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TSgt. David Comstock, jet engine mechanic with the 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron, repairs a jet engine housing during a deployment to Alaska.

The 403rd CLSS received the Air Force Reserve maintenance award for the third consecutive year. See related story on page 5. (Photo courtesy of the 403rd CLSS.)

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## "Closner Sends"

By Maj. Gen. John J. Closner  
Commander, Air Force Reserve

One of the strengths of the Air Force Reserve is its ability to blend the diverse talents and capabilities of our many people to achieve a common purpose, the defense of our nation.

Recognizing that minorities and women are becoming an ever larger and more important part of the team, I want to ensure everyone is treated fairly and given an equal opportunity to succeed. At every level of our organization, I am looking for mentors and role models who will do the "right thing" and help our next generation of leaders achieve their full potential. We recently established the Air Force Reserve Human Resources Development Council to support this objective.

I think we all want to work in an environment where any person can advance based upon performance and dedication. As with every other aspect of quality, it takes effort, but the results are well worth it.

## Preview of upcoming events

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## McPeak's view from the top

by TSgt. David P. Masko  
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- As 1993 begins, airmen, civilian workers and the Air Force as a whole are looking ahead to an uncertain future.

The new administration is saying, for instance, it wants to cut deeper in the military's end strength and further reduce defense spending.

But, for the most part, the Air Force chief of staff expects a favorable outcome to the administration's plans to streamline.

"I'm very optimistic that the new secretary of defense (Les Aspin) is the right guy for the times we face now," Gen. Merrill A. McPeak said in an interview with Air Force News Service.

"He knows the territory as well as anybody," McPeak said. "He's been working on security issues for a long, long time. So, he's not going to start on page one. He has a very good understanding of the issues."

McPeak wouldn't speculate on what Aspin's appointment will mean to the Air Force, but thinks it's good for the country because "he's a professional."

"This is not going to be amateur hour in Washington, so I'm upbeat on that... he's got a very good track record over time in favor of a strong defense."

Aspin, 54, served in the Army from 1966 to 1968 and has been in Congress since 1971. He became chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in 1985.

McPeak said he's also upbeat and very impressed by the positive reaction of Air Force people toward what have been demanding times in the personnel arena.

"Our people have stood in there," he said. "I'm proud of the way our people have absorbed this."

"When we get done with this process -- and we're going to bottom out here sometime -- we're going to have a great Air Force, because the people still in are going to be pretty highly selected. They will have selected themselves, first of all, by dedication, and making it clear they wanted to stay in tough times. And then, of course, they will have been selected and picked-over pretty well in the process of RIFing, and SERBing, and not allowing people to reenlist and all the other things that we've done to reduce end-strength."

**"We're going to be a smaller Air Force, but we're going to be absolutely eye-watering quality when we get through this process."**

As to when additional manpower cuts will come, he said the Pentagon hasn't been given "firm marching orders," but during the election campaign President Bill Clinton said he wanted to take the department end-strength down a little farther.

"We're programed to go to 1.6 million people in uniform, and he (Clinton) said we ought to go down to 1.4 million people in uniform. So, another couple hundred thousand people would have to be squeezed out of the services."

At the same time, McPeak said he didn't know for sure if the 1.4 million is the target the new administration will settle on, or what the Air Force share will be. In addition, the Pentagon isn't sure when it will need to reach new troop reduction numbers.

"It's a very big management issue," the chief of staff said. "I can't say much about it except that I'm confident that the new administration will try at least to continue the drawdown that we've been going through."

In 1986, the Air Force hit an end-strength peak, and for the next seven years it went into a very steep drawdown, he said.

**"Over the decade, from 1986 to 1995, we'll lose about a third of our uniformed end strength."**



McPeak acknowledged that he and former Air Force Secretary Donald B. Rice have been working very hard to take care of people, while at the same time being forced to reduce manpower.

"We haven't been able to make the impact entirely go away, but we've tried to soften it a bit."

He said one thing the Air Force has been trying to do is restrict accessions so it doesn't have a lot of people coming in the force who can push people out.

Although the Air Force must comply with accession numbers and policies mandated by the Defense Department, it has been able to hold down manpower reductions.

The Air Force has also encouraged people to retire early rather than use reduction-in-force actions. According to McPeak, when you retire someone early, it's still "a downer, there's no doubt about it."

"This can be a personal tragedy," he said. "We're retiring a lot of senior NCOs, and officers at what would be sort of a mid-career point in the past. But, at least when you retire them, they do go out with retirement pay. And they go out at an age where they can catch on in the civilian economy."

"What we've tried to do is stay away from RIFs as much as possible. We had a RIF in 1992, but we put it off until we were seven years into this drawdown. So, the secretary and I will do our level best to make this process as painless as possible," McPeak said.



## DOD to decide on 3 benefits packages

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The fiscal year 1993 Department of Defense Authorization Act contains three hot benefits packages, but DOD has not decided when and how to serve them.

The packages are severance pay, 15-year retirement and reduced retirement annuity for reservists. DOD and the Air Force may use these benefits to manage their force structure, say officials at Headquarters Air Force Reserve.

However, DOD has not provided the services with guidance on how or what parts of these benefits packages to implement. "As soon as we receive that guidance, we'll let Reserve units know," said Bob Burnett, chief of the entitlements branch at AFRES headquarters.

The following information gives an overview of each package:

**Severance pay** -- This benefit features a one-time payment and applies to reservists who have at least six but less than 15 years satisfactory service. Those with 15 years or more service would qualify for retired pay. The formula for computing the severance pay is 15 percent of two months active duty basic pay multiplied by number of retirement points earned divided by 360. For example, a technical sergeant with 10 years service who earns \$1623 base pay and has 1,350 retirement points would receive \$1825.88 in severance pay.

**15-year retirement** -- Reservists retiring with 15 years service would wait until age 60 to draw retirement. The wording of the legislation does not provide for a reduced retirement annuity for those with 15 years service.

**Reduced retirement annuity** -- Reservists must have 20 years satisfactory federal service. They would receive 5 percent of their annual basic pay, plus 0.5 percent for every year served past 20 years. The annuity would have a cap equal to 10 percent of the reservist's annual basic pay, and would be paid for five years or until age 60, whichever occurs first. At age 60, reservists would begin drawing normal reserve retirement annuity. Under this plan, a master sergeant with 20 years service could draw \$1218 per year for five years and \$5400 per year beginning at age 60.

