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# Flyover

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## President Bush visits Pittsburgh area

President George W. Bush landed at the Pittsburgh International Airport, March 24, and proceeded onto the 911th Airlift Wing ramp. There, awaiting his arrival, as part of the greeting party were Col. Randal L. Bright, 911th AW Commander; Mrs. Amy Bright; and Col. Steven R. Clayton, 911th Operations Group Commander. Also pictured with the president is United States Senator Rick Santorum (R - PA).



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky



Photo by Airman Jamie L. Perry

The commander in chief exits Air Force One shortly after landing at Pittsburgh International Airport, March 24. The president was visiting the Pittsburgh area in order to attend a fund-raiser in Sewickley Heights, for United States Senator Rick Santorum (R - PA). The president also met briefly with the 911th Airlift Wing greeting party consisting of Col. Randal L. Bright, 911th AW Commander and his wife Amy, and Col. Steven R. Clayton, 911th Operations Group Commander.



# Commander's Corner

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Recently, I had the privilege of representing our Wing at the 22nd Air Force Change of Command ceremony held at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., March 11. The ceremony was presided over by the commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, Lt. Gen. John Bradley. The outgoing 22 AF commander, Maj. Gen. James Bankers, handed the flag to our new commander, Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick.

All three commanders had the same message to pass along to the troops, "Thank You!"

The Reserve has continued to play a vital part of the Air Force's Global War On Terrorism (GWOT) mission, providing 20 percent of the Air Force's capability while using only four percent of the Air Force's budget. Each general was amazed at the spirit of volunteerism that runs through the Reserve. Even units coming off activation continue to sign up and fill volunteer positions around the globe, including in theater. Air Force Reserve recruiting still meets or exceeds command expectations. Maj. Gen. Mazick singled out the Reserve C-130 community as being particularly highly tasked in fighting the GWOT.

All the generals said that the GWOT has already been the longest period of sustained conflict in our history and the requests for the Reserve to fill vital roles with volunteers would not be letting up any time soon. They stressed it is important to understand that the Air Force Reserve is principally a volunteer force. As such, the true measure of whether too much is being asked of us occurs when the rate of volunteerism begins to decline. So far that rate has not declined.

As you may have heard, Maj. Gen. Bradley has directed that we all now wear the AFRC Command patch in recognition of our uniqueness as a Command and the important role we play as a critical part of the Air Force. I don't know about you but I say it's about time. We should all be proud of our heritage as Citizen Airmen. The amount of personal time you willingly spend to protect our nation is a great testament to your patriotism and dedication. Never forget that your family and your employers make a sacrifice along with you. At the same time, we rely on you to be an honest broker with your families and employers and not abuse the sacrifice others have to make for you to participate in the Reserve.

I'd like to end by personally thanking all the people I've worked with for their effort. The wonderful accomplishments of those I've been privileged enough to lead enabled me to achieve the rank of colonel. I truly believe my promotion is less about my personal abilities and accomplishments than it is recognition of the fine work they have done. I plan on using the higher rank to be a more effective advocate for the personnel under my command and for the Air Force. Thanks again to you and please remember to thank your families and employers.



COL. STEVEN R. CLAYTON



## Letter to Airmen: Operation Iraqi Freedom Anniversary

by General T. Michael Moseley  
United States Air Force Chief of Staff

Yesterday marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime. This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea, and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices ... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work. In OIF, within the Joint Force, our Total Force - active, guard, and reserve Airmen – grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days. Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops. And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Commanders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base defense and convoy operations.



Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years – since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations. And although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this Long War. The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our Nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world—where we have a vital role. Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front, and that's good. That means we are doing our job well. You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities. By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win our nations' wars – and you're doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you. You are helping to rebuild countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm's way. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard. You are the most combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen since WWII. You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace – you are always there.

Thanks for all that you're doing – it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us. Keep it up and keep 'em flying!

## QUICK CLIPS

### Stressed out?

If you're feeling a little stressed lately and need to relax, call (412) 474-8245 to book a massage. Massages are offered every Wednesday and Friday at the 911th Fitness Center.

### Old Photos

Anyone who has old photographs of the base from its beginning stages to present day are encouraged to contact the 911th History Office at (412) 474-8682.

### New Website

The new 911th website is now online. Please visit us at, [www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil](http://www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil)

### AF Assistance Fund

The 2006 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign will be starting on April 1 for the 911 Airlift Wing.

The point of contact for the campaign is 2nd Lt. Randall Gernhardt of the 911th Security Forces Squadron.

For further information and to make a donation, contact your unit First Sergeant.

### UTA Pay dates

Primary: April 12

Alternate: May 1

*(Dates are subject to change without prior notification)*



# Congratulations to our newest colonels



Left: Colonel Patricia Blassie beams with pride as she is pinned "full bird" colonel during the March unit training assembly. Col. Blassie was a noncommissioned officer, achieving the rank of master sergeant prior to being commissioned a second lieutenant in 1989. "The core values; integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do as well as the job and the skills that we bring to the mission are most important to me. Without these core elements we can't be all we can," said Col. Blassie.

