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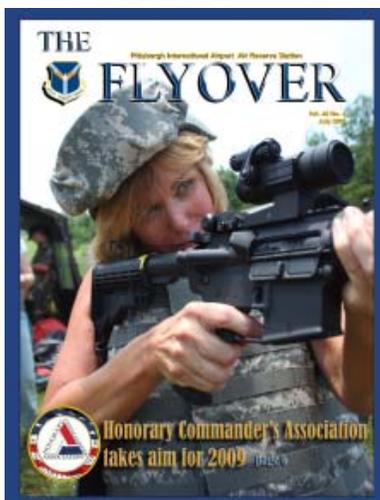


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2009 Honorary Commanders Association program kicks off with full training day

Kyle Fisher, Director of Public Relations for Robert Morris University and newly inducted Honorary Commander takes aim with an M-4 Carbine rifle. The weapons were on display by Security Forces as part of the recent induction ceremony, base tour and drop zone field exercise hosted by the 911th on June 25, 2009.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Shawn M. Walleck



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COMMENTARY



New 911th Inspector General touches down in City of Champions

I am very excited to be joining such an exemplary organization as the 911th and to serve its members as the wing Inspector General. The reputation of the 911th is known throughout the Air Force as being one of the best and I look forward to becoming a small part of this outstanding unit.

As the IG, we, Technical Sgt. Renee Flora and I, have several roles to play. We are the “eyes and ears” of the wing commander and keep him informed of potential areas of concern that are brought to our attention. This helps the commander prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste, and abuse and mismanagement. But it also helps the commander dispel rumors, allay fears, and improve morale by addressing these concerns with the entire wing or with a particular unit or section.

However, we are also YOUR Inspector General and YOUR ombudsman, fact-finder, and honest broker who can help you resolve issues between you and your chain of command or with base agencies. As YOUR ombudsman, we are appointed officials whose role is to receive and investigate complaints made by you with the primary goal of reaching an equitable resolution of those complaints.

That being said, the most effective way to resolve these matters is still with your chain of command -- from immediate supervisor to your organization’s commander and that’s where you should proceed first. But sometimes that doesn’t work or you just don’t know where to turn for help. In those cases, we are here to help you resolve your problem or get you in touch with the agency that can address your concern.

The guidance for the Inspector General Complaints Resolution process is AFI 90-301. This guidance outlines the Complaint Resolution Process; Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Program, and special complaints including Whistleblower Protection. Please look for follow-on articles in the upcoming months addressing these and other topics.

In the mean time, if you need to speak to us, we are located in Building 208, Room 119, and can be reached at 412-474-8133 or e-mail address craig.bogan@pittsburgh.af.mil. The alternate IG is Col. Daryl Hartman, and he can be reached 412-474- 8136. In addition there is also the DoD Hotline at 800-424-9098.

I am excited about joining this outstanding organization and we look forward to serving every member of the 911th in the City of Champions!



Col. Craig Bogan

**Col. Craig Bogan
911th Inspector General**

911th Airlift Wing Community Day

Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Washington Nationals Monday, August 3, 2009 @ 7:05 pm

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Streamlined ancillary, expeditionary skills training eliminates redundancy

By Air Force News Service

New policy, released in March, streamlines redundant and outdated ancillary training programs and aligns expeditionary skills training with warfighter requirements. However, Air Force leaders recently addressed the time requirement to complete ancillary training, after discovering a common misperception existed among Airmen that all ancillary training can be accomplished in 90 minutes.

“In 2007, the Air Force Chief of Staff expressed concern that Air Force ancillary training had expanded to a level that was consuming too much of Airmen’s time,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, Air Force Personnel and Manpower deputy chief of staff. “As a result he tasked us to take a hard look at required training and implement processes to remove, revise or reduce training.”

“Our primary goal is to eliminate redundancy in our ancillary training to

provide Airmen much-needed time to focus on their primary and expeditionary missions,” General Newton said. “We’re going to do that by taking a realistic approach with required training in the future.”

The bar was set high: 90 minutes per member, per year for annual Total Force Awareness Training requirements. However, according to Col. Harrison Smith, Force Development deputy director, deploying Airmen to a combat zone requires extensive predeployment training; thus expeditionary skills training never fell into the 90-minute standard.