Authority for these programs expires Oct. 1, 1995. (AFRESNS)

## Gift reporting

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force members, civilian employees and family members can face a \$5,000 fine for failing to report any gifts received from a foreign government worth more than \$200, Air Force Military Personnel Center officials said.

Gift reports are due to the personnel center at Randolph AFB, Texas, within 60 days after receipt of the gifts. Individuals failing to report any gifts will also be fined the retail value of the gift.

The report requirement also covers gifts recipients want to keep for official use or display.

More information is available at local personnel offices.

## Clinton Proposes Freezing Pay, Program Cuts

By Jim Garamone  
*American Forces Information Service*

President Bill Clinton proposed an across-the-board freeze on federal salaries during his Feb. 17 speech to a joint session of Congress.

If accepted, this would mean no pay raise in fiscal 1994 for military personnel or DoD civilians. In addition, Clinton proposed holding pay raises for fiscal 1995-1997 at 1 percent below the inflation rate. In DoD alone, officials estimate this will save \$24 billion.

The president also proposed 150 reductions to cut federal spending by \$246 billion in the next four years. Defense officials said that the DoD portion of this comes to \$88 billion.

They gave a general breakdown of where the cuts will come. They said Clinton proposes cutting 200,000 more active duty service members to bring the force down to 1.4 million service members. He indicated he will reduce the Strategic Defense Initiative program, shifting its emphasis to theater missile defense.

Clinton said during the campaign that he will reduce spending on nuclear weapons research and intelligence. "The spending cuts I recommend were carefully thought through in a way to minimize any adverse economic impact, to capture the peace dividend for investment purposes and to switch the balance in the budget from consumption to more investment," he told Congress.

Clinton said he raises a hope and a caution about the defense budget. "As we restructure our military forces to meet the new threats of the post-Cold War world, it is true that we can responsibly reduce our defense budget," he said. "And we all may doubt what the range of reductions is, but let me say that as long as I am president, I will do everything I can to make sure that the men and women who serve under the American flag will remain the best-trained, the best-prepared, the best-equipped fighting force in the world."

He said the United States still has commitments throughout the world and dangers still threaten American national interests, but with a stronger economy, the United States will be able to lead and find solutions to the problems of ethnic conflict and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He also said he will encourage nations new to democracy.

During his speech, the president also mentioned his order for a reduction in government administrative costs. He also said he wishes to eliminate 100,000 federal civilian jobs.

Critics of the plan said the pay cuts especially would take the military back to the 1970s, when poor pay and benefits caused many in the military to get out. Defense officials said the critics are premature in suggesting DoD is returning to the 1970s and said many tough decisions had to be made to reduce the deficit.

The president's speech provided an outline for his program for the economy and deficit reduction. Officials said specifics will be revealed when the fiscal 1994 budget is released March 24.

## 403rd earns third consecutive maintenance award

By Maj. Barry K. Roberts  
*403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron*

For the third year in a row, the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has received the Air Force Reserve's Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance Effectiveness Unit Award for a non-flying unit.

According to Lt. Col. Frank De Luca, 654th CLSS commander, the members of the unit definitely deserved the award.

"With all the engine workloads coming to the depot, and because 403rd personnel have easily translatable engine skills, the unit became immediately productive in helping the depot transition into two-level maintenance workload," De Luca said.

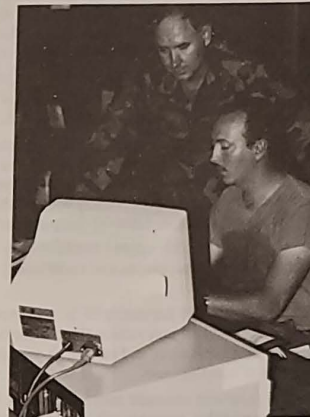
"And for them to win the award three years in a row is absolutely phenomenal."

During the past two years, the men and women of the

403rd served in many places, both in the United States and around the world, and they have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments with a long list of awards and honors.

In recognition for the outstanding performance of its people, the 403rd CLSS received 17 unit and personal awards of excellence. Among the unit awards received include the Reserve Officers Association award for the Outstanding Reserve Unit within 10th Air Force.

Individuals within the unit have earned awards as well, including the Outstanding Logistics Plans and Programs Technician, Outstanding Aerospace Maintenance Officer, Outstanding Junior Officer, Outstanding ECI course graduate, Outstanding Transportation Airman and NCO, Outstanding Aerospace Maintenance Officer, Outstanding Senior Supply Manager and Outstanding Supply Superintendent.



SSgt. Stephen L. Graves and MSgt. Lean S. Walker, inventory military equipment during a base closure in Germany.

The unit's personnel have received literally hundreds of individual awards and decorations for their consistently outstanding and valuable service.

**"That is a testament to the level and the type of tasking that they can rally to," De Luca said.**

In a variety of roles, from weekend training through operational deployments for Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Southern Watch, the 403rd proved that the Air Force Reserve stands ready to take its place in the Total force, he said.

Beginning in October, 1991, the 403rd began to deploy people to support the massive build-up begun in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Almost immediately after the crisis developed, squadron people were sent to Holloman AFB, N.M., and to Castle AFB, Calif., to replace maintenance workers who had been deployed to the Middle East. At Tinker, squadron supply and maintenance personnel were assigned to duties in the AWACS MICAP section and to OC-ALC to support the increased needs of those organizations.

In March 1991, the first of many 403rd personnel were given orders to deploy to the Persian Gulf Area of Responsibility to take an active part in supporting Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Eventually more than thirty 403rd members would be sent to the Gulf and they served with distinction not only in Saudi Arabia but also under the more austere conditions at Thumrait AB in Oman.

While the action in the desert occupied much of the squadron's time and attention, the 403rd also supported overseas deployments to help USAFE in an on-going program to close many of its European bases.

Members of the squadron's Rapid Area Disposition System team traveled to Comiso AS, Sicily, Aviano AB, Italy, and to Zwickbrun and Spangdahlem ABs in Germany.

