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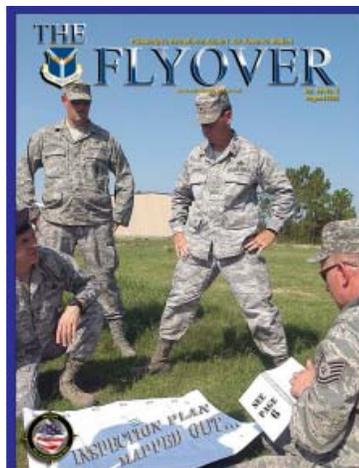


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Team 101st Air Expeditionary Wing conduct site survey

Security Forces Squadron members from the 911th and 908th Airlift Wings team-up to survey the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center located at Gulfport, Miss., July 14 - 15, 2009 in preparation for their joint Operational Readiness Exercise scheduled this September at the CRTC.

(Photo by Master Sgt. Dale Canofari, USAFR)



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Commander's Comment...

**Same perspective, same goals to
finish strong for 2009**

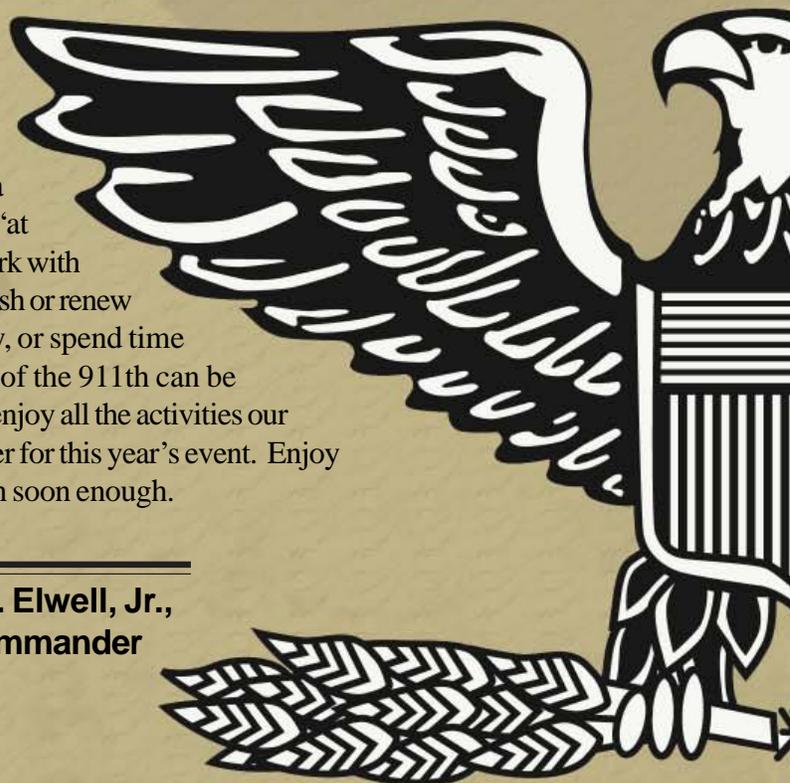


It's August of 2009 already! It wasn't long ago when I looked far off into the future and saw the schedule for the Operational Readiness Inspection, the Unit Compliance Inspection, and other significant events for the 911th. I remember my thoughts were that those major hurdles were "way off in the future." Well here we are, in the thick of the ORI preparations, and just last week I received an e-mail asking me when I wanted to schedule the 2010 Staff Assistance Visit for our 2011 UCI. Talk about moving right along!

The Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program is underway in the maintenance group, and base operations recently finished their big standardization evaluation, the Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit (and with flying colors, I might add). So it goes without saying that our pace continues to be blistering, with one challenge after another. Yet as I visit sections around the base, I see dedicated folks working hard at their everyday mission, and training for the next challenge. I have often said that we will peak at just the right time for the ORI, with the exact amount of preparation and training to water their eyes, yet not wear out the troops in the process. I call this "being right on glidepath" for the aviation analogy, but it can be thought of as spiraling around the funnel to arrive at the exact point of readiness at the right time. We have the ORE next month and are entering our last few months of ORI preparation. As we bump the level of awareness and focus up a notch and prepare for the home stretch, we need to always be mindful that there will be another challenge just around the corner. The glasses I wear are bi-focals (yeah, getting old is hell), yet they help me re-focus close-in and far-off quickly without changing frames. Everyone should have the same perspective. Be able to quickly focus on the immediate challenges without losing sight of the next one down the road. It is an on-going process.

