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Quest for excellence goes on

The world recently watched as the world's best athletes gathered in London to compete at the highest level for the distinction of the best in the world. Their reward for an outstanding performance was an Olympic medal, the best being the ultimate prize -- the gold.

The part not seen on TV were the long hours and years of preparation invested by the athletes to prepare for the games. These athletes train in relative obscurity for this chance every four years to compete for the title of "Olympic champion."

We at the 908th have just been through a similar cycle. We worked in relative obscurity preparing our units for the opportunity to show the Inspector General team we are the best at what we do. Much like the athletes at the closing ceremonies, once the IG left town, we all breathed a sigh of relief and let off some steam.

However, many of the Olympic athletes still have competitions upcoming, and must maintain a high level of fitness and readiness. Much like them, we must continue maintain the excellence we had for the inspection. That translates to ensuring

programs maintain that level so we are ready next time.

More importantly, our hard work ensures we are ready to perform our mission anytime if the nation calls on us, and that we are doing our best to

take care of our Airmen. Our continued vigilance allows us to deploy properly trained members for the multiple taskings we know are forthcoming.

Finally, the athlete who is striving for the next contest also works on areas that need improvement. They take advice from

coaches on techniques that might make the difference between being on the medal platform and going home empty handed. In our case, we must take the corrective actions necessary to bring identified areas up to standards, and possibly be recognized as an outstanding program or performer for the next inspection.

An Olympic athlete can't prepare themselves for the games by only training and improving when the games draw near. We cannot maintain our readiness or ensure we are properly caring for our people if we are shortsighted and fail to maintain our level of excellence.

COL. EDWARD JENNINGS
Commander, 908th Ops GroupA MOMENT WITH THE
CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) JAMIE DANFORD

What will you do to remember Sept. 11, 2012?

As with many things, there is no real right answer; we all remember in our own way. While we have some suggestions that have been a part of the resolution that declared this day Patriot Day back in 2002, I believe we go further. One of the things that I hope we do this day is turn our minds to patriotism. What is it? What does it look like? While this could be, and should be debated, I found a quote from Abraham Lincoln that resonated with me. He said, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

In my mind patriotism is a two way street. We should not only wave the flag and proclaim our allegiance, but we should also embody those virtues that will make our place proud of us. We should embody goodness, concern, righteousness, dedication, and courage, just to name a few. We should strive to be "good" people.

Not an easy task – but as we have all learned, nothing easy is truly worth having. We will each remember this day in our own way. In addition to offering our thoughts and prayers to those who have given their lives, and those who continue to give in the conflicts born out of Sept. 11, may we dedicate ourselves to the noble values that make our country great. May we live our lives so our country is proud of us.

Don't be shut out
during FY closeoutBy Debbie Smith
908th FM

For most people who live and work on a military installation, the first day of October is just the start of another month.

But for the men and women in the 908th Financial Management Office, it represents the end of 12 months of hard work executing the wing budget, culminating every September with an event commonly known as "fiscal year end closeout."

Many things in life are an individual effort, this is not one of them! This effort requires the combined efforts of all to complete this monumental task. The best closeouts are ones in my experience are ones that "all" are involved in and "a part of."

The amount of information and processes that must happen throughout the fiscal year to successfully execute the wings mission, providing maximum return on our funds expended, and meet the highest priority requirements require dedication and involvement of all.

Former commander Col. Underkofler used to have a famous quote about FM: "I challenge you to walk just one day in an FMer's shoes and you will truly appreciate all they do." You have to love what you do to work in this type of atmosphere and care about the people you are taking care

of in this challenging environment.

We are coming to the close of another year and as we start to crunch the numbers, remember we have to make sure everyone gets paid for orders they have performed in FY 12 and that all travel vouchers are paid correctly. I know it seems we harp on this, but these are the things that make us the best wing -- taking care of our Airman.

One thing is certain, we all know how important it is to get paid. We will close the chapter on another year in the next 30 days and yes, we will start next year in a Continuing Resolution Act but we will still have a positive attitude and work hard to fund our missions.

In closing, we would like to ask that you make sure all pay documents are turned into your unit orderly room so they can be brought to the FM office for input. Make sure you look at your orders. If they are to be processed in RTS, you can use e-finance or turn in a paper copy of your travel voucher to your unit orderly room. If your order sites DTS you will file your travel voucher through the DTS system.

As a reminder we will offer DTS assistance the next four UTAs on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the communication training room in Building 848.



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COVER PHOTO:

The 908th Maintenance Group recently welcomed a new leader, as Lt. Col. Joe "Just the Facts" Friday stepped up from his deputy status to take command.

