

# THE Airstream



Aerial Spray Squadron recognized  
at CDC awards program

## Got CCAF?

**Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Ludwig**  
8th Fighter Wing command chief

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Have you ever heard the motto “the foundation of liberty is knowledge?” I hope you have, for this is the motto of the Community College of the Air Force, or CCAF.

Truer words were never spoken. Our pursuit of knowledge — along with life and work experiences — provides all that’s necessary for us to unleash our talent, better develop our Airmen, execute our missions, command the future and ensure all are safe in doing so. Your pursuit of knowledge needs to start with earning a CCAF degree.

As early as 1972, our Air Force leaders envisioned that Air Force enlisted Airmen would need improved educational programs to meet technological and leadership challenges. The result of this vision enabled CCAF to provide educational opportunities for us to combine technical training with general education course work from civilian-accredited colleges.

CCAF offers 66 degree programs in five general areas and has conferred more than 258,000 associate in applied science degrees. CCAF is the largest community college in the world and is the only community college in the Department of Defense.

Why a CCAF degree? Many of us came into the Air Force because we wanted to do something better with our lives as we serve our country. A CCAF degree enables you to do just that. A CCAF degree has value — value for you and our Air Force.

CCAF allows us an opportunity to pursue our educational goals at the same time we

serve. Our Air Force has long recognized the value of the enlisted Airmen, while also recognizing the growing and more demanding technical, managerial and leadership challenges we face with every mission.

So, what can be better than CCAF? It links Air Force technical training and expertise with collegiate general education requirements. The result: a nationally recognized education program that formally prepares you for career and life.

What will happen if you don’t have a CCAF degree? Nothing. And I do mean nothing!

More than 82 percent of eligible regular Air Force enlisted Airmen are enrolled in CCAF. The Air National Guard nears 93 percent enrollment and Air Force Reserve Command has 88 percent.

Starting to feel like you’re missing something if you are not enrolled in CCAF? You are! You are limiting our Air Force capabilities and more importantly, you are limiting yourself.

You can probably list pages of excuses as to why you haven’t enrolled in or completed your CCAF degree. Excuses don’t get the job done and tend to multiply the longer you delay. The time you invest in a CCAF education is an investment in yourself, your future and even your family.

So, how do you start this investment ... this educational journey? Put down the remote and check out the CCAF on-line catalog and call the base education office.

You’ve got to want to complete your education. I believe a CCAF education directly correlates to leadership and better-prepared leaders.

I encourage our senior enlisted leaders to challenge our young enlisted Airmen to have their CCAF degree complete by the end of their

first enlistment, encourage our junior noncommissioned officers to complete within the next year, and for senior NCOs ... there is just no excuse not to have your CCAF.

Our Air Force promotes individuals with the potential to succeed at the next higher grade, so leave no doubt about your potential by having your CCAF degree complete.

Also, please don’t spread the “notions” among our enlisted Airmen that, “We’re not officers and don’t need a degree to get promoted” or “I didn’t need a degree to enlist.” Usually I hear this from those who just don’t want to take the time to improve and educate themselves.

Agreed, there is no degree requirement to enlist in our Air Force. However, all things being equal between two enlisted members, I’ll recommend the enlisted Airmen with their CCAF degree every time. Why? I know they are better prepared, more technically competent and have improved problem-solving skills.

Still wondering about the CCAF value for you and our Air Force? For you: better self-esteem, improved job performance, an achieved personal goal, basis for your academic future and credibility in the civilian job market. For our Air Force: a better leader, a more critical thinker and analyst and robust competence. Not only did you enhance your competence but you’ll enhance the competence of your fellow enlisted members for now you have the “smarts” to better prepare them for task and mission.

We live in a fast-paced and evolving society along with the increasing demands of our profession of arms. The secret to your success and ultimately the success of our Air Force is an education — and a CCAF education!

Got CCAF?

## Chaplain offers inspirational thoughts from famous people

**Chaplain (Colonel) Paul R. Milliken**  
Senior Chaplain

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. It’s the only thing that ever has,” -- Margaret Mead

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more or do more, and become more, then you’re a leader,” -- John Quincy Adams

“The key to leadership today is influence, not authority,” -- Kenneth Blanchard

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be,” -- Rosalynn Carter

“Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers capable of cutting through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand,” -- Retired Gen. Colin Powell

“Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder’s leaning against the correct wall,” -- Stephen Covey

“Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it’s amazing what they can accomplish,” -- Sam Walton

“The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to eventually change direction. The leader promptly adjusts the sails,” --John Maxwell

“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it’s my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker,” --Helen Keller

How many of these describe you or perhaps someone in your chain of command? Hmmm.

## Aerial Porter recognized by civilian employer for military service

**Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple**  
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Jason Swartout, a hazardous materials inspector with the 76<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron was called to active duty from Feb. 1, 2004 to Dec. 8, 2004 to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While on active duty Sergeant Swartout served as a Special Cargo Processor with the 436<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Del., and as a Passenger Service Supervisor with the 5<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Mobility Squadron at Mubarak Air Base, Kuwait.

Fortunately for Sergeant Swartout, his civilian employer, the State Correctional Facility at Albion, Pa., goes beyond what the Uniformed Services Employment Rights and Reemployment Act (USERRA) calls for concerning the rights of a member of the Guard or Reserve while serving on active duty.