Colonel Smith further explained that since TFAT was launched in 2007, new requirements have emerged necessitating an increase to the 90-minute format. To prevent unconstrained growth in the Air Force’s ancillary training program, the A1 community recently established “gatekeeper” bodies to vet emerging requirements and

ensure senior leader oversight. New policy released in March designated the Air Force Learning Committee and the Expeditionary Skills Senior Review Group as the gatekeepers for ancillary and expeditionary skills training, respectively.

The new policy also defines expeditionary tiered training to tailor requirements for skills needed by Airmen, based on deployment mission and location.

Ancillary training that is no longer required or combined with other courses includes Constitution Day training, crime prevention, family care plan brief, local area survival training, equal opportunity for supervisors of civilians, and initial security orientation-‘uncleared’ version.

For more details, visit the new policy memos now available at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>, under AFI 36-2201, Volume 1, Training Development, Delivery and Evaluation.

Care Teams focus on preventive health, limiting risks

By Staff Sgt. Michael Cilli
Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Doesn’t that sound familiar? Wouldn’t it be nice to have a clinic where the staff actually knew you? Here at the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, we are trying to make each member feel like he or she has a “medical home” at the clinic.

Continued provider shortages and deployments make it a challenge for us to meet the needs of all of our assigned reservists, and with the limited number of providers and the vast number of patients to see- wait time has been a consistent issue.

In the late fall of 2008, the Force Health Management office began to establish Patient Care Teams (PCT) to better serve the members of the 911th Air Wing, and attempt to streamline the physical exam process. These teams are made up of 3 or 4 members, including a physician, a nurse, and a medical technician or

administrative specialist. These teams are responsible for the care for about 1,300 assigned Air Force Reservists.

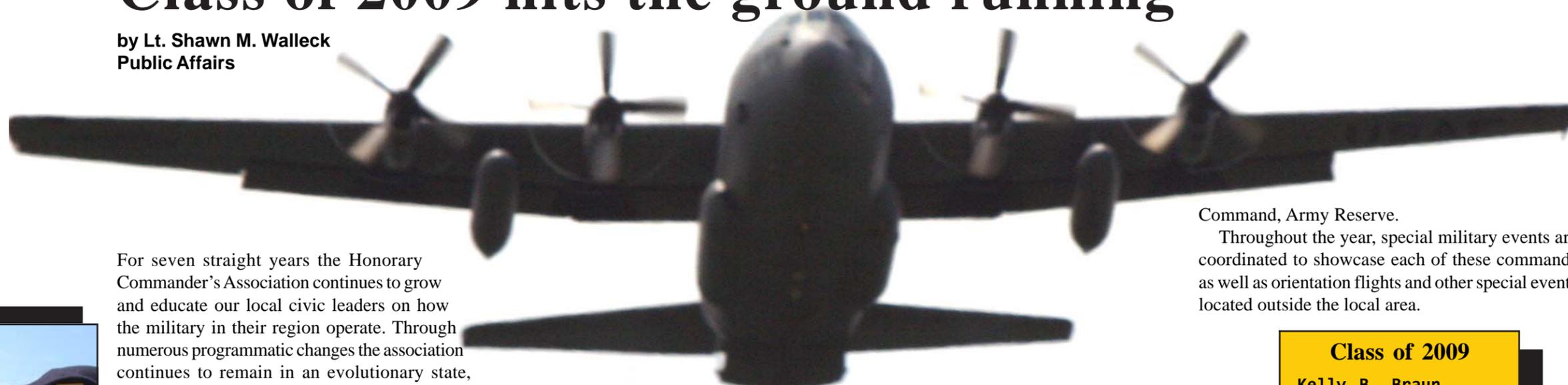
The team nurses and medical technicians have picked up many of the duties that used to go to the providers, allowing providers to spend more “Face time” in the exam room with their patients. These Patient Care Teams are focused on improving the health of our Reservists. The PCT’s make every effort to get patients in for their preventive health needs such as immunizations, lab work, eye exams, dental exams, hearing exams, and blood pressure screenings

The continuity care team approach has allowed us to change our focus on health risks according to age and sex rather than on appointments for illnesses, injury, or fitness profiles. The 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron is committed to providing our patients with access to quality care. We aim to treat each patient with dignity and respect. It is a great privilege to care for America’s Finest! Some things are worth the wait.