Lastly, this unit training assembly we will be taking a break, and inviting our families out on Sunday afternoon for our annual Family Day. This will be a time to relax a bit with both of our families, the 911th family, and our "at home" family. This is also a great opportunity to network with others in the wing, and have our family members establish or renew those contacts that can be so helpful when we deploy, or spend time TDY. The camaraderie we all develop as members of the 911th can be shared with our family members too. Take the time to enjoy all the activities our services folks and the other volunteers have put together for this year's event. Enjoy the break, since we will have our mission face back on soon enough.

**Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr.,
911th Wing Commander**



Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron named outstanding medical unit by Reserve Officers Association

by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor
Public Affairs

The 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was selected June 19, 2009 to receive the Reserve Officers Association's 2008 Air Section Outstanding Medical Unit Award.

Lt. Col. Jennette Zmaeff, 911th AES commander, accepted the award July 10 at the ROA Annual Convention in Orlando, Fla.

The award recognized the squadron's efforts from October 2007 to September 2008 in performing an Air Expeditionary Force rotation in support of overseas contingency operations.

The citation stated that the ingenuity of the squadron's crews flying aeromedical evacuation missions from Iraq and Afghanistan were recognized by the Tanker Airlift Control Center's leadership and the unit was the conduit for critical 'boots on the ground' communication that saved patients' lives.

"We're honored to be selected as ROA's Medical Unit of the Year for 2008," said Lt. Col. Michael F. Fath, 911th AES director of operations. "This award recognizes the efforts of every member of the 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron who has helped accomplish our mission – to provide the quality in-flight care and timely movement of the wounded warrior."

During the time period the squadron flew 48 medical readiness missions. The 911th AES also volunteered for two European Command operations missions and supported Pacific Air Forces and national disaster medical exercises.

"The members of our squadron have been consistently deploying across the world in support of all contingencies and natural disasters, from Operations Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom to hurricane relief efforts. The real reward, however, is in knowing that we played a critical role in returning our nation's war fighters home," said Colonel Fath.

Senior Master Sgt. Danny Martin, 911th AES assistant superintendent of nursing practice, flew on two important unit missions that helped the squadron win the award. Sergeant Martin was part of a team from the 91th AES that flew on an operational mission from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on a prepositioned C-17 to evacuate



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor, USAFR)

Senior Airman Robert Weaver, an aeromedical evacuation technician for the 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, undergoes his annual emergency procedures evaluation. Airman Weaver demonstrates the proper procedure for setting up to intubate a patient while in flight. The 911 AES was recently named the Reserve Officers Association's 2008 Air Section Outstanding Medical Unit.

more than 40 military members from the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was also part of a medical evacuation team that flew on a KC-135 out of Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to pick up patients at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Kadena Air Base, Japan; and Andersen Air Base, Guam; and then transported them back to Travis AFB.

Sergeant Martin also is in charge of unit medical readiness and is the unit deployment manager.

"We had numerous deployments and maintained a high percentage of readiness," said Sergeant Martin. "Our members are always willing to support any contingency. Our people stepped up."

Emergency situation, Reservist reacts

by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor
Public Affairs

No one is ever quite sure how he or she will respond during an emergency situation. In spite of all the training Air Force Reserve members receive, there are some events members are not trained for and one can only hope to react correctly if the situation arises.

Staff Sgt. Chris Card, a computer systems controller for the 911th Communications Squadron, was tested on how he would react June 24 when he and two others in his rental car came upon a three-car accident while heading back to Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Sergeant Card was on temporary duty to the base when he saw the van ahead of him swerve and then saw the results of the incident in front of his vehicle. A car stopped at a traffic light had been rear-ended by another to set off a chain reaction.

“You never want to see a car accident and deal with it,” the sergeant said. “It was one of those instinct things. We just did what was the right thing to do. When I first saw it, it was like, ‘Wow!’ Then once I realized what was happening, things started to slow down.”

Sergeant Card, riding in the back seat, and the other members rushed to the car closest to them. In the passenger’s side they find a woman who appeared to be dazed from the impact of the crash. He said they



(Photo by Senior Airman Jamie Perry, USAFR)

Staff Sgt. Chris Card, 911th Communications Squadron, repairs an internal computer problem. Sergeant Card recently attended the Air Force Reserve Recruiter Selection course held at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. While attending the course, Staff Sgt. Card witnessed a car accident. He took control of the situation, rendered help to the injured and redirected traffic flow until authorities arrived.

then noticed the driver’s four-year-old daughter. They were able to get the mother out of the car and take her to the passenger’s side to care for her daughter since both victims spoke Spanish.