On March 8, 2006, SCI-Albion held a ceremony to recognize Corrections Officer Swartout for his outstanding achievement in the Air Force. SCI-Albion Superintendent Marilyn Stewart Brooks initiated the event to show support and recognition of all staff who serve in the Armed Forces.

"I'm grateful to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and SCI Albion for their support of America's military and our continued participation in Operation's Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. I enjoy being able to be a part of our continued operations and a supportive employer makes our doing so much easier," said Sergeant Swartout.

Senior Master Sergeant John Amato, NCOIC of the 76<sup>th</sup> APS Air Passenger Terminal, represented the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at the ceremony and congratulated Officer Swartout for his military commendation and presented him with a Department of Corrections certificate on behalf of the institution. Sergeant Amato was Sergeant Swartout's supervisor while they were deployed to Kuwait.



Courtesy photo

**MSgt. Swartout prepares to unload a C-17 as the aircraft taxis to a parking spot at a deployed operating location in the U.S. Central Command AOR.**

"This was a nice honor for Jason," said Sergeant Amato. "I think it's great that the facility leadership here recognizes their officers who serve their country in the military. Jason was an excellent supervisor for us in Kuwait, he's an expert in his career field, and I couldn't have done my job there without him," he said.

The State Correctional Institution at Albion is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest of the 26 institutions within the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. The institution houses approximately 2,300 inmates and is complemented by a staff of over 566 employees. There is a strong military base within

the institution consisting of 46 active reservists and guard members. Of these, 38 have been activated since 9/11 and nine are currently deployed.

### Additional military benefits offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

- \$500 stipend per month for those activated
- Up to 30 days paid military leave
- Veterans preference for hiring
- On-the-job training program approved for educational purposes providing a monthly check while in training
- Can purchase up to five years military time for state retirement

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#### On the cover...

*"Know Thine Enemy" is a phrase many in the military are familiar with. It's very important to military entomologists like Capt. Karl Haagsma, of the aerial spray squadron here. In this photo he uses a Binocular Dissecting Microscope to identify a target species for an upcoming spray mission. Photo by MSgt. Bryan Ripple.*

# Aerial Spray Squadron recognized at CDC ceremony

**Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple**  
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**CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, Atlanta--** Air Force Reserve Command's Aerial Spray Squadron from the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, answered another call from the CDC May 1, but this time it wasn't in response to a natural disaster.

This time the squadron was asked to be represented at the 2006 National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) Recognition Awards Ceremony here in Atlanta.

During the ceremony, Air Force Reservists representing the Aerial Spray Squadron received an NCID "Partners in Public Health" award for the squadron's response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Col. Timothy J. Thomson, commander of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, home to the only full-time, fixed-wing aerial spray capability in the Department of Defense received the award from Ms. Rima Khabbaz, director of the NCID, on behalf of the Aerial Spray Squadron.

"The NCID is a group of people that dedicates their lives to studying and preventing infectious diseases. It says something that we've been recognized by such an agency for what all the Airmen with our Aerial Spray mission at Youngstown do as part of homeland defense and while protecting our military personnel from Vector-borne diseases no matter where in the world they may be," said Col. Thomson.

The award was presented to recognize the efforts of the people assigned to the Aerial Spray Squadron while containing the threat of mosquitoes and minimizing their negative impact on the morale of those working and living without electrical power following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Air Force Reservists from the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing deployed to Duke Field, Fla. in Sept. 2005 to set up a base of operations for Aerial Spray missions after the hurricanes ravaged the Gulf Coast area of the United States.

The CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, on an annual basis, recognizes individual and group achievements of staff and collaborators in approximately 25 categories of nominations. Nominations are provided by each of the many centers or programs at CDC. In the case of the Air Force Reserve Aerial Spray mission, staff members at the Fort Collins, Co.-based Division of Vector-borne Infectious Diseases submitted the nomination to the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) here in Atlanta, to compete against other nominees at the center level for the "Partners in Public Health Improvement" award. The Air Force Reserve's spray mission was selected by NCID to go forward as a winner to the CDC-level competition. The May 1 awards ceremony recognized the winners at the NCID level, regardless of the outcome of the competition at the CDC level (to be decided later this spring).

"The vector control missions to Louisiana and Texas were successful mainly because the aerial spray squadron was able to mount stop gap spray missions while local mosquito control districts worked toward resuming normal functionality," said Ms. Mel Fernandez, deputy director of the CDC's Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases.

The hurricane response missions were entirely voluntary for the personnel of the Aerial Spray Squadron. Many of the reservists who participated used personal leave from their place of employment to participate in the relief effort.

"These officers and enlisted personnel were instrumental in providing timely relief to the citizens and relief workers in both Louisiana and Texas from the affliction of mosquitoes and flies produced by these storms. Their tireless efforts to ensure that the mission was successful should be commended," Ms. Fernandez said.



Tech. Sgt. Shawn David McCowan

## 910th military entomologists conduct on-going testing to ensure the correct product is used to combat biting insects such as sand fleas that can harm Marines at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, S.C.

According to the award narrative, aerial spray squadron personnel worked efficiently and professionally with multiple agencies, federal (FEMA, DHS, EPA and the CDC), local within Louisiana and Texas (Dept. of Health, Dept. of Agriculture and Dept. of Environmental Quality) and other branches of the military, to ensure that these states could provide relief from irritant mosquitoes and potential disease vectors in a timely and safe manner.