Honorary Commanders Association Class of 2009 hits the ground running

by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck
Public Affairs



Command, Army Reserve.

Throughout the year, special military events are coordinated to showcase each of these commands as well as orientation flights and other special events located outside the local area.

For seven straight years the Honorary Commander's Association continues to grow and educate our local civic leaders on how the military in their region operate. Through numerous programmatic changes the association continues to remain in an evolutionary state, which has garnered continued interest from Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce members and renewed buy-in from all local military.

"Every year is different and that's why there is such a strong showing year after year. This year's class is excited about the year ahead and I know they will learn a lot," said Mrs. Sally Haas, PAACC president.

During an early morning induction ceremony held at the Holiday Inn in Moon Township, 13 of the 15 elected members officially became part of the Class of 2009.

Eager and ready to immerse themselves with military life, class members headed to the 911th for a brief tour of the Aerial Port, a C-130 and then out to the field for an air drop. Within minutes of offloading from the bus, class members could see the C-130s on the horizon.

In the air was a two-ship C-130 formation ready to air drop a 3,500 pound concrete block, simulating a heavy equipment load such as a tank or HUMVEE. Then after a "race track" pattern, where the two-ship formation headed back for one more pass this time dropping a container delivery system load weighing approximately 770 pounds.

Getting these drops within only a few yards of their target area was attributed to the precise calculations inputted by the navigator and accurate maneuvering by the pilot to the computed air release point.

Once complete and the area cleared for recovery, the class headed out to the target site to watch the 32nd Aerial Port spring into action.

From here, the group headed back to the make-shift camp to have lunch and see some military hardware. This gave the class time to speak with Security Forces personnel, handle some military weaponry and also speak with personnel from Air Crew Flight Equipment who also had equipment on hand to show and explain.

"This was the first year we held an induction and event all in the same day. It was a lot to take in, but from what I've heard today, it was well worth it," said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Wing commander.

The Honorary Commander's Association was developed as a cooperative effort among the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce; 911th Airlift Wing, the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard and the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment

Class of 2009

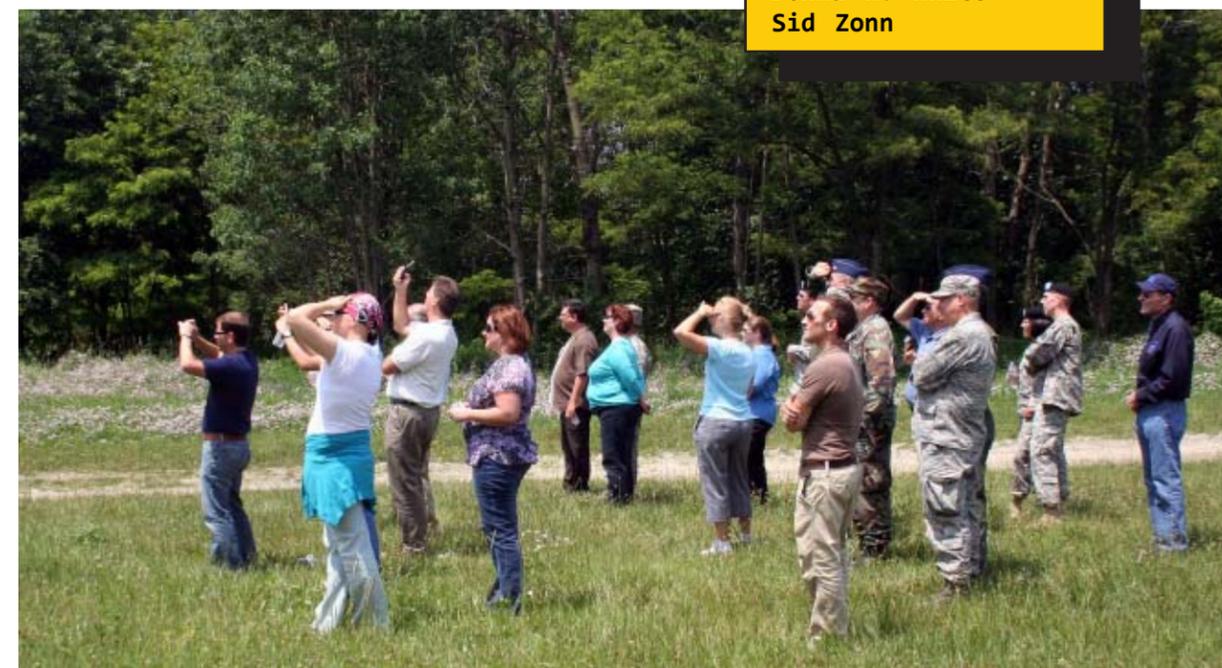
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(Top) Master Sgt. Bruce Zimmerman, Security Forces Squadron, helps gear-up Mrs. Donna White, newly inducted Honorary Commander, at the Starvaggi Drop Zone during the recent HCA event held June 25, 2009.

