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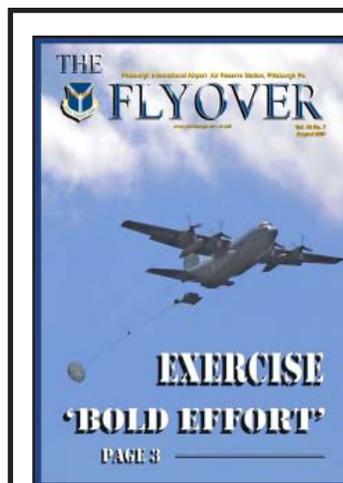
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### A Bold Effort

A C-130 Hercules from Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station releases its payload over Starvaggi Drop Zone, located near Burgettstown, Pa. The air-drop was part of Exercise ‘BOLD EFFORT,’ which utilized the Wing’s 8-ship inventory and was the first exercise of its kind in wing history. (Photo by Major Conrad E. Witalis, 911th Operations Group)



## Teamwork, Dedication at the Highest Level



“Honestly Jane . . . It’s Pittsburgh!”

Those were the exact words I said to my wife when Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, asked me to be one of his wing commanders. We could not believe our good fortune. We are both so thrilled with having the opportunity to come to the 911th Airlift Wing and become one of the newest members of the 911th team.

My wife and I have been welcomed over and over again by nearly everyone we’ve met. So far I have had the opportunity to walk around to most of the facilities, and meet many of you in your daily or UTA sections. Now I fully understand why the 911th’s reputation is what it is and has been for so many years.

It is the people here who make up one outstanding team and it’s your skills, experience and dedication that comes through with every challenge. Proof of that came on my first UTA when I saw first-hand the focus and determination of one remarkable team effort that got all eight of our aircraft airborne to perform a large formation airdrop.

I watched the training and preparation at the 32nd Aerial Port Squadron as they prepared for the airdrops, and the thankless job of recovering the loads from the drop zone while others on base celebrated at a cookout.

Our daily efforts from the Maintenance Group are refining the Isochronal inspection process to the point that we are the envy of every maintenance group in the entire Air Force Reserve Command. I had an opportunity to attend the Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander’s call and meet their motivated Airmen who are setting their sights on having a successful Health Services Inspection this fall.

I also saw many of the behind-the-scenes Airmen at the Logistics Readiness Squadron and Disaster Preparedness who work diligently to make sure all of us are prepared to deploy when called; and let’s not forget about the dedicated Airmen in Security Forces who protect our base 24/7. Next time you come through the gate or see them on the flight line, thank them for their dedication and service.

In short, I saw a tremendous team performing at the highest level.

We will continue to have challenges, as future mission requirements appear on the horizon, and the 911th Airlift Wing remains ready to support the AFRC and our active Air Force component.

From what I have seen, we will continue to be one of the best in AFRC, and be a solid unit that can be counted on to do the job right, the first time...every time!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon H. Elwell, Jr.".

GORDON H. ELWELL, JR., Colonel, USAFR  
Commander, 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

# Exercise 'BOLD EFFORT' demonstrates basewide team effort, wing unity

by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier  
Public Affairs Office

During a time of war, the United States Air Force serves as the lifeline for the Army, Marines, and Navy. Airlift squadrons around the globe fly paratroopers to hot spots, transport troops and equipment in and out of combat zones and re-supply ground forces via air drops.

On July 14, 2007, the 911th Airlift Wing conducted Exercise Bold Effort to hone skills vital to keep our military operating at peak efficiency. The exercise began with a C-130 Hercules "elephant walk" at Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, the home of the 911th in Coraopolis, Pa. The eight-ship formation, something very rare in training exercises, then made its way to Rickensacker International Airport, Columbus, Ohio.

"Most C-130 bases can't fly all of their planes at once because of scheduled maintenance, required repairs, crew manning and other issues, but we can," said Lt. Col. Frank Amodeo, 911th Operations Group Commander. "This is a testament to how Pittsburgh gets things done."

