me"? "Why release these people who are so talented and hard working that they even made bricks without straw?" Of course, the children of Israel were unaware of the fact that Pharaoh had decided to break yet another promise. As the children of Israel approached the Red Sea, they only saw possibility ahead of them, but when they looked over their shoulders, they identified Pharaoh's chariots, cutting a highway through the hot sand. Imagine how they felt? They were first filled with fear and their fear was soon dwarfed by their terror as Pharaoh's army inched toward them.

In our modern society, we will probably never be the targets of a thousand chariots

chasing us through the desert, but we sometimes look over our shoulders, sensing those old fears which keep us from moving forward? Moses, sensitive and compassionate, advised his brothers and sisters to stand still in their faith. Why? The same God who had created the heavens and the earth would build a hedge of protection around

them. Not only had he constructed a hedge of protection around them, but he was also going to fight for them. The children of Israel only needed to exercise a little faith. After all, every journey around the world begins with just one step of faith.

As believers today, we must *draw* hope and strength from God, whose love constantly

expresses itself in our lives, even when we act in a way or utter a word that is not pleasing to Him. Why? Because only God can rescue and deliver us during those dark hours in our lives when fear, a lack of faith, and thoughts of defeat threaten to immobilize us. God said that He will never leave nor

forsake us. We stand on His promises as absolutes because God is a promise keeper and not a promise breaker like Pharaoh, and we praise him in expectation that God will provide. At this very moment, stand still and know that God goes before you, providing and protecting you and your family.

Human Resources Development Council

Moving on and moving out to the community

by Capt. Tonia Stephens,
908th AW HRDC member

The Outreach Committee of the Human Resources Development Council took its message out to the streets recently. Montgomery's Brewbaker Junior High School Honor's Day program Jan. 18 served as an ideal opportunity for the HRDC to get out to the public and shed some light on the careers within the 908th AW.

Maj. Jacqueline Jacobs and Capt. Jeffrey Randall spoke to more than 140 "A" and "A-B" Honor Roll students during an assembly. Parents and faculty were also on hand to hear the 908th duo encourage the students to excel academically.

To keep the students moving in the right direction, the 908th HRDC council members explained the connection between their professions and the training and educational requirements to get there. Captain Randall, a C-130 pilot and Air Reserve Technician with the 357th Airlift Squadron serving as the unit's aircrew life support officer, said that many of the students were surprised to see a black pilot.

"I want the students to know that a career in aviation is possible regardless of race or color," the captain said. He also candidly shared with the eager listeners some personal history. He told them,

"I didn't make A-B Honor Roll when I was in school. I had to persevere to achieve."

The energized audience was also enriched by Major Jacob's PowerPoint presentation. The major, a flight nurse examiner with the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as well as a health teacher in Columbus, Ga., explained the importance of her job and shared slides of the work performed with the aeromedical evacuation system.

To the audience's delight, she facilitated a question and answer session throughout the presentation. Reflecting on her visit to the school, Major Jacobs noted, "It is so important that the students know what they can become if they continue to make good grades, the sky is the limit for them."

In recognition of their contributions to the school, the HRDC representatives received certificates of apprecia-

tion. In exchange, the 908th pair extended an invitation to the students to tour a C-130 in the spring.

Though Captain Randall affirmed it to the attentive audience at Brewbaker Junior High, the same applies to each of us.... "Regardless of your circumstances, your dreams are not out of reach." As a member of the 908th, continue to look for opportunities and dare to dream in your military career!

