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We are family...

908th Families... as with all of you, I welcomed back our deployed members this past month. Over the last 6 months, we have deployed over 250 people from the wing, and we are not done yet. We have Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron going out soon, followed by Security Forces and Civil Engineers in the coming year. As with all deployments, the time away from family is the most difficult to adjust to, yet the 908th Family stands together to support all our families whom have loved ones deployed. I cannot stress enough; it is you...your dedication, support, empathy and family values that make the 908th who we are...in addition, our First Sergeants, Family Readiness and Key Spouses were instrumental in supporting our deployed members and their families. From my family to yours...Thank you!

As we move into the next wave of deployments, we will continue the excellence the 908th is known for...we will continue to find more efficient methods, continue to ask questions, continue to expand our knowledge, continue to train our new members, continue to support and acknowledge our retirees, continue to seek new avenues in family care...through your commitment we become great!

This March UTA, we will be recognizing our award winners at the annual awards banquet. Please come out and help us cheer on those wing members and their families. Not to be outdone, the 908 Family day will be held on Saturday of the April UTA...some of the items will be a band, food and a car show...bring your families and let's have a wonderful time!

Stay safe, stay proud, stay engaged...



COL. ADAM WILLIS
Commander, 908 AW



COVER PHOTO:

Staff Sgt. Keith Smith and Airman 1st Class Joshua Scullark serving food from a deployment kitchen sat up at Camp Blue Thunder during the Services evaluation for the Hennessy award.



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A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

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For the past few months, many of us have attempted to remain faithful to our New Years resolutions. Some have already abandoned them altogether. Studies have shown the shortest-lived one is weight loss. According to Shelby Hyde, "new memberships at local GYM's are at an all time high at the beginning of the year. People are looking forward to feeling fit during the New Year. Despite those good intentions, in February, attendance dwindles for lack of motivation". It seems we are more concerned with our outer appearance than our inner being, our attitudes.

If we weighed ourselves based on a positive attitude, would we tilt the scale, or would the scale even move?

Once there was a group of people who wouldn't have moved the positive attitude scale at all. They were the children of Israel in the wilderness. They had such a poor attitude about what God was doing for them. They suffered from an attitude of ungratefulness. They complained about the water God provided, they complained about eating meat God provided. They even complained when they were encouraged to enter in the land God promised.

As a Holocaust victim Viktor Franks states, "The last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way". Their attitude kept them from receiving God's blessing and in return being a blessing to others. Since that weight loss resolution has terminated, why not try something new? Let's get fit inwardly, and loose our negative attitudes, and be aware of how we treat others for the remainder of the year.



E-Finance Assistance for Returning Deployers

By: Debbie Smith/Angie Rankins-West

On behalf of the 908 AW Finance Team, we extend our salutes to our returning deployers and welcome each of you back with open arms. Now that you've reintegrated with family, caught up on much needed rest, and have been completely spoiled by your loved ones, its back to business, to include the joy of filing your travel vouchers.

Many of you may have already filed partial payment vouchers and will only need to file Final Settlement vouchers. If you have filed partial payment vouchers while deployed, you will simply start your final settlement voucher on the date after your last partial voucher ended. If this is your first time filing an e-Finance voucher from your deployment, no worries. To successfully file your voucher, you will need the following items: Your CED Order (begins with TE#), AF Form 938 (Mil travel order, begins with an A#), AF Form 1610 (Civilian travel order--if you traveled while at your deployed location), and your lodging receipts. These items must be scanned in and easily accessible to upload into E-Finance.

Because of the FM personnel to deployer ratio, we are asking that members log into E-Finance and get as far as possible in the process. That way if you require assistance, the process will be fairly simple. All First Sergeants and Full-timers were sent e-Finance slides on 20 Feb 16; please call our office if you would like a copy of the message.

If you would like to make an appointment for assistance with your voucher, please call 953-5563/5541/6722.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

FAMILY DAY 2016

APRIL 2ND

FUN! GAMES! FOOD!

DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT SOUTHERN FLYER

Annual Awards Banquet March 5



(Above) Col. Adam Willis, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Owen Duke pose with Master Sgt. Nadia Nettles at the wing awards banquet last year. Nettles was recognized as the First Sergeant of the Year for 2014.

This year's banquet will be held Saturday, March 5th at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

(Right) First Sergeants, Chief Duke and guest speaker, Chief Master Sgt. Michael R. Belterose, AFRC's First Sergeant Functional Manager, posed for a group photo following the banquet last year.



