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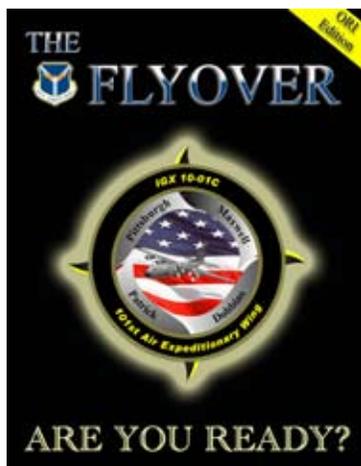


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Are You Ready?

The 101st Air Expeditionary Wing will hit the ground running in December for Inspector General Exercise 10-01C. The 101st AEW will be comprised of members from the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station; 908th AW, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla.; and 94th AW, Dobbins ARB, Ga. The ORI is scheduled to be held at the Combat Readiness Training Center located in Gulfport, Miss.

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Commander's Comment...

Home Stretch!

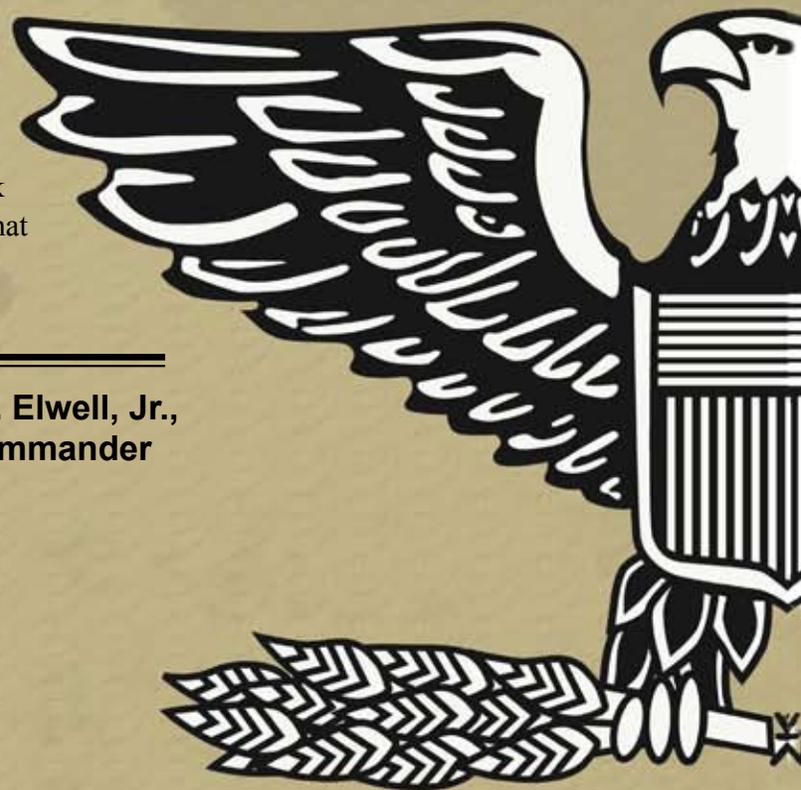


We see it every season. The Steelers go through all the stresses and nail-biting leading up to the playoffs in their drive for the Super Bowl. Same with the Penguins, as the grueling set of playoff series take the team one step closer to the season-long goal. The 911th team is entering our final phase of the ORI season, and will have the biggest game in just a few weeks. This is the time for everyone to make sure all your plays are memorized, all your moves are fully practiced, and you are truly READY!

But this is not just a game, and certainly not just for the “deployers.” For each member of the wing is a back-up for a deployer. We all have to make sure that as the alternates, we are ready to step in at a moment’s notice, and that all the required plays are memorized, and our own moves are fully practiced too. This inspection is truly a wing-wide evaluation, and even those who remain behind here at the home base will need to be on your best game to get us out of town, be ready to respond to “reachback” calls in case something pops up downrange, and to recover the deployers upon return. The ORI is thousands of small pieces all combined into a very specific sequence, and each of us is the “owner” of one or more of these pieces. We need to make sure our piece is ready.