**The outstanding work performed by these people enabled the Air Force to recover millions of dollars in assets which would otherwise have been lost during base closings.**

Back at home, 403rd personnel were directly involved in several important projects to assist active duty units. One of the most notable of these efforts was the deployment of 10

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## AAFES survey results reported

DALLAS (AFNS) -- While exchanges were the store of choice for many items, 70 percent of military family members rated the exchange below commercial competitors for overall variety of stock, Army and Air Force Exchange officials said.

Recent surveys were mailed to more than 43,000 AAFES customers worldwide, including active duty, Reserve, retirees and family members. Twenty percent of the questionnaires were answered, a return rate four times higher than normal in such surveys, officials said.

This was the first major market survey done for AAFES since 1986.

Researchers also conducted more than 250 in-store interviews with randomly selected customers at three U.S. exchanges for conversational feedback.

Seventy-three percent of those surveyed considered lower prices more important than brand names or store atmosphere and 70 percent were willing to drive farther for those prices.

While 83 percent value the savings and quality offered by the AAFES-brand items, 72 percent believe exchange prices are the same or higher than those in other stores.

The exchange was the choice for health and beauty care items and electronics, but survey participants tended to go to discount stores for other things, such as toys, housewares and sporting goods.

Fifty-three percent of the family members surveyed said the exchange did not carry all the merchandise they needed.

More than half the customers believe the exchange doesn't carry enough moderately priced merchandise, with more than 60 percent saying they do not want to see more designer labels in stock.

Overseas customers were more interested in the designer labels due to limited availability on the local economy.

Most customers are satisfied with the layout and displays in the stores, but nearly half would like to see wider aisles and more space in the main exchanges, officials said.

Survey results indicate almost half of the customers shop in the exchange at least once a week in the United States, while 86 percent of overseas customers do the same.

Armed with the survey and customer preference analysis store test results, and other ongoing consultant studies, AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Albin G. Wheeler and top management will continue shaping exchanges to meet the needs of the customers.

"We are trying very diligently to listen, hear and respond to what our customers are saying," Wheeler said.



## The Well Street Journal

By Lt. Col. Alberto Angeles

### Food! New Year's Resolution! Weight loss! Good health!

Many studies of the habits of people all over the world suggest that you may reduce your risk of getting cancer by making healthy choices about the foods you eat, the beverages you drink, and whether you smoke.

The possibility that certain foods or the substances in them can prevent or cure cancer is very intriguing. The fact is that the questions still outnumber the answers by far in many aspects of the disease/nutrition connection.

About 1/3 of all cancer deaths may be related to what we eat. To help you make appropriate choices in your diet, we offer you the following recommendations:

- **Food variety** - No one food provides all the nutrients that a person requires, therefore you need to eat a wide variety of foods each day such as fruits and vegetables; whole cereals; lean meats, poultry without skin, and fish; dry peas and beans; and low-fat dairy products.
- **Maintain desirable weight** - Avoid obesity by skipping second helpings and sweets and maintaining an active life style.
- **Avoid too much fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol** - A diet low in total fat may reduce the risk for cancer of the breast, prostate, colon, and rectum. It may also reduce the risk of heart disease.
- **Eat food with adequate starch and fiber** - Foods like fruits, vegetables, potatoes, whole grain breads and cereals, dry peas and beans contain adequate starch and fiber. A high fiber diet may reduce the risk of colon and rectal cancer.
- **Avoid too much sugar** - A diet high in sugar promotes tooth decay. Sugary foods are also often high in fat and calories and low in vitamins and minerals.
- **Avoid too much sodium (salt)** - Salt contributes to high blood pressure, especially for people with a family history of high blood pressure. Untreated high blood pressure can lead to heart attacks, strokes, and kidney disease.
- **Moderate drinking** - If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation. Drinking too much can lead to many health problems. Heavy drinking is associated with cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and liver. Cancer risk is especially high for heavy drinkers who smoke. Alcoholic drinks are high in calories and low in vitamins and minerals.

## Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
<b>Fri, 19 March</b> 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 20 March</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0830-1000	MSS CDC PAT Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0930-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick Up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Shaw	Bldg 1043, XP Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1300-1330	EST Managers Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1330-1430	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400	Amn/NCO of Qtr Nominations Due	Bldg 1043, Rm 211
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 21 March</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0930-1030	Unit Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit
<b>Fri, 16 April</b> 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 17 April</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0830-1000	MSS CDC PAT Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0930-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick Up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Shaw	Bldg 1043, XP Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1300-1500	Add Duty Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Rm
1300-1330	EST Managers Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1330-1430	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 18 April</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0930-1030	Unit Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

# Training Planner

March-April '93

Looking Ahead...

March '93	Looking Ahead...
17-21	Med Sq HSI
20-21	Primary UTA
26	May Tng Planner Inputs Due
27-28	Maint A Group UTA
31	SGLI Update Deadline

April '93	Looking Ahead...
03-04	Maint C Group UTA
04	Daylight Savings Time
05	CES to Honduras thru 5 May
06-09	New Orleans Out & Back
13-26	Air Warrior
15-22	QAFA-Quality AF Assessment
17-18	Primary UTA
18	Capt Unit Vacancy Pkgs Due
23	June Tng Planner Inputs Due
24-25	Maint B Group UTA

May '93	Looking Ahead...
01-02	Maint A Group UTA
15-29	Maple Flag
15-16	Primary UTA
22-23	Maint C Group UTA
28	July Tng Planner Inputs Due

June '93	Looking Ahead...
05	Med Sq Annual Tour-Eglin
05-06	Maint A Group UTA
12-25	Group Annual Tour
25	PEP Info/RIPs to Units
26-27	Primary UTA (ORE)
29	Aug Tng Planner Inputs Due

July '93	Looking Ahead...
10-11	Maint B Group UTA
17-18	Primary UTA
18	PEP Pkgs Due to MSMAQ
23	Sept Tng Planner Inputs Due
24-25	Maint C Group UTA

August '93	Looking Ahead...
07-08	Maint A Group UTA
14-15	Primary UTA (Proposed Mobex)
14	Amn/NCO Qtr Nominations Due
21-22	Maint C Group UTA
27	Oct Tng Planner Inputs Due