The purpose of the flight to Ohio was to simulate a ground re-supply mission. For the second half, the C-130s broke into four 2-ship formations and tactically flew back to Pa. The objective for this leg was to execute a heavy air drop at Starvaggi Drop Zone, located near Burgettstown, Pa.

At the drop zone, the ground crew made their preparations. The area was marked, and personnel from 32nd Aerial Port Squadron called in and verified coordinates and wind speed.

Once they reached the proper coordinates, the load masters aboard the C-130s released the pallets out of the

back of the planes. Parachutes attached to heavy equipment loads opened and the cargo drifted to the ground.

The planes toward the rear of the formation were able to watch the results and make their own adjustment.

After all of the pallets came to rest, the ground crew started to work recovering the cargo. Parachutes were removed and folded. Pallets were loaded onto the backs of trucks and taken away.



(photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier)  
View from inside the cockpit of ship #4 in the eight-ship formation of EXERCISE BOLD EFFORT during takeoff from Pittsburgh ARS July 14, 2007. BOLD EFFORT was one of a series of training exercises that 911th Airmen have taken part in this year. These were designed to improve combat survivability in support of missions around the world.

Senior Airman Ian Lowe, 911th Airlift Wing Safety Information Manager, was on the ground during the exercise. "It was very good to see the whole mission come together after all the hours and manpower put into the preparation and have it end successfully. It was good practice and everything was completed without any incidents."

It took a combined base effort to accomplish this exercise. When someone commended a member of the maintenance squadron, the Airman said it was all in a days

work.

"It may be all in a days work," said Lt. Col. Honaker, 911th Maintenance Group Commander, "But it was an extremely phenomenal group accomplishment. Most units could not have pulled this off. Not only was this a team effort of all the maintainers, but also teamwork between the operations group and the entire base."

Col. Gordon Elwell, the 911th's new Wing Commander, was on his first Unit Training Exercise as a passenger in the #2 aircraft. "I was extremely impressed with the professionalism of the aircrews and the can-do attitude of the Aerial Port and Maintenance Squadrons in getting the loads ready and recovering them after the drops. It demonstrated the unity of the wing, the focus on the mission and the ability to face whatever challenges that may come in the future," said the Colonel.

## 'Train as you fight': Canadian exercise gives Airmen lessons in joint tactics, survivability

by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier  
Public Affairs Office

Part of fighting and winning any war is surviving the war. Survivability in a combat situation depends largely on training. This is true for all branches of the military, and on the ground or in the air.

During the Vietnam War, the Air Force discovered that 90 percent of combat aircraft losses occurred during pilots first 10 missions. As a result, Exercise RED FLAG was initiated in 1975 to give pilots realistic training to prepare for combat.

In 1978, MAPLE FLAG, the Ca-

nadian counterpart to RED FLAG, was instituted. The exercise is held annually at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta. The mission is to provide training to NATO air forces.

This year, the 911th Airlift Wing,

along with the 440th Airlift Wing from Milwaukee, Wis., participated in MAPLE FLAG with three C-130H Hercules aircraft. This group participated in the first period of the exercise from May 22 to June 1, 2007. The first order of business was to set up a planning cell and maintenance package at Edmonton, making them the only unit to operate from a remote location.

A variety of countries participated in the exercise, engaging in a simulated air campaign. French,

Canadian, German, Belgian, and others all took part dealing with air and ground-based threats over the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range. The job of the air-lifters was to simulate dropping paratroopers and equipment for the "blue team" in sup-

port of operations against the "red team". Aircrews learned how to react to and survive attacks from enemy aircraft, Surface to Air Missiles and Man Portable Air Defense Systems. The 911th's C-130's worked side by side with fighters and Suppression of Enemy Air Defense Systems (SEADS) aircraft.

"It was interesting to work with someone who not only flies a different plane, but speaks a different language," said Maj. Chuck Sargent, 758th Airlift Squadron Flight Examiner.

Participation in MAPLE FLAG served as part of the post-deployment reconstruction phase for Airmen, facilitating higher standards of combat readiness, according to Maj. Bill Gutermuth, the mission commander. C-130's generally don't participate in air-to-air training, and this exercise validated the crew's training.

