

THE Airstream



773rd Airlift Squadron pilot receives Distinguished Flying Cross

Volk Field is first step to ORI success

Colonel Timothy J. Thomson
Commander

I thank all who supported this year's Family Day. I know many have put in countless hours—even off duty time to ensure that the event would be a success. Thank you again for making Family Day another hit this year.

The 910th Airlift Wing is in the Operational Readiness timeframe of the AEF cycle. All of us at home station for the next two years will participate in a lot of training and many exercises to prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in late March/early April 2008. The efforts of all military personnel, civilians and contractors will be crucial to our success.

Our ORI preparation and training events remain a high 910th home station priority. They will demand much of our annual tour and unit mandays in Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008. Those of you who have participated in the PATRIOT MEDELLIN preparation have

enabled our wing to maximize that opportunity. Many questions have been answered and your concerns have been addressed over the past several months. This allows us to be better prepared for our 2007 events; enabling us to work on areas that we identify during the PATRIOT MEDELLIN deployment. We are following a step by step deliberate process to prepare for our ORI.

As we prepare to execute each event it is vital we gain a good understanding of the Installation Deployment Plan, ORI Ground Rules and our AFMAN 10-100 Airman's Manual. We must strive to keep all of our mobility/deployment requirements current.

This Wing's success will ultimately depend on our efforts to work together, to focus on the mission at large, to take care of our people and to continuously apply the Air Force Core Values. Operational Risk Management, especially during the large force events, should be in everyone's sight at all times. As the 22AF/CC stated in his July UTA visit, "There is



Col. Timothy J. Thomson

nothing we do in peacetime operations that is worth someone getting hurt. Delays and cancellations are far better alternatives to injuries." Be safe!

Friends of Family Readiness is here to help you

Janice Barnes
Director, Family Support office

Where do you go when a situation causes you financial distress? You know, that car repair that your savings isn't quite adequate to cover or the prescription co-pay that exceeds what you thought it would be or the emergency trip home that has made paying rent difficult?

These are all situations that Friends of Family Readiness has helped with in the past and are willing to help with in the future.

Friends, as this base nonprofit organization is affectionately called, consists of a Board of volunteers who administer donated monies to assist community members of Youngstown Air

Reserve Station who have experienced a financial crisis beyond their control.

To request assistance, the Family Support office is the place to go. After meeting with a Family Support staff member to discuss your situation and find out all the potential resources to help resolve the issue, you can fill out a Friends request form. The application is private and supporting documentation for a request (the bill to be paid) will be datamasked so that the Board doesn't know the identity of the requestor. Similarly, the board members identities are private.

When the Board meets (the Thursday after the UTA), a Family Support staff member presents each case and the Board reviews

resources and requests to determine what assistance can be given. Assistance allowed by the by-laws is up to a \$250 grant per request.

Since Friends has given out more than \$5,000 in the past year, funds are running low. To donate to Friends, all one has to do is present cash or a check made out to Friends of Family Readiness or select Friends in their CFC elections. Donations are always accepted.

If you have questions about Friends of Family Readiness or how you can assist community members in need, please contact Family Support by coming to our office in Building 128 or calling 330-609-1201.

We would love to have you stop by or give us a call. We care and we know you do too!

Some thoughts to help you through your next crisis

Chaplain (Col.) Paul R. Milliken
Wing Chaplain

The following includes some tongue-in-cheek thoughts designed to help you get through your next crisis.

1. Indecision is the key to flexibility.
2. You can't tell which way the train went by merely looking at the track.
3. There's absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.
4. The facts, while interesting, are all too often irrelevant.
5. Things are more like they are today than they've ever been before.
6. Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting *dirty* for.
7. Friends may come and go, but enemies tend to accumulate.

8. If you see someone smiling when things are going wrong, it probably means they've already thought of someone on whom they can place the blame.