The little girl was riding in the front in a booster seat. She was crying and had been shaken up as a result of being hit in the mouth when the a i r b a g s deployed. The m e m b e r s helped to

extract the girl from the car and, to help calm her down, one of the members with Sergeant Card gave the little girl a cold drink and a recruiter’s coin. The girl suffered minor injuries and was treated by an Emergency Medical Team.

Sergeant Card then helped to redirect the flow of oncoming

traffic away from the accident until an off-duty sheriff arrived at the scene.

Senior Master Sergeant Catherine M. Monteon, a first sergeant for the 349th Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Base, Calif., was in the van ahead of Sergeant Card’s and observed his actions.

“His absolute control of the situation was apparent. Without his quick response and calm demeanor, the situation could have quickly gotten out of control. His reaction to the entire situation was a sight to see. I’d like to think in similar situations we’d all react as instinctively as he did. The Air Force Reserve is loaded with ordinary people doing extraordinary things.”

Sergeant Card was attending the Recruiter Selection Course at Robins AFB, Ga., at the time of the accident. He completed course and departed Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station July 23 for Recruiters School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

“The Air Force Reserve is loaded with ordinary people doing extraordinary things.”

Senior Master Sgt. Catherine M. Monteon
349th Maintenance Squadron

Repetition, practice are cornerstones for successful ORI preparation

by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky
Public Affairs

Learning to play an instrument, striving to be the best at a given sport or simply becoming better at mathematics, takes a great deal of repetition and practice. The same could be said for the preparation needed to be successful for the Operational Readiness Inspection, slated for December 2009.

Historical research shows that using repetition as a training technique produces an increase in overall knowledge retainability. According to research published by the Education Resources Information Center, ERIC# - ED 281861, there is a significant increase in learning with increased repetitions at both the knowledge and analysis levels. ORI training planners are incorporating this logic into how the training plan is built and executed. Most of the tasks being performed are taken directly from the Airman's Manual, AFPAM 10-100:

- Knowing what individual protective equipment is needed to move from one mission oriented protective posture to another (M.O.P.P. levels, pages 23 – 29 in AFPAM 10-100)

- Learning the different warning signals for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives in high threat areas (C.B.R.N.E., page 18 in AFPAM 10-100)

- Identifying types of unexploded ordnance (UXO's,

pages 2 – 7 in AFPAM 10-100, Critical Information Checklist)

- Treating someone using basic self-aid and buddy care techniques (S.A.B.C., pages 17 – 24 in AFPAM 10-100, Critical Information Checklist)

- Clearing a weapon with immediate action procedures (S.P.O.R.T.S., pages 25 – 26 in AFPAM 10-100, Critical Information Checklist)

- Reporting an attack (S.A.L.U.T.E., page 91 in AFPAM 10-100)

“Members should become very familiar with the Airman's Manual,” said Mr. Paul Dayen, 911th Mission Support Group chief of emergency management. “It has a great deal of valuable information and should be within reach, no matter where they [the Reservist] go,” he said.

The newest version of the Airman's Manual, AFPAM 10-100, dated March 1, 2009, recently arrived on base. The old version, according to Air Force Reserve Command guidance, must be turned in to the unit deployment manager before the new pamphlet is released to the member. The reason is two-fold: First, the pamphlet is a controlled item, and secondly, several pages of information have changed between the two versions.

“We don't want any outdated manuals showing up at the ORI,” said Capt. Tanaka Dunn, ORI logistics planner. “We want the most recent, up-to-date information in the

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(Photo by Senior Airman Jamie Perry, USAFR)

Members of post-attack reconnaissance team sweep area after a simulated attack during exercise held May 1, 2009. After an attack, commanders release mission critical personnel in phases. PAR teams will check for casualties, signs of contamination, unexploded ordnance, and report findings to the unit control center.

Military Personnel Flight changes command

by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck
Public Affairs

The 911th Military Personnel Flight held a change of command ceremony here July 12, 2009. Maj. Lowell “Buzz” Bingham relieved Maj. Charles Knapp of command at noon on Sunday of the July UTA on the 911th baseball field under sunny skies.

“I was honored to be selected and serve as the new MPF commander. It provides a great opportunity to make a difference in the Wing and help shaped others in their lives and careers,” said Maj. Bingham.

