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### Welcome Home!

Lt. Col. Edward Tarquinio, 758th Airlift Squadron, displays the Colors as the aircraft is marshalled in by Staff Sgt. Tara Greenwalt, 911th Maintenance Squadron, May 19. This was the second of three waves returning from a 120-day deployment in support of contingency operations overseas.

(U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Shawn M. Walleck)



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# Commander's Comment



## *A Fond Farewell to Team Pittsburgh*

**A**fter 21 very short months as the Mission Support Group Commander here I will be leaving the Wing in June and headed to North Carolina. It seems like only yesterday when I stood on stage and was 'inducted' into the Pittsburgh Family when I was issued my first piece of required equipment here...The Terrible Towel. I have to tell you, after being here at Pittsburgh it's been the most rewarding assignment of my career. If you think back over the past two years and try to list all the things we've accomplished you, like I, will be amazed.

That list includes: ORTPs 1, 2, 3, and 4, plus the ORE, and a successful ORI. We also deployed and recovered more than 20 percent of the Wing, creation of Air Force Reserve Command's model for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, participation in the G20 Summit, thousands of mishap-free flying hours, design and execution of over \$20 million in construction projects including a brand-new lodging facility, and the bed-down approval for Pittsburgh to become a "joint" base with the addition of the Reserve Naval Operational Support Center. Because you just can't capture and list all of the GREAT things that you folks do EVERY SINGLE DAY, whether you are in Operations, Maintenance, Medical, or Mission Support, I am proud to say I was part of the Pittsburgh team.

To wrap, I just want to say THANK YOU to you all. It would be my honor and privilege to be counted as one of the Steel Warriors of the 911th. Pittsburgh will always hold a special place in my heart!!

God Bless you all...and of course, GO STEELERS!!!

**James B. Hurley, Col., USAFR**  
**Commander, 911 MSG**



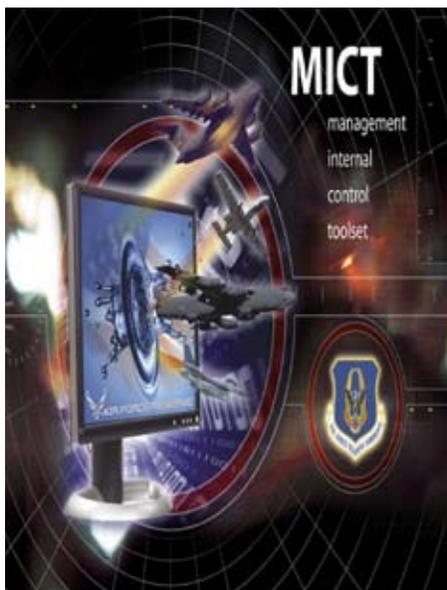
# Management toolset helps prepare base for upcoming compliance inspection

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Pryor  
Public Affairs

Imagine preparing for an inspection when you discover there is more than one checklist available, and that there are differences between those checklists.

To clear up the confusion, all available checklists — from local to Air Force Reserve Command level — are being consolidated under the Management Internal Control Toolset. Some checklists outside of the Unit Compliance Inspection, such as the Health Services Inspection and the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program, remain outside of MICT, but are gradually being integrated into the process. MICT is an interactive application that will help AFRC units manage various inspections.

“There was some confusion because members wondered which checklists they should use to prepare for the UCI,” said Lt. Col. Bob Wolff, who is assigned, along with Capt. Tanaka Dunn, to the wing process manager office for the 911th Airlift Wing. “Now we have one location to access all self-inspection checklists. MICT checklists are about an 85 percent solution to the UCI ....but if someone really does their MICT checklists thoroughly and uses the Notes text box to explain the who, what, where, when, why and how they can answer Yes/Comply...MICT is closer to a 100 percent solution.”



Leaders at all levels can track and manage programs and discrepancies. Starting from the lowest level, program administrators and their assigned assistants can access appropriate checklists and program requirements. They can conduct their self-inspection checklists for later viewing by unit leadership and inspection teams.