(Center and Bottom Right) A parachute for a heavy load air-drop begins to deploy from the back of a C-130 aircraft. The 3,500 pound concrete block being dropped simulates a heavy equipment load such as a tank or HUMVEE. A crowd of recently inducted Honorary Commanders, mixed with members of the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, 171st Air Refueling Wing and 911th Airlift Wing all keep their eyes on the sky while the air drops make their way to the target.

(Photos by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck)



Employer's Day 2009 recap

Day's events provide unrivaled awareness, education

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Pryor
Public Affairs

Employer's Day 2009 drew more than 20 visitors to Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station May 7.

The event, last held in 2006, was designed to give employers a first-hand look and a better understanding of the base's mission and their Air Force Reservist's role.

The visitors' day began at Club Cargo Bay with breakfast and a briefing from Colonel Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander. Next they were given a windshield tour of the base before arriving at Hangar 129 for in-processing, to have them experience what a reservist goes through while preparing to deploy, and to see a series of displays.

The displays included a C-130 Hercules engine, life support equipment, various weapons of Security Forces, a chemical gear display and demonstration by Logistics Readiness, a staging by the Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Family Services, Honor Guard, night vision goggles, a movie and pallet build-up demonstration by the 32nd Aerial Port Squadron and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"I was very impressed by the displays," said Mr. George Hample, owner of Shear Artistry. "I've heard about what goes on out here from my brother, who retired from here a year ago. The base is so compacted, but efficient. I was really impressed with the gear, the parachutes and the weapons."



Maj. Charles Knapp, 911th Military Personnel Flight commander, explains how the PERSCO team gets Airmen ready to deploy during Employer's Day held here June 6, 2009. (photo by Senior Airman Jamie Perry, Public Affairs)

Mr. Hample said he was excited by what was yet to come – the C-130 Local Employer Flight.

Following lunch at the dining facility, visitors then spent time at their reservists' work sites.

In the afternoon the visitors received a safety briefing, were broken into two groups and took off on their afternoon flight. One flight flew to Seven Springs, Pa., before circling over downtown Pittsburgh, while the other headed for Indian Head, Pa., and then flew over the city.

"This gives me a whole new respect for these guys and what they do. It's easy to take what they do for granted. I wish I could be a part of it," said Mr. Hample.

After the flight the group was transported to the 911th Headquarters Building to hear remarks by Col. Elwell to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion and witness a retreat ceremony.

Employer's Day 2009 ended back at Club Cargo Bay where each participant received a group photo taken before they boarded their plane and a framed certificate from ESGR.

"We try to reach out to

employers to educate them about USERRA (Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act)," said retired Air Force Col. Charles Holsworth. "Every time a Reservist leaves a civilian job they need to have the stability that they'll have a job when they get back. It will be like they had never left."

Col. Holsworth, a former vice commander for the 911th, serves as co-chair of the Western Pennsylvania region of ESGR along with Rochelle Stachel.