Col. James P. Hurley, Mission Support Group commander, spoke during the event where he congratulated Maj. Bingham on his newfound success and wished him well as the new MPF commander. Prior to Maj. Bingham’s assignment as the MPF commander, he served as the 911th MSG executive officer, where he entered that position on April 15, 2007.

Major Bingham hails from the ‘Golden State’ of California. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from National University, Sacramento, Calif. and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif.

Maj. Bingham entered the Air Force in 1983 and was



(Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky, USAFR)

Maj. Lowell “Buzz” Bingham receives the Military Personnel Flight guidon from Col. James P. Hurley, Mission Support Group commander during a change of command ceremony held here July 12, 2009.

commissioned through the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

Maj. Knapp was selected to serve on the Air Force Reserve Command A-1 staff located at Robbins Air Force Base, Ga. where he will head up development of the new Force Support Squadron conversion.

Veterans Administration to begin accepting transfers from Montgomery GI Bill to Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

by Air Force Personnel Center

The Defense Department is now accepting registrations to transfer servicemembers’ Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their spouses or children.

To get started, Airmen must get counseling from their education center, said Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, in a letter to commanders.

Next, they must have at least four years retainability, unless retirement-eligible, before they can transfer the benefits. Servicing military personnel flights can assist.

Then, Airmen must verify family member information in the Defense

Eligibility Enrollment System is accurate before attempting to apply to transfer the benefits.

Once all of this is complete, Airmen can apply online at www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB. The site is accessible using a common access card, Defense Department self-service user identification or a Defense Finance and Accounting Service personal identification number.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is available to most Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who have served a cumulative of at least 90 days of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, other than annual or school tours.

Defense officials are asking those whose families won’t use the benefits for the upcoming fall semester to hold off registering until mid-July so applicants who need immediate attention can get processed first.

The most current and accurate information on the new benefit is available at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling 1-888-GIBILL-1. The Department of Defense has a dedicated section on its Web site <www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/> featuring articles, videos and specific implementation guidance on the Post-9/11 GI Bill, including guidance on transferability of your benefits to family members.

Accident prevention begins before take-off

by Tech. Sgt. Ian D. Carrier
Public Affairs

We've all seen the photos and video footage of US Airways Flight 1549 floating on the Hudson River earlier this year. The cause of the crash was a flock of geese. Fortunately, everyone on board survived.

Some may remember The crash of a Concorde, Air France Flight 4590, at Charles de Gaulle International Airport near Paris in 2000. This crash was caused by a piece of titanium debris on the runway which had been part of a thrust reverser which fell from another aircraft that had taken off about four minutes earlier. All 100 passengers and nine crew on board the flight, as well as four people on the ground, were killed.

Foreign Object Debris can be rags, pieces of paper, wire, articles of clothing, nuts, birds, bolts, or tools that, when misplaced or caught by air currents normally found around aircraft operations (jet blast, rotor or prop wash, engine intake), cause damage to aircraft systems or weapons or injury to personnel. Foreign Object Damage is any damage attributed to foreign objects that can be expressed in physical or economic terms that may or may not degrade the product's required safety and/or performance characteristics.

"It only takes a tiny, tiny amount [of FOD] to do millions of dollars of damage," said Master Sgt. Pete Rose, 911th Maintenance Group Chief Safety Inspector for the Quality Assurance Office.

Sergeant Rose went on to say that even on a flight line that appears as clean as ours, the amount and type of debris found can be startling.

The prevention and control of FOD is vital to the preservation of our aircraft and the safety of those personnel working in, on, and around aircraft. This starts with awareness of its presence on the parking ramp, taxiways, runways, and even the roads that lead into and out of these areas. Good housekeeping on the parking



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor, USAFR)

Tech. Sgt. Lyman Roderick, 911th maintainer picks up a piece of FOD from the runway during a recent FOD walk held here.

ramp will go a long way in preventing hardware, stones, rocks, rubbish, and clothing from finding its way into a jet engine. This is the responsibility of not only every aircrew member, mechanic, technician, and driver who works on the flightline, but everyone on the base.

FOD walks are conducted weekly here. Everyone on base is encouraged to participate. The more eyes on a flightline, the better and you never know what you may find. Prizes are given out for unusual objects.

If you see FOD, pick it up and dispose of it properly. That means place it in a container and dispose of it far away from the flightline so it can't find its way back lodged in vehicle tires. Make FOD containers (cans, buckets, pouches, or bags) available in every flightline vehicle and in every flightline work area. Attach FOD containers to toolboxes and ground equipment.