911th personnel were involved not only with flying the missions, but at times planning them. Great success was achieved not only from experience, but from a plan centered on formation survival, utilizing Tactical Formation Maneuvers rather than simple speed in getting in and out of the combat zone, said Maj. Gutermuth.

MAPLE FLAG was one part of several exercises held this year. Pilots gained useful knowledge training with Syracuse National Guard F-16's and during PATRIOT SNOWBIRD. The eight-ship Exercise BOLD EFFORT was also tied together with these operations to help meet or exceed expectations and keep the Airmen of the 911th ready for the fight.



# Airshow pleases record crowd

by 911th Public Affairs Office

Despite a very busy weekend for the city of Pittsburgh, over 225,000 people donned their sunscreen, grabbed their favorite lawn chair and headed out to this air show held June 16 and 17.

Several factors contributed to the overall success of the air show.

Behind the scenes a multitude of military and civilian organizations worked tirelessly to ensure a good time was had by all.

As a result of the teamwork and year long planning process numerous attendees credited the committee with “cracking the code” on traffic flow and parking for the event. There was one aspect of the weekend that the planning committee could not take credit for and that was the work of Mother Nature, who delivered warm weather and clear skies.

The crowd was thrilled and entertained at this year’s 7th annual air show which commemorated the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

On hand to help celebrate and headline the event was the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration Team.

Closing on Father’s Day, many spectators were overheard walking out of the event asking one question...“When is next year’s show?”



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)



(photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier)



(photo by Senior Airman Marc Nickens)

**Top Left:** Sean Tucker of Team Oracle got a bird’s eye view of the city during a practice run on the Friday morning before the air show.  
**Bottom Left:** An Airman and his son practice some aerial maneuvers of their own with a balsa wood airplane purchased at the show.  
Center: Well-prepared spectators take in the multitude of sites from their shady vantage point. Many families shared a well-spent Father’s Day enjoying free entertainment at Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station.  
**Top Right:** The USAF Drill Team executes precision moves before an enthralled crowd. The team performed two shows a day during both days of the air show.  
**Bottom Right:** Throngs of people eagerly await the USAF Thunderbirds to begin their performance. 225,000 people attended Wings Over Pittsburgh between the two days.



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)

# Civil Engineering Squadron builds homes on native reservation during annual tour

by Senior Airman Marc C. Nickens  
Public Affairs Office

Imagine being homeless, or perhaps having to live in a home where there is no running water, no electricity; hot in the summer, cold in the winter and has holes in the roof. Imagine being stuffed with your family in one bedroom, or having to live in what most people would call a shanty, lean-to, tool shed or outhouse.

Hundreds of American Indians have had to deal with these and many other issues. They know what running water, electricity and air conditioning is, yet they have no idea what it is like to have them in their homes.

The 911th Airlift Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron, in conjunction with the Southwest Indian Foundation, traveled to Gallup, N.M., on April 30, 2007, to build homes for indigent and disadvantaged American Indian families in the area.

"We had four, two-week rotations sending about 20 Airmen per rotation," said Master Sgt. William Fulkerson, 911th AW/CE. "We were out there until about June 23rd," said Master Sgt. Fulkerson.

The Southwest Indian Foundation is a non-profit organization available to help all Indian tribes, but specifically the Navajo, Zuni, Hopi and other Pueblo tribes of the area. "We were working specifically with the Navajo Indians," Fulkerson said.

The SWIF began by drilling wells and helping to install surplus military bridges on reservations in an effort to allow people to have access to medical facilities, shopping facilities and to make life on a reservation a little easier.

"The SWIF helps to provide safe and decent housing to those in need of it," said Fulkerson. "They deal with individuals who would have no way of obtaining a good home, with priority given to the elderly, handicapped and families with children," he said.

"In 1997, the Air Force Academy cadets started building houses for underprivileged Indians," said Fulkerson. "The first homes were built in the traditional 'Hogan' (*pronounced ho-gone*) designs which were eight-sided octagonal homes," he said. "The designs of the homes now are more of what you see today with modern amenities and a wood burning stove."

