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## Meeting the challenge

In the past, I have attended senior NCO induction ceremonies and heard the charges given to individuals preparing to pin on master sergeant.

Two charges in particular caught my attention: assisting subordinates in adjusting to the military environment and their organization, and recognizing and rewarding superior performance. These stand out because they are vital to member retention.

As supervisors and mentors, we often fall short when it comes to assisting subordinates in the military. We sometimes assume that since we know the answer to a question, everyone else must know, too. One of my faults is I forget what it was like to be new and frustrated without the knowledge of how to pull together necessary resources.

Because of that frustration, I've seen outstanding individuals leave within the first two years.

We must ensure new members feel welcome and are given the resources to do their jobs effectively and efficiently. We must also explain their roles in the "big picture" and assure them we're here to support them.

Recognizing and rewarding superior

performance is another area in which many of us, including myself, are inconsistent. Over the years, I have attended

commander's calls and noted a rotation of the same handful of people receiving awards. These recipients have supervisors who cared and took the time to nominate them for recognition.

In essence, not only did the recognized individual shine, but so did their entire section. On the flip side, some people have expressed the concern

that too many awards are given, rendering them less meaningful. I disagree.

As leaders, we should help our members excel and put our top performers in for awards/medals every time the opportunity arises. Then we need to help and encourage others to achieve that member's performance standards.

Another misstep we often make is taking credit for what our members have done. Instead leaders should realize the pie of success is big enough that all team members can have a piece. Insist on giving due credit and take time to recognize individuals when you notice a job well done.

Make a difference to our members today so we can all look forward to tomorrow together.



SMSGT. MARTHA ROY  
MSG Superintendant

A MOMENT WITH THE  
CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) DAVID DERSCH

This past weekend our country celebrated Memorial Day, when we remember those who have paid the ultimate price securing and protecting the freedoms we enjoy. Perhaps no other words capture the spirit of the day better than those of Abraham Lincoln, when he eulogized the dead of Gettysburg.

Think about his words: "... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain..."

In case you didn't do it last weekend, take time during the UTA, to renew your devotion to personal sacrifice for the ideas upon which America was founded. Those ideals, such as the equality of man, the freedom of worship, of speech, of peaceable assembly, to name a few, are what make up the American culture.

Memorial Day was first celebrated as "Decoration Day" shortly after the Civil War, when people honored soldiers from both sides who gave their lives.

It's less common in recent conflicts for our warriors to die in battle. Due to medical advancements, many who would have previously perished are still living, albeit with permanent, life-changing injuries. This month, as we remember the fallen, let us also keep in mind our warriors who are still living, but grievously wounded. And let us give them their due honor.

## MOBILITY BOSS VISITS 908TH



Air Force photos  
by Lt. Col. Jerry W. Lobb



Air Mobility Commander Gen. Paul Selva recently paid a visit to the 908th Airlift Wing. Above, Gen. Selva meets with operations group members Tech. Sgt. Angela Librizzi, Airmen First

Class Alexis Seymore and Larry Williams, and Staff Sgt. Ian Jones. Right, the general disembarks one of the wing's C-130s after getting a briefing from the maintenance group leadership. During his visit, the general also received a mission brief from Col. Brett Clark, wing commander, toured wing facilities including those belonging to squadrons of the mission support group and the wing's command post.



## SFS HONORS FOR 908TH FAMILY



Members of the 908th Security Forces Squadron recently rendered final honors for the father of Gen. A.M. Stewart, former wing commander. Back row, from left are: Tech. Sgt. Michael Conner, Airman First Class Kreston Davis, Airman Basic Denver Robles and Staff Sgt. James Kuehne. Front row, from left, are: Master Sgt. Steven Higginbotham, Airman First Class Chad Gardunia, Airman First Class Joy Bates and Staff Sgt. Christopher Stewart.



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## COVER PHOTO:

Family and friends of deployed Airmen of the 908th Airlift Wing react as one of the C-130H2s lands at Maxwell Air Force Base.

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# Hamann is AFRC's top paralegal

By Gene H. Hughes  
908th AW Public Affairs

As an elite unit within the Air Force Reserve Command, the 908th Airlift Wing is no stranger to receiving honors for excellence.

Several awards have been bestowed upon wing organizations and individual members at all command levels — and it's happened again.

Master Sgt. Barbara Hamann has been named Outstanding Air Reserve Component Paralegal of the Year for AFRC, and is awaiting the Air Force-level results.

"During her tenure with the 908th Airlift Wing, Master Sgt. Hamann has gained an impressive combination of technical knowledge, skills, and ability making her a valuable resource in her current capacity," said Lt. Col. Nancy Stephenson, wing executive officer.

"Being chosen was overwhelming and it is an honor to be recognized," Hamann said. "Being nominated for the Westbrook award at the Air Force level by AFRC/JA is a huge compliment."