This issue of the Flyover is jam-packed with critical bits of information we all need to make sure we have an excellent ORI final game. Each one of us, whether deploying or not, needs to take the time to digest everything in this month’s issue, and make sure our piece of the ORI inspection is ready to go! Our individual performance requires our readiness, and the entire team is depending on each of us to make sure all the pieces fit together for the big ORI win! So get your game faces on, get your playbook memorized, review all the possible variations of what can happen, and let’s all GO GET ‘EM!

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



Advisor visits wing to help ensure ORI success

by 1st Lt. Shawn M. Walleck
Public Affairs

Recently, Col. Clayton W. Childs, AFRC Advisor to the AMC/IG visited the 911th to brief the Wing on their upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. Colonel Childs main role is to act as a liaison between the two commands as a facilitator of information.

The information sharing session Colonel Childs hosted was held here Oct. 6 and was well attended by the majority of key ORI players and planners. The briefing focused on five ORI areas: recent ORI changes, attitude, do's and don'ts, 'IGisms' and how to 'Win The War.' Of the five areas, three will be explored in greater detail.

One of the words referenced time and again about what can make or break an ORI is attitude. "This isn't something found in the Airman's manual and it doesn't show up on a packing list, however, bringing a positive attitude to the inspection is a must for everyone involved," said Lt. Col. Aldo Filoni, 911th ORI lead planner.

Colonel Childs stressed that this is an INSPECTION and not an EXERCISE and that the best way to differentiate between the two is to make it as 'REAL' as possible. "If the scenario centers on deploying to a certain country, then picturing yourself physically operating in that environment will help make the ORI easier," added Colonel Childs.

Another critical area is performing the "O" in ATSO during the inspection. "The key is keeping the wing capable by continuing to operate in a chemical environment. Remember, you are fighting the war and not the IG," the colonel said.

While maintaining a positive



Col. Clayton W. Childs, AFRC Advisor to the AMC/IG discusses his role and how it applies to ensuring all Reserve Wings have successful Operational Readiness Inspection. The pre brief was held here Oct. 6 and was well attended by the majority of key ORI players and planners. (Photo by 1st Lt. Shawn M. Walleck)

attitude, players should have a sense of urgency about them while remaining safe at the same time. Additionally, remaining professional regardless of the pressure or magnitude of the situation is also another key to individual and team success.

As with any inspection there are certain Do's and Don'ts that everyone should know. The do's are: know the IG ground rules and follow them, call the host nation/AMD for outside agency coordination, practice bugging out, stress buddy checks while in MOPP 4, think through ADVON and redeployment, lead at all levels, and finally, eat and hydrate.

The don'ts are: Call the AMD to Speak to 'the IG,' broadcast "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise" at the CRTC, think or act like it will be a three day war and simulate actions that can really be done. Also don't forget basic AFSC skills and training, pencil whip paperwork, hesitate to use contaminated equipment and don't accept unnecessary mission delays

So with that all said, How do we 'win the war?' Be prepared by

knowing your bug out and bunker locations, know ATSO and rehearse 'what if' scenarios. Bring what you need, when you need it is a mentality for those on the advanced team. The 'downrange' location is a bare base with no existing pubs, programs or equipment. So if you think it may be needed, bring it.

Always fight back, meaning get the planes in the air even while in a chemical environment. Also while in a chemical environment press hard to get out of MOPP 4 by covering the correct PAR routes, communicating information effectively, indentifying split MOPP areas and indentifying contaminated personnel and getting them to DECON stations quickly. Then, once all is done, the end goal is to redeploy safely.

Finally it's [the inspection] not over until the outbrief. "Many players may want to loosen up on their military bearing or following the rules prior to being wheels up from Gulfport. Don't, because the inspector's eyes are always watching, so do the right thing even when no one is looking and you will never be wrong," concluded Lt. Col. Filoni.

S.A.L.U.T.E. Reporting 101

SALUTE reports are the format for passing intelligence to your chain of command. Reports should be given in a clear, concise, accurate manner, and should be free from embellishments or exaggeration. The following has been condensed from FM 2-22.3 (FM 34-52) HUMAN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTOR OPERATIONS

1. **(S)ize/Who:** Expressed as a quantity, and echelon, or size. If multiple echelons are involved in the activity being reported, there can be multiple entries. Non-standard units are reported as such (e.g., bomb-making class; support staff).