The homes are built one half at a time in a



(photo by Master Sgt. William Fulkerson)

Staff Sgt. Robert Shaner, left, and Master Sgt. Thomas Venenzio are seen here preparing to hang drywall in one of the new homes.

manufacturing/warehouse facility with the foundation being placed before the home is trucked out to it. The homes are then placed on the foundation then bolted together.

"We built three houses at a time inside the warehouse facility from start to finish," said Fulkerson. "You start by laying out a floor and building up just like a normal construction project but with a reinforced center post to facilitate bolting the house together. Some parts are done by the Indians, some by those in the SWIF's job training program and some by reservists," he said.

"There were 25 total houses built this year," said Fulkerson. "Approximately 125 to 130 homes have been built since the program started at an approximate cost of about \$45,000 each," he said.

The SWIF provides a variety of services to those who need them. Their assistance is strictly limited to Native Americans. For more information about the SWIF and the programs they sponsor, log onto [www.southwestindian.com](http://www.southwestindian.com).

# Resumes, cover letters present first impression

## Successful job applications begin with concise targeted resumes

by Mr. Terry Stuart  
Family Support Office

Creating and maintaining a proper resume could make all the difference in the world when you are applying for jobs.

Employers not only look at your job history, education and skills, but at the resume itself. First impressions can be everything and

your neat and well prepared resume just may give you an edge over the next one in the pile.

Most resumes should be no longer than one to two pages. An exception to this rule would be the technical resume, within which you may devote as many pages as is required to highlight the types of equipment or programs you are knowledgeable about.

Resumes should be targeted on

the job and the position you are applying for. If you own a computer then the best recommendation is to write a master resume, even if it expands to ten or more pages. From that source you can take information and write a targeted resume. Your targeted your resume should contain information that is specific to the job or position you are applying for.

The most common resume is the chronological. This type is used to emphasize work history and is ideal for obtaining a job similar to one you already have, or have had in the past.

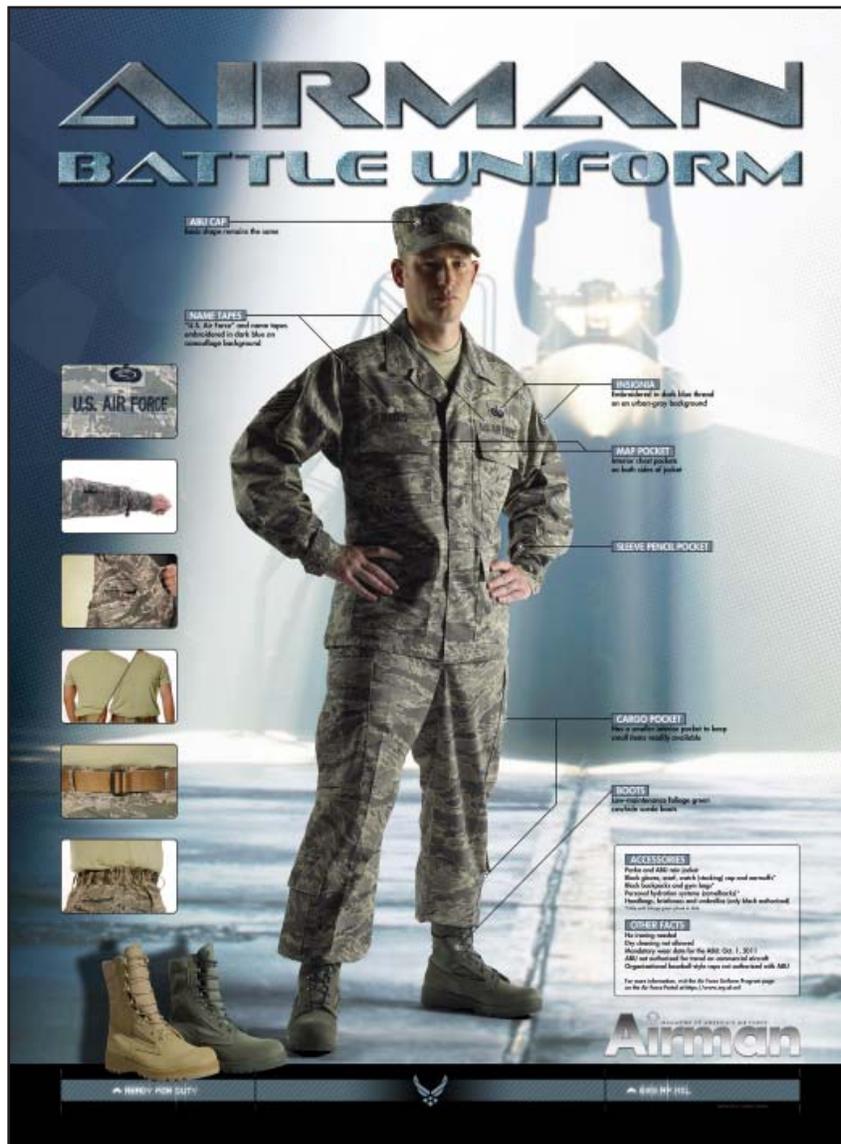
The functional resume shows no job history and is used when you have an uneven work history, or to emphasize skills when entering a new job field. Many employers are leery of this type and it is not recommended.