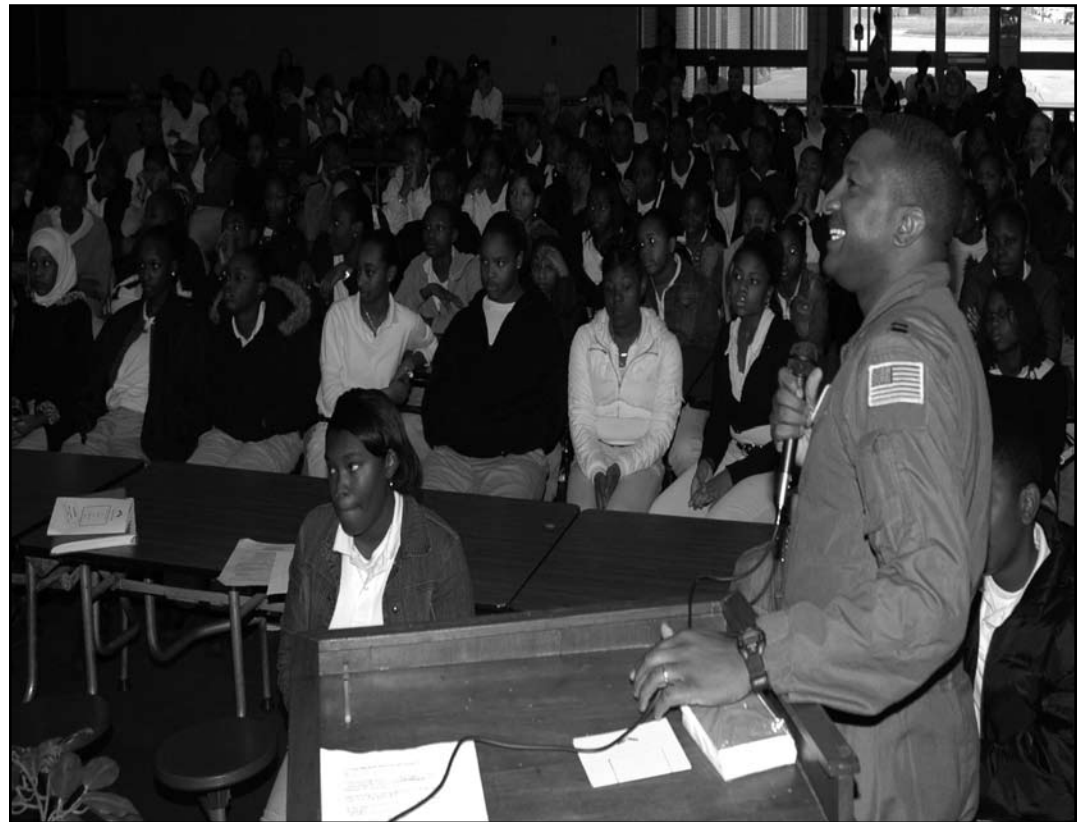


Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

Capt. Jeffrey Randall speaks to honor roll students at Brewbaker Junior High School in Montgomery.

Wing selects annual award winners for 2006



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

357th AS aircraft commander Capt. Robert K. "Kayce" Weakley, Company Grade Officer of the Year

Congratulations are in order for the enlisted, officer and civilian personnel recently named the wing's top performers for the preceding year.

Named the wing's best for 2006 are: Capt. Robert K. "Kayce" Weakley, 357th AS; Company Grade Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Greg Black, 908th CF, Senior NCO of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Tanya Spell, 908th ASTS, NCO of the Year; Senior Airman Kathryn Dearing, 25th APS, Airman of the Year; Master Sgt. Sharon Jones, 908th CES, First Sergeant of the Year; and Kenyse Savage, 908th MXG, Category I Civilian of the Year (Grade GS 1-6).

They will represent the 908th in the Maxwell/Gunter Annual Awards program. Announcement of base-wide winners will be made at the Maxwell/Gunter Awards Banquet held at the Maxwell Officers' Club March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The cost/menu for the event is:

E7/GS7 and above: beef Wellington, \$30; chicken, \$20; vegetable, \$17.00

E6/GS6 and below: beef Wellington, \$22; chicken, \$12; vegetable, \$10

Please contact your first sergeant before 11 a.m., March 2 for reservations if you would like to attend the banquet. Pay by check (payable to Maxwell Officers' Club), club card, or cash.