When driving a vehicle, inspect your tires before driving onto the flightline or taxiway. If you don't conduct thorough vehicle FOD checks, your tires can pick up rocks and deposit them in the flightline area. Make every attempt to stay on paved surfaces. Avoid driving on the dirt or grass whenever possible. If you must depart the pavement, check your tires for FOD once you return to the pavement and dispose of it properly and immediately. These simple FOD-prevention measures can avoid millions of dollars and hundreds of man-hours we currently spend to repair or replace the damage.

The key to FOD prevention and control is constant vigilance and immediate action to remove the hazards.



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor, USAFR)

Examples of FOD found during a recent FOD walk.

Protecting information is vital to success

by Senior Airman Jamie Perry
Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force is continually restructuring, and the latest addition is a newly-formed Information Protection Directorate.

The directorate addresses information security issues concerning Air Force members and resources. It ensures priorities are being carried out to protect the information.

Each Air Force installation now has a dedicated Information Protection office which is responsible for a variety of security programs. These function as a networking office for all information security matters.

“We’re moving toward better policies that protect and safeguard the information we use daily. These policies will also help dictate the ways and means we protect our personnel and resources,” said Montell Ashby Sr., chief of

Information Protection for the 911th Airlift Wing.

He said some examples would include medical information, communications center information assurance, the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act.

All matters relating to Information Protection will be reported to the Air Force’s senior security official, the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, to help provide more oversight and training.

“Today, information is the ultimate commodity and one of our most valued operational advantages,” said Daniel A. McGarvey, director of the Air Force Information Protection Directorate.

“We cannot leave information unprotected and expect it to not be exploited. We must assure information protection by making security a natural part of our thought processes and actions. We need to adapt to the concept that every Airman is a security officer and is responsible to safeguard information to protect the Air Force and the country,” said Mr. McGarvey.

For more information, contact Mr. Ashby at 412-474-8568.

Common Access Card Safeguard it...

One way members can help protect information security is to maintain control of their Common Access Card.

CAC’s cannot be altered, damaged, lent or counterfeited. This also includes using the card to log others onto a computer, unless under the member’s direct observation and supervision.

“You must ensure that your CAC is guarded and protected at all times,” said Montell Ashby Sr., chief of Information Protection for the 911th Airlift Wing.

“When we deviate from established policies, processes and procedures, we leave ourselves and our information network open and vulnerable to exploitation,” said Mr. Ashby.

Violators can be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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hands of our personnel at the inspection,” she said.

With the new manual at everyone’s disposal, practicing and becoming familiar with its contents seem to be key in the preparation process for the inspection.

“It’s all about concentrating on the details now and honing our skill sets,” said Capt. Dunn.

“During the past year and a half, we have been striving to become even better at what we do. The various exercises, table top scenarios, circuit training, and familiarization of the Airman’s Manual (AFPAM 10-100, 01 March 2009) are all geared toward the goal of having an outstanding performance at the ORI,” said Capt. Dunn.

“With more training events planned for upcoming

unit training assemblies, Reservist’s and players in the Operational Readiness Exercise in September 2009 will have the basic warfighting skills needed to complete the mission,” said Capt. Dunn.

The ORE is scheduled to take place at Gulfport, Miss., for a week in September. The results of the exercise are usually a good indication of how well a wing is prepared for the inspection.

“The ORE is the dress rehearsal for the ORI in December,” said Lt. Col. Aldo Filoni, ORI operations planner.

“The training received in preparation of the ORI has been excellent,” he said. “We’ve learned from our past mistakes and I believe the wing is ready for the challenge and eager for the opportunity to show off what we do best,” concluded Lt. Col. Filoni.

News Briefs

Dependent Child Reaches Age Limit

Typically, children remain eligible for TRICARE up to age 21 or age 23 if enrolled in college full-time and the sponsor continues to provide 50% of the child's financial support. Coverage ends on the child's 23rd birthday or at the end of that school year, whichever comes first. A child may be covered beyond these limits if severely disabled and the condition existed prior to the child's 21st birthday, or if the condition occurred between the ages of 21 and 23 while they were enrolled in college. TRICARE benefits end when the college student reaches age 23 or is out of school, whichever comes first.