2. **(A)ctivity/What:** This line is the focal point of the report and relates to the Priority Intelligence Requirements or important non-PIR information being reported. It should be a concise bullet statement.

3. **(L)ocation/Where:** Generally a grid coordinate, including the 100,000 meter grid zone designator. The entry can also be an address, if appropriate, but still should include an 8-digit grid coordinate. If the activity being reported involves movement (advance, withdrawal, etc.) the location entry will include "From" and "To" entries. The route used will be reported under "Equipment/How."

4. **(U)nit/Who:** This entry identifies who is performing the activity described in the "Activity/What" entry. Include the complete designation of a military unit, identification of a civilian or insurgent group, or the full name of an individual, as appropriate.

5. **(T)ime/When:** For a future event, this is when the activity will initiate. Past events are usually not the subject of SALUTE reports, but if a past event is to be reported, the Time/When entry will generally reflect when the event ended. Ongoing events are reported as such.

6. **(E)quipment/How:** The information reported in this entry clarifies, completes, and/or expands upon information reported in any of the previous entries. It includes information concerning equipment involved, tactics used, and any essential elements of information not reported in the previous paragraphs.

7. **Remarks:** Use this entry to report the source of the information, whether a person, a CED, open-source media, or other source. Include the date of information and the PIR that the reported information addresses. Map data for coordinates given in the "Location/Where" entry are included, stating map series name, sheet number, scale and edition. If there are enclosures to the SALUTE report, such as sketches, they are annotated here.



Use the most expedient means necessary/possible for the urgency you place on the information you have to up channel. If your report needs to get to the commander **NOW** use **any means** available!

- Messenger**-most secure-most time consuming
- Wire/telephone**-more secure than radio-not mobile and may be monitored.
- Radio**-fast and mobile-least secure. However, a secure radio lessens the possibility of being monitored

SAMPLE REPORT

1. **SIZE:** 2-man fire team
2. **ACTIVITY:** Element has been observed procuring supplies.
3. **LOCATION:** Lawrenceville Giant Eagle Supermarket
4. **UNIT:** Imperial Stormtroopers. Both wearing full white armor. One observed wearing gray shoulder pad.
5. **TIME:** 09:35 Tuesday, 06 Oct.
6. **EQUIPMENT:** 1 Shopping cart, 1 blaster

S.P.O.R.T.S.

Let's Go Pens!

...Indeed, but that's not *quite* what we mean.

S.P.O.R.T.S. is an acronym for immediate action to clear a malfunction of an M-16 rifle.



1. **Slap** gently upward on the magazine to ensure it is fully seated, and the magazine follower is not jammed. 2. **Pull** the charging handle fully to the rear. 3. **Observe** for the ejection of a live round or expended cartridge. 4. **Release** the charging handle (do not ride it forward). 5. **Tap** the forward assist assembly to ensure bolt closure. 6. **Squeeze** the trigger and try to fire the rifle.

ORI acronym knowledge test

DRB

- a. Delayed Reenlistment Bonus
- b. Deployment Review Board
- c. Dark Roasted Blend

ICC

- a. Internet Chess Club
- b. Installation Control Center
- c. Instant Clam Chowder

EOC

- a. Emergency Operations Center
- b. European Olympic Committee
- c. Eats Only Chicken

DCC

- a. Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader
- b. Deployment Control Center
- c. District of Columbia Comics

CDF

- a. Cargo Deployment Function
- b. Children's Defense Fund
- c. Compact Disc Finder

PDF

- a. Portable Document Format
- b. Personnel Deployment Function
- c. Pittsburgh Defensive Fan

UDM

- a. Universal Data Model
- b. Unscheduled Depot Maintenance
- c. Unit Deployment Manager

ADVON

- a. Advanced Echelon
- b. All Defense Vectors On Notice
- c. A Distinguished Visitor Or Not

FPCON

- a. Force Protection Condition
- b. Finally Personnel Can Observe Negligence
- c. For Personal Consumption Only in November

FOB

- a. Fletching Only Better (Newest Archery Craze)
- b. Forward Operating Base
- c. Flight of Balloons

Gearing up for Operational Readiness Inspection

Home station efforts key role, essential in success

by Senior Airman Jamie Perry
Public Affairs

During the Operational Readiness Inspection, many Reservists will be deployed to Gulfport, Miss., to represent the 911th Airlift Wing as part of the 101st Air Expeditionary Wing. But what about the people who stay behind? A lot of effort goes on to support the members attending the ORI and even though they are not on the forefront of the inspection, those members and the support back home are just as mission critical.

