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President George W. Bush arrived at the 911th Airlift Wing May 11, 2007. The Commander in Chief's arrival and departure from the 911th coincided with his commencement speech to the 2007 graduating class at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn M. Walleck, 911th Public Affairs)



## Thoughts, Reflections, Goodbyes



To one of the finest wings that I have been associated with in my career, it is time for me to regrettably bid you all farewell. Your continuous efforts to raise your standards has garnered you awards and accolades. I challenge you to continue to persevere and prevail.

During the past 22 months, you have thoroughly impressed me with your preparedness and ability to demonstrate and achieve some of the finest results I have experienced in my career.

When I first arrived on station, we were nearing the end of the largest mobilization that the 911th has had in years. You did an outstanding job transitioning back into your Citizen Airman role. Even post demobilization, operations and maintenance continued to participate with a large number of volunteers.

The remainder of the wing continued to operate at a high tempo. Since I took command here, the 32nd Aerial Port Squadron has continually deployed our airmen in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The other units on base have also been busy participating in their own way.

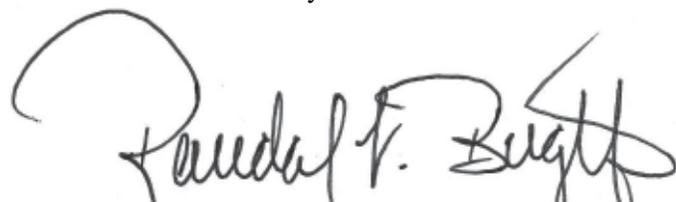
Shortly after demobilization, we prepared for our Unit Compliance Inspection in June of 2006. As a result of this major inspection, we finished with only 35 write-ups, which is a phenomenal job! Not many of the wings in the command are able to hold a candle to that level of achievement. At the same time, the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron achieved an excellent on their Health Services Inspection, which was another outstanding job!

The achievement I am most proud of is the way you handled the 2005 Base Re-Alignment and Closure. This was the second time in ten years that you had been offered up for closure and the same number of years since you hadn't seen any funding for base infrastructure improvements or additions. With true form and professionalism, you presented to the BRAC Commissioner, Gen. Lloyd Newton, that you still had much more to offer the nation. The commission heard you.

This base has great community support and the BRAC process was living proof. You came through that process with flying colors. We are now starting to see some funding for military construction projects that will make improvements and provide the things that this wing needs to continue being successful at your mission.

As you read this, I will have relinquished command of the 911th to Col. Gordon H. Elwell and you are in good hands for your future. You are the team that Col. Elwell needs to be a good leader. Give him the support you have given me and this wing will continue to lead 22nd Air Force and the Air Force Reserve Command. Again, thank you for the service you provide for our nation. I am honored to have been your commander.



  
RANDAL L. BRIGHT, Colonel, USAFR  
Commander, 911th Airlift Wing

# Services Squadron helps Panamanian village

by Senior Airman Lou Burton  
911th Public Affairs

For their annual training this year, 11 members of the 911th Services Squadron headed to Panama recently to help facilitate the “New Horizons Panama 2007” efforts for medical and educational advancement in the Panamanian village of Higueron.

According to Army Lt. Col. Thomas Jones, Joint Task Force Panama commander, the New Horizons project has two basic functions at the core; improving infrastructure and providing basic health care.

The infrastructure the military members assembled in Panama will extend into some of the most remote areas of the country in order to assist those who suffer from the most extreme poverty, according to New Horizon’s officials.



(USAF photo)

Tech. Sgt. Pat Kellar (left) and Tech. Sgt. Jeffery S. Kidder (right) from the 911th Services Squadron assist digging and filling concrete forms for the foundation of a medical clinic in the Panamanian village of Higueron as part of the New Horizons 2007 project. When 911th personnel arrived the project was two days behind. In the spirit of teamwork and helping achieve the mission, four 911th Airmen volunteered to assist the Army’s engineers on this particular construction project.