Colonel Wolff said, “We have to use the tool for the right purpose. We need to be brutally honest about what areas need improvement. If we’re not in compliance we need to admit it and come up with a plan.”

During the May Unit Training Assembly, two MICT training sessions were held, with most units sending two representatives. The training helped to ensure that representatives could sign on to the program, look at checklists and start the process. Questions not addressed at the training will be answered through follow-on e-mails.

Since MICT is web-based, inspectors can access a particular base’s checklist in preparation for the inspections.

“Inspectors can see what you’re doing well and what you need to correct before they even arrive. This helps to streamline the inspection and results in the need for fewer inspectors. They can be more focused once they get here,” said Colonel Wolff.

The base will undergo its UCI in April 2011. Colonel Wolff said the base will conduct multiple self-inspections before the UCI and will conduct self-inspections twice a year after the inspection.

## Road construction to affect base traffic

by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky  
Public Affairs

A recent article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette announced several road construction projects slated to begin late spring. The project that will affect everyone coming to the base is the project to reconstruct the highway from Ewing Road to Cargo Road.

If coming from Pittsburgh, this is the area of roadway that begins at the Interstate 376 split or what was previously referred to as the Business 60 loop, and continues past the Thorn Run exit for the base, all the way past the

Cargo International Drive Interchange. The length of roadway is approximately four miles.

According to Erik Porter, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation project manager for design, some traffic delays of not more than 15-minutes should be expected. If delays become more significant, they [Penn DOT] will try to mitigate the problem.

“There will be long-term single lane closures, taking two lanes down to one lane,” said Mr. Porter. “Nothing will be restricted, but there may be a few short detours due to some ramp work being done,” he said.

“Most of the work will be done during

off-peak times from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.,” said Mr. Porter.

“The road construction is not expected to be completed until sometime in the fall of 2011, which caused a bit of concern here at the 911th,” said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander.

“This is the major roadway in and out of the base and we have an air show in September,” said the colonel.

According to Mr. Porter, “There will be no lane restrictions from Sept. 9-12 to accommodate the Wings Over Pittsburgh air show weekend.”

Be sure to allot for the time delays and possible detours when making plans to attend unit training assemblies.

# Air Force-wide social media access begins

by Air Force News Service

Air Force officials began a two-week phased opening April 26 of access to social media sites Air Force-wide. Air Force Reserve Command gained access beginning May 1.

Pacific Air Forces bases gained access to social media sites earlier in April, serving as the test-bed prior to the Air Force-wide initiative.

Air Force Space Command, Air Education and Training Command and Air Mobility Command bases began access to social media sites April 26 as well. Air Combat Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Force Special Operations Command and United States Air Forces in Europe also received access May 1. During the final phase, Air National Guard bases gained access May 6.

"Twenty-Fourth Air Force (officials) determined the best way to implement access to Internet-based capabilities was to follow the standard practice of allowing the 624th Operations Center, working in conjunction with the Integrated Network Operations and Security Centers, to

determine who gets the upgrade first based on mission requirements," said Brig. Gen. David B. Warner, AFSPC communications and information director and chief information officer. "The INOSCs have the most in-depth knowledge of the network infrastructures within each MAJCOM and thus can initiate changes in the most efficient way possible.

"Due to the importance of allowing access to more Internet-based capabilities for communication and collaboration, we are working to strike a balance between maintaining a safe and tightly controlled network while allowing Airmen to have the access they need to get information and conduct business," General Warner continued. "We are diligently working with communications and information experts at 24th Air Force and the INOSCs to assure the mission, while ensuring a standardized roll-out and maintaining the appropriate level of security."

Providing access to social media sites from Air Force government computers meets the intent of Department of Defense Directive-Type Memorandum 09-026 — Responsible and Effective Use of Internet-based Capabilities, issued Feb. 25.