## Training Schedule

Date/Time	Training Event	Location
Sat, 20 March 0900-1000	702X0 Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Rm
Sun, 21 March 0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0900	Hazardous Communication Tng	Bldg 1030, Com Flt Tng
0900-1000	732X0 Training	CBPO, Rm 204
0945	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1200-1600	Self Aid/Buddy Care Instructor Class	Bldg 5910, Rm 106
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1500-1630	CBPO In-House Training	CBPO, Rm 201

Sat, 17 April TBD	M-16 Rifle Mech Tng	
0830-1615	Initial Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1000	702X0 Training	To be determined

Sun, 18 April TBD	M-16 Rifle Mech Tng	
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0945	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1400-1500	702X0 Training	To be determined
1500-1630	CBPO In-House Training	CBPO, Rm 201

### Ancillary Training Points of Contact

Training managers can contact the following OPRs directly to coordinate Ancillary training requirements:

**Disaster Preparedness**  
TSgt Vincent Molzahn, 45249

**Combat Arms Training**  
TSgt Bostic, 47849  
TSgt Mapes, 45593

**Self Aid and Buddy Care**  
MSgt Yates, 42487 or 47962

**Safety**  
MSgt Smith, 42014

**Social Actions**  
Capt Jack Sisson, 45019

**Legal**  
Maj Tim Forrest, 45103

**Comsec/Opsec/ETAP**  
MSgt Guthrie, 43742

### Disaster Preparedness Information

All personnel who normally wear contact lenses, attending Chemical Warfare training, must wear glasses instead. Bring your New Mask goggles if you have them. Personnel are to be on time for all classes, or be reported as "No Shows".

Supervisors may schedule Chemical Warfare training thru-out the year by calling the DW office at x45249. Units must report the names of personnel requiring training when scheduling training.

### CDC and PME Course Exam Testing

UTA Sunday, 1300, Bldg 460, Rm 213  
Wednesday, 1300, Bldg 1043, Rm 206

These are the **only** times course exams will be administered. Names of personnel with tests on file are published in the "CDC COURSE EXAM LISTING" distributed each month to all Unit Training Managers prior to the UTA.

Trainees enrolled in mandatory CDCs will have a Test No Later Than Date of two UTAs of receipt of exam. Voluntary exams must be taken within 90 days of receipt. Course exams not taken within the time allowed will be destroyed. The exceptions to this rule are 6E, 8E, and SOS course exams.

If a you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately. Your Unit Training Manager will submit an AF Form 1095 to MSMPT. This form could prevent your course exam from being destroyed if extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking the exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date.

Contact **MSMPT**, 47075, to schedule testing on Wednesdays.

### Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Changes

**Deadline: 31 March '93**

The maximum amount of available SGLI has risen from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The additional \$100,000 coverage is optional insurance requiring a voluntary election by the member. Members are authorized to buy any amount of SGLI coverage up to a maximum of \$16.00 per month for \$200,000 coverage.

All members will need to reaccomplish a new SGLV 8286, NLT 31 March '93. If an election is not made, members are liable to lose coverage and will have to accomplish the SGLV 8285 "Request for Insurance" before they can elect coverage. The insurance is not an automatic action.

Please come by the Customer Service section, located in Bldg 1043, Rm 201 if you have further questions. Point of contact is TSgt Deborah Fuqua, x47492.

### Record of Emergency Data, DD Form 93

You are the only one who can update this record. Remember there are no minor errors on a DD Form 93. Data accuracy is critical. You may be one of the lucky ones and escape injury or illness, but can you risk the alternative?

Check the form in your mobility folder, if it is wrong, come by the CBPO Customer Service section and get it updated. Now is the time to set the record straight.

### Further Clarification on Aircrew Style Name Patch

Construction of the Aircrew Style Name Patch will be " 2x4 inches with stitching around the border of the patch 1/8 inch from the edge."

When initial purchase orders were placed with vendors, information about the stitching on the patch was not readily available. Therefore, some members received patches with the leather affixed to the back of the velcro by methods other than stitching. These patches are acceptable and serviceable as is. There is no need to return or dispose of them in order to obtain a patch with stitching.

## CBPO Communicator

Once the present patch becomes unserviceable, members placing an order for a new patch must ensure that there is stitching around the edge of the new patch.

Any questions may be directed to TSgt Deborah Fuqua, Customer Service section, x47492.

### Enlisted Advisory Council

Unit	Representative	Duty Phone
507 FG	TSgt Catherine Robinson	734-5103
465 FS	MSgt David Hobbs SSgt James Hunt	734-7430 734-7346
507 MS	MSgt James Andrews MSgt David Sullivan SSgt Mike Tompkins SSgt Paul Ganschow	734-2409 734-2409 734-4165 734-3817
507 MSS	MSgt Lucy Bryan TSgt Tony Mitchell	734-7491 734-7075
507 CES	TSgt Robert Vandevander SrA Deborah Maynard	734-7428 734-7428
507 CF	SSgt Evelyn Stead	734-3742
507 Med Sq	MSgt Leroy Dancy TSgt Diane Bergman	734-2487 734-2487
507 SPS	TSgt Joseph Galish SrA Carl Goforth	734-7849 734-7849
403 CLSS	SSgt Anthony Opechka	739-5375
72 APS	TSgt John Dunn	739-2081
507 OSS	VACANT	
507 LSS	SSgt Kent Allsebrooke	734-7963
Senior Enlisted Advisor:	CMSgt Ray Deutsch	734-5101
Chairman EAC:	MSgt Lucy Bryan	734-7491



**CBPO Customer Service**

**Hours of Operation**

**Primary UTA Weekends**

Saturday 0730-1630

Sunday 0730-1500

Closed Sunday for In-House Training from 1500-1630

**Weekdays**

Monday-Friday

0730-1130

1230-1630

Closed Thursdays for In-House Training from 0730-1230

**Phone Numbers**

MSM/MSMA/MSME/MSMD/MSMP

CBPO Management, 47491

MSMAC...Customer Service, 47492

MSMPU...Personnel Utilization, 47493

MSMAQ...Quality Force, 47494

MSMPT...Training & Education, 47075

**TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing**

Personnel Utilization (MSMPU) is standing-by to help with relocation processing, but they need your help.