Nearly 400 military members from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps are involved in New Horizons Panama 2007.

Construction crews will build a total of seven new classrooms and two medical clinics. They will also dig water wells and construct several new roads for rural areas that currently have limited or no access. Military medical teams will provide medical and veterinarian support to different areas in Panama via nine mobile medical clinics, a temporary dental clinic and optometry service.

“Our primary mission was to support the Army with food service. They requested Air Force personnel specifically because of the reputation we have for our quality of food service,” said Maj. Richard D. Frye, 911th Services Squadron commander.

“With any project there are always challenges and this project

wasn’t any different,” said Tech. Sgt. Patrick Kellar, 911th Services Squadron.

“When we arrived the project was two days behind. To help we volunteered four of our Airmen to assist the Army’s engineers on their construction project,” said Maj. Frye.

When the 97-day project is completed, engineers will have constructed four new schools and medical teams will have treated thousands of Panamanians, many of whom have been waiting months for medical treatment.

“It was an awesome experience to see a different society and the way people live,” said Master Sgt. Steigerwald.

Panamanian President Martin Torrijos Espino, who attended the New Horizons 2007 Opening Ceremony, stated that this mission “is so big that it has changed Panama.”

## JUNE

### Pay Dates

Primary: June 13

Alternate: June 27



# Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron technician deploys to aid Army medevac mission

By Major Michael F. Fath  
911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Normally, medics and nurses assigned to the 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron fly on large fixed-wing aircraft, providing in-flight medical care to Soldiers and Marines after they've already been stabilized at a medical facility. That wasn't the case for Tech. Sgt. Eric Jenkinson, an Aeromedical Technician assigned to the 911th AES.

Recently Tech. Sgt. Jenkinson returned from a deployment to Afghanistan supporting the Army's Medevac or "Dust Off" Mission spending four months flying in an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter.

Tech. Sgt. Jenkinson, working under the direction of a flight surgeon, was sent on missions where he would evacuate U.S. soldiers, Coalition Forces, including Afghani soldiers, and Afghani civilians.

His job was to provide advanced life-saving techniques for the critically wounded patients he evacuated to the military medical facilities at either Kandahar Air Base or Bagram Air Base. He was the sole medic in the chopper and was frequently hampered by his protective equipment and the limited space in the aircraft. Missions were often in areas where troops were engaged in combat operations.

The Air Force sought out a special type of airman to



(USAF photo)

Tech. Sgt. Eric Jenkinson readies to board an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter before a medevac mission while deployed to Afghanistan. Tech. Sgt. Jenkinson recently returned home after being deployed for four months in support of the Army's "Dust Off" Mission.

accomplish this mission: an experienced flyer with excellent medical skills and the ability to work in dangerous environments without getting rattled. Sgt. Jenkinson's civilian job as a Pennsylvania Certified Paramedic working at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian's Emergency Department gave him the experience of treating multiple types of traumatic injuries, such as gunshot wounds.

"I was honored to be the first Air Force Reservist selected to fly this unique mission," Tech. Sgt. Jenkins said. "We did great work over there and it was exciting to be involved. I'm proud to have represented my squadron and the 911th Airlift Wing."

After completing a month of survival training at Fairchild AFB, Wash., including Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape, Water Survival, and Underwater Helicopter Egress training, Tech. Sgt. Jenkinson then deployed to Afghanistan. There he was assigned to the 41st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron and later the 33rd ERQS. The 33rd ERQS is the first Air Force squadron to have a combat search-and-rescue and medevac mission.

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- Aero Stars Aerobatic Team
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- A-10 Jet Fighter Demo Heritage Flight (A-10 & F-86) (Navy Legacy Flight)
  - C-17 Demo
  - C-130 Demo

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- C-54
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- T-28
- T-34

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- Condor Aero Club
- Columbia 400
- Lake Buccaneer



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# There!