The David Westbrook Award, named for Chief Master Sergeant David Westbrook, a former senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee paralegal to the General Law Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General, USAF.

The annual winner, an Reserve component member, is selected based upon several criteria, including initiative; technical skill; training accomplishments or contributions to mission support; exhibition of leadership; and enrollment in off-duty programs of professional self-improvement.

Hamann's military career comprises of 23 years of total military service, with 10 years active-duty in the Navy and 13 years in the Air Force Reserve. Of those, Hamann served seven as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee and has six as a traditional reservist here.

She currently possesses two craftsman level AFSCs in the Communication-Computer Systems Control, Historian and Paralegal fields, currently has three Community College of the Air Force degrees, and is currently one class away from her CCAF paralegal degree.

Have served in three career fields, Hamann finds the paralegal field by far the most rewarding.

"Through legal assistance, I am able to empower those in the Wing with legal links of information so they may decide the best course of action on powers of attorneys or seek out answers to their personal legal questions" she said.



Air Force photo by Gene H. Hughes  
Master Sgt. Judith Johnson receives assistance with power of attorney paperwork from Master Sgt. Barbara Hamann. Hamann, who has performed a wide variety of tasks for the 908th, from historian to executive assistant for the command section, has been named Outstanding Air Reserve Component Paralegal of the Year for AFRC.

The award comes to Hamann in large part due to her efforts -- including a great many after-hours and weekend sessions — in leading the 908th JA to gear up for the Combined Unit Inspection in June 2012. Her efforts made significant strides in the office earning an award of Excellence, and Hamann was named a Superior Performer by the Inspector General.

"Master Sgt. Hamann stands as a model of our core values by making personal sacrifices to ensure excellence in her performance and her integrity is above reproach," Stephenson said. "Her military bearing is impeccable, and her confidence is unwavering."

"I'm proud of our combined efforts and to be a part of the 908th Airlift Wing's story," Hamann said. "Not only are we keeping our aircraft, but we'll soon be back at our original level."

"It's a story with a happy ending."



From left: Col Trent Edwards, commander of the 42nd ABW; Chief Master Sgt. Owen Duke, command chief of the 908th AW; Senior Airman Christopher Adams, Master Sgt. Lamar Colbert, Staff Sgt. Chad Green; Staff Sgt. Robert Houston; Tech. Sgt. Melissa Carmon; Staff Sgt. Wilbert Davis; Col. Susan Schlacter, vice commander of the 42nd ABW; Master Sgt. Michael Freeman, Senior Airman Orebaugh, Staff Sgt. Donald Bridgers, Master Sgt. Jacqueline Rice, Tech. Sgt. John Geiger, Lt. Col. Sherry Eliason, chief of the command post; and Col. Brett Clark, commander 908th AW.

## Winning Combination

Maxwell nerve center wins small command post for both AFRC and AETC

By Staff Sgt. Sandi Percival  
908th Public Affairs

Air Force Reserve Command and Air Education and Training Command have both named Maxwell's combined command post the 2012 Small Command Post of the Year.

The achievement marks two consecutive years of excellence the Maxwell-based active-duty and reserve command post personnel.

"You are the pinnacle of what we want in a command post. I couldn't be more proud of my active and reserve partners," said Col. Brett Clark, commander of the 908th Airlift Wing.

Command posts serve as the central nervous system for everything from first responders to recalls, and at Maxwell, the mission relies on both active and Reserve Airmen working as one.

Until October 2011, the 42nd Air Base Wing and the 908th each had its own CP with separate missions. The

42nd handled jobs such as base disturbance response, visits from distinguished visitors and day-to-day base operations. The 908th was primarily responsible for "flight following," or the tracking of all aircraft stationed at Maxwell or using its airfield.

Today, the two command posts are fully integrated and capable of managing and monitoring all installation activities as one cohesive unit.

"We don't distinguish each other as active or Reserve controllers. It's one team, one fight," said Master Sgt. Michael Freeman, Status Of Resources and Training System Manager. "This is probably one of the best examples of a combined command post and how it can work."

Col. Trent Edwards, commander of the 42nd Air Base Wing, congratulated the command post Airmen on a job well done.

"This is one team and it starts with

the relationships that you have day in and day out that makes us a success," said Edwards. "This is a result of working together as a team and I'm very proud of each and every one of you. Well done."