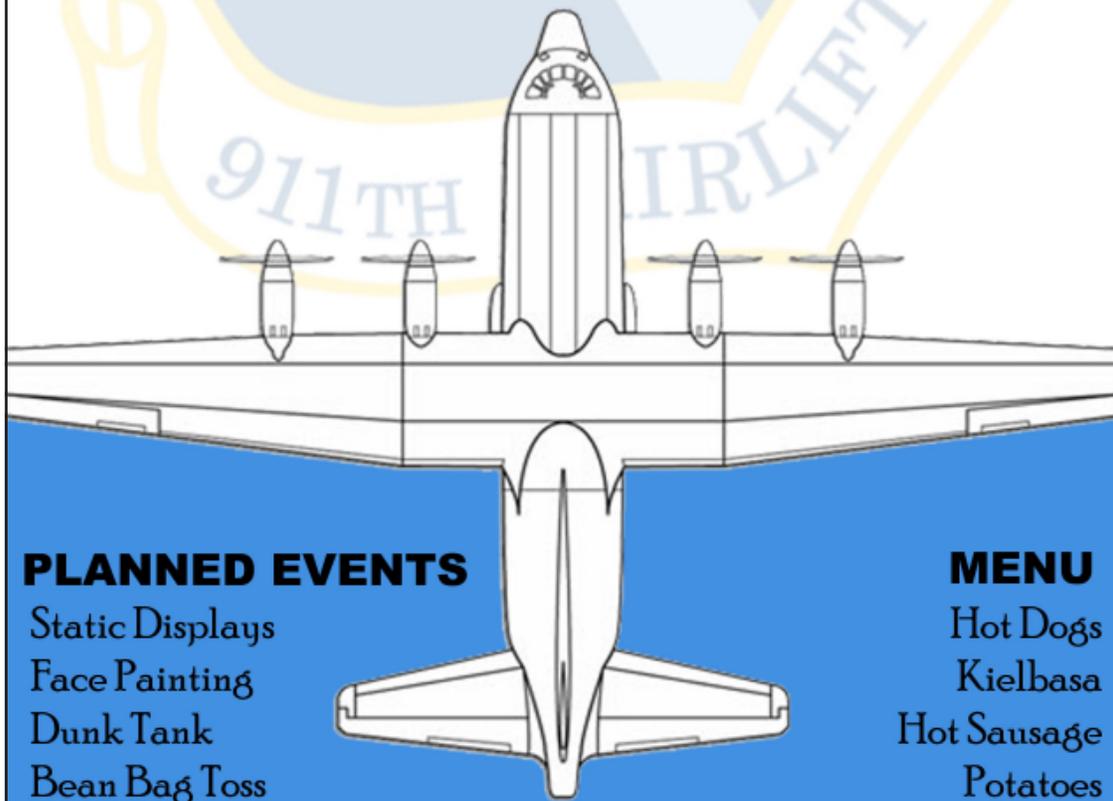
According to an ESGR fact sheet, USERRA is a Federal law that establishes the rights and responsibilities for members of the Reserves and their civilian employers. It affects employment, reemployment, employment benefits and retention in employment when employees serve or have served in the uniformed services.

For some participants this was their first time on the base, while others have attended various base functions. Mr. John Turek Jr., vice president of sales for United Industrial Group said this was his "fifth or sixth" time taking part in such an occasion.

August 9, 2009

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hanger 129

For access to the base you must show military ID or be escorted by ID member.
Event parking open from 10 a.m.~noon



PLANNED EVENTS

Static Displays
Face Painting
Dunk Tank
Bean Bag Toss
Bounce Castle
Lake Erie Pirates
501st Star Wars Characters
Disney Princesses
Living Treasures Petting Zoo
Sporting Events
Dj & Live Celtic Music

MENU

Hot Dogs
Kielbasa
Hot Sausage
Potatoes
Pasta Salad
Fruit Salad
Leaf Salad
Cookies
Brownies
Soda
Beer

911TH FAMILY DAY

News Briefs

Top 3 Mixer

There will be a Top 3 mixer at ASTS (clinic), July 11, beginning at 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for Top 3 members to get together in a less formal setting and enjoy some camaraderie. Food and beverage will be provided.

Motorcycle Experienced Riders Course

As the course name states, this course is designed for personnel who are already experienced riders. Personnel with learners permits, however, are also welcomed to join in the fun. The course is scheduled to be held August 10th. This is an awesome course where even the seasoned riders can learn something

new. For more information, or to sign up for the course, contact SMSgt. James Kelley at 412-474-8403.

Kennywood Military Appreciation Day

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the third annual Kennywood Military Appreciation Day scheduled for Sept. 26 from noon until 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13. Contact your unit First Sgt. for more information.

Wing Family Day picnic

Mark your calendar. The Wing Family Day will be held Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a variety of activities and lots of food and beverage.

