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As the cold winds and snow of old man winter finally arrive in Pittsburgh, 911th personnel are reminded to have the proper protective equipment when working outside.

(Photo art by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky)



## Take part in maintaining Air Force traditions



Recently, I saw an article about the dedication of the new Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the article focused on the sacrifices veterans and others were making in order to arrive on time for the memorial's dedication ceremony.

As I read the article I thought of the stories my grandfather told me as a child. He was a waist gunner flying on B-17 Bombers over Europe during World War II. He told us of the courage he had witnessed during the war. I thought about how much I missed him now that he is not with us. He loved the fact that one of his grandson's had joined the Air Force and became the first officer in our family. Most of all, I thought about how much my grandfather would have loved to be at the dedication ceremony. Now only a few from his generation could attend and share in this event with those who helped the Air Force become what it is today.

As I read further I thought about the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Force and wondered about the fanfare the event would involve. I also thought about the sacrifices my family and I have made throughout my career. I was humbled by the thought of so many who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their service and their country and for whom the Washington memorial is truly dedicated. One thought in particular came to mind several times as I read the article which was, "What am I doing to maintain and pass on our Air Force traditions and is it enough?"

I believe it is important for each of us to know and understand our history and from whence our traditions came. There is an old adage that says something about understanding the past so as to avoid repeating the same mistakes in the future. I have found that the best problem solvers are those who first seek to understand the situation rather than to react to it.

The best advice I can offer is to seek out information about any given situation and listen actively as each person tells their side of the story. After all the facts have been gathered and positions explained, take time to contemplate before reaching a decision. Seek out expert advice as situations warrant. For example, if it is a legal matter, seek out the advice of legal counsel and then always, always, take a break before making a final decision. Even as I write this article, I have found the need to break away, gather my thoughts before returning to the matter at hand.

Each of us carry lessons with us throughout our daily tasks, whether conscious of it or not. How we wear our uniforms, manage our conduct both on and off duty, how we render respect to a superior or honor our nation's flag. Teaching the young about our traditions and the importance of passing it on has been one of my career goals. As our service's anniversary draws closer, be ever mindful of the sacrifices you have made as well as the countless Citizen-Airmen before you and ask yourself, "What am I doing to maintain and pass on our Air Force traditions and is it enough?"



**MICHAEL J. McCULLY, Colonel, USAFR**  
**Commander, 911th Mission Support Group**



(Photo by Diana Davies)

Peace marchers with a placard of Martin Luther King, New York City, April 27, 1968.

## Celebrate Black History Month

### UTA Weekend

The base chapel will host a Black History Month program, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

Special guest speaker, Dr. Vernell A. Lillie, Professor of African Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and founder of the Kuntu Repertoire Theater will discuss the topic of "From Slavery to Freedom:" The story of African's in the America's.

The program will also feature the Adoration Youth and Young Adult Choir from the North Side Institutional Church of God and Christ.

### During the Month

#### Black History Month Program & Luncheon

Feb. 21, 2007 at Club Cargo Bay  
*"Africans in the Americas"*

#### Presented by:

Pastor Earlene Coleman,  
Bethlehem Baptist Church

#### Special Guests:

Derek Tymes Singers  
BBC Dance Ministry

Tickets available at the Civilian Personnel Office until Feb. 14, 2007. For more information call 412-474-8607.

## Employment 101: Help is just a phone call away

By Terry Stuart  
Family Support

Did you know that the Family Support Office can assist you and your family members with employment assistance?

Help can take the form of resume review, assistance with interviewing techniques, filling out applications and guidance on federal employment opportunities. Web sites are also maintained to help with job searches as well as instructions on job search techniques.

There are four things to consider when seeking a career. First is whether you are interested in a particular line of work. This is already known or there are tests that can be taken at state employment agencies to determine job compatibility.

The next area to consider is temperament and whether or not it is suited to fit a given career. This factor considers personality fit for the position. Some

people's lives revolve around ideas and concepts where others focus on following rules and procedures. Others seek freedom to act while others want to make a difference in people's lives and are intensely interested in what is going on with them.

Different jobs cater to these different personalities. Being introverted or extraverted also plays a role in a desired career field. Introverts gain energy being away from others while extraverts come alive around others.

Many people find they are better at math than reading and vice versa. If picking a career that comes easily, isn't boring, and suits personality and temperament then the final thing needing covered is credentialing.

Does the job require specialized training or certifications? Once these credentials are obtained then welcome to a new beginning and a new career.

For any further assistance contact the Family Support Office at 412-474-8544.

## Reserve component changes for Force Management

The secretary of defense announced January 11, 2007 a policy change in the way the department will manage reserve component forces.