Photo by Airman Jamie Perry



Photo by Technical Sgt. Jessica Benigni

Above: Newly pinned Col. Charles Unterreiner stands with his wife Qi and his sister Sally Corbett during the March unit training assembly. "I believe a person's success reaches its peak when his own values align with the core values of the organization in which he's employed. My core values align perfectly with the Air Force Reserve's Core values," said Col. Unterreiner.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Haney

Above: Col. Steven Clayton poses with his mother Jean Clayton after his promotion ceremony March 5. The Greenville, S.C. native was appointed commander of the 911th Operations group on Aug. 8, 2004.





# The Communications Corridor

## A link to better understanding

by Mr. Greg Nass

911th Communications Squadron

### Computer Equipment Replacement

All CRT monitors need to be replaced by flat screens. This will not only save the wing money in energy conservation, but they look good too. Additionally, if you have a desktop that has a 1.9 GHz processor or lower, or a laptop that has a 1.6 GHz processor or lower, they will need to be replaced with a brand new Dell. Contact your Equipment Custodian or Work Group Manager (WGM) for assistance if needed.

### What's New

On March 7th we began migrating over to the Computer Access Card (CAC) only logins. We started with users whose last names began with the letters A through D. Moving forward every month, we will be switching 25 percent more accounts over to CAC login in alphabetical order until we get to 100 percent.

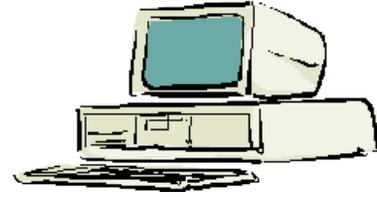
## Alcohol Awareness

by Major General Allan Poulin

United States Air Force Vice Commander

April 2006 is designated as Alcohol Awareness Month and Sexual Awareness Month. The DOD theme for this month is *Sexual Assault Prevention Begins with You*. Significant efforts are being made to more effectively address alcohol-related incidents to ensure readiness. In regards to addressing sexual assaults, a comprehensive victim-centered response structure and improved prevention efforts have been implemented DOD wide to ensure that victims will be taken care of and military personnel will understand

the need for reporting sexual assault offenders. Members are responsible for the safety of their Wingman, either as a victim or a possible perpetrator and must intercede in both situations. Military members cannot afford to be a "facilitator" regarding sexual assaults or other irresponsible or criminal behaviors. Commanders at all levels should take time during the April UTA to emphasize expectations regarding Wingman roles and responsibilities and the expectation that Airmen are living to Core Values.



Please take the time on the upcoming unit training assembly to test and ensure that you are able to successfully login using your CAC. If you have any questions regarding this change, please direct them to your appropriate WGM. Keep in mind, once you're migrated over, your CAC should stay with you at all times. This means that when you leave your workstation you should remove your CAC from the reader.

### Best Practices

Please power off all computers and monitors when you leave for the day. With the rising prices of utilities, this will help save the wing a substantial amount of money.

### Computer Joke

How many 911 AW Help Desk technicians does it take to change a light bulb? None, its CE's problem!

## Safety - It's your responsibility To...

- Carry the same values from work to your off duty behavior. If you wouldn't do it during duty hours because it's unsafe you should not do it during your off time either.
- Conduct yourself in a professional image off duty. Remember, you're an ambassador of the United States Air Force and people look up to you. Give them a reason to be proud!
- Take care of each other. Be a good, solid and responsible friend and don't be afraid to step in and call "knock it off". Many off duty related injuries would have been prevented by intervention from friends.
- Not succumb to "road rage". Be the courteous driver and not be in a hurry...plan your trip in advance and give yourself buffers so you will not feel rushed.
- To be attentive while you drive. Most accidents are caused by not paying attention to the road. Cell phones, switching radio stations and other distractions are the cause of most rear-end collisions.



## Congratulations!

*The following individuals recently received a degree from the Community College of The Air Force*

**Staff Sgt. Icyline Bird, Applied Sciences Degree in Transportation; Master Sgt. James Donnelly, Applied Sciences Degree in Logistics; Technical Sgt. Thomes Merz, Applied Sciences Degree in Criminal Justice; Master Sgt. John Terpko, Applied Sciences Degree in Information Management; Staff Sgt. Sarah Taylor, Associates Degree in Allied Health Sciences; Staff Sgt. Tamela Evans, Associates Degree in Nondestructive Testing Technology; Master Sgt. Joe Lewandowski, Associates Degree in Allied Health Sciences.**

## Energy Star® Products

*by David F. Kattler  
Base Energy Manager*

There is a new “buzzword” you will be hearing in the Federal Government. The word is Energy Star®.

What is Energy Star®? It is a program that was first developed in 1992 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a method to identify and promote products that are energy efficient. These products include everything from appliances, to office equipment and various items used to remodel your house. Detailed lists of products can be found at <http://www.energystar.gov/>.