# June 16 & 17 AIR FORCE RESERVE 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# Officials emphasize motorcycle safety across force

by Carmen L. Gleason  
American Forces Press Service

With motorcycle fatalities on the rise over the past two years in the Defense Department, senior military officials are making sure that servicemembers and civilians are keeping safety in mind while hitting the roads this summer.

The Army took the lead by hosting the two-day National Capital Region Motorcycle Safety Event at the Pentagon that finished May 18 for both riders and military commanders, culminating in a group ride along the scenic George Washington Parkway.

"The Army had 48 motorcycle fatalities last year," said Jim Patton, who works in the Army's Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Office. "That was a huge wake-up call for us to get the word out on increased safety before the riding season picks up."

Other branches of the military are experiencing similar numbers in fatalities. In fact, there were 261 traffic-accident fatalities in the Defense Department in 2006 and 94 of those involved motorcycle riders.

The Pentagon's two-day event was designed to decrease motorcycle accidents by showcasing safety initiatives with booths, speakers panels, skills demonstrations, and a "rodeo," in which participants could

compete in applying skills needed in heavy traffic scenarios.

During the event, safety representatives from all services mentored inexperienced motorcyclists and promoted awareness to military leaders so they can inform riders within their units.

This is an effort for us to lead by example," said Chief Warrant Officer Dan Curry, who serves as the assistant to the military training task force chairman. "This is a (Defense Department) effort that's being sent down through all services, that we're serious about safety and we do care.

"This is a great opportunity to protect our forces," he said. "Our finest assets are our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians; they're what makes this military what it is."

The focus of the event was for everyone to recognize there are dangers in motorcycle riding but that risks can be mitigated and lives can be saved, CWO Curry said.

"Doing things safely is no accident," he said. "We're going to bring folks in who share a passion, but who also share something else, and that's safety."

Although the Army hosted this event, Mr. Patton said he hopes other services will host similar events in the future.

"Our goal is to have a top-notch event as a model for others to follow," Mr. Patton said.

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Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-faced shield protection attached to helmet. A windshield or eyeglasses alone are not sufficient.

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Upper body lime green or international orange reflective safety vest with reflective strips stitched, ironed or otherwise affixed to the vest on both the front and back sides.

**Clothing**  
Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a Motorcycle.

**Footwear.**  
Sturdy footwear, Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes. Tennis shoes, sneakers or sandals are not sufficient.

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**From the 911th Safety Office -- Be Smart and Ride Safe!**

# Roll Call

## Senior Leadership Speaks



**A**nti-terrorism awareness training; information assurance training; law of armed conflict training; self aid and buddy care training; records management training; DOD homosexual policy training; sexual assault prevention training; suicide awareness training...and that's just the short list.

These are all examples of "ancillary training." Ancillary training is defined as training outside an Airman's specialty or primary duties, but necessary to ensure mission success. Requirements for ancillary training come when the Air Force, the DOD, other federal agencies or even lawmakers decide that military members must be

informed or trained on certain subjects on a reoccurring basis. Because Airmen's time is a valuable commodity that must be budgeted, managed and protected, the Air Force is taking a hard look at the frequency, duration and delivery methods of ancillary training.

Ancillary training requirements affect Airmen across the Total Force. On the active duty side, some Airmen spend disproportionate amounts of their time completing ancillary training instead of performing their Air Force job. Within the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, Airmen who often serve just a few days a month sometimes find the need to spend an entire training weekend

completing ancillary training requirements instead of doing more relevant job-related training.

Ancillary training is important; every training requirement started as a way to keep Airmen safe and informed. However, some of the training may no longer be relevant. In others, the requirement may still be relevant or legally required, but we can streamline the way we deliver the training.

Recently, leaders from around the Air Force met at Randolph AFB for a "rapid improvement event" about ancillary training. An RIE is an "Air Force Smart Ops 21" meeting where people get together, write out the way something is done, discuss what's wrong with it and then make it shorter, cleaner, faster, more efficient and less expensive.