9. When you think things are about as bad as they can get, don't bet on it.

10. The trouble with life is, you're half way through it before you realize it's a "do-it-yourself" thing.

11. Try never to argue with an idiot, because he'll drag you down to his level and then beat you with experience.



Chaplain Paul Milliken

22nd Air Force Commander visits Youngstown ARS

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, commander of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., paid a visit to the men and women of the 910th Airlift Wing July 14-16 and was able to meet many members of the wing and their families during Family Day here.

"I had an outstanding visit with the men and women of the 910th Airlift Wing. I appreciate the opportunity to address all those who came out for Family Day. The ability to walk your ground and visit with many folks gave me a greater appreciation for what you do today as you reconstitute after a tremendous effort, not only in the Global War on Terrorism, but in homeland defense with your spray support after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," said Maj. Gen. Mazick.

The 22nd AF Commander was pleased to present three medals during the wing commander's call portion of the event. Those receiving medals included Maj. Tom Markovich, a C-130 pilot with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, who



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

Senior Master Sgt. Kirk Neuleib, conventional avionics superintendent, receives the Meritorious Service Medal, first Oak Leaf Cluster.

received a Distinguished Flying Cross for actions he took to save his aircraft, crew, and passengers during a C-130 mission in Iraq as his aircraft came under attack during an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission; a Defense Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Ralph Romine, deputy commander of the 910th Mission Support Group, for his efforts to help rebuild Iraq while deployed to Baghdad as part of Multi-National Force-Iraq; and a Meritorious Service Medal, (first Oak Leaf Cluster) to Senior Master Sgt. Kirk Neuleib, conventional avionics superintendent.

After the commander's call, Maj. Gen. Mazick had a chance to meet with Airmen from the Wing and express his appreciation for their support of the mission.

"First, I would like to thank you for all your great work and the sacrifices your families make. Second, we are in a long war against terrorism. We will be asked to continue to participate under a volunteer construct as our services are very much needed. Third, there is nothing I ask you to do that would require you to cut corners, ignore regulations, or relegate safety to second place. Each of you is too important to allow that!" he said.

The next day afforded the major general an opportunity to receive an updated aerial spray mission briefing and to fly on an aerial spray training flight over the nearby Ravenna Training and Logistics Site.

"Your aerial spray mission is an important capability for our nation. It is a capability that although not used daily, is important when called upon. I was very impressed on the training sortie I got to fly on. Spray requires great teamwork, thorough planning and excellent crew coordination. It obviously takes practice and you guys are very good at it," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

Maj. Tom Markovich receives the Distinguished Flying Cross for actions taken in Iraq.



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Col. Ralph Romine receives the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts to help reconstruct Iraq.

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On the cover...

Maj. Tom Markovich, a pilot assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross from Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, commander of 22nd Air Force during the Wing Commander's Call here July 15. U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Brent Davis.

Physician's Assistant becomes 'Bicycle Man' of Balad

Tech. Sgt. Allan Folsom

Medical Technician and EMT, Air Force Theater Hospital
Balad AB, Iraq

In the midst of the high drama and stress filled environment of the Emergency Department at the Air Force Theater Hospital (AFTH) here there is a man whose mission in life has numerous facets. "Service before self" is not only an ethos that he espouses in his official duties as an Air Force Physician Assistant, caring for the sick and wounded, but it is a calling to serve his fellow Airmen as well. He serves them by fixing flats, adjusting brakes and pads, lubricating gears and chains and sometimes resurrecting long forgotten bicycle frames given up for dead into useful and needed tools for the staff of the Balad AFTH.

His name is Maj. Patrick Ginley and he is the "Bicycle Man of Balad." Major Ginley came from humble beginnings in Cleveland, Ohio where he grew up having to learn repair of his own bicycle at an early age.

"We didn't have much when I was a kid and of course there were no Wal-Mart's so a bike had to last. The closest thing to a bike store we had was Heller's Hardware. He always seemed to know what you needed for a repair. He was great mentor for a young kid. I'll never forget him," said Major Ginley.

Those humble beginnings were the basis for a self reliance that he carried into a military career beginning in 1968 as a Navy Corpsman straight out of high school. He stayed in for four years, making E-5 in two, a fact he remains proud of to this day. He received orders for Viet Nam three times but never went.