TDY to school or reassignment out-processing can only be initiated through MSMPU during the times listed below:

Monday thru  
Friday: 0730-1030 and 1230-1530

UTA Saturday: 0800-1530

The schedule is for your convenience; times noted assure your access to agencies with processing responsibilities. Your cooperation in complying with this schedule is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call MSMPU, x47493.

**Tips for Faster CBPO Service**

ARTS, or Reservists on Mandays or annual tour can conduct personnel business any week day and avoid contributing to UTA congestion.

Avoid Saturday morning unless you have an appointment. Due to In-Processing activities, the Customer Service section is short handed until about noon on Saturday.

Call ahead, find out how long the wait may be.

Be sure you bring any required documents with you and avoid the need for a second trip to finish your business.

**Hours of Operation for...**

**Pass & ID**

Located in Bldg 590, is open on UTA Saturday, 1200-1600, for ID cards, fingerprints, vehicle registration and base decal.

**Individual Equipment Issue (IEU)**

Located in Bldg 469, is open on UTA Saturday, 0800-1530. Enter door #36 on the south side of the building. Check with your Unit Orderly room before you attempt equipment issue or exchange.

**Air Reserve Technicians**

If you have business with these agencies, you should take care of it on weekdays so services are available for other Reservists on UTAs.

**Dining Facility**

Meal times are shorter, lines are longer: Plan ahead!

Breakfast 0600-0900  
Lunch 1100-1300  
Dinner 1530-1800

**Medical Services Information**

**Immunization Monitors**

All shot records that are mutilated and or have no space left need to be brought to the immunization clinic located in the Hospital between 1000-1200 on Sunday of the UTA for new records to be made up and issued. Point of contact is Capt Livengood, x42487.

**Physical Examinations**

The 507th Medical Squadron is presently trying to catch up on the backlog of physicals. Therefore, the physical schedule is extremely tight. If you will be unable to meet an appointment, you must call TSgt Davis, x43151 and reschedule in advance of the UTA.

**Random Drug Testing**

Drug Testing is conducted at 0900 on UTA Saturdays. The names of those randomly selected for testing are released by Social Actions to Unit Commanders immediately after sign-in on Saturday. If selected, you should consume as much liquid as possible prior to reporting to the lab. You cannot be released until the required sample amount has been obtained. If you have questions about the Random Drug testing program contact Social Actions, x45019.

**Military Pay**

File for pay on or before: Receive Direct Deposit by:

21 Mar	31 Mar
28 Mar	07 Apr
30 Mar	09 Apr
04 Apr	14 Apr
06 Apr	15 Apr
11 Apr	21 Apr
13 Apr	23 Apr
18 Apr	28 Apr
20 Apr	30 Apr
25 Apr	05 May
27 Apr	07 May

**News bursts from around the Reserve**

**Reserve wing moves to MacDill temporarily**

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force Reserve's 482nd Fighter Wing is moving temporarily to MacDill AFB, Fla., to reduce temporary duty costs and permit south Florida reservists to serve in the unit.

The wing was displaced from Homestead AFB, Fla., by Hurricane Andrew. Since the hurricane, the wing has been operating its 18 F-16A Fighting Falcons from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, on a TDY basis.

The move to MacDill AFB will result in an increase of two full-time military, 853 drill and 256 civilian manpower authorizations in the Tampa area.

The 482nd Civil Engineering Squadron; 70th Aerial Port Squadron; and Detachment 3, 11th Contingency Hospital will continue to operate on or near Homestead AFB. These units are assisting in clean-up and recovery efforts.

Seven civilian and 357 drill manpower authorizations will remain in the Homestead AFB vicinity until the future of the base is determined.

Permanent basing decisions for these units will be addressed following the results of the 1993 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission. The MacDill AFB airfield is scheduled to close in March 1994.

Patrick AFB, Fla., was initially selected as a relocation site. A site survey team overturned that decision and recommended the temporary move to MacDill AFB because it could be accomplished sooner with substantially less cost.

Another displaced Homestead AFB unit, the Reserve's 301st Rescue Squadron, is temporarily based at Patrick AFB. (AFRESNS)

**Reserve squadrons inactivate**

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Two Air Force Reserve squadrons were inactivated in January and another two are to be inactivated in September.

The 936th Civil Engineering Squadron and the 66th Aerial Port Squadron at McClellan AFB, Calif., have been inactivated.

The 77th APS and the 36th Air Evacuation Squadron at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., are targeted to inactivate in September. (AFRESNS)

**Medics help troops who Restore Hope**

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- While Air Force Reserve aircrews have been moving troops and cargo, medical personnel are doing their part to help Restore Hope.

Thirty aeromedical evacuation people and 15 support personnel are caring for troops injured in the Somalia contingency. Reserve aeromedical crews, staging out of North Africa, are transporting patients on C-141 flights to Germany.

"Most of the medical care appears to be for routine injuries and illnesses associated with a deployment to a remote location," said CMSgt. Kenneth Roberts, superintendent of aeromedical operations at Headquarters AFRES. "Our people usually deploy for 60 days. Eighteen of the original volunteers have been replaced; the others volunteered to stay."

**Reserve crews play major role in Restore Hope**

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve aircrews played a significant role in getting troops and cargo to Somalia during Operation Restore Hope.

Headquarters AFRES has been keeping tabs of the Reserve's involvement in Somalia. By the end of January, Reserve units reported airlifting 9,400 passengers and 11,728 tons of cargo in support of the operation.

Associate aircrews, flying active-duty aircraft, airlifted most of the passengers and cargo flown by the Reserve. Restore Hope was like other contingencies for some crews from unit-equipped units -- the reservists were assigned to pools and flew another unit's aircraft.

**ROA holds state convention**

The Reserve Officers Association will be hosting the annual Oklahoma State meeting on April 24 at the Tinker AFB Officers Club.

According to Lt. Col Don Shaw, 507th Group Commander for Support and this year's ROA State President, ROA Chapter 66 (507th FG) is the host chapter for this year's meeting.

"Our chapter is responsible for the planning, registration, speakers, and billeting for this event," the colonel said. "We are planning a get acquainted reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on April 23."

The colonel requested all officers within the 507th FG, 403rd CLSS, and 72nd APS attend this years event. Volunteers, he said, are also needed and may become involved by calling Colonel Shaw, Maj. Mike Miller, Capt. Monty Goodman, or 1st Lt. Joel Clay.