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The submission deadline for articles or information is the Monday two weeks prior to the UTA. Send inquiries and submissions to 908AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 or e-mail them to 908aw.pa@maxwell.af.mil. Our phone number is (334) 953-6804 or DSN 493-6804; our fax number is (334) 953-2202 or DSN 493-2202. For information about this schedule, call this office at (334) 953-7874.

Recruits ready to roll

Flight gives
poolees tools
needed to
succeed

By Staff Sgt. Sandi Percival
908th Public Affairs

From its beginnings, the Delayed Entry Program has transitioned into a more engaging way of preparing recruits for Basic Military Training. The new and improved Development and Training Flight, facilitated by Tech Sgt. Jon Butterbaugh, gives recruits the tools they need to succeed in BMT, technical training, and beyond.

"Air Force Reserve Command has implemented this new program to better prepare recruits, both mentally and physically, for the challenges of Basic Military Training," said Butterbaugh.

Unlike the DEP, the DTF requires recruits to attend Unit Training Assemblies from the time they enlist. Rather than enlisting and waiting for a BMT report date, trainees are being engaged in a structured environment with ground rules preparing them for the strict training they will go through in BMT.

The DTF Trainees are entitled to all the privileges of a drilling reservist. They get dining privileges, UTA

lodging if they live out of town, Commissary and Exchange privileges, and even regular UTA pay based on their ranks, said Butterbaugh.

But the trainees work hard for their privileges. This was the first UTA of the program, and their weekend schedule was packed full of training on such things as Air Force history, the enlisted force structure, drill and ceremony, and even a monthly physical fitness assessment modeled after the Air Force PT test.

"We are setting them up for success," said Butterbaugh. "This morning, we did a 0545 fun run and we sang jodies."

All of this training is geared towards instilling discipline the trainees will carry with them to BMT, said Butterbaugh.

Along with that discipline comes a huge morale boost. Chief Master Sgt. Duke, the 908th Airlift Wing Command Chief, said group ac-

tivities like PT and drill help get these newly enlisted airmen excited about their commitment.

Trainee Ulysses Petty is scheduled to leave for BMT in January, and he said this training has been especially helpful in preparing him for the challenges he will meet at BMT.

"This will help get me out of the civilian mentality and into thinking more like a member of the United States Air Force," said Petty.

Trainees are required to give reporting statements to all airmen in uniform, and they are given matching Air Force Reserve t-shirts to wear to UTAs.

"It's all about making that transition from civilian to military member as

smooth as possible," said Duke. "It has been absolutely wonderful. The trainees are eager to learn, and they are looking forward to serving their country at the 908th Airlift Wing."

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Ulysses Petty

After a long day of PT, drill, and Air Force history lessons, the trainees were treated to a tour of one of the Wing's C-130 Hercules, and stayed on the flight line to watch one of the planes take off.

"Just wait till you watch one of these planes take off and know that you had a part in getting that off the ground," Butterbaugh told the awe-struck trainees.

The Development and Training Flight currently has 37 trainees ranging in age from 17 to 32. However, as trainees leave for BMT and new recruits come in, that number will fluctuate.

"It's a revolving door," said Butterbaugh.



This is the hangar: 908th Airlift Wing. I work here. My name's Friday. I carry a wrench.

tion between myself and the Air Force," he said, "and I felt I should serve in some capacity to do the things I had been trained to do."

As a member of the 908th Friday has worked in many positions, from commander of the transportation flight and maintenance operations flight to aircraft maintenance squadron commander.

One of the first things he is working on as the new group commander is helping the NCOs and senior NCOs accomplish the challenges of training new Airmen.

"We will focus on bringing in

first-term Airmen," explained Friday, "ensuring they become fully qualified by being trained and proficient at the tasks they need to know as Airmen."

The Selma, Ala. native is married, has a 12-year-old daughter and is expecting a new son within a couple of months. Though he works in Montgomery as a civilian, he doesn't think of his position with the wing as just a part-time job.

"I work in my civilian job just 10 minutes away," said Friday, "I'm on this base all of the time during the week. I don't let go of my responsibilities when the UTA ends or the annual tour is over."

Friday also had this message from the fixers to the flyers.

"We want our customer, the 357th Airlift Squadron, to know that we take our job seriously and we appreciate the confidence they have in us and we will not take that for granted.

"Without them, there would be



no need for us."

Friday said he would continue to emphasize the importance of teamwork within the maintenance group.

"We will constantly hone our skills as maintainers and as Airmen while ensuring absolute compliance with Air Force guidance. We will never forget our primary goal is to provide safe and reliable aircraft in the execution of the wing's mission."

