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## On the Cover...

### A really big toy

Family Day 2007 gave members of the 911th a chance to have some time out with their families during the UTA. Children lined up to tour one of the wing's C-130 Hercules. (USAF Photo by Senior Airman Mark Nickens)



## Human Element Key to Wing's Success



The wing's mission is to provide "airlift of airborne forces, their equipment and supplies and delivery of these forces and materials by air drop, landing or cargo extraction systems." The wing "also provides intra-theater aeromedical evacuation... and participates in joint service training exercises and supports active duty forces in airborne training." To the Airmen in the 911th Operations Group, thank you for your tireless support.

As the Operations Group Commander I really want to look at "the rest of the story," the heart of the story. The Wing's eight aircraft would become static displays were it not for the commitments and service from ALL the Citizen Airmen, DoD Civilians, and contractors. As a reserve family we have accomplished some truly remarkable feats; the 911th Airlift Wing will fly its 2,700 programmed O&M\* flight hours and will exceed its TWCF\* flight hour requirement by over 700. In total, the 911 AW will exceed total programmed flying hours by 30%.

Our aircraft support the following AORs (Areas of Responsibility): Europe with JOINT ENTERPRISE, Central and South America with CORONET OAK, Southwest Asia with Operations IRAQI/ENDURING FREEDOM and TACC (Tanker Airlift Control Center). TACC controls movement of all AF and AF-contracted aircraft, worldwide. Much of the 911 AW TACC support is in the form of ICMOP (Integrated CONUS (Continental US) Medical Operations Plan). The 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, with the 758th Airlift Squadron, participate in moving wounded warriors from coastal bases throughout the states. Additionally, 911 AES flies missions throughout the CENTAF AOR (Area Of Responsibility) in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan, providing exceptional in-flight patient care.

These real world missions and continuing training for an uncertain future is completely dependent on each of you! The men and women of the 911th Airlift Wing agencies, 911th Mission Support Group, 911th Maintenance Group and 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron each contribute immensely to the wing's mission. With the day-to-day demands each of us face, it is necessary to pause and put things in perspective. We live in a time of war. Each of us has answered the call to defend freedom. Whether we work in the MPF, Dining Facility, Finance, the Isochronal Inspection Dock, Legal, Civil Engineers, Security Forces, Medical Profession, etc., we represent only a small fraction of the US population who said; "Yes, I will defend the freedoms our country offers." We do this selflessly. Each of you significantly contributes to the readiness of our military. This readiness has arguably never been more important than now. We live in uncertain times but I know this wing is ready. I have personally seen the results of your efforts. This base is a leader in AFRC and in the AF for airlift and aeromedical evacuation support—this is because of each of you.

Earlier I mentioned "the heart of the story." You are that heart. Your love for this country manifests itself in the dedication you have to make the sacrifices you do for your unit, this base, our mission and our great country. As the heart, you provide the life blood to keep this wing's mission viable. Sever any artery your work represents and the organizations relying on you will suffer.

From the newest Airman to the oldest Colonels at Pittsburgh, each of us is invaluable. In addition to supporting the wing's stated mission, you also have to be ready for AEF buckets, inspections, UTC tasking, etc. Please know that your work is important. The Air Force is not in a sprint; this relay you are part of will continue for some time. If you are new, continue to learn all you can. If you are the trainer, continue to train your replacement. Let's continue to take care of each other—Mission First, People Always! Our extended family here in the 911th is our most important asset. It's this family that makes the mission happen and allows us to adapt to ever-changing threats to our way of life. Thank you for your service.



FRANK L. AMODEO, Lt Col, USAFR  
Commander, 911<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

\*O&M—Operations & Maintenance flight hours directly relates to funds brought to the base for jobs, training, etc.

\*TWCF—Transportation Working Capital Fund flight hours are those hours used to specifically relieve the burden on the Regular Air Force, ordinarily in direct support of GWOT (Global War on Terrorism).

# McChord AFB hosts Air Mobility Rodeo

## Local airmen take part in multi-force exercise

Senior Airman Tamara Cario  
Public Affairs Office

Three members of the 911th Security Forces competed at the Air Mobility Rodeo 2007 held July 22 to July 27 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Boehning, team chief for the 2007 Pittsburgh Security Forces team, led Staff Sgt. Raymon Bouyer and Senior Airman Shannon Hilderbrand in three competitions designed to test security, endurance and weapons skills.

Rodeo, which is sponsored by Air Mobility Command, is a competition in different areas that focuses on improving international and domestic air mobility skills and abilities. There are competitions for special tactics, security forces, aerial port operations, aeromedical evacuation and maintenance team members, as well as flight and ground skills of aircrews.