The narrative further states that surveillance data was used in the most efficient manner possible to ensure the least environmental impact while attaining the maximum effect on mosquito and fly populations. Following the storms mosquito populations surged to 800 percent higher than what is normal for the months of September and October. Reductions in mosquito populations of up to 100 percent were attained in most areas after an aerial spray flight. More than 2.8 million acres, or 4,501 square miles (about the size of Connecticut) were treated in Louisiana and Texas by the aerial spray squadron while these states worked with their local mosquito control districts damaged by the storms to restore their functionality and/or get contracts in place with the private sector to fill in while they rebuilt.

"When the states' or local districts surveillance data were scarce, Maj. Mark Breidenbaugh, and Capt. Karl Haagsma, entomologists with the aerial spray squadron, took it upon themselves to seek out the help of qualified military entomologists and medical personnel assigned to the area for other tasks to help provide accurate assessments on which entomologists from the Louisiana and Texas Departments of Health could base control decisions," said Maj. Bill Whittenberger, director of operations for the 757<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron. "This ensured that citizens and responders were minimally exposed to pesticides by targeting only those areas of greatest need for vector control," he said.

The 757<sup>th</sup> has four, specially-modified C-130H aircraft to conduct Aerial Spray missions with a primary mission to protect military personnel from vector-borne diseases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of the 13 major operating components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is the principal agency in the United States government for protecting the health and safety of all Americans and for providing essential human services, especially for those people who are least able to help themselves.



Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

By the end of July, Youngstown Air Reserve Station network users will log on to the network using a Common Access Card

(CAC) and a six-to-eight digit user-selected Personal Identification Number instead of a username and password.

## Smart Card logon is coming to your network

The Air Force is migrating away from using passwords to logon to unclassified networks. By July 2006, the primary method for logging on to a standard unclassified Air Force user account will be through a process known as Smart Card Logon (SCL). A “smart card” is the standard DoD identification card and is also known as the Common Access Card (CAC). To use the CAC for network logon, simply insert your CAC into the reader attached to your workstation and enter the associated six to eight digit personal identification number (PIN) you created when the card was issued to you.

**Why this is happening.** Our networks are essential to the success of our warfighting missions and the protection of our basic privacy information. Unfortunately, these same networks are under attack...daily...by hackers, saboteurs, and terrorists. They can compromise the integrity of our network and put critical information systems at risk through unauthorized access, fraud, e-mail tampering, eavesdropping, and data theft. Just imagine what could happen if you could not get access to critical information that you needed to perform your duties in support of warfighting operations? Besides the operationally sensitive information, we increasingly conduct many personnel and financial transactions over the network. That information is personal and we can not afford the operational or identity theft consequences if the data were compromised.

One of the key weaknesses of our network is the use of passwords that many of us have grown accustomed to using. Unfortunately, conventional passwords are vulnerable because they are stored on and transmitted over the network and they are easily hacked. Our adversaries know how to capture our passwords. They access our systems at will and move about freely, posing as legitimate users from the safety of their own base of operations.

**Why use the CAC for logon?** Increased security! The advantage of CAC plus PIN is known as “two factor authentication.” It requires some-

thing you have, (i.e., your CAC), and something you know, (i.e., your PIN). You’ll need both to gain access to the unclassified network. Unlike passwords, PINs are not stored on or transmitted over the networks. And since your PIN works differently than a password, you don’t have to change it unless you think it has been compromised. Your PIN is yours and not to be shared with anyone. If your CAC is lost or stolen and another person tries to guess your PIN, the CAC will be locked after three consecutive unsuccessful attempts.

**Difficult, but necessary!** We acknowledge there will be some hurdles along the way. Many of these challenges have been identified and solutions are being developed. The Air Force is pursuing a phased approach...our first phase is instituting SCL from traditional work places. Subsequent phases will include fielding secure alternatives where use of the DoD ID card is not practical (ex: group/role based accounts, personnel not eligible for DoD ID card), enabling applications for secure remote/wireless access, and implementing SCL in deployed environments.

**What’s next?** SCL is necessary to ensure that critical information is available to the warfighter where and when it’s needed. Air Force network managers are preparing the Air Force infrastructure for SCL. This includes ensuring there is a card reader and associated software on every workstation. SCL also represents a change in our business processes that affects every member of the Air Force community, and each of you will also need to prepare as well. You will need to make sure you have a properly functioning CAC and that you know your PIN. Your unit client support administrators (CSAs) and the Military Personnel Flight will help get you ready. Future articles on the Air Force Portal and in your local media will provide additional information. You can also learn more about Smart Card Logon by visiting the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure, System Program Office (AF PKI SPO) Web Site at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/html/sclogon.asp>

# Maintenance Chief retires with nearly 40 years of service

**Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple**  
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Fifty-nine years ago, the stroke of President Harry S. Truman's pen launched America's Air Force when he signed the National Security Act of 1947 while flying aboard the "Sacred Cow" — the predecessor to Air Force One. The Department of the Air Force was born in the air that day on July 26, 1947.

Chief Master Sergeant David L. Weaver, superintendent of the 910<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, was also born in 1947. He was raised in a small farming community in Southern Ohio. He grew up working on farms as a teenager, the son of an auto mechanic, his mom a homemaker.

At that time of his life Dave Weaver never dreamed he would end up serving the Air Force and Air Force Reserve for nearly 40 years and retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant, which he did May 6 at a retirement ceremony held in his honor at Hangar 295. The hangar was full of people from the 910<sup>th</sup> including several retirees and friends from the unit who had come back to wish him well.