"I carried a sense of guilt for never having gone to Viet Nam, but it was out of my control. I was prepared, but the orders were always rescinded," he said.

After that initial four-year stint he went on to Physician Assistant school and Nursing school, where he started a career at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic, where he is a senior physician assistant. One of his most recent patients at the clinic included former U.S. Senator Bob Dole. Recently Major Ginley was able to speak to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole during a visit she made to Balad and she remembered him.

"She is such a nice woman, very charming and her husband a wonderful gentleman."

As a result of that chance meeting Major Ginley was the recipient of a signed photo of the former senator which will be the first of a series of signed photos that he is collecting for a "Hall of Fame."

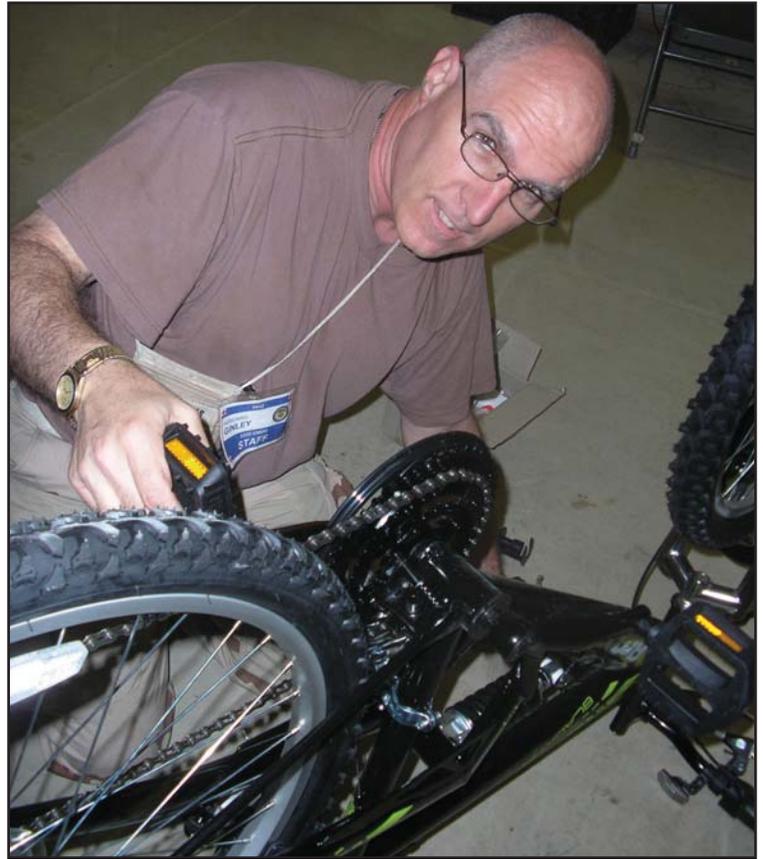
The Bicycle Man returned to military service in 1990 receiving a commission and was deployed to Scott Air Force Base, Ill. as back-fill in the hospital during Operation Desert Storm.

"I was actually supposed to go to Oman. We received all of our briefings and were ready to go but they rescinded those orders as well."

Not to be denied the honor of serving his country in combat, he deployed to Balad AB, Iraq in the current AEF 1-2 rotation, and credits his off duty activity as a therapeutic way to deal with the stress of seeing the wounded and injured from the front.

However, the major is known not only for his skill with a stethoscope, but with an Allen wrench as well. He credits his faith for his passion for repairing the bicycles of Balad.

"When I got here I asked God to show me where else I could be used and I simply made myself available to him. I bought a couple of tools here and asked my wife Jackie to ship some to me so I could assemble my own bicycle I purchased from the BX. I had a friend who developed foot problems here and I gave him my bike to make his life a bit easier and then it dawned on me, this was a ministry calling."



U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Allan Folsom

The 'Bicycle Man' found a new calling in Iraq.

Major Ginley likens a bicycle to another tool that one can use to make life in Balad go a bit more smoothly.