Cooley new MXG Commander



Lt. Col. Casey Cooley receives the 908th Maintenance Group guidon from 908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Adam Willis during a change of command ceremony during the February UTA. Cooley joins the wing after serving with the 187th Fighter Wing, Alabama Air National Guard for nine years. A career maintenance officer, Cooley brings a wealth of experience. Col. Joe Friday, departed the wing for a new position as IMA to the 402nd Maintenance Group Commander at Robins AFB, GA.

Tasty competition

Services competes for Hennessy Award



Mr. Ralph Goldbeck, a Hennessy Award evaluator, questions Airmen eating the food prepared by wing services members during the February UTA.

Each year, the Air Force presents the John L. Hennessy Award to recognize the team who best excels in food service.

The evaluators visited Maxwell during the February UTA to observe the 908th Force Support Squadron in action. The team had numerous training sessions; one while at a Deployment For Training at Lakenheath AB in England. At each session they honed their skills, preparing to bring the prestigious award home.

"We set the bar pretty high," said Staff Sgt. Keith Smith, who was selected as Top Performer in the 2012 competition. "We competed in 2013 but fell short. It was very disappointing not to bring the tro-

phy home. This time we developed a better plan to compete. It was a privilege to compete in the Hennessy competition for a second time. Many of our troops involved this year weren't a part of our unit for the last competition. They were eager to learn and brought a competitive spirit and energy to the competition. The knowledge they demonstrated impressed the judges. Everyone followed the guidelines for sanitation, preparation, progressive cooking, and got the tent up faster than we had during our practices. Many new ideas were introduced this year with emphasis on creating a more elegant dining experience for the guests and enhancing the Unitized Ground Ration meals. The experience was

rewarding and it definitely built morale within our unit. "

"Our team was excited about competing again this year," said Staff Sgt. Octavius Ausbon, selected a Top Performer in this year's competition. "Everyone has more experience than before. The first time we competed we were all new to food service. Now with four more years of experience, I think we will have a much better evaluation."

The OIC of Services, Captain Amanda Casconi said the Airmen competing practiced hard for months and did a lot of legwork to make this competition possible. She said "they executed it flawlessly! I think there is a first place award in their future!"

This would never happen!

Car accident, medical emergency, interrupts family trip



LT. COL. GEORGE M. HILYARD
Acting Commander, 908 AES

This would never happen to you.

It's December 24th and you are driving along with family members for a short 35 minute drive to a holiday family gathering. While setting at the off-ramp to make a left turn onto a 4 lane highway, it happens! Your car had just been given the green light to turn left and you have started to move forward and turn to the left. WHAMM! Out of the corner of your eye you see another vehicle slam into your car just in front of the driver's side door.

Everything moves so quickly after that first hit but you find that the your car has come to rest off of the roadway and across a 12 inch high curb. Luckily the airbags did not deploy. You hear some crying coming from the back seat, just from the sudden impact and the scared feeling that comes along with that fact. My daughter and 10 month old grand-

son were in the back seat with my son-in-law driving. I turned my head around to the left and asked if she was ok and if the grandson was ok also. Thankfully the answer came back yes and then I asked Josh. He said he was ok. I told them since we were all "ok", then I was going to leave the car and check on the other people involved in the accident. The first thing I did was to make sure when I left the vehicle I wasn't going to be hit by another car. I checked on the other two cars of this 4 car accident. They were stunned but had minimal damage done to their vehicles. I spotted the vehicle that caused the accident and saw an older gentleman in the front seat. His head was hanging forward and his right hand was laying by the brake lever. As I pounded on the window and shook the car, trying to get his attention, a bad feeling was starting to come over me. Since this was an older gentleman and unresponsive with no visible signs of trauma, I could only think that this poor man was having a heart attack when coming up the off ramp. With the doors locked and the driver unresponsive, I had to get into the car somehow to start CPR. Ah yes, Air Force training does kick in! I yelled back to Josh to call 911 and tell them and older man and was unresponsive. I yelled out to others who got out of their cars if anyone had something to break the window. Nope, nothing. I found a rock on the side of the road and threw it through the passenger rear side window. Knocked out the

rest of the broken glass, unlocked the door and jumped in. Unlocked the rest of the doors and pulled up on the parking brake. My daughter by that time was already opening the driver's door, talking to man and getting no response. I told her to check for a pulse on his neck and I was doing the same on the right side. I felt nothing but she said she felt a faint one. Ok, get started using the new CPR that was approved by the American Heart Association and you were trained on with in the last 6 months. No more breathing for the victim, just worry about the compressions (2 inches in depth and at least 100 in a minute). Once you begin, you don't stop until medical personnel either take over. Finally a squad arrived and took over.

Lessons I learned: Always listen in CPR class and have something available to break vehicle glass. Some knives are made with little a peg on one end to hit the glass. There is one item called a monkey's fist, 1 inch steel ball wrapped in paratroop cord.