For additional information contact, 908th MSF first sergeant Master Sgt. Kenneth Wright, 3-8305.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

25th APS air transportation journeyman Senior Airman Kathryn Dearing, Airman of the Year



Photo by Jeff Melvin

908th CF communications computer systems supervisor Master Sgt. Gregory Black, Senior NCO of the Year



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

908th ASTS pharmacy technician Tech. Sgt. Tanya Spell, NCO of the Year



Photo by Jeff Melvin

908th MXG administrative support assistant Kenyse Savage, Category I Civilian of the Year (Grade GS 1-6)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

908th CES first sergeant Master Sgt. Sharon Jones, First Sergeant of the Year

Across the

Troubled

A letter back to my fellow wingmen

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Dallas of 908th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations Branch recently deployed to Iraq with four fellow Airmen from his unit. He found his fellow Airmen extremely competent and committed to getting the job done. This is his firsthand account of deployed life.

Five of us from the vehicle operations shop were headed for Iraq in August.

Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Blais, Senior Airmen James Bonds, Eric Thornton, Victor Nguyen and I volunteered for the assignment, and prepared well in advance. The senior airmen finished their five-skill level training at Eglin Air Force Base a month before deploying only to arrive and discover that the equipment they trained on wasn't used overseas. Despite the challenge, they adapted, pulling 12-hour shifts to master their new requirements.

Our travel to our deployment location was smooth thanks to Capt. David Lionberger and Senior Master Sgt. Wesley Meyers from plans and programs, who meticulously planned our itinerary to and from our final destination.

We assumed responsibility for our new shop on arrival and the previous occupants left for home the same day. Our first day off didn't come until almost three weeks of 14-hour days had passed by.

That first week was rough. Despite the numerous challenges, we bounced back. We faced the realities – not exercise simulations – of real deployments. Despite the dangers and difficulties, our Airmen shined.

They never griped or complained. To the contrary – their conduct was representative of the outstanding Airmen they were, willing to lay their lives on the line in adverse times. Their only response to their taskings was to ask for more. Each one of them excelled.

We endured harsh weather, difficult environmental conditions, and loss of basic amenities, but we still worked hard to make the 908th proud.

Through everything, we got the job done. We expedited ground transport of over 4,000 passengers and 5 million pounds of cargo over 500 miles of Iraqi roadways without incident. We carefully transported 45-foot contractor housing off base, spearheaded the installation of more than 900 feet of barriers, installed phone lines, enhanced outside lighting, retrieved more

than 100 disabled vehicles and implemented a parking and dispersal plan for 36 vehicles worth more than \$1 million.

We even had the opportunity to help provide transport for United Service Organization events, hosting performers like Carrie Underwood, Billy Blanks and the Air Force's Tops-In-Blue.

Our first priority, however, was support for the unit control center.

Sergeant Blais ran the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron UCC during and immediately after times the base came under fire. Her outstanding performance earned her several commendations by the unit commander. I even published a personnel accountability operating instruction that was later adopted by the 407th Air Expeditionary Group.