Chief Weaver, who is well-respected for his knowledge of aircraft maintenance, his mentorship and supervisory skills, and solid friendship, stood tall with his trademark tight military haircut showing silvery signs of his many years of service as citations to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal and his retirement certificates were read.

Looking back on his career with the 910<sup>th</sup> Chief Weaver had nothing but good things to say.

"The people here are the best there are without a doubt. You know when a C-130 with the red, white, and blue tail flash that says 'Youngstown' on it shows up, you're dealing with good people," he said.

Comments from those who knew and worked with the chief prove he will be missed.

"He was like a father to me," said Master Sgt. Ray Kuneli, of the Maintenance Group Plans and Deployments section. "He was really a great mentor, introducing me to the different work-centers. Since I was an office staff person and not a mechanic, he really helped me understand aircraft maintenance. He was just an incredible person," said Sergeant Kuneli.

According to Sergeant Kuneli, Chief Weaver was a man who held strong beliefs, stuck to his word and was great at motivating people.

"Chief Weaver would often say to someone 'If I tell you a mosquito can pull a plow, you hitch it up,'" Sergeant Kuneli said while remembering some of the greatest moments working with Chief Weaver. At the same time Sergeant Kuneli added "When Chief Weaver got angry, you got out of the way."

Chief Weaver also left a meaningful impression on officers he mentored.

"He had a huge impact on the maintenance operation here. He was well-known for not being a slow-driver. He was a great superintendent and he is a Chief's Chief," said Capt. Brad Forrider, commander of the 910<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

Dave graduated from Miami Trace High School in Fayette County, Ohio in 1965. From there he got a job doing carpentry work at Marting Manufacturing, in the business of making farming products. He worked there for eight months and joined the Air Force Feb. 10, 1966 with a goal to further his education.

After basic training, A1C Weaver's first tech school was at Chanute AFB, Ill. for the Aircraft Fuel Systems Repair course. Upon graduation, his first active duty assignment was with the 316<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing at Langley AFB, Va. working with C-130E aircraft fuel systems.



Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

**A shadow box was presented to Chief Weaver that may have taken someone just a few hours to assemble, but was built upon an honorable military career of nearly 40 years.**

The next several years brought various assignments to places like Clark AB, Philippines, Kimpoo AFB, Korea, and Ubon, Thailand working on various types of aircraft.

In 1970 SSgt. Weaver was assigned to the 60<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Travis AFB, Calif. After four years of active duty, three of which were consecutive tours in Southeast Asia, SSgt. Weaver considered, but decided not to pursue an active duty career even though he was given the opportunity to stay at Travis and work on C-5 aircraft. While at Travis, he learned of the Air Force Reserve's ART program and applied for the ART Register.

In 1971 TSgt. Weaver accepted an ART position at the 910<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group working with A-37B fighter jets until 1980 when the 910<sup>th</sup> changed missions to the C-130B aircraft and became the 910th Tactical Airlift Group; then with the C-130H models which arrived in 1990 and the 910th became and Airlift Wing. Over the years he participated in many deployment exercises, inspections, and airlift rodeo competitions.

The last couple years were certainly busy times for Chief Weaver. In 2003 he was activated for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed for seven months as Maintenance Superintendent at Ramstein AB, Germany as part of Operation Joint Forge. In 2005 Chief Weaver deployed to Duke Field, Fla., as Maintenance Chief for the aerial spray mission after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Although the Chief certainly doesn't back down from hard work, he knows what else it takes to have a successful Air Force career. Family is a top priority with the chief and he doesn't hide his feelings about that. His wife, Sue is a Contracting Officer here.

"I couldn't have done this without my wife. Sue has always been there to support me. She plays a huge role in Team-Weaver."

For now the Chief intends to work around his home in Mecca, Ohio and take life one day at a time.

"We've got a few acres of land to take care of and I'll probably do some hunting and fishing. There are also a couple job opportunities I'll be taking a look at as well," he said.

"I think he still has way too much to offer to retire," said Mrs. Weaver. "But I look forward to spending more time with him."

He may be retired now, but thoughts of the Chief and his time at the 910<sup>th</sup> will surely remain with those who knew and worked with him.

**To read the complete story about Chief Weaver's retirement, visit the the 910th Airlift Wing public Web site at [www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil](http://www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil).**

## Air Force artists document aerial spray mission

**Tech. Sgt. Shawn David McCowan**  
Public Affairs Specialist

There is a long tradition in the military of recording for posterity the experiences of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and Airmen in peace and at war. Before there was the war correspondent and the camera, military artists provided the only source of illustration of battles and countries at war. Since the days of the Roman Empire, artists have traveled with armies, documenting battle scenes to tell the story of war to generations that followed.

American artists have documented every war since the Revolution when Archibald Willard painted “The Spirit of ‘76” and Emmanuel Leutze captured the heroism of a general and future president when he painted “Washington Crossing the Delaware.” Although a relative “newcomer,” the United States Air Force Art Program carries on this fine tradition of documenting the military way of life through the medium of art today.

The Air Force Art Program office at the Pentagon sent three of its artists to the 910th Airlift Wing in mid-April to document the aerial spray mission. The team traveled with the Aerial Spray Squadron to the Marines Corps Recruiting Training Depot at Parris Island, S.C., where the squadron aerially applies a pesticide to control biting sand fleas several times each year.