Many civilians and contractors of the 911th help support the ORI from home station. Santa Barbara Applied Research, Inc., is one of the key players in this support. Thomas Knowles, SBAR base supply technician, helps to coordinate the assembly and assignment of chemical "C" bags to deploying members. This is a key function due to the time-sensitive nature of their contents. "C" bags contain items that have a shelf life and must always be in good condition and serviceable. Without serviceable chemical bags, Airmen would be left defenseless against chemical or biological attack; making this an essential part of being prepared for war.

"Just because you are not a player, doesn't mean you won't be a part of the grade," said Mr. Knowles.

Many of the contractors who are participating in the support are former military or retired military members, which gives them a better understanding of the impact their efforts have in the inspection.

"We understand the process and the importance of what we do because a lot of us have been through it ourselves. We want to make sure that all members hit the ground running ready for war," said Mr. Knowles.

Steven Tornabene, SBAR traffic manager, plays a role in the cargo deployment function.

"Any unit that is tasked with sending cargo goes through checks to ensure everything is in order. This means anything that gets sent to Gulfport, such



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Steven Tornabene)

Edward Rushe, a contractor for Santa Barbara Applied Research, Inc., at the 911th Airlift Wing works the 10K standard forklift during pallet buildup training, Oct. 14. The training is being completed in preparation of the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for December 2009. As a team member for the Traffic Management Office, Mr. Rushe will play a critical role here at home station preparing cargo for shipment.

as equipment, bags, tools and weapons go through the process of being packed on pallets; verification paper work is supplied; cargo is air worthy; and planning the shipment of cargo and what aircraft it needs to be sent on is completed," said Mr. Tornabene.

Calculating the loads for the aircraft to ensure proper transportation also is an essential function. Without this being accomplished planes could become unbalanced and it could potentially have hazardous outcomes. Unlike active duty which does this process internally with its members, the 911th accomplishes everything with mostly civilians and contractors but are still held to Air Force standards. They also provide pallet training for members who are participating at Gulfport to give them the proper tools and knowledge necessary to take care of pallets while deployed.

The Deployment Control Center, which is run by members of the Logistics Readiness Squadron, Military Personnel

Flight, and SBAR stay at the home station and assist with the organization and execution of the deployment. The purpose of the DCC is to know when and where cargo and personnel need to go. When a tasking is received, the DCC lets the unit know what personnel are needed and when they need to deploy, along with any equipment that might be needed.

All of the contractors, civilians and military members work together as a team to accomplish what is needed here to provide support for the deployed members. Their success is a part of the grading process in the ORI. Pre-deployment readiness and how items are sent to the deployment site, along with other key aspects, are some of the things that get graded before the inspection starts.

"Working as a team is what enables us to fly, fight and win...and that's exactly what we'll do," said Maj. Todd McCrann, Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander.

Mission Oriented Protection

MOPP Level 0

Available for immediate donning

- Individual protective equipment (IPE)

Carried

- Protective mask with C2 series canister or filter elements and hood installed
- Field gear worn when directed
- Aircrew—protective mask/hood with C2 series canister

Primary use

- Pre-Attack
- During periods of increased alert when the enemy has a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) offensive capability
- There is no indication of CBRN use in the immediate future



AIRCREW



GROUNDCREW

MOPP level 1

Worn

- Overgarment and field gear
- Aircrew—overgarment and field gear

Carried

- Overboots, protective mask and gloves
- Aircrew—overboots, protective mask/hood, gloves, and overcape

Primary use

- Pre-Attack
- During periods of increased alert when a CBRN attack could occur with little or no warning
- When CBRN contamination is present or suspected and higher levels of protection are not required



AIRCREW



GROUNDCREW

MOPP level 2

Worn

Overgarment, overboots and field gear
Aircrew—overgarment and field gear

Carried

Protective mask and gloves
Aircrew—overboots, protective mask/hood, gloves, and overcape