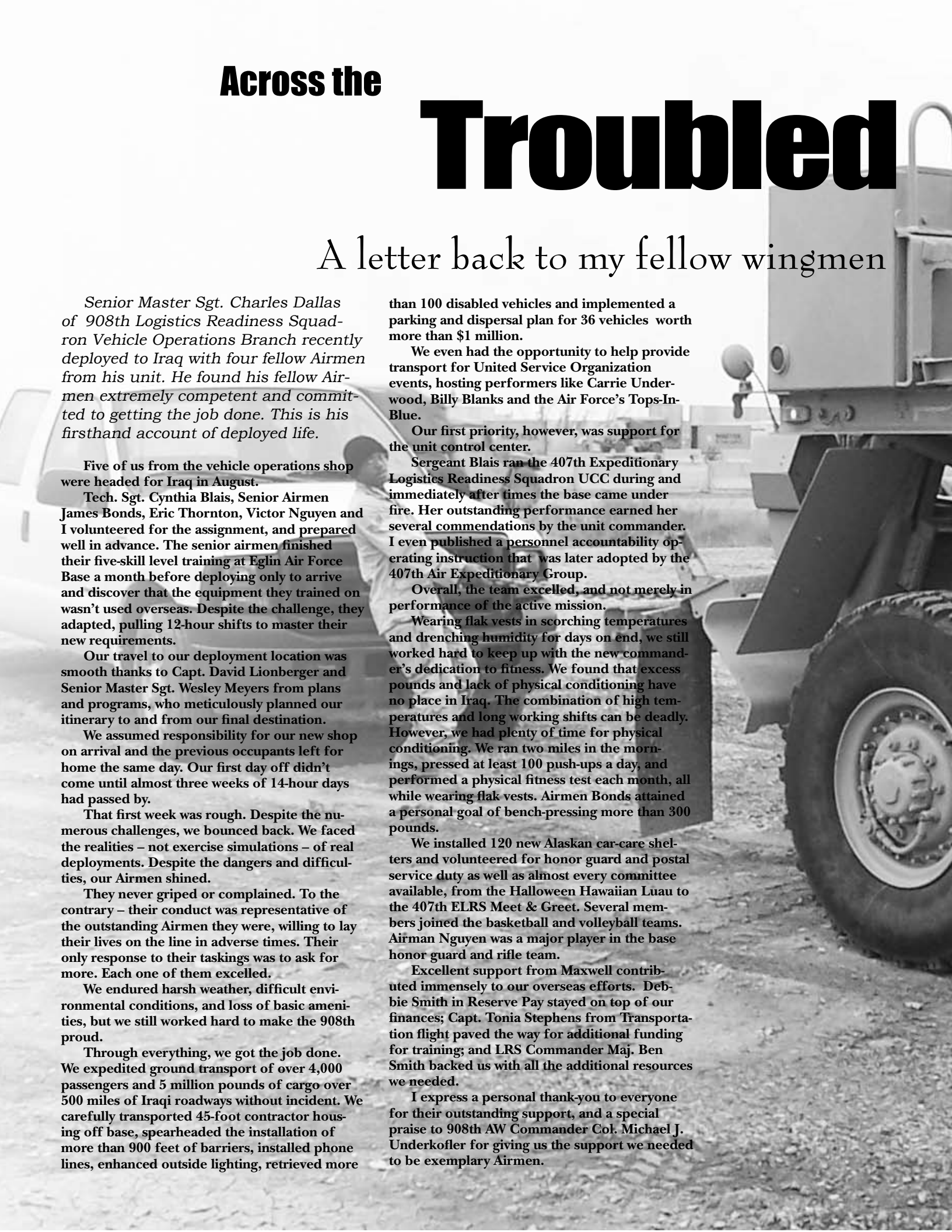
Overall, the team excelled, and not merely in performance of the active mission.

Wearing flak vests in scorching temperatures and drenching humidity for days on end, we still worked hard to keep up with the new commander's dedication to fitness. We found that excess pounds and lack of physical conditioning have no place in Iraq. The combination of high temperatures and long working shifts can be deadly. However, we had plenty of time for physical conditioning. We ran two miles in the mornings, pressed at least 100 push-ups a day, and performed a physical fitness test each month, all while wearing flak vests. Airman Bonds attained a personal goal of bench-pressing more than 300 pounds.

We installed 120 new Alaskan car-care shelters and volunteered for honor guard and postal service duty as well as almost every committee available, from the Halloween Hawaiian Luau to the 407th ELRS Meet & Greet. Several members joined the basketball and volleyball teams. Airman Nguyen was a major player in the base honor guard and rifle team.

Excellent support from Maxwell contributed immensely to our overseas efforts. Debbie Smith in Reserve Pay stayed on top of our finances; Capt. Tonia Stephens from Transportation flight paved the way for additional funding for training; and LRS Commander Maj. Ben Smith backed us with all the additional resources we needed.

I express a personal thank-you to everyone for their outstanding support, and a special praise to 908th AW Commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler for giving us the support we needed to be exemplary Airmen.



Waters



Senior Airman James Bonds helps Senior Airman Eric Thornton tow away a vehicle for inspection while deployed in Southwest Asia.

Master Sgt. Richard G. Windham instructs SFS members in the assembly and raising of a radio antenna.

Security forces trek to Lake Jordan for training

By Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
908th AW Public Affairs

908th Security Forces Squadron members took part in a field training exercise at Lake Jordan over the February UTA weekend. The 908th SFS staged the exercise to train and maintain wartime skills.