## Mobility stretches global reach

More than 450 reservists streamed through processing lines last month during a mobility exercise.

These exercises, which are done on a regular basis, test the unit's capability for rapid deployment.

According to Capt. Jayne Jackson, 507th Mobility Officer, "During the exercise, we initiated a new procedure for processing personnel. Two processing lines operated simultaneously and were manned with people from our personnel section."

The captain praised the duo line concept for allowing members to rapidly process and quickly return to their work centers.

However, she stated, problems were encountered during the mobility exercise.

"We encountered problems of incorrect ID cards, immunizations not up-to-date, and individuals in up-grade training not carrying their OJT records with them," she said. She added that most of the problems were corrected in the line.

On the positive side, the captain said personnel were on time and troop commanders did an excellent job of leading their groups through the lines.

The captain congratulated the 465th Fighter Squadron on the maintenance of their personal readiness folders. "Each folder was immaculate. Captain Dowds and TSgt. Snyder did an excellent job managing their program," she said.

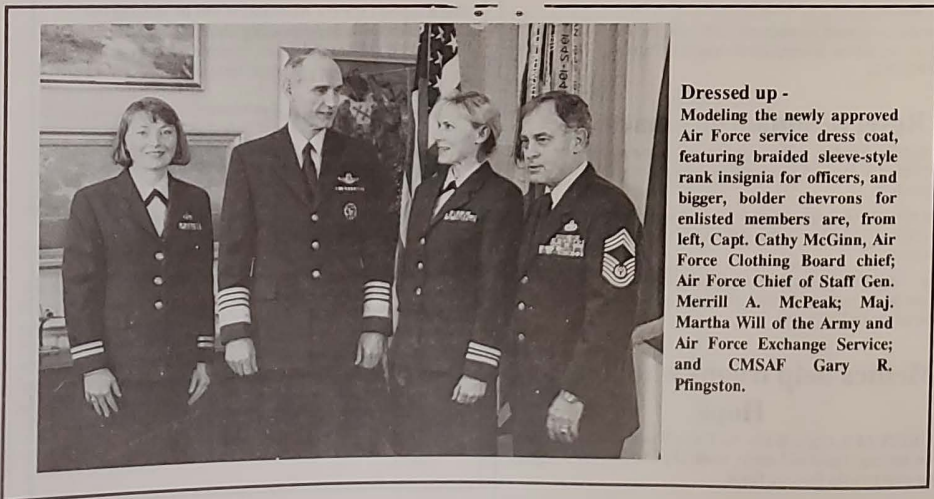
Captain Jackson also complimented the members of the Swift Action Mobility Element (SWAME) team members, who conducted the processing of people and equipment during the day.

Captain Jackson stated the 507th would hold another mobility exercise during the August UTA for all squadron members except the Logistics and 465th Fighter Squadron. Members will be processed through mobility lines and will be expected to carry their personal gear with them.



To help reduce problems, the captain encouraged members to make sure their

personnel and mobility records are current. Items such as incorrect id cards, emergency locator forms, can slow things to a crawl during an actual mobility, she said.



**Dressed up -** Modeling the newly approved Air Force service dress coat, featuring braided sleeve-style rank insignia for officers, and bigger, bolder chevrons for enlisted members are, from left, Capt. Cathy McGinn, Air Force Clothing Board chief; Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Merrill A. McPeak; Maj. Martha Will of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; and CMSAF Gary R. Pfingston.

## Investigating home-business ventures

by Brenda Cude

Classified advertisements that tempt you to be your own boss and make hundreds of dollars a week at home are often nothing more than a ploy to get your money. Instead of earning a steady income at home, you end up paying -- money, time and energy.

Home employment can be a lucrative alternative to working outside of the home. But when you explore home businesses, be skeptical of work-at-home ads, especially ads that promise you large profits in a short period of time. Home-employment schemes are the oldest kind of classified advertising fraud.

Many home-business ads don't mention there are hidden costs such as membership fees, photocopying costs or costs for materials and supplies. The company may require you to continue to pay for additional instructions or supplies.

People have spent thousands of dollars and hours of time to start a home business without ever receiving any profits. The most common work-at-home scheme is envelope stuffing.

Advertisements offer to send you information on how to earn money for stuffing envelopes for a "small" fee. After sending in the money, you discover there is no offer of employment.

Instead, you receive a letter telling you to place the same ad in newspapers and magazines. The only way you'll earn any money is to collect from others who respond to your ad.

Craft work or assembly is another common work-at-home scheme. Often, you are required to purchase supplies such as a company sewing machine, a signmaking machine or other items.

**In fraudulent schemes, the company promises to purchase your work but then later refuses because your efforts do not meet quality standards.**

Unfortunately, no work is ever up to standard. In many cases, people are left with expensive equipment and supplies, and hours of time invested, but no income.

So how do you know if a company is legitimate? The information that is provided to you is usually a telling sign.

**A legitimate company will tell you up front -- in writing and for free -- what exactly is involved.**

For example, you'll need to know what tasks will be required, whether you'll be paid by salary or commission, who will pay you, when you'll receive the first paycheck, and finally, the

total costs involved for equipment, supplies and membership fees.

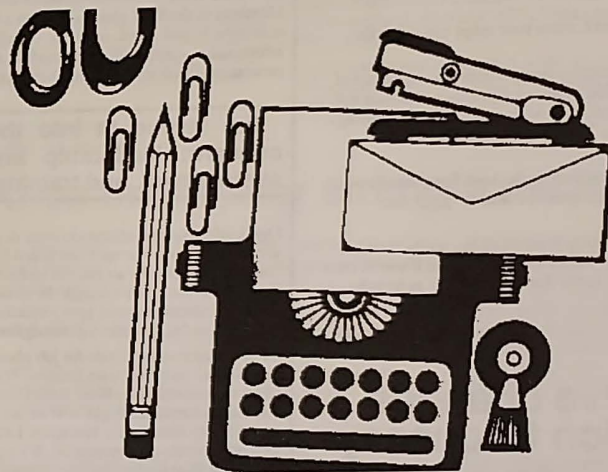
You may also want to check with the Better Business Bureau in the area where the business is located. It can inform you if any complaints have been filed against the company.