Primary use

- Pre-Attack or Post-Attack
- During periods of increased alert when a CBRN attack could occur with little or no warning
- When CBRN contamination is present or suspected and higher levels of protection are not required



AIRCREW



GROUNDCREW

Active Posturing (MOPP)

MOPP level 3

Worn

- Overgarment, protective mask, overboots, and field gear
- Aircrew—overgarment, protective mask/hood

Carried

- Gloves
- Aircrew—overboots, gloves, field gear, and overcape

Primary use

- Pre-Attack or Post-Attack
- During periods of increased alert when a CBRN attack could occur with little or no warning
- When CBRN contamination is present or suspected and higher levels of protection are not required

MOPP level 4

Worn

- Overgarment, protective mask, gloves, overboots, and field gear
- Aircrew—overgarment, mask/hood, gloves, overboots, and overcape (see notes this page)

Carried

- Aircrew—field gear (new; as required)

Primary use

- Post-Attack
- When a CBRN attack is imminent or in progress
- When CBRN contamination is present or suspected or the highest level of protection is required

Marking

- Print **USAF, rank, first and last** name in all capital letters with a **black** permanent marker on **OD green** duct tape. Attach tape to:
 - **helmet** (front and rear)
 - **protective hood** (horizontally above the eye-lens in the front and in the approximate middle of the back of the hood)
 - **jacket** (over wearer's right breast)

***DO NOT** write "simulated M9 paper" or anything else on the M9 paper



AIRCREW



GROUNDCREW



AIRCREW



GROUNDCREW

NOTE 1: Overboots and overcape only worn outside or in transit when overhead cover is not available.

NOTE 2: Overcape only worn outside during the hazard deposition phase of an attack. 10 foot rule requires wear of overboots but not the overcape.

NOTE 3: Use extreme caution when wearing the aircrew overcape. Potential hazards include; Carbon dioxide/ extreme heat build-up, and material interference with breathing inlet locations.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

UXOs are hazards that pose a risk of causing injury or death! UXOs can be conventional, chemical, biological, or any combination thereof. UXOs can be missiles, bombs, rockets, mines, or other devices that range in size from very small to large. If you discover or suspect an object is a UXO, follow the 4R's Recognize, Record, Retreat, and Report.

Recognize

- ◆ Identify the UXO as a hazard
- ◆ Remember features; size, shape, color, and condition (intact or leaking)

Record

- ◆ Mark it from where you are
- ◆ DO NOT move closest UXO have a minimum **lethal** radius of 300 feet (100 m), and a much greater danger radius
- ◆ Use the standard UXO or mine markers or whatever material is available
- ◆ Ensure markings are visible in all directions and at night

Do not attempt to remove anything that is on or near a UXO

Retreat

- ◆ Evacuate all personnel and equipment from the area
- ◆ Retreat the same way you entered or via a clear, well-traveled path
- ◆ If evacuation is impossible, isolate or barricade the area to restrict area access

**Record and retreat can be accomplished simultaneously*

Report

- ◆ If reporting by radio, transmit from a minimum safe distance of 25 feet (8 m) for handheld or 100 feet (30 m) for vehicle radios or you could detonate some UXOs
- ◆ Provide all pertinent details: size, shape, color, condition, landmarks, grid coordinates

Evacuation upon identification of a UXO:

- ◆ Retire to a safe distance and enforce evacuation measures when evacuation is possible
- ◆ Evacuate and use available cover to an initial distance of:
 - 300 feet for munitions smaller than 5 inches in diameter
 - 500 feet for munitions 5 to 10 inches in diameter
 - 1,000 feet for munitions 10 to 20 inches in diameter
 - 1,500 feet for munitions greater than 20 inches

WARNING: Modern ordnance is complex and sensitive and can incorporate anti-disturbance or anti-removal devices. Clearing any UXO without proper training, tools, and information could be LETHAL. DO NOT attempt to move or disturb these items.