The exercise afforded squadron leadership an opportunity to conduct core training on a myriad of tasks including reconnaissance, land navigation, fire control, tactical movements, checkpoints and chemical warfare.

The unit had another reason to brave the chilly weather; they wanted to impress higher headquarters security forces observers.

The 908th SFS is a finalist in the competition to select the best security forces unit in the AFRC.

"The 908th Security Forces competed with 26 other AFRC security force units and it's down to two units," said Maj. Christopher Simpson, 908th SFS commander. "The 434th SFS from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. is the other finalist."

Col. Harry Weirath, deputy

director for security forces, and Chief Master Sgt. Larry Miller, security forces manager, both from HQ AFRC/A7S (Security Forces), were present during the weekend exercise to observe the 908th SFS.

"Final competition with the 434th SFS will be conducted at Carswell Naval Air Station in Texas," said 908th security forces manager Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Coleman, also a sergeant with the Birmingham Police Department.

"Getting them out this UTA is a precursor toward the command level competition," added Major Simpson.

In addition to classroom training, the field training exercise presents real world situations designed to make the security forces better prepared, said Master Sgt. Bradley Counce, a training coordinator with the 908th SFS.

These real-world situations are not just made up by people sitting behind desks but actually arise from the experience of deployed security forces personnel.

"We have guys out in the desert right now and they send us e-mails detailing



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder



A 908th Security Forces squad on 'patrol'

problems they're having and things we need to train on," said Sergeant Counce, also an Alabama state trooper. "Some of the stuff includes things like learning to properly wear the new helmets issued to cops. The new helmets are lighter and have a different restraining system."

Major Simpson doesn't need to wait for the competition results to express his admiration for his charges. "Win or not, I am proud of our security forces. I am a career SF officer and they are some of the best I have seen. I would go to war with any of them."

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 be-

fore 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.

AFRC commander visits 908th, honors unit, people

Air Force Reserve Commander Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley took advantage of his short stay at Maxwell attending Corona South to pay a visit to the 908th and recognize the wing and several wing members. Corona South features major command commanders and all four-star generals and is held annually at Maxwell AFB.

General Bradley presented a plaque to the 908th recognizing a significant safety milestone, more than 133,000 flying hours without a major mishap. He said the safety milestone was an extraordinary accomplishment equating to more than 36 years of safe flying. He lauded flying and maintenance personnel for their role in achieving the noteworthy safety record.

The AFRC commander also made surprise presentations to 908th FM's Mrs. Debbie Smith and 908th MXS's Tech. Sgt. Connie Rollins. He informed Smith that she had been named the command's Financial Services Civilian of the Year (GS 10 and Below) and told Rollins that she was out of uniform and presented her with a set of master sergeant stripes, representing her spot promotion via the PEP program.

Following the award presentation, the general greeted unit members attending the short notice assembly in a maintenance hangar with a unit C-130 serving as a back drop.



Photos by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb
From left, chief of safety Maj. D.J. Hernandez and long-serving unit members, maintenance superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Don Smith and aerospace ground equipment flight supervisor Master Sgt. Archie Green accept a plaque from General Bradley recognizing more than 133,000 flying hours without a major accident.



Reserve Pay's Debbie Smith receives the commander's coin along with a plaque for her selection as AFRC's Financial Services Civilian of the Year (GS10 and Below).



General Bradley presents Sergeant Rollins with a set of master sergeant stripes, representing her promotion enhancement program.

Senior leaders address deployments, total-force concept

by Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates
Air Force News Agency

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AFNEWS) – The Air Force has been deployed to the Middle East in one fashion or another for more than 16 years and, according to the service's top officer, Airmen should expect this trend to continue for at least the next 10.

"I believe we will be in the Middle East for a very long time yet," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley during a Feb. 7 visit here.

"We are fighting a relentless enemy who will not simply give up and go away," the general said. "It will take time and effort to stabilize that region."

This means Airmen will continue to deploy to the region and take part in the fight against terrorism. Because of this, the general said there are several issues that need to be addressed within the Air Force's air and space deployment cycles.