(Editorial comment: Unfortunately, despite Hilyard's quick response, the gentleman who had an apparent heart attack died a few days later in a local hospital.)

Family Day April UTA



The 908th Airlift Wing is proud to announce this year's Wing Family Day Gathering taking place on Saturday, 2 April 2016. This year's event promises to be the best one yet, with lunch catered by Wind Creek Hospitality, bounce castles, a magician, dunk booth, static displays, ultimate Frisbee, horseshoes, tug-o-war, and more! Music will be provided by both a DJ and A LIVE BAND.

Family Day is provided as a way of saying thank you to the men and women of the 908th for all the hard work and dedication over the past year.





908th Airlift Wing Education Fair

Saturday, April 2, 2016

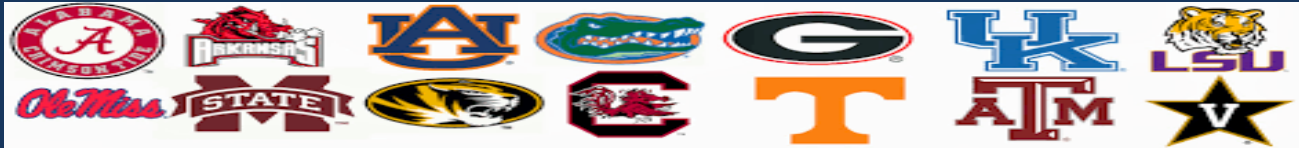
Location: BLDG 1455 (Outside MXG Hangars)

For more information, please contact:

Staff Sgt. Shavona Patterson

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SHAVONA.PATTERSON@US.AF.MIL



SHIMMER...Family Day Band



To the right is a photo of the band "Shimmer" who will be performing this year at Family Day.

Shimmer was selected for their talent the wide variety of music they perform, classics from Country, Rock, Blues, Motown, etc.

Shimmer's appearance is being sponsored by the Alabama Military Support Foundation, a 501 C-3 non-profit.

You can check them out at <http://www.east-coastentertainment.com/html/bandbasic.asp?NO=31176>.

Preparing to Disembark

Chief Master Sgt. Brent J. Hardie, AMXS
Senior Master Sgt. Robert D. Reaves,
AMXS

Master Sgt. George M. Brawley III, LRS
Master Sgt. John W. Mitchell Jr, MSG
Master Sgt. Ronald P. Quinton, LRS

*** The next Reserve Retirement Briefing is set to take place April 3 at 9 a.m. at Building 903, the MSG Conference Room.***

Teen Leadership Summit

Fellow Citizen Airmen and Families,

With 2016 already here, it's not too early to start making plans for summer opportunities for your children. Since 2008, Reserve and Guard teen family members, ages 14-18, have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summit camp program. This in-residence camp experience brings together Reserve and Guard teens from across the United States to participate in outdoor adventure, leadership, and skills training activities in a focused setting.

The Air Force Services Activity Child and Youth Division are planning for two camps this summer. The first camp is scheduled for 17-22 July 2016 at the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonga, Georgia. The second camp is scheduled for 9-14 Aug 2016 at Cheley Camps in Estes Park, Colorado. They are offered at no cost to Reserve and Guard families, but participation is limited to approximately 120 teens per camp.

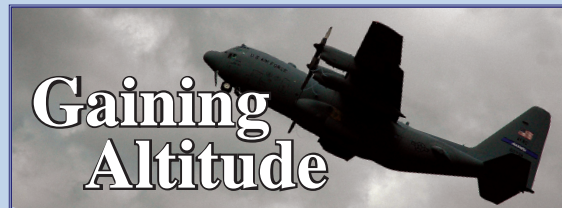
This is an outstanding opportunity for our future leaders, and I encourage you take advantage of the program. Further information on the AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit and application submission process can be found at <http://georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/>.

Thanks for all you do!

JJ

JAMES F. JACKSON, Lt Gen, USAF
Commander

Gaining Altitude



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* Input your unit authorization code
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If not known, contact 908th Services.

* Make, change, cancel, check reservation
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by departure date, then type [ADT, IDT, or
both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special
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UTA is IDT.]