The first aspect of the policy change will involve the way the department manages deployments of reserve forces. Currently, reserve deployments are managed on an individual basis. In the future deployments will be managed on unit basis, allowing for greater unit cohesion and predictability for training and deployments.

The second aspect of the policy change addresses the maximum mobilization time for members of the reserve forces. Currently, the policy is for a maximum mobilization time of 18 months. The department will reduce the maximum mobilization timeframe to one year.

Third, the policy objective for involuntary mobilization of Guard/ Reserve units will remain a one-year mobilized to five-year demobilized ratio. However, today's global demands will require a number of selected Guard/ Reserve units to be remobilized sooner than the current policy goal. That deployment to demobilization ratio remains the goal of the department, as does the active component's ratio goal of one year of deployment to two years at home station.

The fourth aspect of the policy change will establish a new program to compensate individuals in both active and reserve component forces that are required to mobilize or deploy earlier than established policy goals of deployment to home station ratio times. It will also involve those service members who are required to extend beyond established rotation policy goals.

The final aspect of the policy change will direct commands to review their administration of the hardship waiver program, to ensure that they have properly taken into account exceptional circumstances facing military families of deployed service members.



**Secretary of Defense  
Robert M. Gates**

## Phishing scam baits government travel card holders

Recently many 911th travel card holders have been recipients of Bank of America e-mails advising them that their Military Bank Online service accounts have or will be deactivated because of inaccurate account information.

The e-mail warns that a hold is or will be placed on the account indefinitely until the account information is updated via a link in the e-mail.

Bank of America has confirmed that these e-mails should be treated as fraudulent and cardholders should not respond or supply any information. There are various versions of the e-mail but the bottom line is the same - the originators of these e-mails are "phishing" for personal information.

Phishing, also referred to as 'brand spoofing' or 'carding,' is a form of

**Bank of America.**



social engineering designed to trick customers into providing personal information to a false source.

The term is a variation on "fishing," the idea being that bait is thrown out with the hopes that someone will be tempted into biting. Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The e-mail directs the user to visit a Website where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and credit card, social

security, and bank account numbers, that the legitimate organization already has. The Web site, however, is bogus and set up only to steal the user's information.

- If you receive an unexpected e-mail saying your account will be shut down unless you confirm your billing information, ***do not*** reply or click any links in the e-mail body.

- If you are uncertain about the information, contact the company through an address or telephone number on the back of your card.

- Report all suspicious network activity to OSI at 412-474-8824 or the communication squadron at 412-474-8444.

- Suspicious e-mail can be forwarded to [uce@ftc.gov](mailto:uce@ftc.gov), and complaints can be filed with the state attorney general's office or through the FTC at <http://www.ftc.gov/>.

## 22nd Air Force Commander touches down in Pittsburgh for three days

By Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky  
Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force Commander, visited the 911th Airlift Wing during the January unit training assembly for the first time since assuming command in March 2006.

The general made his rounds throughout the base and took time to speak with many 911th Airlift Wing reservists' in their respective shops.

"I had the opportunity to meet and interface directly with more individuals than at any other wing I have visited," said Maj. Gen. Mazick. "It was great for me to get around to all the facilities and actually shake hands and talk with so many people; I think I actually shook hands with more than 500 people," he said.

Although the general didn't get a chance to shake hands with everyone due to time limitations, he did get an opportunity to speak to the wing as a whole during a 'Commanders Call' at the Moon Township Middle School, January 7.

Since the Base Realignment and Closure



(Photo by Airman 1st Class Jamie Perry, 911th PA)

Eugene and Debbie Lawson, parents of Senior Airman Jeremy Lawson, stood at his side while Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force Commander, presented him the Humanitarian Service Award, Jan. 7. The award was presented as part of his recent three-day visit to the 911th Airlift Wing.

Commission's decision to keep the 911th AW open, the one question on everyone's mind was the future of base.

There has been much speculation about whether the 911th will keep its current inventory of C-130s, gain new aircraft or lose the aircraft entirely and receive a new mission.

The general was able to shed some light on these questions.

"You [the 911th AW] will still have H2 C-130s, only they will be an earlier H2 model than what you currently have," said the

general. "You will be getting C-130s from the Oklahoma City Air National Guard and your C-130s will go to Pope Air Force Base along with those from Milwaukee. I chose to do this because your aircraft and Milwaukee's aircraft came off the production line at about the same time, and this will allow for aircraft systems continuity. Simply put, I wanted 16 of the same aircraft at Pope," he said.

With the transition of the aircraft, the 911th Airlift Wing will continue to perform as a tactical airlift wing, according to General Mazick.