"I saw it as a comfort issue for my fellow Airmen. It gets so hot here and a bike gets you where you need to go pretty quickly and out of the heat."

His coworkers have benefited tremendously from his penchant for being a bicycle grease monkey.

"He saw that I didn't have a bicycle and he found a frame in a storage box and he started fixing it up for me. I offered him money, but he turned me down," said Emergency Room Medic and co-worker, Senior Airman Eduardo Clemente. "He is a generous and kind man," he said.

Major Ginley credits the Chaplain's office and the BX with assisting him with surplus bike parts and says that without their help he could not continue the service that he provides.

No one in the Emergency Department seems to mind yielding a bit of space near the staff break area to Major Ginley as he pursues his calling during his off time and his popularity is growing.

"Every day I have one or two or three people show up with a flat or a brake issue or a new bike shipped straight in, still in the box offering me money to assist them, but I always decline the cash. I love this—it is a true calling and the glory goes to God, not me."

The Bicycle Man is actively seeking an assistant to share his passion and perhaps pass on what he hopes will be a continuing tradition at Balad. Apprentices apply via E-mail or just drop in for a chat most nights at the Emergency Department.

When asked about possibly outgrowing his allotted work space in the rear of the Emergency Department, he smiles and says with a laugh "Perhaps I should give the General a call and inquire about more space. I wonder if he rides a bike."

It's doubtless he will soon find out.

Mission Support Group welcomes new commander

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

The men and women of the 910th Mission Support Group welcomed a new commander to their unit during a July 16 Assumption of Command Ceremony.

Col. William D. Stephens, who previously commanded the 512th Mission Support Group at Dover Air Force Base, Del., assumed command of the 910th MSG during a ceremony held in Hangar 295 that was attended by family and friends of the new commander and many members of the largest of the three organizational groups on base with about 450 Air Force Reservists assigned.

Col. Timothy J. Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing presided over the ceremony and handed the 910th Mission Support Group unit flag, or guidon, to Colonel Stephens after he said the words "Sir, I assume command."

"My family and friends are the foundation of who I am," said Colonel Stephens. "It's my job to earn your trust," he said to the men and women of his group.

Colonel Stephens entered the Air Force in November 1977 and was commissioned through Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a navigator and has held operational, command and staff positions at the squadron, wing and major command levels. Af-



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Clinton Kline

Colonel Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, presents a bouquet of flowers to Colonel Williams Stephens' wife Nora, welcoming her to Youngstown.

ter serving on active duty with the Air Force, he joined the Air Force Reserve in March 1987.

The colonel has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Arizona State University, Tempe,

Ariz. and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif. He is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Clinton Kline

Colonel Stephens assumes command of the 910th Mission Support Group.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Clinton Kline

Family, friends, and fellow members of the 910 MSG and 910 AW witnessed the Assumption of Command ceremony here July 16 at Hangar 295.

Reserve Generation rocks Family Day

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's popular music group, Reserve Generation, was the featured entertainment act for Family Day this year.

The professional musicians from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., arrived here July 14 on a 910th C-130, set up their sound equipment and instruments on stage and immediately began conducting sound checks to ensure the best sounding music was heard by all.

The group performed two

shows the next day during Family Day in Hangar 295 as a mix of reservists and their family members filed through the hangar to view the various mission-oriented displays that were set up to highlight the wing's mission.

The group entertains thousands each year performing a mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz, and country music. They also perform hits from the 60's to today's Billboard Magazine Hot

100 listing to include rock, rap, and hip-hop.

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.

Reserve Generation will be visiting here again in November for the 910th Airlift Wing Military Ball at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman, Ohio. Tickets for the event are on sale now from unit commanders and first sergeants.



Tech. Sgt. Darryl McEachin, keybo
Generation Band lets his talent s



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Tech. Sgt. Rob Walker, musical director and guitar player for the Reserve Generation band is energized by the crowd.