Friday continued by pointing out the amount of pride, members of the group have in their unit.

"We hope our unit pride motivates others to challenge us. This competition forces us all to improve and excel. It builds esprit de corp and proves the wing is truly an elite unit where it is a privilege to belong. I look forward to serving with the Airmen in the maintenance group and the 908th Airlift Wing."

Friday looked thoughtful for a moment before closing.

"Ultimately," he said, "our job as Reservists is to ensure when called upon, we are ready, willing and able to go complete this wing's mission."



One day in September

New MXG boss' path shaped by 9-11

By Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder
908th AW Public Affairs

The 908th Maintenance Group is welcoming a new commander and an old friend.

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Friday has assumed command of the group and he is no stranger to the

group or to the 908th Airlift Wing. He first joined the 908th in 2002 but his story began long before that.

In 1987, a 15-year-old Friday visited the 908th for the first time to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, a program designed to provide youth selected

by their schools "unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences."

"I had never been on any military base and so this was my first exposure to the military," said Friday.

That exposure to the 908th so impressed Friday, he rededicated himself to working diligently in high school resulting in graduating from the Air Force Academy. "I think the wing was an incentive to me to choose the Air Force as the service of choice," he said.

Friday's last job on active duty was serving at the Officer Training School at Maxwell as an instructor. Afterwards, on Aug. 31, 2001, he left the service. Eleven days later, on September 11, he had a change of heart.

"I could not break that connec-



HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!

The 908th's Airmen Committed to Excellence recently hosted a pool party during the August Unit Training Assembly. Giving 908th Vice Commander Col. Paul Knapp some airlift, from left, are Command Chief Master Sgt. Own Duke, Airman 1st Class Jamaar Jackson, Airman Basic Latricia Parks, Senior Airmen Shaniqua Rogers and Shaquita Bonner, Airman 1st Class Corey Hall, Senior Airman Phillip Foreman, and Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy.

AIRMEN/ENLISTED WORKSHOP

An Airman/Enlisted Workshop will take place Sept. 22-23 at the Family Readiness Center. This two-day event will consist of seminars will include financial planning, fitness, writing and job search. This workshop is geared for E1 - E4 but any enlisted to attend. For information, call (334) 953-8852.

WILD BLUE YONDER



The 908th recently bid goodbye to Lt. Col. Pete Garland, who took his fini flight and was given the traditional wet-down by members of his family.



Water survival skills were the mission objective during the August UTA, and wing members picked up valuable training and got in some tubing time on the Alabama River in the process.



TUBIN' WING STYLE

INSPECTION EXCELLENCE



Superior Performers , from left, are Master Sgt. Michael Laursen, AES; Master Sgt. Timothy Oliver, SFS; Master Sgt. Sharon Jackson ASTS; Senior Airman Melissa Hamilton, OG; Master Sgt. Barbara Hamann, AW; Senior

Airman Shanique Rogers, 908 FSS; and Master Sgt. Brian Lewis, 42 ABW/CP. Right, Staff Sgt. Melissa Carmon, 908 AW/CP, recieves her cetificate from Col. Paul Knapp, 908th vice commander.



Military Bearing awardees are, back row: Lt. Col. Contance Johnson-Cage, FSS; Master Sgt. Belinda Ray, FSS; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Foote, SFS; Katrina George, MPS; Tylesha Golden, AW and Aaron Knight, FSS. Front: Staff Sgts. Chametaya McMillian, FSS; Amy Jensen, AES; Jerrell Hughes, LRS; Lt. Col. Steve Catchings, 357 AS; and Senior Airman Daniel Mayben, CES. Not pictured are Tech. Sgts. Kenneth Autry, ASTS; William Powell, SFS and Serena Bliss, FSS; Staff Sgt. Keili Sanders, ASTS; and Senior Airman Amanda Harris, OSS.



Accepting a certificate recognizing the 908th Chaplain Office from BGen. John Moodey, AFRC Inspector General, are Maj. David Dersch, wing chaplain, and Maj. James Danford.



Col. Robert Stephenson presents the LCAP Team Perfomance award to Master Sgt. Connie Rollins, Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Curtis and Senior Airman Eric Dickerson of LRS.



Recognized as LCAP Superior Performers are, from left, Master Sgts. Melvin Watts, Monnica Reed and William Lyndall; and Tech. Sgt. William Garrison.