"This is your strength and you are very good at what you do," he said.

Overall, the general said he had an outstanding visit and that the 911th is a strong organization, with an impressive group of Airmen and noncommissioned officer's.

"I was impressed by everyone's professionalism and attention to customs and courtesies," he said.

When asked if he could pinpoint one event or highlight anything from the visit that stood out in his mind he could not.

Instead, he said he had about 500.

"Seeing people smile when I met them throughout the weekend was the highlight of the visit," said General Mazick. "So, I guess you could say I had over 500 best moments. It's the kind of thing that keeps me going and wanting to do my best for them."



# 911 answers Willow Grove's call for assistance

By Airman 1st Class Jamie Perry  
Public Affairs

Recently, several members of the 911th Airlift Wing flew to Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., to participate in a job fair being held there.

The job fair was conducted due to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision to close the Air Reserve Station, Oct. 1, 2007, as part of the president's defense budget for 2008.

A base closing can be a difficult and hectic change for many people, both military and civilian, but at Willow Grove ARS a planning group is working diligently to ease the process of relocating.

All personnel at Willow Grove ARS will be put in the Air Force Reserve Command database or "clearing house" which will place them at the top of the list for vacancies at other military installations.

To ensure personnel are given the help and resources needed to find job openings at other bases, a contingency planning group was formed. According to authorities at the 913th Airlift Wing, located at Willow Grove ARS, the group met every two weeks to come up with a solution on how to



(Photo by Airman 1st Class Jamie Perry, 911th Public Affairs)

Members of Willow Grove Air Reserve Station participate in a job fair held Jan. 3, 2007 to find new jobs due to the closure of the base set for Oct. 1, 2007.

organize the transfer of hundreds of military personnel. Part of the solution was to also provide them with the necessary information to ensure continued service and a successful transition.

The planning group decided a job fair with representatives from bases within the local area could provide information about their installation and any Air Force Specialty slots that are available.

People from various 911th Airlift Wing units on base such as; the Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Military Personnel Flight, Maintenance

Squadron, Security Forces Squadron and Operations Group were present to help place Airmen and provide information about the base.

Lt. Col. John Vallrugo, performance planning officer for Willow Grove ARS, assisted in the organization of the job fair.

"This turned out to be five times bigger than we ever expected, I'm very pleased with the turnout that we had today," Lt. Col. Vallrugo said.

"I'm glad to see everyone here despite the unfortunate circumstances, but I will always remember all of the proud warriors I have served with on this installation when I was commander here at the 913th. And I am very proud of each and everyone," said Brig. Gen. Richard Severson.

For some, having to leave is especially difficult.

"I started my career here 18 years ago, was born and raised in this town and all of a sudden I am asked to leave. It is going to be hard for anyone to just pack up and move on but the symbolism of this place will never change and will always be with us," said Master Sgt. Jesse Manis, an information systems manager for the wing commander.

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## Nominate employers for 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards

**ARLINGTON, Va.** -- The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, announced nominations will be accepted at the ESGR website for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards.

The nomination process opens on January 8, 2007 and will conclude on February 28, 2007. The goal of 5,000 nominations is a relatively small number, as ESGR estimates over 200,000 employers in America employ National Guardsmen and Reservists.

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members should visit the ESGR website at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil) and complete the 2007 Freedom Award nomination form.

ESGR Field Committees will review the nominations and have

the option to present three nominations per committee for review by the National Selection Board, which will select up to 15 recipients.

In 1996, Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The award publicly recognizes employers nominated by their employees, who voluntarily serve in the National Guard and Reserve, for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law.

This prestigious award is the highest in a series of Department of Defense employer support awards that include the Patriot Award, the ESGR Above and Beyond Award and the Pro Patria

Award.

Previous recipients have included Starbucks, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, General Electric, DuPont, Verizon, and United Parcel Service. State and local governments and a number of America's small businesses, who are the majority of National Guard and Reserve employers, have also been recipients.

When asked about the impact of employee military service on small business, said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director. "At no time in our recent history have the small businesses of America been asked to give so much in our nation's defense."

"Today, in support of the war on terrorism and the ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an essential alliance has been formed. Many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, their employees," added Hollingsworth.

The 2007 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 12th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony hosted by ESGR on September 12, 2007.

More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities are available at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil), or by calling the National Committee Office at (800) 336-4590.

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## ARPC launches customer satisfaction survey

**DENVER** -- Leaders at the Air Reserve Personnel Center here want to hear what their customers are thinking.

"We've developed an online survey to give our customers the opportunity to tell us about their experience with our service," said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander.