If you have already paid for equipment and supplies from a questionable company, you may want to

contact the company to ask for your money back.

If you are unable to resolve the dispute with the company, contact the attorney general's office in the state where the company is located. That office may be able to advise you about any state laws that regulate home businesses.

Also, contact the local consumer protection office, the Better Business Bureau and the U.S. Postal Service. The Postal Service investigates fraudulent mail practices. (AFNS Features. Cude is an extension consumer economist at the University of Illinois.)





## Movie review

\*\*\*I laughed, I cried, it became a part of me\*\*\*

*By the 507th Training Office Staff*

There's an old saying: If you can keep your head while everyone else around you is losing theirs, you obviously don't understand the situation.

Or perhaps you've already seen "Self-discipline and Emotional Control".

"Self-discipline and Emotional Control", a two volume video series, will show and teach "how to stay calm and productive under pressure". The movie's narrator, Dr. Tom Miller, is anything but calm in his presentation... in fact, he's outright bizarre.

Your best bet is to sit back, open your mind and enjoy the ride.

Dr. Miller has strong verbal communication skills. (Word of caution: If you're offended by minor vulgarities, this may not be the video series for you). Dr. Miller uses colorful language and irreverent examples. This is by no means a "lecture" video...

The video series will empower you to have fewer conflicts in your life ---because people won't be able to "push your buttons" anymore.

This fast-paced presentation is anything but stuffy. You'll need listen carefully. Dr. Miller speaks fast, and if you're from this region your ears probably don't hear as fast as he talks.

This film is available, free of charge, from the 507th Training Office. All videos may be checked out for 5 normal duty days. They must be rewound before returned.

## Reserve changes inspection frequency

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force Reserve will now conduct Quality Air Force Assessments every four years instead of every three years.

AFRES officials decided to reduce the frequency of management inspections because of an increased workload and funding limitations, said Lt. Col. John A. Blackburn, chief of the AFRES inspector general's operations division.

The Headquarters AFRES inspection team recently began performing management inspections on all Reserve units. Previously, Reserve team members augmented Air Combat Command's numbered air force inspections teams.

This decision does not affect the frequency of operational readiness inspections conducted by gaining commands. (AFRESNS)

## Reserve taking look at career issues

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Group medical and dental insurance, a career management board, and career life cycle models are among the issues being tackled by an Air Force Reserve process action team.

"The AFRES vice commander (Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh) has asked us to identify significant issues affecting the well being of unit-level, traditional reservists during peacetime," said Brig. Gen. Robert Nester, 10th Air Force vice commander. "We started with more than a hundred and have synthesized them down to about 45 issues." Nester is chairman of the 25-member PAT looking at those issues since May 1992.

The PAT sent information and handouts about the issues to wing and group commanders and vice commanders. They have been asked to provide feedback on this material. Members of the PAT plan to develop a briefing for unit reservists by mid-April, and hope to publish additional information -- career life cycle models, a code of ethics and professional military education handouts -- by early June.

### The issues fit into three areas of concern: leadership and utilization, sustainment, and training.

One leadership and utilization issue deals with creating a career policy and management board for unit reservists, similar to the one for air reserve technicians. Based on inputs from the group through the numbered air force levels, the Reserve would have a system for identifying the right person for the right top management job.

"The board would provide for job placement more than promotion," said Col. John Danahy, 512th Airlift Wing (Associate) executive officer from Dover AFB, Del., and PAT vice chairman. "Right now we are looking at the board as a place to identify top managers. Later on, it may move into other levels of management. It's not a perfect process yet, but at least it won't be hit or miss."

Members of the PAT believe a government-sponsored group medical and dental insurance plan, at no cost to the government, would help sustain the Reserve's force. They feel many reservists do not have insurance because of costs, unemployment or employers who do not provide coverage.

One training issue is outlining a career path for reservists to take. The PAT has developed career life cycle models for enlisted personnel, and for operations, maintenance, medical and staff officers.

"We've taken inputs from histories, employer support concerns, the AFRES Hotwash and other sources," said Nester. "We are looking for feedback from reservists and will continue to modify the process. The AFRES leadership will decide how to implement these suggested changes; our job, with the help of every traditional reservist, is to identify ways to make a better Air Force Reserve."

## Reserve to get family support directors

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force Reserve's Family Support Program took another step forward in January when Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, AFRES vice commander, approved the hiring of family support directors at AFRES bases.

Commanders of 12 units are to fill these positions through the Air Force Family Matters Career Program. Three more units are to get directors when their locations become Reserve bases.

"The decision to hire directors despite a commandwide hiring freeze is a demonstration by General McIntosh of how committed he is to making this program work," said Natalie Bassett, AFRES Family Support manager.

Where Reserve units are a tenant organization, commanders are to appoint family support liaisons to work with the active-duty unit's family support representatives.

Functions of the Family Support Program include providing information, referral assistance and family care services, and conducting community outreach programs. The program will offer assistance during peace as well as during contingencies and disasters.

Working with other agencies in the command, Ms. Bassett went to Homestead AFB, Fla., in September to distribute

funds from the AFRES Support Fund for reservists affected by Hurricane Andrew. Her office sent crisis intervention team representatives from other Reserve units to conduct post traumatic stress workshops in November and December for members of the 482nd Fighter Wing and 70th Aerial Port Squadron.

During mobilizations, family support offices will maintain a 1-800 number on a 24-hour basis.

Units hiring family support directors are the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins AFB, Ga.; 439th AW, Westover AFB, Mass.; 440th AW, Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS, Wis.; 910th Airlift Group, Youngstown MPT ARS, Ohio; 911th AG, Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa.; 913th AG, Willow Grove ARS, Pa.; 914th AG, Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y.; 926th Fighter Group, NAS New Orleans, La.; 927th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.; 928th AG, O'Hare IAP ARS, Ill.; 934th AG, Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP ARS, Minn.; and 939th Rescue Wing, Portland IAP, Ore.

Locations to hire directors at a later date are the 301st Fighter Wing, Carswell AFB, Texas; 434th Wing, Grissom AFB, Ind.; and 924th FG, Bergstrom AFB, Texas. (AFRESNS)

## Air Force manpower strength declines

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- More than 6,700 people left the Air Force between December and January, bringing Air Force strength down to less than 460,000 as of Jan. 31, Pentagon officials said March 3.