> ADT only? Call Lodging: **(334) 953-6133**

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Contact Tech. Sgt. Cedrea Young
(334) 953-1690, option 1

Emer cell: (254) 258-1884

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for violating this AFI.**

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Sept. 12-13	April 2-3
Oct. 2-4	May 14-15
Nov. 7-8	June 4-5
Dec. 5-6	July 9-10
Jan. 8-10	Aug. 6-7
Feb. 6-7	Sept. 10-11
March 5-6	

908TH UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

March

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, March 4, 2016			
1500	TBD	SORTS/Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 803/42ABW Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Prattville
Saturday, March 5, 2016			
0600	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session One	HAWC
0730	0800	** Sign In **	Orderly Room
0900	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session Two	HAWC
0800	1030	Newcomer's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0800	1100	Lab work/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab
0800	1530	Physicals	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0830	1530	Immunizations	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1000	UDM Meeting	Bldg 848/ CF Classrm
0900	1000	Fitness for duty (DD 689 & Fitness Ltr)	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1000	First Duty Station Briefing	Bldg 1056/Classrm
0900	1000	SAPM Training	Bldg 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Outprocessing	Bldg 1056/Rm 111/DPMSA
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg 903/FSDE
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (DD 689 & Fitness Ltr)	Bldg 760/Flr 1
1700	1730	Sign Out Orderly Room	

Sunday, March 6, 2016			
0600	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session One	HAWC
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0900	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session Two	HAWC
1300	1400	3S2 Training/Wing Training	Bldg 903
1300	1500	3D Comm Element Training	Bldg 848
1300	1400	3D0X1 Knowledge Operation Training	Bldg 1056
1600	-	Sign Out Orderly Room	

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Trg FLT	Sat 0730-1700	Bldg 1056/Rm 101
MPS Customer Svc	Sat 1300-1700 / Sun 0700-1300 M-F 0900-1600	
(Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)		Bldg 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	MTTHF 0800-1600 / Wed 0800-1200 Sat 0900-1600 / Sun 1230-1500	Bldg 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty	Sat 0900-1000	
** Bring DD Form 689 & Fitness Letter **		Bldg 760 2nd Floor/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat 0800-1500 / Closed Sun	Bldg 760 2nd Floor/3-5714
Individual Equipment		Bldg 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat 0900-1500	Bldg 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badge	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Geneva Conv Cards	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Breakfast: 0600-0800 Brunch: 1030-1300 Dinner: 1600-1800	Bldg 668/3-5127
Lodging Office	Bldg 682 /240-5600	
Photo Lab	M-F 0730-1630 / Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg 926/3-7981
Comm Help Desk	Sat 0800-1600 / Sun 1300-1500	

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Air Force stands up Chief Master Sergeant Academy

By Phil Berube, 42nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs /

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. -- The Chief Master Sergeant Academy faculty here is preparing for their first class of students in April. The academy's activation reestablishes the fourth level of enlisted professional military education and marks the first time the Air Force has had a stand-alone faculty and facility dedicated to the development of its top enlisted grade.

The academy replaces the eight-day legacy in-resident Chief Leadership Course that was closed in 2011 after seven years due to budget cuts and the subsequent facilitated distance learning course that was discontinued after a one-year test.

"The new academy will deliver dynamic curriculum at a more executive level," said the academy's first commander, Chief Master Sgt. David Scott. "We will teach to the Joint and Air Force institutional competencies and ensure our chiefs are a 'full-up round' and ready to serve at higher levels of leadership."

The academy fills the education void for enlisted members between the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy and those assuming the rank of chief master sergeant, he said.

Though the AFSNCOA fulfills the necessity for its graduates to meet appropriate Air Force and Joint institutional competency requirements, a similar course was needed for chief master sergeants to meet their rank-appropriate requirements.

The academy's curriculum is designed to bridge students' perspectives from the operational to the strategic level and is broken into five modules: Educational Theories; National Security; Strategic Leadership; Synergized Engagement, including strategic thinking, communication and negotiations; and Integrated Development.

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"The creation of this academy speaks to the tremendous impact and responsibilities of our chief master sergeants, providing our new chiefs the opportunity to reflect and think deeply about leading and cultivating a professional culture in the Air Force," said Col. Ed Thomas, commander of the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education. "It's an in-depth, month-long course that will drill in on today's challenges, the skills required as airpower leaders and how to think critically and strategically as these leaders assist commanders in solving the problems we face today."

A 32-hour prerequisite consisting of course read-ahead material and general administrative tasks must be completed before attending in-resident. Students will receive access to Air University's learning management system 30 days before attending the academy, which is housed in Kisling Hall on Maxwell's Gunter Annex.

The first of three beta classes is scheduled to begin in early April, spanning 20 academic days with a mix of 48 total force chief master sergeant-selects and current chief master sergeants. The Air Force Personnel Center, along with its Air Reserve Component counterparts, has begun scheduling students for this class based on promotion sequence number. The Air Force Chiefs' Group will select and schedule current chief master sergeants.

The two other beta classes are scheduled for June and August, each with 72 total force students, before the academy begins full production in November, concurrent with the 16E9 promotion release. Starting with the November class, the academy will conduct seven classes annually, educating 750 total force students per year (500 active-duty and 250 Air Reserve Component members).