One of these is making sure everyone who is eligible to deploy does so.

"Right now on any given day there are 10,000 Airmen who are listed as nondeployable because of some medical reason," General Moseley said.

Of these 10,000 Airmen around 5,000 have medical issues that would keep them from deploying – issues such as pregnancy, broken bones or diseases. The other 5,000 may also have physical problems, but these are ailments that may not exclude them from deploying or that can be taken care of while deployed. High-quality medical care is available at most deployed locations.

For this reason, there are new regulations that will make it harder for individuals to be released from their deployment cycles.

The goal is to have every available Airman assigned to an air and space expeditionary force cycle. This will decrease the number of indi-

viduals who receive short- or no-notice deployments due to last-minute shortfalls.

"We are an expeditionary Air Force," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "With that said, every Airman needs to be physically, mentally and spiritually ready to deploy."

However, both General Moseley and Chief McKinley are quick to point out that this is not a widespread problem in the Air Force. There are over 600,000 people in the Air Force and the 5,000 or less who may be excluded from deployments for unexpected medical issues equates to a very low percentage. On the whole, Airmen are doing what's asked of them and more while deployed across the globe.

Another issue the general addressed was deployment lengths. While most AEF rotations are about 120 days, some have recently increased to 180 days.

"I don't want to do that," General Moseley said. "I'm

looking at this hard to determine if 120-days is the way to go."

The reason is footprint. If an air frame stays in theater for more than 120 days, there is phase maintenance that needs to be performed on the aircraft. This means more maintainers are needed to work on the aircraft and more people are needed to support these maintainers.

"There is no difference in the way we do business if we deploy for 90- or 120-days," General Moseley said. "But once we go above the 120 mark, then we will be increasing our unit size by upwards of 15 percent and spending a lot more money to do so."

Recent force shaping initiatives have also impacted the Air Force's deployment cycle. The Air Force is half as large as it was during the Cold War era, but 10 times as busy, General Moseley said.

Readers can find the rest of the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123040009>.

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YEARS OF SERVICE

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1821.20	1830.12	1868.16	1934.48
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1592.88	1615.80	1648.96	1706.84
O-8	1127.08	1163.96	1188.48	1195.32	1225.88	1276.96	1288.84	1337.36	1351.24	1393.04	1453.44	1509.20	1546.44	1546.44	1546.44
O-7	936.52	980.00	1000.16	1016.16	1045.12	1073.72	1106.84	1139.84	1172.96	1276.96	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1371.72
O-6	694.16	762.56	812.60	812.60	815.68	850.68	855.28	855.28	903.88	989.84	1040.28	1090.68	1119.36	1148.40	1204.76
O-5	578.64	651.84	697.00	705.48	733.60	750.48	787.52	814.68	849.76	903.52	929.08	954.40	983.08	983.08	983.08
O-4	499.28	577.96	616.52	625.12	660.92	699.28	747.04	784.32	810.16	825.00	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64
O-3	438.96	497.64	537.12	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12
O-2	379.24	431.96	497.52	514.32	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88
O-1	329.24	342.64	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	724.72	740.56	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.32	524.88	541.60	569.80	591.60	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.20	442.36	458.68	475.40	491.84	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32
WARRANT OFFICERS															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	779.44	806.20	833.00	860.00
W-4	453.60	488.00	502.00	515.80	539.52	562.96	586.76	609.88	633.84	671.40	695.44	718.96	743.32	767.32	791.84
W-3	414.24	431.52	449.20	455.04	473.60	494.84	522.88	550.56	580.00	602.08	624.08	633.52	643.28	664.56	685.76
W-2	364.36	385.16	403.40	416.60	427.96	459.16	483.00	500.68	518.00	529.84	539.84	558.80	577.64	596.72	596.72
W-1	321.76	348.08	365.72	377.12	407.48	425.80	442.04	460.16	472.16	483.04	500.72	514.16	514.16	514.16	514.16
ENLISTED MEMBERS															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.08	560.52	576.16	594.60	613.12	642.88	668.04	694.56	735.04
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.64	468.52	480.80	495.52	511.44	540.24	554.84	579.64	593.40	627.32
E-7	311.88	340.40	353.44	370.76	384.20	407.36	420.36	433.36	456.56	468.16	479.16	485.88	508.64	523.36	560.56
E-6	269.76	296.80	309.92	322.64	335.92	365.88	377.52	390.44	401.80	405.80	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60
E-5	247.20	263.72	276.44	289.52	309.84	327.32	340.20	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28
E-4	226.60	238.20	251.08	263.80	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04
E-3	204.56	217.44	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56
E-2	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52
E-1 >4	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52
E-1 <4	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTE—BASIC PAY FOR O7-O10 IS LIMITED TO \$1,866.68
LEVEL II OF THE EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE
NOTE—BASIC PAY FOR O6 AND BELOW IS LIMITED TO \$1,513.32
LEVEL V OF THE EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE

FY2007, 2.2% Pay Raise Increase. Public Law No. 109-364 National Defense Auth Act, signed into law on October 17, 2006.

FY2007, Increases cap on basic pay for general and flag officers (O7-O10)

from Level III to Level II of the Executive Schedule. Level II and Level V increased by 1.7%.

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Take Note

Education news from the training office

Air Force Tuition Reimbursement Program. You can use tuition reimbursement up to a Master's degree, CCAF degree or teacher certification. You must pay up front, monies will be reimbursed once you have completed the course (C or higher) and provide DPMT with your grade report. You can also use tuition reimbursement in conjunction with GI Bill BUT not for the same courses.

If you are interested in learning more about the Air Force Reserve Tuition Reimbursement program or to see if you qualify please contact Tech. Sgt. Jo A. Kaestner, wing education program manager, at 334-953-6678 or DSN 493-6678.

No MGIB-SR Changes. In unrelated education news, Sergeant Kaestner addressed rumors stemming from a Jan. 29 article at military.com titled, "Veterans Misled About MGIB-SR."

"There are no changes to the MGIB-SR program at this time to allow members to use the MGIB-SR benefit when they leave the Selected Reserve," the sergeant said. "At this time, the legal counsel for both Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense are working the issue. If anything develops, we will let you know"

The article in question can be found at <http://www.military.com/features/0,15240,123646,00.html?ESRC=airforce.nl>

Decals no longer required

908th AW members should be aware that, effective March 1, Maxwell AFB will no longer issue DD Form 2220, Base Decals.

100 percent identification checks of all vehicle operators entering installations, makes the base decal redundant as a security device, said the 42nd Air Base Wing commander in a letter announcing the change.

Vehicle owners may remove the decal from windshields if they wish or keep them on the windshields since installation commanders determine entry at each base. Visitors to Maxwell-Gunter without government IDs will still be required to obtain an Air Force Form 75, Visitor Pass from the pass and registration office. If pass and registration is closed, temporary passes are available at any base gate.

Base officials stressed that this policy change does not alleviate DOD members from maintaining state requirements for insurance and registration in their vehicles.



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908th lends hand to humanitarian mission

Loadmaster Master Sgt. J. D. Ballentine secures a pallet containing medical supplies obtained by the Prattville, Ala.-based charity, Global Impact. 908th Airlift Wing aerial port personnel packed and secured seven pallets containing medical supplies, children's clothing and school supplies for delivery to Nicaragua Feb. 10 onboard a C-17 cargo aircraft under the auspices of the Denton program. The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need onboard U.S. military cargo planes on a space available basis. The program is named after former Alabama senator and Vietnam War POW Rear Adm. Jeremiah Denton.

Congratulations to the following people promoted to the grades indicated:

....to Senior Master Sgt.
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Kenneth Eddy, 357th AS
Harmon Lampella, OG
....to Master Sgt.
Jacqueline Rice, 25th APS
Angela Solomon, AES

....to Tech. Sgt.
Miyoushi Simpson, LRS
Eunice Stockdale, LRS
....to Staff Sgt.
Melinda Ford, AES
Wendell Oliver, LRS
Christopher Powell, CES
....to Senior Airman
Jarren Morgan, LRS

Danielle Owens, MXS
William Phillips, AES
....to Airman 1st Class
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