The combination resume uses elements of the chronological and the functional resumes and assures the prospective employer you have had work history while emphasizing skill sets associated with the job you are applying for.

No resume should be sent without a cover letter. The first paragraph of the cover letter should explain what you are applying for and perhaps a few words as to why you are interested in the position.

The second paragraph should tell how you meet or exceed all job requirements. The third and final paragraph should state that you wish to contact the potential employer to set up an interview.

The Family Support Office has free resume writing guides that cover all of this and much more. Contact us at Building 316 Room 122 or call 412-474-8544 for more information.



# News Briefs

**Fitness Center: Closed**

The 911th Base Fitness Center will be closed Sunday, August 12, due to the Wing Family Day festivities. Call ext. 8245 for more information

**Base Chapel: New Hours**

- Protestant Services:  
Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. -12 p.m.  
Sundays: 1 -1:30 p.m.
- Catholic Services: Saturdays ONLY  
Reconciliation: 2:45- 3 p.m./Mass: 3 – 3:30 p.m.

**Legal Office: Business Hours Change**

Business Hours:  
8-11 a.m. Saturdays & Sundays of the UTA.

**Note and reminder:**

- *Last Will and Testaments* will not be processed on the same day of your request. Last Will and Testaments will be processed as they are received. This requires coordination of Attorneys, witnesses and the executor/executrix.

- *Power of Attorney* will be processed on the same day the client comes for legal assistance within the prescribed hours mentioned above.

**Reserve Enlisted Association: August Meeting**

When: Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.  
Where: Dining facility basement  
Anyone interested in finding out more should attend. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Joe McArthur ext. 8754.

**Reserve Officer Association/Reserve Enlisted Association: Joint Meeting**

When: Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007 at 11 a.m.  
Where: Pavilion (next to ballfield)  
There will be speakers on Reservist education benefits. Membership info will be available. Lunch will be provided for a small fee. For more information contact Maj. Paul Hurley at ext. 8289.

**Photo submissions:**

If you've got a great photo then the Wing Commander wants to see it. Contact your Public Affairs Office at ext.8511 for more information.