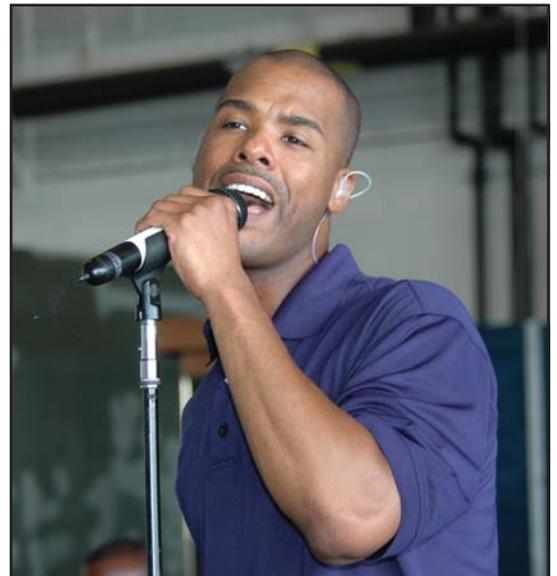


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Master Sgt. J. Leroy Wilson, NCOIC, and drummer for the Reserve Generation Band jams during a performance.

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ROCK Family



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Miles, operations NCO and vocalist with the Reserve Generation Band gets the crowd going during a song.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Keyboard player for the Reserve Generation Band shines during the show.

Generation

ROCKS Family Day!



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Staff Sgt. Tamiko Boone, a vocalist with the Reserve Generation Band puts a lot of heart into her performance with the band.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Staff Sgt. Terry Grace, bass player for the Reserve Generation Band pulls strings to entertain the crowd at Family Day.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Airman 1st Class Paul McWhirter, audio engineer and productions technician, spins the dials to obtain the right sound.

Circled insignia, shoulder board change implementation dates announced

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Following the Air Force chief of staff's vision of "lasting heritage - limitless horizons," the Air Force uniform board made minor changes to the enlisted uniform.

These changes include returning to the U.S. insignia with circle for the service dress uniform and the deletion of the optional shoulder board rank for the blue uniform, making the sleeve chevrons mandatory.

The implementation date for the circled insignia is Jan. 1, 2007, and the date for mandatory wear of chevrons on the sleeves is Oct. 1, 2006, Air Force officials said.

"We are going back to our heritage. (The enlisted) started wearing lapel insignias in December 1902," said Chief Master Sgt. Malcolm McVicar, the director of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. "The enlisted insignia was on a circular disk and the officer's was not."

On April 27, 1918, when the Air Service proposed its first collar insignia, the tradition car-

ried on with the enlisted insignia having a circle surround the device. The insignia design has changed through the years, but the tradition of the circle around the insignia remained until 1991 when a decision was made to eliminate the collar insignia for all ranks. However, by 1995, the collar lapel insignia was brought back with the current U.S. insignia and no circle for all Airmen.

"Every Air Force uniform board since 1991 has had a request to bring back the circle around the insignia for enlisted wear," Chief McVicar said. "Keeping with General (T. Michael) Moseley's vision on returning to our heritage uniform, the uniform board approved the change."

The shoulder board rank, originally called shoulder mark insignia, for senior NCOs was first introduced in 1976. The shoulder boards were thought of as a way to bring some recognition to the top three NCO ranks, and were approved in 1982.

In 1991, the chevron designs changed for the top three enlisted ranks by providing immediate recognition at a distance in any uniform combination.

A stripe was removed from the lower portion of the chevron and added to the top for master,

senior and chief master sergeant, to include the chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

It has been more than 10 years since the new enlisted chevrons were introduced. Since then, there have been numerous recommendations to remove the optional enlisted shoulder boards worn by some within the top three enlisted ranks, Chief McVicar said.

"This issue was comprehensively addressed with the introduction of our current chevrons that provide easy identification of the top three enlisted ranks with all uniform options," he said. "Again, returning heritage to our uniform, the uniform board removed the shoulder board option."

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force sees these changes as a way to keep the Air Force's enlisted heritage alive.

"We are the greatest enlisted Airmen in the world," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "The distinct enlisted aspects of our uniform are a tribute to those who served before us and set the solid foundation we follow today. We should take great pride in wearing our stripes on our sleeves and donning the circled lapel insignia."