"As we leverage these new

technologies, it is imperative that all Air Force personnel practice safe online activity to protect the network," said Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander. "The Air Force views the use of social media sites as a positive way to communicate and conduct business. Social media and other emerging technologies provide an increasingly important means of communication and collaboration. Providing more open access will allow the Air Force to communicate more effectively to all Air Force personnel, their families and external audiences."

Various Air Force and DOD regulations provide guidance for Airmen using social media on government networks. Personal use of social media sites must be of reasonable duration and frequency that have been approved by supervisors and do not adversely affect performance of official duties, overburden systems or reflect adversely on the Air Force.

Air Force personnel cannot post any classified or sensitive information and must follow the guidelines for appropriate social media and Internet use. The inappropriate posting of information on the AF network and any OPSEC violations are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.



## Wing helps with keeping airport runway clean

Master Sergeants Jerry Dye and Peter Rose, 911th Maintenance Squadron, sort through the various debris collect during the FOD Walk, May 1. Nearly 90 personnel from the 911th Airlift Wing participated in the walk to help clean the airport runway from debris. Foreign Object Debris, also known as FOD, is anything from loose stone, glass, rubber, etc., that can be sucked into an aircraft engine and cause damage. More than 80 pounds of stone, broken cement and other various materials were picked up during the walk. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky, Public Affairs)

# 911th participates in Operation Arctic Care 2010

by Senior Airman Jamie Perry  
911th Public Affairs

Two members of the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron recently returned from "Operation Arctic Care," a two-week mission to remote areas of Alaska.

Operation Arctic Care, a mission focused toward providing necessary medical care and education to the residents of remote areas

of Alaska marks its 16th year that medical teams have converged to treat general health patients, in addition to providing dental care, eye exams and veterinary procedures.

Lt. Daniel Boda, 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron nurse and Tech. Sgt. Audra Cabbage, joined teams from the Air Force, Army and Navy, including Reserve, Guard and active duty units, converging on 11 different remote villages near Kotzebue, Alaska. The Air Force Reserve Command will be leading the operation this year.

Lieutenant Boda was part of a traveling team which went to various towns such as Kobuk, Kotz, Noorvik and Selawik Alaska. They provided health education to school students to teach children about nutrition, infection control, suicide prevention, drugs and alcohol. They also conducted CPR classes and helped perform sports physicals.

"Getting out to some of the smaller villages and seeing how

well the children and community receive you is amazing. How they all welcome you into their homes, shows their great appreciation for what we do," said Lieutenant Boda.

Tech. Sgt. Cabbage assisted the command center in preparing medical reports, medical coding and tracking the movement of military members through different villages.

"I really enjoyed the experience of getting to see Alaska first hand. Just seeing how high the cost of living is and how isolated many of the villages are really makes you appreciate things

a lot more. Just the fact that their normal modes of transportation were snowmobiles and other types of snow vehicles was unbelievable to me," said Sergeant Cabbage.

With no vehicle access to the sites, the teams were airlifted in by Army Blackhawk helicopters. The Pittsburgh team joined military medical professionals from 30 states in what has become the largest recurring joint military medical and logistics training exercise of its kind, while providing real-world humanitarian assistance and medical care.

"This is truly a win-win opportunity for both the military and Alaska

residents," said Col. Christine Barber, project manager for this year's operation. "Arctic Care helps simulate preparing and conducting medical outreach operations in the time of crisis, conflict or disaster, while at the same time filling a vital need for U.S. citizens. Our teams will be seeing patients who have to wait year-to-year to get even the most basic of medical care, such as dental check-up and eye exams."



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Audra Cabbage and 1st Lt. Daniel Boda, 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, participate in Operation Arctic Care, a two-week mission designed to help remote area Alaska residents needing medical and dental treatment.

## SharePoint: New content management utility

by Senior Airman Jamie Perry  
Public Affairs

By September 30, 2010 the base Metric page and Shares will be replaced with SharePoint, a content management utility.