Ref: TO 60A-1-1-4; 60A-1-1-22; AFMAN 91-201, Vol 4; AFI 32-3001



(U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente)



ORI Packing List:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Belt | <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Hygiene Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask Carrier | <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet, Kevlar | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mask Waterproof Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial Tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filter | <input type="checkbox"/> Arm Band/ ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JS List training
Chemical Suit | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Belt | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Meds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insert, Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Bath Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boots, GVO | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoe Polish and Brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses or contact lenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Razor | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask Inserts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ammo Pouch | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing aids & batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Armor | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airman's Manual | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Clippers | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen
(with correct cap) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cup | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> 1574 Annotated 17 Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alice Pack | | |

What personal items can I bring to the Exercise?

Cell phone and Mp3 Players are allowed but must remain in room out of the play area.

As with any military training exercise, there are certain rules that must be abided by for the safety of everyone.

What can't I bring to the Exercise?

No Alcohol, Food or Drink will be permitted.

Recruiter changes lives the Air Force way

by Senior Master Sgt. Dana Logan
911th Recruiting

As the new senior recruiter for the 911th Airlift Wing with 18 years experience in the military under my belt, it's safe to say I've had a long run with the Air Force Reserve.

Although I started out my first six years in the active duty Air Force, I joined the Reserve in '97. I didn't want to waste the six years I had already accrued with the military and the Reserve just seemed like a good fit. I liked the fact that I could serve my country but do it part time. And so began my adventures.

I've been all over the world with the Air Force Reserve. I've been to Croatia, Germany, Spain and Italy with a few stops in between like Slovenia and Austria. I became a recruiter because I truly believe the Air Force



Senior Master Sgt. Dana Logan

Reserve can help prepare people for the rest of their lives.

Thirty-nine days a year doesn't seem like much but when you put your time in as an Airman, you make a big impact for the big picture. Not to mention all the experience you get serving your country.

That's why I believe the Get1Now program is so important. As an Airman in the United States Air Force Reserve, you have an opportunity to share this great experience with your friends and family. I'm sure you know of at least two people, maybe a co-worker or a classmate, who would greatly benefit from joining our team.

There is so much the Air Force Reserve has to offer! Not only would it be a positive life experience for them, they might also be your next wingman, the next person you work side-by-side with to serve your country at the 911th AW.

There are three ways you can utilize the Get1Now program: you can call the Get1Now hotline at 1-877-786-2372, you can log on to www.get1now.us or you can visit our new office locating in building 300 across from Perksburgh. Please feel free to stop in the office and pick up a card from one of our recruiters to hand out to a potential Citizen Airman. This is your chance to help shape the future of the Air Force Reserve!

When a person you referred joins the Air Force Reserve, we want to say thank you by giving you a reward of an iPod Nano or a portable DVD player, just two of several other possible rewards. The more referrals that are gained, the more prizes you can choose from. Log onto www.get1now.us to see the full listing of prizes you can get.

The Air Force Reserve has been a great experience for me; I would recommend it to anyone, as I'm sure it has been for you. I look forward to meeting you all as I settle in to life at the 911th AW.

Key ORI Dates

Dec. 4 Officially starts; message traffic flows

Dec. 5 ADVON leaves and processing begins

Dec. 6 Processing of personnel and equipment continues; main body leaves

Dec. 7 Base build up at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Miss.

Dec. 8 War Games begin with the night shift at 6 p.m.

Dec. 9 War Games continue; activity ramps up

Dec. 10 War Games continue; should wrap up by 6 p.m.

Dec. 11 & 12 Redeployment Phase; personnel and equipment head home

Airmen make a splash: Water training enhances survivability

by Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Pryor
Public Affairs

To most people, the thought of diving into the water on a hot day to cool off sounds inviting.

Diving into that water because your aircraft was ditched doesn't. The situation now becomes life threatening and your thoughts turn to survival. How will you know what to do? Proper training could ensure that you survive the ordeal.

More than 130 reservists from the 911th Airlift Wing prepared themselves for such an event Aug. 8-9 during Water Survival Training. The refresher training was conducted by the aircrew flight equipment section of the 911th Operations Support Flight at Settler's Cabin Wave Pool in Oakdale.

Senior Master Sgt. Burt Gray, superintendent of life support for the 911th OSF, said, "We want our members to be prepared for emergency situations if they had to ditch the plane or bail out over water. The training is repetitive so if something happens they won't have to think about it."