The artists initially had mixed opinions on trying to develop artwork based on a spray mission, but once they saw the C-130H Hercules from the 910th Airlift Wing flying at just 150 feet over their heads, they were inspired.

Mr. John Finger, one of the artists, was initially apprehensive about taking the job. It was only his second assignment and he didn’t know what to expect at first.

“To be honest, at first I wasn’t too excited about this project. But once I saw the skills, planning and teamwork that it took to do this, I was very interested. Then I watched them fly just over the trees. That’s a tough mission,” said Finger.

Even the seasoned veteran of the group, Mr. Anthony Stencel, was surprised at the mission.

“I admit that, after being all over the world doing Air Force art, I was a little hesitant about doing this. On paper it looked tough to get excited about. But this is a really important mission, because those recruits and instructors really suffer if the 910th doesn’t do their job,” said Stencel.

Ms. Joan Chiverton, the third artist, accepted this assignment as her first. She was happy to finally be a part of the art mission.

“I didn’t know what to expect, and there’s nothing like seeing these aircraft flying right over the trees. Not to mention the details in the planning. Seeing the aerial spray team on the job gave me plenty of inspiration to produce a nice work of art to honor them,” she said.

Each artist developed their ideas differently, and they kept their concepts a close secret. But, within the next few months, the world will see what visions the 910th inspired.

Artworks produced from officially sponsored trips are “donated” to the U.S. Air Force—usually as outright “gifts to the government” — accepted on behalf of a grateful nation and Air Force by the Secretary of the Air Force.

The Air Force will host a formal presentation of artwork in October at a ceremony to be held at Bolling AFB,



Artwork provided by Air Force Artist Joan Chiverton

**A watercolor image by Joan Chiverton of New York City, N.Y. shows Lt. Col. Frank Galati, co-pilot, and CMSgt. Dave Kane, flight engineer, during a spray mission at Parris Island, SC.**

Washington, D.C. to unveil and exhibit their works to be donated to the Air Force.



Tech. Sgt. Shawn David McCowan

**Lt. Col. Michael Seres, a navigator with the Aerial Spray Squadron, reviews an aerial spray mission setup at Parris Island, S.C. with Air Force Artists Anthony Stencel, John Finger, and Joan Chiverton.**

# Change, challenge face Citizen Airmen

**Master Sgt. Jason Tudor**

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Challenge and change were the key messages the Air Force’s top enlisted person brought to members of Air Force Reserve Command while visiting the headquarters here during week-long activities to honor the command’s Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray said April 20 that the Reserve is shouldering work like never before. Meanwhile, the Total Force, numbering some 700,000 strong, is facing efforts to cut and reorganize existing levels of people, equipment and other resources.

“We’ve been keeping everyone busy,” what with responses to hurricanes and earthquakes as well as the fights in Afghanistan and Iraq, Chief Murray said. He said today’s Air Force mission could not be done without the reserve components.

“We found after the Cold War that we had to change our thinking about reserve forces,” the chief said. “We wanted to think of (Air Force reservists) as active participants, and they signed up for that. They are unrivaled wingmen.”

Chief Murray said the Air Force has gone through a lot of changes in recent years, and more are on the way. One significant change will involve a reduction in the number of Airmen over then next five years, he said, adding that 10,000 Airmen cost about \$1.5 billion per year to fund. With progress, technology and streamlining of services, jobs can be reduced in favor of recapitalization of resources.

“We’re not broken in any way, just imbalanced,” he told about 250 Air-

men during a town hall meeting. “Over the next five years, we’re going to cut 57,000 people. We’ve got to shrink the size of our force in order to keep up with other efforts.”

Just because manpower will decrease doesn’t mean AFRC’s level of involvement in the Air Force’s day-to-day activities will slow down. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about 24,000 reservists have deployed to help fight the global war on terrorism, with 15,000 of those volunteering for duty. That level of involvement is expected to continue.

In addition, the Reserve is expanding its role in some missions – space and unmanned aerial vehicles, for example – and is preparing to get involved in some new mission areas.

“We are facing some big changes, and I need everyone to work together to emerge better equipped and more ready than ever to confront the current and future enemies that threaten our nation,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander, in a recent Citizen Airman magazine commentary.

Chief Murray also praised the sacrifice reservists make.

“Many of you are public servants outside of our military realm – firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, clergy and others,” he said. “You regularly trade one uniform for another. There’s a sacrifice that comes with that trade, but we enjoy the fringe benefits when you blend into our active-duty units. We share talents and experiences that further our cooperation and understanding.”

Meanwhile, the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force said while the maelstrom of change swirls, active-duty and Citizen Airmen have not lost a step while flying and fighting.

“It’s just been phenomenal to watch,” he said. “None of our missions could be done without teamwork.” (AFRC News Service)

## Air Force Reserve looks to volunteers to fight war

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve Command is relying more on volunteers and less on mobilized reservists to fight the war on terror, according to Lt. Gen. John A Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander.

The operations tempo to meet the combatant commanders’ requirements since 9/11 remains high said the general in testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations’ Subcommittee on Defense April 26. He does not expect the ops tempo to decrease significantly in the near future.

To make his point, General Bradley cited the number of days Reserve aircrew members are performing military duty.