Tech. Sgt. Boehning's team competed in three events: combat tactics, combat endurance course and combat weapons.

"The hardest part was running with 75 pounds of gear," Tech. Sgt. Boehning said. "It was all the gear we had to wear; the plates, vest and weapons."

The competitions involved field stripping an M4, running with a protective mask, then engaging "enemy



(photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria J. Bare)

Rodeo 2007 officials welcome the team from the Netherlands' to McChord Air Force Base, Wash., July 16. Rodeo 2007, hosted by Air Mobility Command, is a readiness competition of U.S. and international mobility forces. It focuses on

targets" while wearing the mask. Combat tactics simulated a typical scenario that security forces might be part of in a deployed environment.

"We had to escort two medical supply personnel," said Tech. Sgt. Boehning. The simulation had them being attacked by drug lords. His team provided security as well as emergency medical care for the personnel.

Preparation for the competition began six weeks prior, when the team utilized the gym to work out, doing cardio and running. Tech. Sgt. Boehning and Staff Sgt. Bouyer were both trained as combat life-

savers.

"The purpose of Rodeo is to take our air mobility forces to the next level," said Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, commander of AMC. "The spirit of competition allows everybody to learn from each other, and competition pushes you to figure out ways to make yourself better."\*

Air Mobility Rodeo 2007 is also part of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Air Force's founding on Sep. 18, 1947.

\*quote taken from an article by Michael Tolzmann, published on the Air Force Link [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)

911th online  
[www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil](http://www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil)

## Celebrate diversity: National Hispanic Heritage Month

**Maj. Benjamin Rivera**  
911 MXG/DC

What is National Hispanic Heritage Month? Why should we learn about Hispanic heritage? Or, for that matter, why learn about any heritage?

In 1968 Congress deemed the week including September 15 and 16 as Hispanic Heritage Week. Since then, that week had been dedicated, by presidential proclamation, to honor the culture, heritage and contributions of Hispanic Americans each year. In 1989, Congress, realizing that a week was not long enough to recognize Hispanic achievements and contributions, lengthened the celebration to a month now known as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

September 15 marks the beginning of the celebration and it lasts through October 15. The dates chosen were based on several significant historical events; (September 15, 1821) Independence Day, honoring the formal signing of the Act of Independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and (September 16, 1810) Mexico's Independence Day; (October 12, or the nearest Monday to it) Columbus day or Dia de la Raza (Day of the Race) which celebrates the influences of the people who came after Christopher Columbus and the multicultural/multiethnic society created as a result.

A new theme is chosen annually, by the National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (HEPM), which adds focus to the month long event. This year's theme, *Making a Positive Impact on Today's Society*, chosen by the HEPM, was submitted by a gentleman who works for the Government Printing office in Washington, D.C., David Ware.

"This theme is the result of my involvement with the Hispanic community since 1991. The past 16 years have been nothing but a positive experience for me. Consequently, my interest in the Hispanic segment of American society has become even stronger with each passing year. The outstanding qualities that all Hispanics bring to this country are impressive as well as necessary to the future of America," wrote Mr. Ware.

Clearly, Mr. Ware's close special and unique association with the Hispanic community has given him opportunities to learn about America's Hispanic populous and has helped formulate his opinion stated above. But why should we educate ourselves about Hispanic heritage or, any ethnic heritage, for that matter?

Have you ever tried to watch and enjoy, or even participate, in a sport where you didn't understand the rules of the game? The same thing applies. In my experience, I have found that learning about the contributions of Hispanic Americans or any ethnic group, and the cultures from which they come, proved to be essential to understanding the ethnic diversity that is our country. I've recently read that "developing ethnic literacy fosters pride in one's own culture and a respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of others." People of many cultures have joined together to make this country great. The old saying holds true; knowledge is power. And it is through education we attain this knowledge. Only then will we be able to understand, appreciate and even enjoy the contributions of the many races, cultures, and individuals that encompass this great and wonderful place we call "America".

### Civilian of the Quarter award winners



**Ms. LuAnne Smail**  
911th Maintenance Group  
Secretary



**Coleen Czachowski**  
911th Services Squadron  
Marketing Director



(photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier)

**Top Left:** Children of 911th Airlift Wing Airmen are wowed by Gerry Lewis, the "Nutty Professor" during a science show at Family Day.

**Left:** Tech. Sgt. John Gleasen, 911th AES Medical Technician, participates in his fourth consecutive Boot Camp

**Below:** Staff Sgt. Dan Dokmanovich donates blood Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007

**Top Right:** Senior Master Sgt. Jim Kelly and Tech. Sgt. Rich Oram, safety office, inspect extension cords for an annual safety inspection of the transportation office Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007

**Right:** Staff Sgt. Robert V. Nelson has blood drawn for medical testing Staurday, Aug. 11, 2007 by Medical Technician Senior Airman Kayla Presley.