Water survival training must be accomplished every three years, but Sergeant Gray said the base exceeds that requirement by conducting its training every two years. Training is required for pilots, copilots, navigators, flight engineers, loadmasters, and flying members of the 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Participants received training on hanging harness,

one- and 20-man life rafts, parachute drop, canopy crawl, and life support equipment. Thirteen aircrew flight equipment instructors conducted the session along with three augmentees from the 758th Airlift Squadron's Training Office.

Major Chuck Sargent, 911th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation pilot said, "The instruction is excellent. It's hands-on and realistic. This training is an interactive classroom that requires you to participate . . . and that's a good thing. You don't want

to be jumping out of an airplane and have it be your first time using survival equipment; it needs to be second nature to our airmen. The insight that members of the flight equipment section provide our crews enhance our survivability. Bottom line: Their training will get us home when things go very wrong."

This was Major Sargent's

third refresher training after initial training at Pensacola NAS, Fla. For others, it was their first time going through the refresher training here.

"This was great refresher training and it hit all the high points," said 1st Lt. Scott Farley, a pilot with the 758th AS. "It's also nice that we don't have to travel too far for the training."

For his first time going through the refresher training here, he said one station stood out the most the parachute drag.

"It's the station where you're going to drink the most water."



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

Master Sgt. Jaime Carter struggles to get onto a one-man life raft during Water Survival Training at Settler's Cabin Wave Pond. The refresher training was held Aug. 8-9 as more than 130 Reservists from the 911th Airlift Wing went through six different stations to complete their training. The base holds this training every two years. Sergeant Carter is a loadmaster with the 758th Airlift Squadron.

New directive aims to make driving safer

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Public Affairs

“Lead by example” is a value that is instilled in all military members from basic training onward. By signing an executive order on October 7th regarding texting while driving, President Obama has put that value into practice for federal employees and servicemembers.

The use of government-supplied electronic equipment, including BlackBerries and cell phones, while driving is now prohibited while operating government-owned vehicles or privately owned vehicles while on government business. This policy also extends to servicemembers driving POV’s on military installations.

Transportation Secretary Ray La Hood called for a September summit to address the dangers of text messaging and other distractions behind the wheel. In late September, senior transportation officials, elected officials, safety advocates, law enforcement representatives and academics convened in Washington, D.C. to discuss ideas about how to combat distracted driving.

On the heels of this summit came the President’s decision to have the federal government join 18 states plus the District of Columbia that already ban text messaging for all drivers. Nine other states ban texting for “novice” drivers and one state restricts it from school bus drivers only.

“This order sends a very clear signal to the American public that distracted driving is dangerous and unacceptable,” said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood at a Distracted Driving Summit in Washington D.C. . “It shows that the federal government is leading by example.”

According to a study by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, text messaging made the risk of crash or near-crash event 23.2 times as high as nondistracted driving. The Transportation Department reported that 5,870 people were killed and 515,000 were injured last year in crashes connected to driver distraction, often involving mobile devices or cell phones. Driver distraction



(U.S. Air Force photo graphic/Airman 1st Class Andrew Lee)

was involved in 16 percent of all fatal crashes in 2008 and was more prevalent among young drivers.

According to a 2009 Car and Driver, an experiment with the magazine’s editor Eddie Alterman was conducted in Michigan on an 11,800-foot runway that used to be home to a squadron of B-52 bombers. The test showed that texting while driving had a greater impact on safety than driving drunk. While legally drunk, Mr. Alterman’s stopping distance from 70 mph increased by 4 feet; by contrast, reading an e-mail added 36 feet, and sending a text added 70 feet.

“Texting while driving does put a serious strangle hold on your reaction time when seconds mean the difference between life and death,” said Master Sgt. Tom Borst, 911th Airlift Wing Safety office. “Most likely texting while driving is in the spotlight because phone records can place you right at the scene of an accident, proving you were on your cell,” he continued. “Let’s not forget other distracters that keep you from looking forward and paying attention to the task of driving. Eating, drinking and setting the channels on your radio are all distracters. Use a little of that risk management the Air Force has been teaching; look forward, put the cell down, and drive.”

ALARM BLUE, ALARM BLUE!!!