“Last year each of our aircrew members served an average of 91 days of military duty,” he said. “This is a significant increase compared to an average 43 days of military duty per aircrew member in 2000, the last full calendar year before the start of the Global War on Terrorism, and more than double the minimum number of participation days required.”

To meet continuing Air Force requirements since 9/11 and to make maximum use of the President’s Partial Mobilization Authority, the Air Force Reserve has begun to rely more heavily on volunteerism versus significant additional mobilization.

“There are several critical operational units and military functional areas that must have volunteers to meet ongoing mission requirements because they are near the 24-month mobilization authority,” the general said.

Volunteers are needed in C-130, MC-130, B-52, HH-60, HC-130 and E-3 AWACS aircraft as well as security forces people.

During last year, the Air Force Reserve had 6,453 people mobilized and another 3,296 volunteers who served in lieu of mobilization to support the Global War on Terrorism. By the end of the year, it had 2,770 volunteers

serving full-time to meet war requirements and 2,553 reservists mobilized for contingency operations.

“We expect this balance to become increasingly volunteer-based as this ‘Long War’ continues,” he said.

To meet this increased need for volunteers, the Air Force Reserve has several on-going initiatives to match the desires and skills of reservists with the needs of combatant commanders, according to the general.

“For example, the Integration Process Team we chartered to improve our volunteer process recently developed a prototype Web-based tool,” he said. “It gives the reservist the ability to see all the positions validated for the combatant commanders and allows the Air Force Reserve to see all qualified volunteers for placement. We must have the core capability to always match the right person to the right job at the right time.

“We also expect volunteerism will be positively affected as a result of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2005,” he continued. “This act fosters more continuity in volunteerism because it adds flexibility to end-strength accounting rules and provides equal benefits for activated personnel.”

Making it easier for reservists to volunteer not only gives them more control over their lives but also helps their family, employer and commander, he said.

“In turn this predictability allows for more advanced planning, lessens disruption, and, ultimately enables more volunteer opportunities,” said General Bradley. “In the coming year, we will continue to seek ways to facilitate volunteerism as the primary means of providing the unrivaled support on which the Air Force has come to rely.” (AFRC News Service)

## Don't fall prey to "Phishing" scams

Airmen have recently received "phishing" E-mails that specifically target access to Air Force information systems. "Phishing" is the attempt to lure a recipient into providing privileged information or running malicious code on their local system. The E-mails look like legitimate messages from system administrators, and the Websites appear to be official, such as the Air Force Portal or an Outlook Web Access server. However, these sites are not official and serve only to provide your user credentials for later use by an intruder.



Be careful to not fall prey to this attack! The Air Force and the DoD will never ask you for your password and userid in an E-mail and will never direct you to another address via hyperlink to verify your network credentials. Be wary of every E-mail sent to you and question its validity. Intruders often "spoo" legitimate userids to disguise their attack.

Before transmitting private information over the internet, check your browser window's address bar to ensure you are at the site you think you are.

If you have any questions concerning a particular E-mail, do not open it! Immediately contact your Client Support Administrator (CSA) or Network Control Center Help Desk for assistance. The 910th Communications Flight Network Control Center Help Desk can be reached at Ext. 1195.

## Duty history correction available

DENVER – As of March 31, Air Force Reserve members located around the world are now able to correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center here.

Previously, Airmen had to visit their local Military Personnel Flight or call several agencies to correct their duty history. Now, no matter the time of day, Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>. If no account is established, the Airman will have to answer a few questions to receive a user name and password.

Once an account is established, Airmen just click on the "Correct Duty History" link and annotate their desired changes, attach any relevant supporting documentation such as:

Enlisted Performance Reports, Officer Performance Reports, Special Orders, General Orders, etc., and click on "submit."

Once a correction request is submitted, the customer will be e-mailed a tracking number.

Moreover, when the actions are completed, they will receive an E-mail letting them know.

There is currently no change to the process for updating current duty information; it still must be done through local commander's support staff or base individual mobilization augmentee administrators.

ARPC and the Air Force Personnel Center are working simultaneously on centralizing and automating many of their processes for all Airmen and civilians in the Total Force.

Some processes that have been automated or centralized at ARPC include 20-year letter (re-issue), mortgage letter, current points request, promotion board counseling request, and electronic promotion letter to the board president.

In the future, automated and centralized services should account for nearly every aspect of every Airman's personnel actions, from initial enlistment to retirement and everything in between. Between now and Sept. 1, 2007, ARPC, with assistance from Air Force Reserve Command Personnel Readiness and the Air Force Reserve Active Guard Reserve Management Office, will work to automate or centralize retirements, separations, awards and decorations, evaluations, enlisted promotions, assignments, retraining, reenlistments, duty status, classifications, adverse actions and accessions.

June 2006



Eric White

**MSgt. John Falfas, a shift supervisor with the 910th SFS, lays a wreath near the headquarters building flag pole May 15 in honor of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The event was part of National Police Week.**

## Security Forces honor those who protect

Members of the 910th Security Forces Squadron observed National Police Week May 15-19 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. The United States Congress and President of the United States designated May 15, 2006 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week. Members of the 910th Security Forces Squadron play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those serving at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. It is important that all members know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the 910th Security Forces Squadron, and that members of the squadron recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property by protecting them against violence and disorder.