The goal of implementing SharePoint for all base operations will help centralize information making it easier to update, maintain and manage. The software will be more secure and also web-based, giving members the ability to log on via CAC reader at home to access information. This will help make

telecommuting easier for members.

"SharePoint will give us more functionality and not just a big storage area as we are used too," said Tech Sgt. James Abel, 911th SharePoint Project Lead.

Training classes for twenty preselected members from Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Niagara Falls ARS, and Pittsburgh ARS was held May 10-14, here for users to learn the capabilities and operation of SharePoint.

"Our goal for holding training classes on SharePoint is to teach key personnel how to use the program and fully utilize all of the benefits

it has to offer. After the class, the personnel now have the ability to teach other members on the program," said Sergeant Abel who has been preparing the training since April 2010.

SharePoint will be replacing and enhancing the functionality of the Shares that we have been utilizing. It will help aid in organization of data and keep users current with the most up-to-date information.

"Our goal is to make our SharePoint one that Air Force Reserve Command wants to benchmark off of," said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander.

# Chaplain's assistant: Eyes, ears of chaplain Offers support for ministry, worship needs

by Tech. Sergeant Scott Pryor  
Public Affairs

Doing paperwork, answering the telephone and making bulletins for religious services might be what comes to mind for most people if you would ask them what a chaplain assistant does. That answer would only be partially correct because the career field involves much more.

Servicing the varied religious, spiritual and emotional needs of Airman ranges from being fulfilling to challenging and requires a great deal of flexibility.

"This career field attracts all different types of people," said Tech. Sergeant Jon Meier, a chaplain assistant for the past three years. "It could be a religious person and this career meets their needs to those who are people persons and like the person to person interaction."

Their primary role is to provide support for ministry. They serve as the "eyes and ears" of the chaplains on deployments and visitations, and support worship services for unit members and conduct humanitarian programs. They are also trained to deploy to an Air Force Expeditionary Forces individually or as a Chaplain Service team.

Sergeant Meier, a former Security Forces member, said that the chaplains and chaplain assistants work together as religious support team and noted that the assistants carry weapons and are responsible for the chaplain's personal security when they are deployed.

Chaplain assistants formerly went through six-week training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., but due to a recent change, they now go through joint training with the Army and Navy at Fort Jackson, S.C. They receive training in how to set up worship services, completing administrative duties, having a general understanding of various religions, and suicide prevention, awareness and intervention.

"The most rewarding part is meeting

people and helping them. Sometimes we have to be there just to listen to what someone has to say. We let them tell their story and not be judgmental," said Sergeant Meier.

As with any career field, being a chaplain assistant does have its challenges, as Sergeant Meier found out when he was deployed (add "to the military hospital in" to) Afghanistan.

"We sometimes have to deal with people when they are at the lowest point in their lives and they are heavy with emotion. An injured Army member was brought into the unit hospital I was serving. Nine of his unit's members had been killed. He told me the whole story of the battle from beginning to end and how his buddies were killed. He was worried that people wouldn't want him to tell the story and he was feeling guilty that he was still alive. I had to assure him that it was his story to tell," said Sergeant Meier.

Senior Airman Melanie Vilk just started in the chaplain's office during the May Unit Training Assembly and is scheduled to do her initial training at Fort Jackson in July. Also a former Security Forces member, Airman Vilk is currently a junior at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pa., majoring in psychology. She said she became a chaplain assistant because she wanted a different experience.

"There are many positive reasons



Photo by Airman 1st Class Melissa Knox

**Tech. Sgt. Jon Meier a chaplain's assistant, prepares communion for a Sunday service during a Unit Training Assembly. Chaplains assistants are trained to arrange services for a variety of denominations. Service preparation is but one of a number of responsibilities chaplain assistants are tasked with.**

why I decided to become a chaplain assistant. I like interacting with people and I wanted to help people and have a positive influence. I think working on my degree in psychology goes with this career field," she said.