Quickly, don your mopp gear! Hurry, you only have two minutes from mopp2 to mopp4.

Do you have a wingman? Check their hood. Does it cover their mask properly? Button their hood strings together under their neck. Is their string buttoned? Is their mask carrier shut? Is their jacket’s Velcro secured all the way up to the mask. Is your wingman’s drinking tube in its holder? Think about all these details. Missing just one of these details at the ORI may fail us in the Ability To Survive and Operate part of the inspection.

Pay Dates

November

Primary UTA: November 18

Alternate UTA: December 1

December

Primary UTA: December 15

Alternate UTA: January 4

News Briefs

ORI alert

Anyone who had planned on using a USB device to include external “spinning” hard drive. Please pay special attention to the “What are the consequences if I plug in an unauthorized device into a computer?” The consequence for the offense if an individual is found using these devices may be charged with (Article 92) Failure to obey a lawful order.

There will be no external hard drives allowed at the CRTC. All information needs to be on a DVD/CD. Although there is a waiver process for allowing “spinning” hard drives, it associates the device with a specific computer. (see “USBwaiver.doc”) An example of what will happen: If 908th CS were to bring a spinning hard drive authorized by waiver for use on their 908th CS computer to Gulfport and plug it in to a 911th CS computer, it will be a security Violation.

The risk to 101st CS grade and to the personnel plugging in an unauthorized device greatly outweighs the convenience of having an external hard drive.

Seven-Digit Dialing is here

Beginning Oct. 14, all on-base phone calls will require the 474 prefix. If you have speed dials set up on your phones you may now reprogram them. The call forwards to the voicemail have been taken care of. 911 calls will not be affected by this change. You can still dial 911 for emergencies.

911th Hall of Fame

The 911th Airlift Wing Chief’s Council has voted to induct the 21st member, Senior Master Sgt. Charles E. Mathias, into the 911th Hall of Fame. Sergeant Mathias retired from the 32nd Aerial Port Squadron as their First Sergeant. The 911th Hall of Fame was a design of Chief John G. Fahrny Jr. to create an avenue by which our 911th personnel could recognize a separated or retired Airman, officer or civilian who has been a strong supporter and advocate of the 911th enlisted force. Due to operations tempo, the formal induction ceremony will not take place until November 2010. An informal ceremony to recognize Sergeant Mathias will take place Nov. 7, 2009 at 3 p.m. in the 32nd APS classroom.

EAGLE EYES

In preparation of the upcoming ORI, always remember to report suspicious activities. Your eyes and ears are critical weapons in the war against terrorism. Knowing what to look for is the first step needed to foil the enemy’s plans. Always keep an Eagle Eye out for these suspicious behaviors:

- Surveillance (Photographs, taking notes)
- Elicitation for Information
- Tests of Security (Gate runner, trespassing, etc.)
- Suspicious Persons Out of Place
- Acquiring Supplies (Weapons, explosives, uniforms, etc.)
- Dry Run (Practicing)
- Deploying Assets (Actual attack)

Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group

Happy Fall Harvest season to everyone! Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group is gearing up for the holidays and upcoming deployments by supporting spouses, parents/grandparents, children, and friends of our military members. No one is excluded, so please join in.

PMFSG will have a “Sweet Treats Tasting Social” for our monthly event to be held Nov. 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the conference room of billeting. Everyone please bring a favorite holiday cookie/treat to share/sample and copies of the recipes to hand out.

Topics to discuss will be the donation for a Thanksgiving basket to a needy E-1 family, the details of the new camcorder, and a schedule of events for theme months for members to help out with. Other topics may be discussed as time permits, such as planning for Nemaquin Yellow Ribbon events, Air Show table, Wounded Warrior boxes, fundraising, McGyver kit donations, behavior seminars for parents/children during deployments and the final group dissolution process.

This proves to be a fun and tasty social so please come out and meet new people, share your recipe to kick off the holiday season, and support these important projects to help the 911th families. Free coffee and soda will be provided. Kids are welcome, but no childcare is provided. Please RSVP to the EVITE so we know how much food to bring. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Visit our web site at <http://www.911thfamilysupport.com>

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS



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and steady dedication of a lifetime.

— Adlai Stevenson



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