For military spouses who may be seeking employment

The attached site is another resource that can be accessed from home, and it is very popular: <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/> and is designed to also assist spouses with employment issues.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HQ USAF Airman and Family Services:

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to 10 Green Teams — extraordinary youth across the nation who are helping to make smart, eco-friendly changes in their home, school and community. This initiative is a part of the "Big Green Help," an environmental awareness campaign. Details about "The Big Green Help" and the grants are available online at <http://4-h.org/> To learn more about these grants and the 4-H Million Trees Project profile airing on Earth Day, visit <http://4-h.org/> or contact Nancy Cole (ncole@fourhcouncil.edu) at National 4-H Council.

CLEP and DANTES

Effective 1 August 2009 all on base paper CLEP (College Level Examination Program) and DANTES (DSST) exams are temporarily suspended due to budget reduction. Testing will resume October 1, 2009.

Testing...Testing...Testing

Testing will not be available Sept. 13, 2009 Wing Training will be closed. Make arrangements to schedule testing either during the August or October UTA's. Some weekday testing is also available.

Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group August Update:

Greetings from the Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

Did you know that the Carnegie Natural History/Art Museum offers a 50 percent discount for military families?

I recently visited the museum with my two children, a niece and nephew. After the military discount our admission was \$24. We spent nine hours there and had a blast! The dinosaur exhibit was the most popular destination for us however, the American Indian display and the mummy in the Ancient Egyptian wing also held their interest for long period of time. I urge you to take your family and enjoy the day.

Our next planned destination, using discounted tickets purchased from Services, is the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium.

In June, we sent another shipment of much needed items to the In-Theater Wounded Warrior Hospitals. More than 15 large boxes were sent. We want to extend our appreciation and gratitude to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

August will find us manning a table on Family Day. We will have informational flyers and a child friendly activity.

September we will also be setting up a table to support the "Yellow Ribbon" event at Nemecolin Woodlands. Yellow Ribbon is a day of seminars designed to help families prepare and cope with pre and post deployment.

Our active members and volunteers are gearing up for family day and working out a schedule for our monthly meetings, starting in October.

Input is always welcome. We are here to support, YOU, our military families.

Best wishes and have fun.

Safety Awards Program

An opportunity is available for commanders and supervisors to recognize their people through the Safety Awards Program for the categories of Safety Person of the Quarter, Annual Unit Safety Award and Safety Person of the Year. For more information, contact the Wing Safety Office at 412-474-8403.

Quarterly Award Winners

Please congratulate the second quarter
award winners:

Airman of the quarter:

Senior Airman Juan S. Duran, 911 MXS

NCO of the quarter:

Staff Sgt. Antonio R. Policicchio, 911 MXS

SNCO of the quarter:

Master Sgt. Stephen P. Steiner, 32 APS

New First Shirts

Please welcome our newest
First Sergeants:

Tech. Sgt. Ronald P. Lybrook
Master Sgt. David L. Munn

Retirements

Master Sergeant David Burgoyne

Pay Dates

Primary: August 17
Secondary: September 1

Civilian of the Quarter

**2nd Quarter
Civilian of the Quarter Winners**

Miroslava Smith

GS-09 and above, wage grade supervisor

LuAnne Smail

GS-08 and below, wage grade

Promotions

To Airman First Class

Domenic Mash, 911 SFS
Ian Myers, 911 CES

To Senior Airman

Heather Reynolds, 911 ASTS
Timothy Schurr, 911 MXS
Brian Vermeesch, 911 CES
Julie McCargo, 758 AS

To Staff Sergeant

Jeremy Lawson, 911 AW

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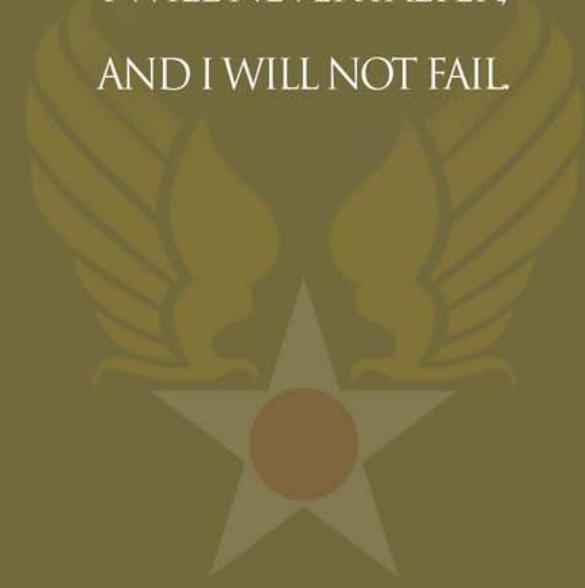
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I AM A WARRIOR.
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
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