**Top Right:** Senior Airman Denise Waldemarson wraps watermelon in anticipation of serving members lunch during the base annual family day event.

**Bottom Center:** Lunch is served! Family Day, Aug. 12, 2007. From left to right: Col. Michael McCully, 911 MSG/CC, Maj. Todd McCrann, 911 LRS/CC, Master Sgt. Joseph Brannagan, 911 OSF/CCF



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)

# Around the Wing

by 911th Public Affairs Office

From the Fitness Center to the Clinic and on to Family Day and beyond, the August UTA was a busy time.

Once a month, Citizen Airmen from diverse backgrounds come together and form a cohesive unit and make their contributions to the global force that is the United States Air Force.



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)



(photo by Senior Airman Jamie Perry)



(photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier)

# Federal employees and partisan politics; know your limitations

**Maj. John S. Ricci**  
**Staff Judge Advocate Office**

As the election season swings into high gear, the Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed to be in violation of the Hatch Act. The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic mail messages while on duty," according to a statement released by the OSC.

The Hatch Act regulates Department of Defense employees' and service members' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent

to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so now perhaps than four years ago," Special Counsel Scott Bloch said in the statement. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden, however. Active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. Of DOD employees, those in uniform are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions. They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office. In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform.

What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing. If you have specific questions regarding any of the provisions of the Hatch Act, please contact the Legal Office.

## SAFETY ALERT

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### Caution info on Helical light bulbs

Are you one of the growing population of energy conscious people in the United States? Have you replaced many of your old standard light bulbs with the new energy saving long lasting Compact Fluorescent bulbs? Have you ever read the label?

Did you notice that there is a CAUTION on the label? Or did you read the CAUTION label of the container it came in?



The above bulb was smoke checked in one of employees home. It was installed in a dimmer controlled circuit that was set to full power.

### Here is what the CAUTION says on this Bulb.

The bulb pictured above is a GE HELICAL 26W 120VAC.

**CAUTION:** Risk of Electric Shock. Use in Dry

locations only. Not for use in Luminaries controlled by a Dimmer or Totally enclosed Recessed Fixtures.



Special points of interest:

- Read the warnings cautions and notes
- You can buy Fluorescent bulbs designed for Recessed Fixtures.
- You can buy Fluorescent bulbs designed for Dimmer controlled circuits

# American women traveled a long, arduous path to the ballot box

**Capt. Marlo Foster**  
911 AES

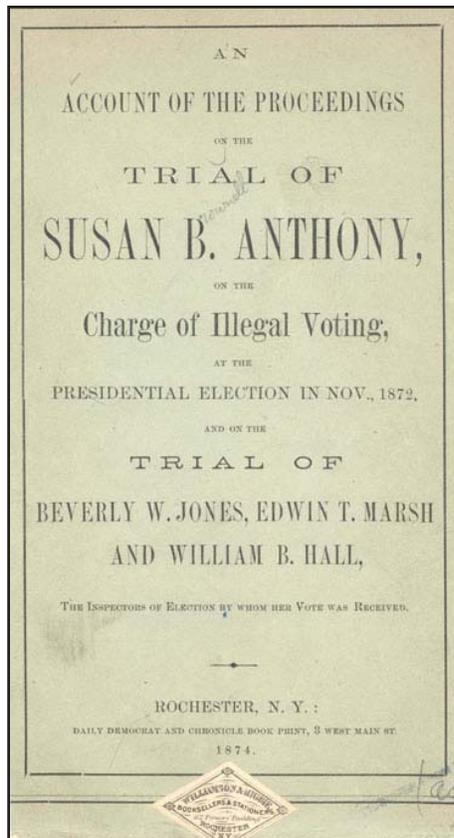
With the candidates scurrying to grab votes for the upcoming presidential election, it is hard to think that there was a time when everyone could not vote. Women in particular, once, were the least thought of to have a voice in our political leadership.

The push for women to vote began in the mid 1800's, when the "Woman suffrage movement" was born. During this time many women began speaking out on issues such as antislavery and social, legal, financial and educational reform. A few Americans who were a part of this movement were Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton. In later efforts as the movement grew, Sojourner Truth would also be among these women's rights activists.

In 1869, two woman suffrage organizations were initiated that had two different views on the ratification of the fifteenth amendment. The first was The National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA), which was headed by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. They opposed the fifteenth amendment but supported the sixteenth amendment which would franchise women. The second, The American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA), led by Lucy Stone, supported the fifteenth amendment and also worked for woman suffrage.