In honor of National Police Week the 910th Security Forces Squadron conducted the following activities: On May 15, a Security Forces sedan was placed near the Bldg. 128 flag pole and remained there for the week, symbolizing a constant vigilance over fallen Security Forces members. A Security Forces desert helmet, sandbags, dog tags and training weapon were also displayed there for the week in order to pay respect to the following Air Force members who sacrificed their lives for freedom: Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson, Staff Sgt. Brian McElroy and Tech. Sgt. Jason Norton.

The National Police Flag was also raised during the week.

Master Sgt. John Falfas, a shift supervisor with the 910th SFS, placed a wreath at the flag pole in front of the headquarters building to pay respect to individuals who have fallen in the line of duty.

On May 16, Lt. Col. Perry Sorg, operations officer for the 773rd Airlift Squadron, signed a proclamation declaring all unit members know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the 910th Security Forces Squadron, and that members of the base recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder.

National Police Week activities concluded May 19 during a ceremony where members of the 910th SFS read a roll call for fallen Security Forces members from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

**June UTA Pay Date  
14 June 2006**



Back row, from left: TSgt. Aaron L. Miles, singer; MSgt. J. Leroy Wilson, NCOIC/drummer; TSgt. Rob Walker, musical director/guitar player; front: first two people no longer with the band; SrA. Terry Grace, bass player, not shown; TSgt. Darryl McEachin, keyboard player.

## Reserve Generation to rock the house during Family Day and Military Ball events

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's popular music group, Reserve Generation, is scheduled to entertain unit personnel and family members during the 910th Airlift Wing Family Day, July 15 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station and the 910th Military Ball, November 4 at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman. Tickets to the Military Ball are now on sale from any unit First Sergeant. Tickets cost \$25 each for E-1 to E-6 and \$35 each for E-7 and up. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, will be the featured speaker for the evening, and Brig. Gen. Tim White, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the SAF/PA director, as well as news anchor for Cleveland's Channel 3 (WKYC) 6 p.m. news will be the Master of Ceremony.

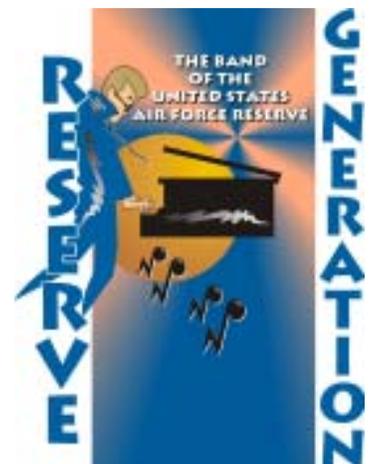
Reserve Generation entertains thousands

each year, performing an intriguing mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz, and country. They also perform hits from the 60's to today's Billboard Magazine Hot 100 listing to include rock, rap, and hip-hop. Their incredible versatility and energetic approach to designing concise musical presentations for each performance always reach an enthusiastic response from all audiences.

Reserve Generation has performed for special events and festivals all over America. One of the group's highlights included an appearance on TNN's "Nashville Now." They have also performed for troops in Honduras, Turkey, Italy, the Azores, and for dignitaries such as U.S. Ambassadors to Azerbaijan and Bulgaria. Each year the members of Reserve Generation take to the road with their "Drug Free" show to educate elementary and

middle school students on the dangers of drugs.

The members of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve are professional Air Force musicians working in support of the Air Force Reserve and Air Force Recruiting and community relations objectives.



# FAMILY DAY, 15 JULY 2006

## Schedule of events during the day

0800 – 1600 ISMIT-weapons firing (Marines Squadron)  
0900 – 1100 ID Cards (Bldg 128) Customer Service  
0900 – 1600 BX Sales (at the BX)  
1100 Commander's Call (Hangar 295)  
1100 – 1600 Commissary (bet. Bldg 295 & Aid Shop)  
1130 – 1600 Unit Displays/Demonstration (Hangar 295)  
1130 – 1230 Reserve Generation Concert (Hangar 295)  
1130 – 1330 Lunch (in your unit – see 1<sup>st</sup> SGT for Location)  
1130 – 2000 Pick-up Softball games (by Building 104)  
1300 – 1600 Children's Games (by Hangar 295 / Club)  
1400 – 1500 Tia (Christian Soloist) – (Chapel Bldg 113)  
1400 – 1600 Reserve Generation Concert (Hangar 295)  
1700 – 1900 Reserve Generation Concert (Club Bldg 201)  
1900 – 2300 DJ/Karaoke – (Club Bldg 201)

## Planned Children's Activities for Family Day!

**Location: LRS parking lot and grass area  
between Hangar & Bldg 415**

### On-going Activities:

1000-1130: Fishing at Base Lake  
1100-1600: Bouncer  
Putting Green  
Face Painting  
Various Activities  
1300: **Games for 7 yr olds and under, divided  
into ages 4 & under & 5-7**  
1300 – Shoe Race, 4 & under  
1300 – Kangaroo Race, 5-7  
1320 – Clothes Pin Drop, 4 & under  
1320 – Balloon Bust, 5-7  
1340 – Tennis Ball Throw, 4 & under  
1340 – Peanut on a Spoon Race, 5-7  
1400: **Games for ages 8 & up, Divided into  
ages 8-11 and 11& up**  
1400 – Peanut on a Spoon Race, 8-11  
1400 – Toilet Paper Mummies, 11 & up  
1420 – Tennis Ball Throw, 8-11  
1420 – Peanut on a Spoon Race, 11&up  
1440 – Water Balloon Catch, 8 & up