The LCAP Superior Team Award is presented to members of the AGE Flight: Senior Master Sgt. Michael Eubanks, Master Sgts. Quincey Hester and James Rone, Staff Sgt. Joshua Jones and Stephin Smith, Senior Airman Kyle Nagamatso, Airman Ashley Harris, and Senior Airman Zachary Trawick.

New to the 908th

Capt. Mark V. Sprague, ASTS
 Tech. Sgt. Craig A. Schadewald, ASTS
 Tech. Sgt. William L. Nolen, 25 APS
 Staff Sgt. Christopher L. Daugherty, FSS
 Staff Sgt. Nikada S. Jordan, LRS
 Staff Sgt. Christopher L. White, MXS
 Senior Airman Terrell D. Russell, 25 APS
 Senior Airman Allison M. Smith, AW
 Airman 1st Class Tyler B. Aldridge, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Octavius T. Ausbon, FSS
 Airman 1st Class Lee B. Broaden, CES
 Airman 1st Class Jessica A. Brooks, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Charla T. Colbert, AES
 Airman 1st Class Justin C. Dennis, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Ridge L. Hollis, CES
 Airman 1st Class William B. Hursey, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Shuneice T. Hutson, ASTS

Airman 1st Class Lyndon A. Jackson, MXS
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 Airman 1st Class Jessica S. Smith, 25 APS
 Airman 1st Class Tiffany A. Stora, 25 APS
 Airman 1st Class Dorothea Wolfe, ASTS
 Airman Joshua S. Cryar, OSF
 Airman Nikia K. Freeman, CES
 Basic Airman Marious L. Davis, 25 APS
 Basic Airman Ashley M. Harris, MXS
 Basic Airman Darien L. Johnson, SFS
 Basic Airman Shannon N. Jones, SFS
 Basic Airman Kayanna L. Rich, ASTS
 Basic Airman Jasmine Z. Thomas, MSG
 Basic Airman Isshecar L. Windham, FSS

Preparing to Disembark

Lt. Col. Peter J. Garland III, 357 AS
 Lt. Col. Stanley M. Jesionowski, OSS
 Lt. Col. Laurie J. Parker, AES
 Lt. Col. Billy R. Tabor Jr., 357 AS
 Chief Master Sgt. Adriel D. Carr, 25 APS
 Chief Master Sgt. Jesse M. Scott
 Senior Master Sgt. Mark V. Williams, MXS
 Master Sgt. Roger L. Butler, OSS

Master Sgt. Lee E. Coob, CES
 Master Sgt. David J. McCoughtry, SFS
 Master Sgt. Pamela A. Rhodes, MSG
 Master Sgt. Darrell J. Stephens, MXS
 Tech. Sgt. Lynette A. Clayton, ASTS
 Tech. Sgt. Alfred Deramus, Jr., CES
 Tech. Sgt. Christy Houston, OSS
 Tech. Sgt. Tdera Jarman, LRS

** The next Reserve Retirement Briefing is set to take place Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. at Building 903, the MSG Conference Room.**

BRIEFS

Volunteer Opportunities

Airman Committed to Excellence, the E-1 through E-4 group at the 908th, will be taking part in the Heros' Welcome: Picnic in the Park, scheduled for from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at Ida Bell Young Park in Montgomery. Anyone interested in volunteering can call (334) 819-0272, but all members of the 908th family are invited.

Also, ACE will be taking volunteers to assist in the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. Members will be serving at the Children's Center of Montgomery, 310 North Madison Terrace, on Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information on these events, call Senior Airman Shaniqua Rogers, ACE President, at (334) 953-5029.



Senior Master Sergeant



Todd E. Kern

Technical Sergeant



Melissa Carmon
 Chad S. Braunschweig
 Kenneth Fontenot
 Scott J. Ferraris
 Daniel J. Glover

Staff Sergeant



Michael C. Williamson

Senior Airman



Derrick J. Mickle
 Lyndon A. Jackson
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 Warren J. Taylor
 Amanda L. Reaves

Airman First Class



Corey D. Hall



The 908th will host a joint employer event tentatively on Nov. 2 in cooperation with the Alabama Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Nominate your civilian employer/supervisor to attend "Breakfast with the Boss" using the form below. The event will start at the Officer's Club at 7:30 a.m. Those who wish to stay will be offered the chance to fly over central Alabama in one of our C-130s. Nominate your boss today! All nominations must be received by COB Oct 1.

Please print, fill out and bring in or mail the box form.

Employer Day Nomination Form

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Title (Mr. Mrs. etc) _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Company/Org _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Office Phone: _____
 Driver's license # _____ State issued by: _____
 Needed to meet base entry security requirements
 Participate in C-130 Flight Yes/No?

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