The survey, which was posted on the ARPC Web site today, seeks comments from people who call the contact center, visit the Web site briefly or dive deeper into the online

applications through the virtual personnel center - Guard and Reserve.

Questions on the survey range from wait time for speaking to a customer service counselor and quality of the information given to ease of finding information posted on the Web site.

To access the survey, visit the site, <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>, and click on the "ARPC Customer Satisfaction Survey" link. Or, go to the survey directly at

<http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/survey>.

"We want to know how we can better serve our customers," Colonel Shippy said. "Timely, incisive customer feedback is invaluable to our ongoing transformation efforts and the key to our success. We want to ensure that we exceed our customers' expectations."

For more information, contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs office at 303-676-6515 or DSN 926-6515.

## Finance personnel earn top honors

By Air Force News Service

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** – Eleven individuals from five organizations recently won Air Force Reserve Command's 2006 Outstanding Financial Management Awards. Pittsburgh was one of the five organizations with individuals winning three out of the eleven awardees.

**The winners by category are:**

- FM airman – Senior Airman John M. Dingman, 911th Airlift Wing
- Acquisition cost analyst – Connie A. Withrow, 911th Airlift Wing
- Superintendent – Senior Master Sgt. Brian Zator, 911th Airlift Wing

**\*\* Congratulations \*\***

**4rd Quarter Enlisted Award Winners**

**Airman**

Senior Airman Carli Brown, 911 AW/FM

**Non commissioned officer**

Tech Sgt. Scott Orosz, 911 AW/AES

**Senior non-commissioned officer**

Senior Master Sgt. Joe McArthur, 32nd APS

## Civilian of the Quarter award winners



**Mr. William G. Varner**

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Fabric Worker - Maintenance Squadron



**Mr. Joseph R. McArthur**

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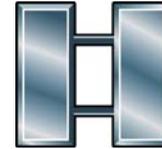
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- Financial management booklets and CDs



# Officer Promotions



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Laurie Lantz, OSF



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William Fedorka, 758  
Lance Hupp, 758  
Bret Petrich, 758  
Austin Schlech, 758  
John Thompson, 758  
Heather Lesefka, AES  
Marlon Foster, AES  
Todd Wainman, AW  
Tina Hannasch, 32APS  
Frank Mercurio, 32APS  
Delonda Ward, MXS  
David Sever, ASTS



(Photo by Maj. Ann Knabe, USAFR)

## Senatorial greeting

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) shakes hands with Lt. Col. Prospero (Peppy) Castelluccio, chief of manpower and organization for the 379 Air Expeditionary Wing, during the senator's visit with the wing in Southwest Asia on New Years Eve. Lt Col Castelluccio is a reservist deployed from the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh. Sen. Specter met with more than 20 Pennsylvania Airmen to thank them for their service.



# Protecting yourself from slips, trips, falls

By 911th Safety Office

One of the major causes of falls is tripping over an obstacle. The other major cause is slipping.

### What's at stake:

A fall at work can put you out of commission. Weeks in pain, months in a cast or years in a wheelchair can be the result of a simple slip, trip or fall.

### What's the danger:

Falls are among the leading causes of death in the workplace. Even a fall from the same level – instead of a fall from a height – can cause a fatal or crippling injury.

### How to protect yourself:

Here are some suggestions to

prevent tripping and slipping accidents:

- Slow down. Many falls occur when a person walks too fast through the work area. Don't run.

- Watch where you are going. Don't assume a walkway is clean. Watch for clutter on the floor and for unexpected changes in floor level, such as a step up.

- Be cautious as the weather conditions and be able to prevent injuries by wearing appropriate shoes, boots and PPE.

- Wear well-fitting shoes with a low heel. Keep laces tied to prevent slipping.

- It's possible to trip over your own clothing. Baggy or flared pants

are sometimes to blame.

- Maintain adequate lighting in the areas where you walk. Hallways, stairways, warehouse aisles and other traffic areas should be bright enough to see where you are going.

- Keep your hands free while you walk, to help you catch your balance if you start to fall. Don't walk with your hands in your pockets.

- Do not leave equipment, tools or materials on the floor.

- Don't obstruct traffic aisles with materials or equipment.

Falls are a leading cause of workplace injury and death. They also cause a great deal of suffering. Take fall hazards seriously, and don't let them trip you up.

## P R O M O T I O N S



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Airman David Walker



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Airman 1st Class Joshua Shreve  
Airman 1st Class Matthew Stephens



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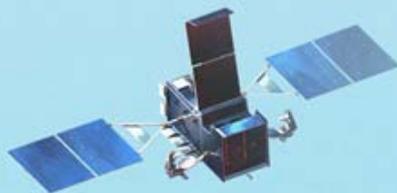


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