Based on preliminary reports, the strength of the armed forces was 1,763,870 on Jan. 31. This is a decrease

of more than 10,000 from Dec. 31 and 169,985 from the same time a year ago.

The Air Force had more than 500,000 members in January 1992.

The figures represent full-time servicemembers, both regular and reserves on active duty, and officer candidates, including cadets at all three military academies.

Excluded are about 67,850 full-time military members who are paid from other than active-duty appropriations. They are funded from appropriations for reserve components and Corps of Engineer civil functions.

A comparable figure for fiscal 1992 was approximately 70,250.

## 403rd receives maintenance award

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maintenance technicians to Kelly AFB, Texas, to join with the 404th CLSS in the repair of a C-5 cargo plane which had been severely damaged in an accidental fire.

Due to the work performed by the Reserve units, the aircraft was returned to a condition which enabled it to be economically repaired. Without their help, the multimillion dollar aircraft would have been scrapped as a total loss, rather than being repaired and placed back on flying status.

In 1992, 403rd personnel deployed to RAF Bentwaters, Lakenheath and Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, and to Rhein Main and Stuttgart ABs in Germany. During the summer a second contingent of people deployed to Al Kaharj AB in Saudi Arabia to provide service during Operation Southern Watch.

Stateside, squadron maintenance, supply and transportation workers served during deployments to Eielson AFB, Alaska, Munoz ANG Base, Puerto Rico, and at more than 16 other bases in between.

"Most people don't know how important the Reserve is," De Luca said. "They work right beside, hand in glove, with our active duty personnel performing depot field teamwork. You can't tell the difference."

Few units, either within the Air Force Reserve or on active duty, have provided such dependable and excellent service under such a great variety of circumstances at so many different locations as has the 403rd CLSS, he said.

"The men and women of this outstanding unit are prepared to meet the uncertainties and the challenges of the post-cold war world and hope to continue making their contributions to the Total Force," he said.



# Reserve News you can use

## Bronze device to enhance Reserve medals

WASHINGTON -- Reservists who volunteer or are called to active duty in certain circumstances will one day be able to add a bronze "M" device to their Reserve Component medals.

The device will identify past, current or future service of reservists and members of the National Guard. The Air Force will announce procedures for issuing and wearing the "M" device. Those who qualify will wear the device on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal or other Service Reserve medals. (AFRESNS)

## IG conference period set

There will be an IG conference period from 1 - 2 p.m. March 20 in Room 5B, Building 1043.

According to the 507th IG, Lt. Col. James Walker, the conference period is for all military and civilian personnel desiring to present a complaint or inquiry. Also, personnel may use this opportunity to provide information consistent with the Air Force Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA) Program. Appointments are not necessary.

Supervisors should ensure personnel who desire to meet with the unit Inspector General's representative are afforded the opportunity to do so.

## CCAF stays open to help reservists

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. -- The Community College of the Air Force is staying open on selected Saturdays to help Air Force reservists.

Air Force Reserve trainers and students can call 1-800-842- 5912, DSN 493-5800 or (205) 953-5800 Monday through Friday, and on the scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central time.

The scheduled Saturdays are Feb. 6 and 13, March 6 and 13, April 3 and 10, May 1

and 8, June 5 and 12, July 10 and 17, Aug. 7 and 14, Sept. 4 and 11, Oct. 2 and 9, Nov. 6 and 13, and Dec. 4 and 11.

Reservists can also leave recorded messages during non-duty hours and have their calls answered later. (AFRESNS)

## Air Force to assign bombers to Guard, Reserve

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force announced Jan. 19 its intent to begin the process of assigning B-1 and B-52 bombers to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Existing Guard and Reserve units will convert from their current aircraft to the heavy conventional bombers. This change reflects the Air Force's long-standing commitment to the Total Force Policy and allows citizen-airmen to contribute to the bombers' expanding conventional role. (AFRESNS)

## SGLI Insurance is not automatic

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force reservists have until March 31 to sign up for \$200,000 coverage under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program.

Enrollment is not automatic. People must select the increased coverage. After the deadline, reservists who elect to increase the coverage will have to complete SGLI Form 8286, Request for Insurance, to attest to their insurability. The current state of health of reservists will be considered before the increased amount of insurance is approved. The customer assistance section in Bldg 1043 has more details. (AFRESNS)

## Displays tell Air Force Reserve story

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Basic trainees and other Air Force personnel passing through Lackland AFB, Texas, this year will have a good opportunity to learn about the Air Force Reserve.

Since the Reserve adopted the 331st Basic Military Training Squadron, several AFRES units have provided talent and labor to decorate squadron classrooms and dayrooms.

In addition to reservists telling the Reserve story, Air Force artist Bill Lacy painted huge murals in the halls of the

Airman Classification Building. They show reservists at work, and detail the aircraft they fly and maintain. In the stairwells of the building, Air Force photographs spotlight reservists performing various duties.

The Reserve adopted the 331st BMTS in 1989. The center is a major component of Air Training Command. It conducts basic military training for all enlisted people entering the active force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. (AFRESNS)

## Enlisted stripes don't hinge on in-residence PME

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Unlike their active-duty counterparts, Air Force reservists can still meet promotion requirements by completing Professional Military Education courses by correspondence.

Active-duty people on the other hand are having to attend PME courses in-residence to be promoted to chief master sergeant, master sergeant and staff sergeant, according to MSgt. Ed Messmer. He is chief of the promotions branch at Headquarters Air Force Reserve at Robins AFB.

The following are PME requirements for reservists and active-duty people:

**SENIOR NCO ACADEMY:** Reservists must complete the academy by correspondence or in-residence to sew on senior master sergeant stripes. Unlike active-duty people, they don't need to attend the academy in-residence to put on chief.

**NCO ACADEMY:** Reserve technical sergeants have had to take the academy in-residence or by correspondence since Jan. 1, 1991, in order to sew on master sergeant. Active-duty techs will need to go to the academy in-residence starting Aug. 1 if they want their sixth stripe.

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:** Reservists can complete various courses, including some by correspondence, in order to make staff sergeant. Active-duty people have to attend the Airman Leadership School or similar in-residence training to put on staff.

More information about course requirements is available at the 507th consolidated base personnel office. (AFRESNS)