Reservists offered Tricare Reserve Select

Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER (AFPN) — Tricare Reserve Select, the premium-based health coverage plan for eligible Selected Reserve and participating Individual Ready Reserve members, has been enhanced by offering three tiers of coverage.

Tier 1 certification started June 1 and is primarily for reservists who have served in support of a contingency. Now the Air Reserve Personnel Center is taking applications for Tiers 2 and 3. These applications must be postmarked by Sept. 25 for coverage effective Oct. 1. Any applications postmarked from Sept. 26 to Nov. 25 will receive coverage effective Jan. 1.

To qualify for Tier 2 coverage individuals must:

— Be a member of the Selected Reserve who is eligible to receive unemployment compensation under state law for which TRS Tier 2 coverage is provided;

— Be a member who is in the Selected Reserve and is not eligible for an employer-sponsored health plan or the employer does not offer a health insurance plan;

— Enter into a service agreement to serve continuously in the Selected Reserve for the period of TRS Tier 2 coverage;

— Be a member of the Selected Reserve and be self-employed when self-employment is the primary source of annual income, as reported to the Internal Revenue Service; or,

— Be an IRR member serving in the Selected Reserve by end of the one-year period given to find a position.

Members must pay 50 percent of the cost of the premiums for Tier 2.

To qualify for Tier 3 coverage individuals must:

— Not qualify for Tier 1 or Tier 2 coverage; or,

— Enter into a service agreement to serve continuously in the Selected

Reserve for the period of TRS Tier 3 coverage.

— Be an IRR member serving in the Selected Reserve by end of the one-year period given to find a position.

Members must pay 85 percent of the cost of the premiums for Tier 3.

These are basic eligibility criteria. Members who think they are eligible for Tier 2 or Tier 3 coverage can go to the Guard/Reserve Portal at www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal and complete the DD Form 2895, "Agreement to Serve in the Selected Reserve for TRICARE Reserve Select." Once signed, it should be signed by the commander. The ARPC Contact Center must be contacted at 1-800-525-0102 to execute the agreement.



U.S. Air Force photo/Sue Sapp

First of its kind

The first-of-its-kind MC-130W was presented to Air Force Special Operations Command in a ceremony at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., June 28. The highly modified C-130 will replace special operations aircraft lost in combat.



U.S. Air Force photo/Lainne Davis

Hole-in-One

Look out Tiger Woods, this young golfer sinks a hole-in-one putt at the Family Day children's games.

Mess Dress uniforms available to rent

Instead of spending big money to buy a Mess Dress uniform for a special event such as the upcoming Military Ball in November, reservists may consider the option of renting one.

One place of business that may be considered for renting a Mess Dress uniform is Shinbaums Uniforms, located at 1951 Bell St., Montgomery, Ala., 36104. This business may be reached at 334-265-0552 (both voice and fax.)

The cost is as follows: \$50 rental + \$15 shipping, which includes the following:

Mens - Shirt, Pants, Jacket, Cumberbund, Rank, Bow tie, Studs & links.

Womens - Skirt, Jacket, Blouse, Cumberbund, Tie Tab, Rank (will include Studs & Links when they become mandatory this fall)

To order, call, write or fax the following information at least two weeks in advance of the event:

Men - neck size, sleeve length, waist size plus 1", coat size (use civilian not military), inseam and arm length (top of jacket seam to bottom of wrist). Include rank.

Women - AF blouse size (shirt), Arm length, waist size, hip size and outseam (top of waist to top of toes). Include rank.

This business will also put together your mini medals for the cost of the medals, with no set up fee. These are not a rental, they're yours. Most medals cost: \$6.50 each. Medals like the Kuwait Medal or Joint Service Commendation medal cost \$10.50.

This business will try to have you receive the mess dress early enough to verify fit and allow wrinkles to fall out from being in a box. If for some reason the uniform fit is improper they will send another one. When asked how early, the response was usually the Wednesday before the event. The business expects the rental to be shipped back to them the first business day after the event.