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# August Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="font-size: small; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>Out to LUNCH!</b> Lunch Buffet Served 11:00 am -1:00 pm Tues-Fri <b>What's Going On This Month</b></p> <p>August 9th 1730 2030 Mongolian BBQ Reservations Requested</p> <p>August 11th Ladies Night \$1.00 off well drinks</p> <p>August 16th Membership Breakfast Free 0630-0830</p> <p>EVERY FRIDAY Membership Happy Hour and Pot Of Gold Drawing Free 1700-1900</p> </div> <div style="font-size: x-small;"> <p><b>Contact Us</b> Club Cargo Bay 1275 Rocky Ln Coraopolis, Pa 15108 412-474-8227</p> </div>	<p><b>911th Airlift Wing Family Day August 12 UTA Sunday 1200</b> <b>come out and enjoy fun filled events for all ages</b></p>			<p>1 <b>Cardio Training 1600 at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Mexican</p>	<p>2 <b>Get your Theme Park Tickets at the ITT Office</b> Lunch Buffet BBQ</p>	<p>3 <b>Pot Of Gold Drawing 1800</b> Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	4
	<p>5 <b>Idlewild Tickets on sale at the ITT office 412-474-8641</b></p>	<p>6 <b>Cardio Training 1030 at the Fitness Center</b> CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>7 <b>Why not go to Sand Castle Today!</b> Lunch Buffet Pasta Station</p>	<p>8 <b>Cardio Training 1600 at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Mexican</p>	<p>9 <b>Mongolian BBQ 1730-2030</b> Lunch Buffet BBQ</p>	<p>10 <b>Pot Of Gold Drawing 1800</b> Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	<p>11 <b>Ladies Night \$1.00 all well drinks</b> <b>911th UTA</b></p>
	<p>12 <b>Family Day come out and enjoy events for all ages 911th UTA</b></p>	<p>13 <b>Cardio Training 1030 at the Fitness Center</b> CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>14 <b>3 point Shoot out at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Pasta Station</p>	<p>15 <b>Cardio Training 1600 at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Mexican</p>	<p>16 <b>Register your team for the Golf Scramble Membership Breakfast</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Pot Of Gold Drawing 1800</b> Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	<p>18 <b>911th Alternate UTA</b></p>
	<p>19 <b>GO FISHING rent a fishing boat from our outdoor recreation center today.x8245</b></p>	<p>20 <b>Cardio Training 1030 at the Fitness Center</b> CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>21 <b>Plan a day at the zoo</b> Lunch Buffet Pasta Station</p>	<p>22 <b>Cardio Training 1600 at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Mexican</p>	<p>23 <b>Burn up that Annual Leave At Disney World Tickets Available at the ITT Office</b></p>	<p>24 <b>SERVICES GOLF SCRAMBLE</b> Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	<p>25 <b>Book a vacation with Armed Forces Vacation Club</b></p>
	26	<p>27 <b>Cardio Training 1030 at the Fitness Center</b> CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>28 <b>Book you Holiday Parties early at Club Cargo Bay</b> Lunch Buffet Pasta Station</p>	<p>29 <b>Cardio Training 1600 at the Fitness Center</b> Lunch Buffet Mexican</p>	<p>30 <b>Get to the great outdoors go camping! Rent a camper from Outdoor Rec</b></p>	<p>31 <b>Pot Of Gold Drawing 1800</b> Lunch Buffet Land &amp; Sea</p>	

**Help Save A Life Don't Drink and Drive. Ask Our Bartender About Our Designated Driver Program**

# Program sets sights on soft contact lenses

by Tech. Sgt. Robert Stalter  
Aeromedical Staging Squadron

“Vision ready is mission ready.” Our mission at the Optometry Clinic is to ensure that all military personnel are able to see well so they can perform their duty effectively and efficiently.

All aircrew wishing to participate in the Soft Contact Lens Program must be in compliance with AFI 48-123. The AFI states

that while performing flight duties, you must be in compliance with this program, which consists of going through the required medical exams with your optometrist. In order to participate, you will need to schedule an appointment with a flight surgeon for authorization into the program. The enrollment form must be completed by your civilian optometrist. This policy applies to all Aircrew who want to wear contact lenses while performing

flight duties.

These are some helpful hints to avoid delays during your visit.

- Do not wear contact lenses
- If available, bring current prescription of glasses
- Bring glasses – cannot process without
- Let us know if you wear contact lenses
- Sign in on the log sheet on the door
- Arrive early to clinic for your appointment
- All aircrew members enrolled in Soft Contact Lens Program **MUST** maintain compliance with annual eye exams.

If you have ordered gas mask inserts, please come to the clinic and pick them up.

If you need to order gas mask inserts, please bring a current prescription to the clinic.

For more information contact ext. 8385.

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