911th SERVICES Combat Support & Community Service		July Events Calendar						
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY 9 and 23 2009 Pool Tournament 7:00 PM Pizza Buffet 5:00-8:00 PM					1	2 CLUB CLOSED	3 CLUB CLOSED	4 CLUB CLOSED
JULY 10, 2009 911TH UTA Mongolian BBQ 5:00-8:00 PM DJ-7:00-11:00 PM								
JULY 11, 2009 MOVIE NIGHT DOUBLE FEATURE		5	6	7	8	9 Pool Tournament Pizza Buffet 5-8 pm	10 911th UTA	11 911th UTA
JULY 12, 2009 LOUNGE OPEN 4:00-8:00 PM								
JULY 16, 2009 MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST 6:30-8:30 AM								
JULY 24, 2009. Murder Mystery Dinner Show Reservation Required by Close of Business Friday 17 July 2009 \$35.00 per person to include dinner and show with a choice of Steak or Chicken Primavera Dinner at 6:00 PM Show at 7:00 PM		12 911th UTA	13	14	15	16 Member- ship Breakfast	17	18
JULY 25-26, 2009 B-UTA Lunch Buffet Tuesday-Friday 11:00-1:00 PM Tuesday-Pasta Buffet Wednesday-1, 15, 29th Home-style 8, 22nd Mexican Thursday-BBQ Buffet Friday-Land and Sea Buffet		19	20	21	22	23 Pool Tournament Pizza Buffet 5-8 pm	24 Murder Mystery 6:00 PM	25 B-UTA
Pot-O-Gold Drawing every Friday 6:00 PM Movie Night every Wednesday 7:00 pm		26 B-UTA	27	28	29	30	31	
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Promotions

To Senior Airman:

Michael Daugherty, 911 LRS
Christopher Glodde, 911 MXS
Judson Heckerman, 911 SFS
Matthew Hixon, 32 APS
Nicholas Parrish, 32 APS
Amanda Sachs, 911 ASTS
Lewis Scott, 911 ASTS
Andrew Stepanik, 32 APS
David Stover, 911 CS
Jack Ungar, 911 MXS
Michael West, 911 MXS

To Staff Sergeant:

Heather Efaw, 911 ASTS
Christopher McNicol, 911 AES

To Technical Sergeant:

Rhonda Carter, 911 AW
Felicia Norris, 32 APS

To Master Sergeant:

Michael Harper, 758 AS
William McDuffie, 911 OG
Paul France, 758 AS

Retirements

Major Neal Nelson
Master Sergeant Floyd Mitchell
Master Sergeant Tamara Wolber

Pay Dates

Primary UTA: July 22
Alternate UTA: August 5

AMC issues order prohibiting use of intoxicating substances

General Arthur Lichte, commander of the Air Mobility Command, recently issued an order prohibiting all its members from misusing intoxicating substances, such as “spice,” inhaling household chemicals and abusing over the counter nonprescription drugs.

“The abuse of these products by military members contradicts the nature of our profession of arms, threatens our military readiness and diminishes our ability to conduct the mission entrusted to us,” General Lichte said. “Such substance is to the prejudice of good order and discipline and is of a nature to bring discredit upon the Air Force. As a result, the abuse could seriously undermine our mission and negatively impact our nation’s security.”

General Lichte’s order was in response to feedback provided by the legal offices within the command indicating this type of misuse has been identified as a problem among units, Air Force officials said. The order applies to all military members assigned or attached to AMC, including those assigned to tenant units located on AMC bases, active duty personnel on temporary duty, Air Force Reserve Command personnel on orders or on inactive duty training status, and Air National Guard members upon mobilization assigned or attached within AMC.

Specifically, the order prohibit members from engaging in the following activities: possessing, distributing, inhaling, smoking, chewing, consuming or introducing into the body in any manner Salvia Divinorum, Salvinorin A (Salvia is a psychoactive hallucinogenic plant. Salvia A is its psychoactive ingredient), or the intoxicant spice, including spice in any form (Spice is a product sold by commercial sources and can include a mixture of herbs and synthetic cannabinoid compounds.); inhaling household chemicals and other chemical inhalants for the purpose of becoming intoxicated, high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychotic effect; abusing over-the-counter nonprescription medications for the purpose of becoming intoxicated, high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect; and using substances, other than alcohol, caffeine or tobacco, which are inhaled, injected, consumed, or otherwise introduced into the body for the purpose of becoming intoxicated, high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect.