All officers are expected to wear a mess dress uniform at the 910th Airlift Wing Military Ball Nov. 4, 2006. Enlisted members may wear the semi-formal uniform or the mess dress uniform.

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Thanking Airmen

Senior Airman Richard Rawlings, an aircraft maintenance specialist with the Heavy Maintenance Flight greets Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, 22nd Air Force Commander, during his visit to the 910th Airlift Wing July 15.

SGLI premium rate change announced

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The monthly premium rate for basic Servicemember's Group Life Insurance increased by 5 cents per month for each \$10,000 of coverage, from 65 cents per month per \$10,000 to 70 cents per month per \$10,000, effective July 1. On the same date, family SGLI premiums will decrease across the board.

The most recent SGLI premium change occurred in July 2003, when the monthly premium rate for basic SGLI was reduced from 80 cents per \$10,000 of insurance to 65 cents per \$10,000. That change was made to reduce surplus reserve funds in the program.

A small increase in the SGLI premium rate is now necessary for the program to remain in sound financial condition, while covering the cost of peacetime claims. The cost of wartime SGLI claims is borne by the uniformed services, not by servicemembers.

As a result of this increase, members who have the maximum \$400,000 of SGLI coverage saw their monthly SGLI deduction from service pay increase by \$2 a month, from \$27 to \$29, beginning with their July pay. This monthly SGLI premium includes a \$1 per month charge for traumatic injury protection coverage, which took effect Dec. 1 and provides payments of up to \$100,000 for serious traumatic injuries.

Also in July, family SGLI monthly premium rates will be reduced for all age groups by an average of 10 percent. The new rates reflect better-than-expected claims experience for each age group in the family SGLI program.

773rd AS member wins Life Support award

Air Force Reservists won all three of the air reserve component categories in the 2005 Air Force aircrew life support award competition.

Master Sgt. James D. Haupt, NCOIC of the 773rd Airlift Squadron Life Support section, was selected as the winner of the Senior NCO category.

Sergeant Haupt has been a member of the 910th Airlift Wing since April 1995.



MSgt. Jim Haupt

Aerial Porter's family named Family of the Year

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

The family of Master Sgt. Shawn Bupp, assistant NCOIC of Air Terminal Operations for the 76th Aerial Port Squadron was named Family of the Year for the 910th Airlift Wing during the wing commander's call portion of Family Day. A panel of people from across the base conducted independent reviews of all the nominations received and scored each independently. Areas scored included family support, mission support, and community support to achieve an overall score. The judges were not identified to each other.

Janice Barnes, director of the 910th Family Support office, made the announcement.

According to the award nomination, Sergeant Bupp has been married to his wife Donna for 10 years and they have three children, Katie, 8, Sarah, 6, and Rachel, 3.

Sergeant Bupp moved his family from New Castle, Pa., to Coshocton, Ohio to learn aircraft maintenance. Five months after moving, Sergeant Bupp was activated Jan. 21, 2004 and deactivated Jan. 20, 2005. While activated he saw duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del., and overseas in the CENTCOM AOR. During this period of deployment, his family had to endure not only the hardship of having their husband and father gone for a year, but also the hardship of learning to live in a new community. Throughout this time, Mrs. Bupp had to assume the role of not only mom, but also the other roles usually held by Sergeant Bupp. As her husband's unit checked on her through the year she always had a friendly disposition and positive attitude. Her desire to support her husband while he served in the AOR allowed him to focus on the mission of moving a large number of troops and cargo into Iraq. In May 2006



U.S. Air Force photo/Eric White

Mrs. Donna Bupp, and her three children, Rachel, 3 (middle), Sarah, 6, (rear), and Katie, 8, (right), receive the 910th Airlift Wing Family of the Year award from Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing during Family Day. Mrs. Bupp's husband, Master Sgt. Shawn Bupp, of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, is currently deployed to the CENTCOM AOR.

Sergeant Bupp once again volunteered for duty at a forward operating location in the CENTCOM AOR. After little more than a year at home, Sergeant Bupp and his family had stepped forward to support the mission once again.