The AWSA spoke in various

states all across the nation and established local and state suffrage organizations. They also handed out literature and utilized the newspapers to promote state suffrage changes, such as bills



giving women the right to vote on school or municipal issue and also in presidential elections.

The NWSA's belief was that as citizens, they could not be deprived of their rights as protected by the Constitution. Susan B. Anthony tried to vote in 1872. Her intention was to be arrested and to take her beliefs to the courts. She was indeed arrested and charged with knowingly, wrongfully and unlawfully voting for a representative to the Congress of

the United States. She was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine that she decided she would not pay.

Another suffrage movement, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) began in 1880. The WCTU saw the woman's suffrage as a catalyst to the protection of home, women and children. In 1890 the NWSA and the AWSA merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). Elizabeth Cady Stanton served as president and Susan B. Anthony was vice president. This association decided that they needed to win the support of each state in order to make congress approve a federal amendment. Although the NAWSA tried to exclude African American women, a growing number of African-American women actively supported woman suffrage. As Adella Hunt stated; "If white women needed the vote to protect their rights, then black women-victims of racism needed the ballot even more."

Many women fought tirelessly and succeeded in the women's right to have a say in our country's future. The suffrage movement persisted, and in 1919 Woodrow Wilson finally led congress to approve the nineteenth amendment and submit it to the states. On August 26, 1920 the nineteenth amendment was added to the United States Constitution.

**Who was the first woman to vote?** Women in New Jersey had the right to vote from 1776-1807 and no records were kept as to the time of each vote, therefore the first woman to vote is unknown.

# News Briefs

**Beginning Oct. 1**, all Reserve Airmen selected for line officer appointment will attend Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Guidance will be provided by Air Force Reserve Command headquarters in the near future regarding specific details on scheduling, funding, etc. This policy will be incorporated into the next revision of AFI 36-2005, Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories -- Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force. Current AFRC policy sends Reserve Line Officer Candidates selected for nonrated positions to the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. This requirement was primarily because of lack of class seats available to AFRC. In light of ongoing total force integration initiatives, AFRC has secured enough OTS class seats to accommodate all candidates. This action will standardize training for line

officer candidates and enhance the force development of newly commissioned officers. For more information call Master Sgt. Cynthia Freeman, AFRC/A1BB, at DSN 497-1235.

## **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.

## **Photo submissions:**

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

## **Airman gives "shout out"...**



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Kim Allain)

Senior Airman Steven Collins, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, gives a sports shout out to his favorite football team, the Cleveland Browns from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on July 22, 2007. Airman Collins is deployed from the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## So You Want a Federal Job?

Brought to You by Your Airman and Family Readiness Center

In many ways, obtaining federal employment is as easy as understanding the feudal system of ancient Europe. Every agency has its own hiring requirements. Some agencies require SF forms, others want a resume that only targets skills pertinent to the job type you are looking for. If you want in-depth assistance, see the Airman and Family

Readiness Center, but here are some general guidelines.

If you are not already a federal employee you need to look for job announcements that say "external". Even when you are already a federal employee you will not be considered for jobs that are internal to another agency unless it says "external". Federal jobs are categorized into series. Jobs are identified similarly to the way they are in the military by AFSC or MOS.

Regardless of the form required, the

content of what you describe in experience must address the job's KSA's. This means knowledge, skills and abilities, and if you cannot come up with the words to match their requirements in these areas you may not qualify for the position. Each position is graded to reflect the level of work required and in the traditional Government Service (GS) categories that means pay grades. In the new NSPS system jobs are divided into pay bands. However, just like the old GS positions you must be able to qualify for jobs based upon a combination of previous job experience and higher education.

Qualifying for the position is only the first step. There are different groups with hiring preferences, to include veterans' and military spouse preferences. After all of that, and only if you rise to the top of those qualified, may you receive a call for an interview. A good website is [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com) There you will find many listings complete with their instructions. It can take six months to be hired for an announced position.

Make use of your Airman and Family Readiness Center located in Building 300, room 111. They have additional information and handouts.

# PROMOTIONS



Airman Leann R. Mechling



Airman 1st Class William K. Collins  
Airman 1st Class Daniel N. Manning



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Senior Airman Joseph A.  
Friedenberger, Jr.  
Senior Airman Heather D. Myers  
Senior Airman David R. Robison  
Senior Airman Brett A. Schuring  
Senior Airman Jonathan M. Graham  
Senior Airman Candice L. Short



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Staff Sgt. Audrey G. Belmonte  
Staff Sgt. Elyse M. Priester  
Staff Sgt. Paul Kreuzer  
Staff Sgt. Christopher P. Latsko  
Staff Sgt. Melissa A. McCarver  
Staff Sgt. Stephen L. Tindell  
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