Air Force leaders now believe they can reduce ancillary training requirements anywhere from 30 to 50 percent. They will do this by eliminating training that is no longer relevant, redesigning needed training so that it takes less time but delivers the same impact, and changing the requirements for some training so that it is delivered only as needed. MAJCOMs and wings will also be asked to revalidate their ancillary training and mirror the new streamlined review process.

Also, the Air Force will look at ways to centralize responsibility for tracking training requirements.

Air Force leaders know ancillary training takes up a lot of your time, and they are working to fix things so you can get away from the classroom or computer, and get back to the Air Force Mission.

# PROMOTIONS

 <b>Airman Aazita Afshari</b> <b>Airman Amanda Swenson</b>	 <b>Master Sgt. Robert Bolitho</b> <b>Master Sgt. Richard Davis</b>
 <b>Staff Sgt. Kevin Bowser Jr.</b> <b>Staff Sgt. Michael Cilli</b> <b>Staff Sgt. Amanda Giambanco</b>	 <b>Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Minnie Jr.</b> <b>Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Bair</b>
 <b>Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Meier</b>	

# DOD blocks 12 Internet sites to protect grid

by Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials blocked access to many popular Internet sites from department-owned computers due to bandwidth issues, U.S. Strategic Command officials said May 14.

Joint Task Force Global Network Operations members, who direct the operation and defense of DOD's global information grid to assure timely and secure capabilities in support of the department's warfighting, intelligence, and business missions, blocked 12 popular sites on government computers that began May 14.

The sites are:

- youtube.com
- pandora.com

- photobucket.com
- myspace.com
- live365.com
- hi5.com
- metacafe.com
- mtv.com
- ifilm.com
- blackplanet.com
- stupidvideos.com
- filecabi.com

The popularity of the sites has not affected operations yet, but blocking them prevents them from causing such a problem, officials said.

"It is a proactive measure. We do not want a problem with demand for these sites clogging the networks," a U.S. Strategic Command official said.

The blocks affect only DOD computers and local area networks that are part of the department's

global information grid. The department has more than 15,000 local and regional networks and more than 5 million computers in the grid.

Department officials said they are not making a judgment about the sites. Blocking the sites "is in no way a comment on the content, purpose or uses of the Web sites themselves," the official said. "It is solely a bandwidth/network management issue."

Offices with a need to access these sites from government computers can request exceptions to the policy. Global network operations officials will continue to assess the stresses and strains on the global information grid, and may add or subtract sites as needed, officials said.

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# June Events Calendar



	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Out to LUNCH!</b></p> <p>Lunch Buffet Served 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tues-Fri</p>	<p><b>WINGS OVER PITTSBURGH AIRSHOW</b> JUNE 16-17 Come out and see AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS ARMY SKY SOLDIERS, SEAN TUCKER, AEROSTARS, <a href="http://WWW.WINGSOVERPITTSBURGH.COM">WWW.WINGSOVERPITTSBURGH.COM</a></p>						<p>2 <b>Welcome Colonel Gordon Elwell</b>  911th UTA</p>
<p><b>What's Going On This Month</b></p> <p>June 16-17 Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show 0830-1630 Air Force Thunderbirds Army Sky Soldiers Sean Tucker, Aerostars US Air Force Jet Car Static Displays fun for the whole family <a href="http://www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com">www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com</a></p> <p>June 21 0630-0830 Membership Breakfast</p>	<p>3 <b>Boot Camp Cross Training</b> 0900 Fitness Center 911th UTA</p>	<p>4 <b>Cardio Training</b> 1030 at the Fitness Center  CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>5 <b>Strength Power &amp; Agility</b> 1030 Every Tuesday  Lunch Buffet Pasta Station</p>	<p>6 <b>Cardio Training</b> 1600 at the Fitness Center  Lunch Buffet Home-style</p>	<p>7 Get your Theme Park Tickets at the ITT Office  Lunch Buffet BBQ</p>	<p>8 <b>Pot Of Gold Drawing</b> 1800  Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	 <p>Thank You for everything Colonel Bright</p>
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# Drink Water...