Sergeant Bupp is currently still serving overseas and was not able to be present at the time the award was presented to his family by Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing.

#21 U.S. Air Force Nextel Cup car to be on display Aug. 5

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing who are also NASCAR fans that would like to see a real NASCAR race car up close won't need a pit pass to do so Aug. 5 when one of the Air Force #21 show cars is on display here.

The visit has been arranged by Master Sgt. John Falfas, a shift supervisor with the 910th Security Forces Squadron. One of the Air Force show cars will be on display in the Building 415 parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting. In the event of bad weather the car will be shown on display inside Hangar 295.

The Public Affairs office will provide digital photographs of individuals desiring to have their photo taken with the car. The photos will be made available electronically on a base server. Prints of the photos will not be provided.

Transported in a customized trailer, the Air Force Show Cars are fully functional Ford Focus race cars built to NASCAR Nextel Cup Series basic specs. Capable of producing 750 horsepower and traveling at more than 200 mph, each car is virtually race ready.

According to the sponsorship Web site, the Air Force is a proud sponsor of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup #21 Wood Brothers Ford Focus driven by Ken Schrader. As the #1 spectator sport in the country, NASCAR entertains more than 6.5 million fans annually.



Courtesy photo

One of the #21 Air Force-sponsored Nextel Cup NASCAR racing cars will be on display here Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After 20 full seasons in NASCAR's elite series, Ken Schrader still can't wait to put on his helmet, strap in his driver's seat and chase the checkered flag every Sunday afternoon or any other day of the week for that matter. It is that desire and dedication that earned Schrader the reputation as a true racer's racer.

Over the past 20 years in the Nextel Cup Series, Schrader has collected more than 640 starts and more than \$25 million in earnings. He has four wins to his credit in the Nextel Cup ranks (Talladega, 1988; Charlotte 1989; Atlanta, 1991; Dover, 1991) as well as 64 top-five and 181 top-10 finishes. Schrader has also led the field to the green flag on 23 occasions during his career.

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Reservists, families mark Family Day together

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
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Reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing donned their favorite sunglasses and sandals instead of gas masks and overboots July 15 as they joined together with their families to enjoy this year's Family Day festivities on a sunny and warm summer day.

This year's event was coordinated by a committee of volunteers from across the base that was headed up by the 910th Services Division. "Reserve Generation," part of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., was the featured entertainment act of the day. During the event they performed for crowds of people walking through Hangar 295 as they stopped by to view the displays that were set up to feature the missions of the various units on base.

Salvatore's Italian Grill in Howland, Ohio was the official sponsor of Family Day this year. Salvatore Coppola and his wife Susan, owners of Salvatore's Italian Grill sponsored the event by providing \$3,000 worth of pasta to be enjoyed by each military member and their families.

"Salvatore's was a wonderful sponsor--they were so supportive in working with us to offer a hot entree and the food was great!" said Beth Bruker-Walos, director of the 910th Services Division.

As part of another Services sponsorship agreement with Salvatore's, the restaurant has also provided 12 gift baskets to be awarded as prizes during events conducted by the Services Division from now through April 2007. The Youngstown Air Reserve Station Community Council also donated \$1,000 toward food expenses.

The AAFES Base Exchange held a parking lot sale with extra items stocked up for the larger than normal crowd and the AAFES commissary from the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility at Oakdale, Pa. had a truck sale at Hangar 295.

Other highlights of the day included an airdrop and aerial spray demonstration provided by the Operations Group over the flightline area and a fishing tournament at the base fishing pond. Of course, the children's games were a big hit with the little ones and Tia, a Christian soloist, provided inspirational songs at the base chapel. In the afternoon, the base softball diamond was busy as five Esprit De Corps softball games were held with the Medical Squadron defeating the Logistics Readiness Squadron 16-11 in the championship game.

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.



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A cook from Salvatore's Italian Grill in Howland, prepares pasta at the base dining hall kitchen during Family Day. Salvatore's was the official sponsor of the event.



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Children find a great chance to do a little dancing during a performance by the Reserve Generation Band from Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

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