The prohibition does not apply to lawfully used prescription medications, the order said.

“Misuse of these intoxicating substances identified by General Lichte’s order constitutes failure to obey a lawful general order and is in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” said Capt. Megan Gagnon, chief of Adverse Actions and Assistant Staff Judge Advocate with Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst’s Legal Office.

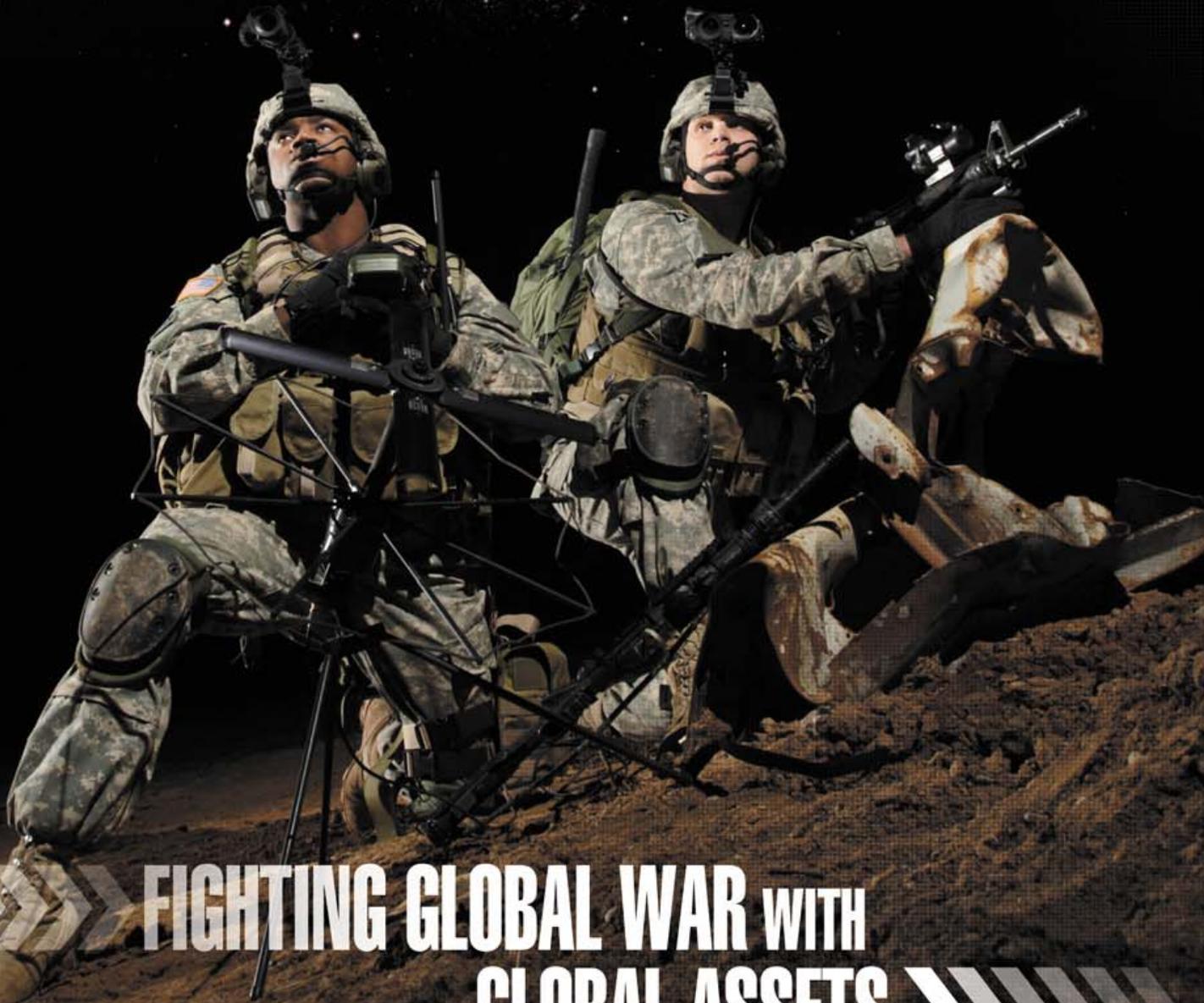
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