## Displays in the Hangar

MPF - University of Phoenix  
Educational Display  
NAVY - Fleet Hospital  
Services - Information Set up  
Services - Salvatore's Italian Grill  
Public Affairs - Tradeshow Wall  
76 APS – training drops (CDS)  
& Parachute Demonstration  
Security – Weapon's Display  
1<sup>st</sup> SGT / Chiefs Group  
Family Support - Information  
Military One Source  
Medical – blood pressure  
screening & drunken goggles  
Engine Shop - (engine & prop)  
Avionics - (global positioning)  
Comm Flight – UHF Communicator  
**Outside Hangar displays**  
MXS/AGE - Light, Generator, &  
Nitrogen cart  
LRS - Bus, Fuel Truck, Shipping  
Container  
Services - Bouncing Unit (Fitness)  
Services - Food/Beverages (Club)  
Static Display: C-130

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# Managing Finances... a personality profile

**Eric White**

Public Affairs Assistant

Barbara Urban's job is one that all military members of the 910th Airlift Wing can fully appreciate; especially on paydays. She is a military pay technician for the 910th Financial Management office. Her duties include several tasks that allow for the successful handling and distribution of finances on the base. Some of these duties include: inputting orders for pay processing, advising reservists on benefits and entitlements for in-processing and out-processing, coordinating leave balance of activated members, issuing employer letters to service members, and handling pay issues for active duty retirees.

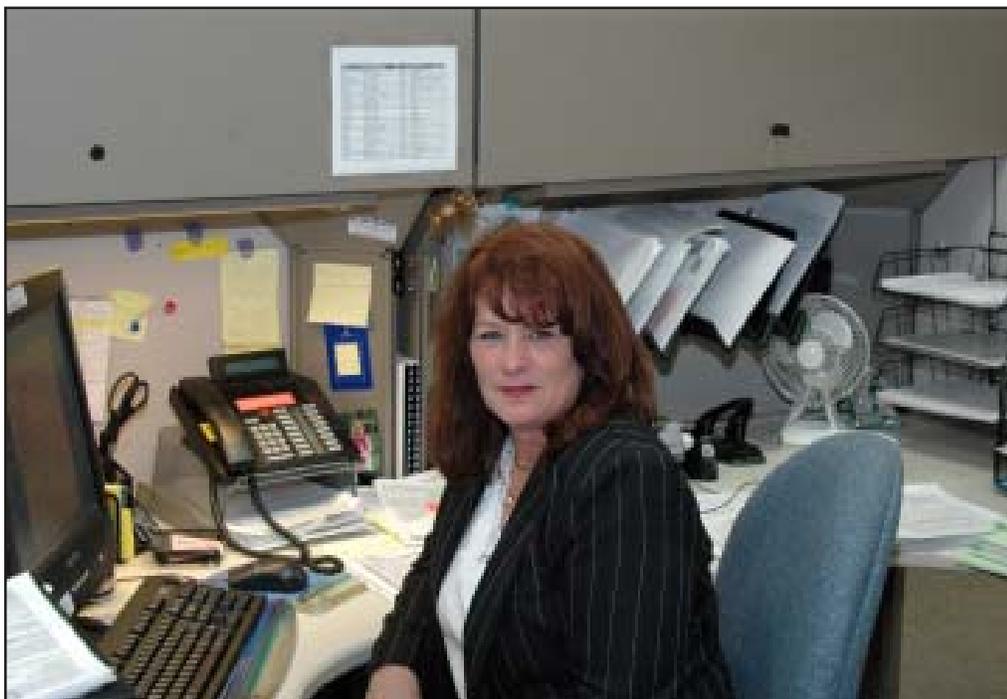
Most of what Mrs. Urban does on the base revolves around assisting and aiding 910th Airlift Wing reservists with financial matters. Coincidentally, this is the aspect of her job she most enjoys. "I really like trying to help people. It's very rewarding hearing someone say 'thank you' when you've helped them," she says.

Having worked about two years in the 910<sup>th</sup> Fire Department before taking a brief, one-year absence, Mrs. Urban recently returned to the station to fill her current position in Financial Management. March 2006 marked her first full year as a military pay technician.

Perhaps her willingness and eagerness to help people comes from a lifestyle rooted in the importance and love of family. She is married to David, her husband of 29 years and has two daughters, one son and a granddaughter. Her daughters Kelly and Lindsey currently reside in South Carolina. They are both attending Coastal Carolina college, just nine miles from Myrtle Beach. Kelly is a 22 year-old senior studying early childhood education. Lindsey is 19 years-old, and a sophomore studying Health Care Promotions. Casey, her only son, is 22 years old and works for a lawn care maintenance company. He is also the father of Mrs. Urban's granddaughter Sydney, a great joy and adoration in her life.

When enough leisure time presents itself, Mrs. Urban greatly enjoys spending time with her family. She often travels to South Carolina to visit her daughters in college. One of her favorite activities, and one she engages in whenever possible, is watching her granddaughter.

Working in the Financial Management office, "the best complement to my job is the appreciation of those I get to help," Mrs. Urban says. Due to her fairly comprehensive list of duties, aiding the financial needs of a wide



Eric M. White

**Barbara Urban, military pay technician for the 910th Financial Management office pauses from her work helping the financial aspects of the base run smoothly.**

variety of personnel - including the 1,400 Air Force Reserve military members of the wing -

"appreciation" from the many she helps is likely in vast supply.

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