Like Sergeant Meier, Airman Vilk sees interacting with injured members as being a challenge.

"The thought of being in a hospital with injured members would be difficult. Seeing what they're going through would probably be emotional for me," she said.

Just doing paperwork, answering the telephone and making bulletins for religious services? No, the chaplain assistant career field is much more than that.

# Welcome Home

by  
**Lt. Shawn M. Walleck**

Recently aircraft maintainers, operations personnel and aerial porters returned home after completing a 120-day Air Expeditionary Force rotation in support of contingency operations overseas.

Personnel returned home in three different waves spanning almost one week. The first wave arrived via rotator to BWI airport in Baltimore May 15 and then got picked up by one of the unit's C-130s for the last leg of their trip. The second and largest wave arrived May 19 and included more than 80 aircraft maintainers and operations personnel, along with four of the unit's aircraft, which also made the trip overseas for the deployment. The third and final wave arrived in similar fashion as the first. This wave was comprised of 30 aerial porters and arrived late in the evening at BWI May 20, and then flew home the next day via one of the unit's C-130s.

Every homecoming was met with a ramp full of family and friends who waited in anticipation for their Airmen to return. Once off the plane hugs, kisses, smiles and tears were the commodities traded when Airmen reunited with their loved ones.

Now that they are home, Reservists will begin their reconstitution down time and

start the reintegration process with friends, family and employers. "Working 12 hour days, six days a week for 120 days in a desert climate under stressful, sometimes hostile conditions can take a toll on a person, which is why being given the time to reintegrate is so important," said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander.

The tempo was high for deployed unit members and during the 120 days personnel flew 1,084 sorties, hauled 3,017.46 tons of cargo and transported 12,649 passengers by flying an average of 556 hours per month. The Wing's 32nd APS personnel airlifted 20,000 short tons of cargo on 5,800 missions with a 99 percent on-time rate. They also performed over 580 engine running on/off loads reducing aircraft ground times for those missions by 67 percent and moved more than 113,000 passengers.

"Our Airmen did some 'heavy lifting' over there and I am proud of each and every one of them. They continually perform under any circumstance and deliver exceptional results. The stats they logged are most impressive and everyone came home mishap free. I am humbled by their efforts, grateful for their dedication and thankful for their service to the Reserve, our Wing and our country... truly a job well done," concluded Colonel Elwell.



# 911 Communications Squadron receives training in new satellite-based communications package

by Senior Airman Timothy Mobley  
911th Communications Squadron

The 911th Communications Squadron has once again shown their ability to adapt to an ever-changing mission as one of a dozen Air Force Reserve Command squadrons to receive a new satellite-based communications package.

The Joint Incident Site Communications Capability is a mobile command and control center produced by Rivada Networks, a company based in Colorado Springs, Colo. Rivada is a Public Safety Communications Integration company with products designed in response to communication failures in New York City on September 11, 2001 where incompatible communication systems hampered the efforts of emergency personnel. In the years between 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina the JISCC package was developed and became widely used. It addresses challenges from both incidents, offering total interoperability for first and second responders to a natural or man-made disaster. "For example," shares Rivada Vice President Rob Needham, "we create basically a 'bubble' of voice, video and data over the incident or disaster area and it enables LMRs (Land Mobile Radios), Cellular Phones, VoIP Sip Phones, WiFi enabled laptops to all be able to communicate directly with each other because they would all be on a standard of internet protocol."

On April 26-30 three Rivada representatives, all prior-Air Force, visited the 911th CS. During this week, eight members of the squadron were introduced and trained on the new equipment. These members represented the different specialties of the 911th CS: RF Transmission Systems (Tech. Sgt. Michael Stofko and Senior Airman Bart Simon), Cyber Systems Operations (Tech. Sgts. Robert Renfroe and David DeFrank and Senior Airman Andrew Burick), Cyber Transport (Senior Airman Timothy Mobley), COMSEC Manager (Master Sgt. Leslie Vish) and Readiness ART (Master Sgt. Brenda Mitchell). Squadron members quickly learned how efficient and user-friendly the package is, providing communications capability in less than one hour of arriving at an incident site. Once in place, "it can support up to 125 computers," says MSgt. Mitchell. "A user can walk up with a laptop, plug into our network module, and have internet access."