## New Dress and Appearance Standards For Women

Prohibit wear of scrunchy as hair accessory for women

Hair pins and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends

Hair color/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings (blonde/brunette/natural red/black/gray)

Synthetic hair can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements

Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women

Females will not wear shades of nail polish that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Some examples of extreme colors include, but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire engine) red, and florescent colors. Nail polish will be limited to one color. (French manicures are allowed). Nail length will not exceed ¼ inch from finger tip.

Reduce bracelet size to ½ inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized. Traditional pow/mia metal bracelets are still authorized

Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring

Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform

Earrings for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe. (Conform to earring wear when performing duty in civilian clothes)

## CELL PHONE USE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 31-218(I), the use of cell phones while driving is strictly prohibited and will be considered a “Primary Offense” as of Feb. 27, 2006.

**“Vehicle operators on DOD installations and operators of Government owned vehicles will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands free device. The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands free) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.”**





# The Recruiting Corner



## Want to help a friend?

by Marlene DeMarco  
Air Force Reserve Command

“The ‘Get One Now’ recruiting referral program is a critical element in accomplishing our recruiting mission. It accounts for more than ten percent of our accessions,” said Maj. Leslie Pratt, chief, advertising and information systems division, Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service. “What makes it so effective is that our reservists know the general qualifications and they share their satisfaction and enthusiasm with

the people they talk to. When a Get One referral comes our way, the reservist has already cultivated an interest in the Air Force Reserve. Recruiting nearly 10,000 people each year is tough work. We rely on our reservist to help to bring in the caliber of people we need in our ranks. The recruiting service has established a web site, get1now.us, for reservists to use for referrals and to track the Get One Now awards program.”

## Did you know...

With no prior military service an individual must be at least 17 years of age, and enlist prior to reaching their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Congratulations!!

The 911th Airlift Wing would like to welcome...

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|------------------|------------------|
| Joel Sterniak    | Aaron Lopez      |
| Alex Murray      | Patricia Bonello |
| Maurice Kirkland | Richard Oram     |
| Daniel Manning   | Jenifer Brown    |

## Consider a career in recruiting

by Master Sgt. Gary Johnson  
Air Force Reserve Command  
Recruiting Service Public Affairs

If you are motivated and perform above the status quo, you might consider a career in recruiting. Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is always looking for enthusiastic, qualified people

who are physically and morally fit. Recruiting is not an ordinary 9-5 job. Recruiters are the Air Force Reserve in the eyes of people in their community. They represent the pride, honor and tradition of the Air Force Reserve to everyone they meet. Recruiters work in the community constantly. They call on radio and television stations and

they visit high schools. They help others make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives.

If you are interested, Local senior recruiters have more details about becoming a recruiter in the Air Force Reserve. For more information about the Air Force Reserve or recruiting field, call (412) 474-8555 or 1-800-217-1041.



**Senior Airman  
Jonathan Ballinger**

**Unit:** 911th Mission Support Flight

**Job:** Personnel Specialist

**Job Scope:** Maintianing records and ID cards in customer service

**Most demanding job aspect:** Trying to make everyone happy

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Satisfied customers leaving with smiles on their faces

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh

**Hobbies:** Guitar, writing, woodworking

**Favorite food:** Any kind of pasta

**Favorite music:** Metallica

**Favorite movie:** Tombstone

**Who'd play you in a movie?** Matthew Perry

**Favorite TV show and why?** Family Guy because it's so irreverent

**Favorite saying:** For a Good time call 8526!!

### U T A S c h e d u l e

May 6 - 7

June 3 - 4

July 8 - 9 (Air Show weekend)

## Promotions

### To Airman:

Joshua Shreve, 911th LRS; Matthew Bennett, 911th ASTS; Candice Short, 911th MXS; Janae Dugger, 911th ASTS;



### To Senior Airman:

Heather Burley, 911th CS; Joshua Craig, 911th MXS; Aaron Gill, 32nd APS; Tara Greenawalt, 911th MXS; Robert Harris, 911th MXS; Rebecca Harsh, 911th MXS; Lewis Hess, 911th MXS; Christopher Lombardo, 911th SFS; John Marron, 911th MXS; Karen Michel, 32nd APS; Jason Mileham, 911th AMS; Jeffrey Moore, 911th CS; Kayla Presley, 911th ASTS; Kimberly Price, 911th AES; Keith Samek, 911th LRS; Barbara Zablotsky, 911th ASTS; Michael Farrell, 911th MXS;



### To Staff Sergeant:

Kevin Green, 911th SFS; Sylvia Gamble, 911th ASTS; David Miller, 911th ASTS;



### To Technical

**Sergeant:** Bradley Kleinert, 911th ASTS; James Monroe, 911th SFS; John Cramer, 32nd APS; Stephen Christy, 911th LRS; Erick Dick, 911th MXS; Dawn Dixon, 911th MXS; Scott Law, 911th ASTS; Brian Fallet, 911th CES DET #1;



### To Master Sergeant:

Dennis Ero Jr., 911th MSF; Jeffrey Horneman, 911th CES; Jeffrey Sullivan, 911th ASTS;



### To Senior Master

**Sergeant:** Barry Bertocki, 911th SFS; Archie Branton, 758 AS; Steven Joseph, 911th MXS.



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