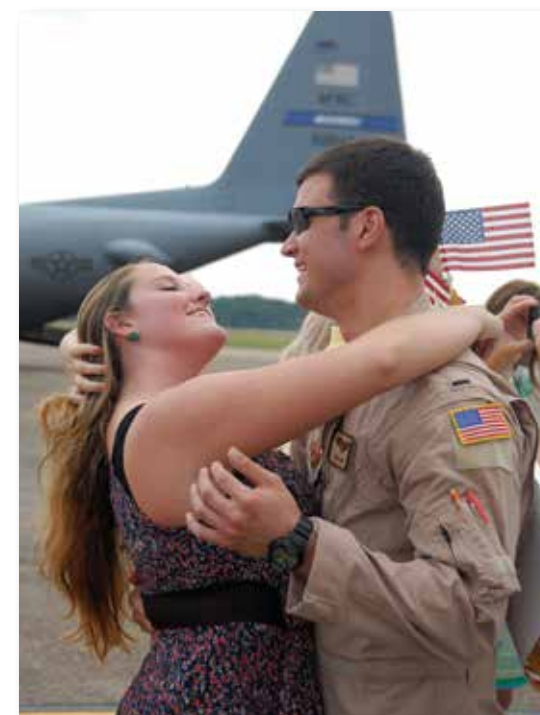
Last year, the Maxwell Command Post won the title for the 22nd Air Force. This year, having been named the Small Command Post of the Year for both AETC and AFRC, the Maxwell Command Post is competing for the title at the Air Force level.

At this level, Maxwell will be competing against Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command. But no matter the outcome, having attained 50 percent of the four finalists is quite an accomplishment.

"I'd like to see you win this Air Force award also," said Clark. "Keep up the good work. You're an inspiration to the rest of our team here at the 908th."



# Welcome Home, 908th Warfighters!







908th Airlift Wing celebrates

# Family Day 2013





## New to the 908th

Lt. Col. Stephen Wales, CES  
Maj. Carmel R. Weed, MXS  
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery D. Bello, AW  
Master Sgt. William C. Bearden, MXG  
Tech. Sgt. April D. Demery, MXG  
Tech. Sgt. Eural W. Madry, FSS  
Tech. Sgt. Lakita N. Trudell, AES  
Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Angiulli, MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Garner L. Hickman, OSS  
Staff Sgt. Tracey E. Adams, ASTS  
Staff Sgt. Taylor R. Ford, MXG

Staff Sgt. Aric J. Andrade, CES  
Staff Sgt. Timothy T. Holmes, MXG  
Staff Sgt. Tywana F. Lewis, SFS  
Senior Airman Daricus T. Burt, ASTS  
Senior Airman Robert Champion, CES  
Senior Airman Robert E. Shufford, FSS  
Airman 1st Class Siedrick E. Orozco, MXG  
Airman 1st Class Chad R. Gardunia, SFS  
Airman Erica R. Lefever, ASTS  
Airman Basic Michael J. Coleman, MXS  
Airman Basic Jonathon C. Fobmy, AMXS

## Preparing to Disembark

Lt. Col. Noreen A. Burke, ASTS  
Lt. Col. Kevin D. Fuqua, CES  
Maj. George M. Hilyard, AES  
Chief Master Sgt. Michael E. Harper, 357AS  
Senior Master Sgt. Gary D. Brooks, FSS  
Senior Master Sgt. Shiela K. Mitchell, ASTS  
Master Sgt. Michael J. Guerin, FSS

Master Sgt. Marcus A. Fuller, 25 APS  
Master Sgt. Rose L. Hall, OG  
Master Sgt. Ralph E. Hood, 25 APS  
Master Sgt. Sharon D. Jackson, AW  
Master Sgt. Monnica A. Reed, MXS  
Master Sgt. Michael Talley, SFS  
Tech. Sgt. David S. Daniel, MXS

### BRIEFS

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Airman Committed to Excellence, the E-1 through E-4 group at the 908th, 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.

#### NCO Leadership Course

The 908 FSS/FSDE will be hosting the NCO Leadership Development Course July 15-26.

The AFRC NCOLDL is a 10-day course given in two phases. During Phase One (July 15-19),

instructors will cover management process, leadership and military heritage.

During Phase Two (July 22-26), instructors cover communication skills, principles of counseling, time management, stress in the workplace and effective writing.

The NCOLDL is a training tool vital in helping participants achieve potential as supervisors. Students are awarded two college credit hours in management from the civilian institution.

The course is centrally funded and for ranks E-5 and E-6.

If interested in attending provide the Formal Schools Office with a completed AF Form 101 NLT 30 June 13. If you need further information, call 953-6771 or email Belinda.ray@Maxwell.af.mil

## Gaining Altitude

### Senior Master Sergeant



David L. Royer

### Master Sergeant



Kathryne E. Dearing  
Christopher S. Herndon  
Spencer R. Meeks

### Technical Sergeant



Bradley D. Akins  
John C. Rigsby  
Hollis E. Verneti

### Staff Sergeant



Kenneth E. Andrews  
Justin C. Nettles  
Justin L. Woodruff

### Senior Airman



Octavius T. Ausbon  
Coreen N. Harvey  
Shavona S. Patterson  
Jessica S. Smith

### Airman First Class



Zachariah F. Burrow

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