**By Senior Airman Heather Efaw,  
911th ASTS Health & Wellness Center**

With so many sights to see at the Air Show this year, it is easy to make it a long, fun-filled day. However, with the warm weather, there are a few things to watch out for. First, it's vital to know the individuals that have a higher risk for developing heat stroke:

- Infants/young children and individuals over the age of 65
- Individuals with suppressed immune systems
- Individuals who are physically ill (especially with heart disease or high blood pressure).

The most important thing that you can do is to listen to your body!!! Here are some signs of dehydration:

You may be dehydrated if you:

- are thirsty
- have not used the restroom lately
- have dry skin
- feel tired
- start to feel dizzy or confused
- have a dry mouth
- have increased heart rate or breathing

If you experience these symptoms, stop, find a shady area and drink some water. During the Air Show, a bottle of water and some shade will become your two best friends. Dehydration can be the start of a more serious and damaging problem: heat stroke.

Heat stroke is when the body is unable to cool itself down. Once the body gets hot enough, the blood will start to thicken, making it nearly impossible to cool the body down. Signs of heat stroke are:

- red, hot, dry skin
- a rapid pulse, rapid breathing
- a throbbing headache
- light-headedness, confusion and dizziness
- leg cramping

Leg cramping, the most common sign of heat stroke, is the body's way of making you aware that it has lost salt and electrolytes. Here, again, it is important to find

some shade, sit, drink some water and get some help!!! There will be numerous vendors selling drinks. Also, the 911th Air Wing will be providing "water buffaloes", which are large, dark green dispensers with FREE drinkable water.

Knowing you should be drinking plenty of fluids at the Air Show, the question becomes, should you drink water or sports drinks? The answer is to drink plenty

of both. Water is a great source of hydration, but sports drinks provide electrolytes that are lost during sweating. It is important to drink more fluids than you are losing. It is also crucial to limit the amount of sugary drinks and drinks that contain caffeine. These drinks will make you thirstier. They will also make you lose more fluid than what you really are taking in, leading to dehydration and possible heat stroke. Please

remember these rules apply specifically to children.

Other very important tips that you can follow to keep cool during your visit:

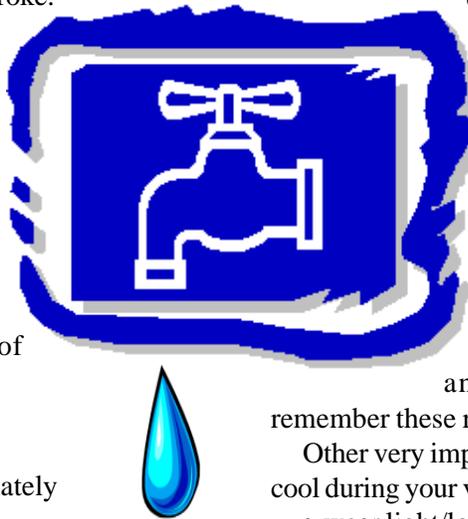
- wear light/loose fitting clothing that is also light in color
- apply sunscreen
- wear a hat and sunglasses

A collared shirt is a great way to prevent a burned neck. Also, sunscreen only lasts for so long, so be sure to reapply, especially if you are sweating.

Another way to stay cool is to bring blankets so that you can relax in the grass while you watch the air shows; this will also get you off the hot runway.

If, for some reason, you start to feel sick, seek out medical help. Medical personnel from the Army, Air Force, and the civilian emergency medical community are available to assist any medical problems. They will be manning the first aid tents, as well as patrolling throughout the air show area and parking lots. They can be readily identified by the badges bearing a red cross clipped on to their uniforms; they will be more than happy to answer any questions.

With so many activities and displays, the Air Show can be a fun-filled day; all you need is a little planning and a few precautions to have a wonderful experience.





# 911th Airlift Wing Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show

Commemorating 60 years of Air and Space Power

June 16-17



8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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