One of the most impressive features of the system is its ability to bridge between land mobile radios and phone terminals. This capability would allow command personnel to communicate from a telephone with radio operators at an incident site. Since the JISCC uses commercial satellites for access to the internet, however, training opportunities are currently limited. "AFRC has a new contract in the works for satellite access, and the JISCC units will be working with AFRC on a long term training schedule to coordinate satellite time," assures Master Sgt. Mitchell.

Receipt of the JISCC equipment coincides with a nationwide restructuring of the Air Force communications career fields, effective October 1, 2009 and currently in the transitioning phase. Where formerly phones, radios, computers, and satellite systems operated under separate communications Air Force Specialty Codes, there is now more convergence with such technology as Voice-over-IP (VoIP), which sends voice communication as digital data. The new 3DXXX cyber support career fields are intended to meet the needs and address the challenges of integrated communications. The JISCC exemplifies this convergence in specialties, incorporating voice, video and data delivered via satellite. Mr. Needham writes that there is a "fundamental shift going on that is migrating traditional UHF/VHF radio traffic over to Radio Over IP (RoIP)



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Andrew Burick, Tech Sgt. Michael Stofko and Senior Airman Bart Simon assemble the K U-band satellite antenna which provides satellite feed for the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability.

and conversion of RF signal to IP at the antenna base – JISCC is a good starting system because it takes advantage of smaller and lighter weight footprints, better technology and coverage capability and lower cost." Because of this convergence, Needham forecasts a "strong push to increase knowledge in wireless technologies."

While the JISCC was first used by the Army National Guard in 2003, its full implementation in all 54 states and territories began in 2005, when it was used to support the Homeland Defense mission. It is just beginning to be employed by the AFRC for base recovery, however JISCC systems are also designed to mesh with each other, becoming a force multiplier.

With FEMA reporting ten Federal Disaster Declarations in Pennsylvania within the past decade, it seems likely there will be both a need and opportunity for the 911th CS to provide crisis communication at some point in the future.

**911TH AIRLIFT WING  
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**Planned Events!**

- Disney Princesses
- Quarterback Challenge
- Dunk Tank
- Teen Area
- DJ Nikki
- Rock Climbing
- Bungee Jumper
- Pony Rides
- Paint Ball
- Petting Zoo
- Hair Braiding
- Face Painting
- Corn Hole
- Fire Truck Display
- C-130 Static
- SFS Weapons Display
- 501st
- Key Spouses Group



**WHATS ON THE MENU**

- Hamburgers
- Kielbasa
- Potato
- Tossed Salad
- Cookies
- Beverages
- Hot Dogs
- Hot Sausage
- Pasta Salad
- Fruit Salad
- Brownies

**CIVILIAN ATTIRE AUTHORIZED AT 11 a.m.**

**Event Location: Hangars 416, 418 & Pavilion Area  
from 11 a.m.— 4 p.m.**

**For Access to the Base you must show Military ID or be escorted by ID member.**

**Event Parking opens from 10 a.m. - Noon**

# Base C-130 fleet receives new tail flash

by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky  
Public Affairs

On May 5, aircraft tail number 807 became the first to receive the new Pittsburgh tail flash; a gold steel "P" beam with the city's name riveted in black.

The flashing was an idea Col. Gordon Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander, had been thinking about after his arrival here in June 2007.

"After a few months of moving to the area, I noticed that Pittsburghers still identify with being a steel town and have a lot of pride with that heritage," said Colonel Elwell. "I wanted to symbolically capture that pride and reflect it on our aircraft. The flashing we had was very nondescript and I was looking for something that would not only stand out, but that would represent the strong relationship the 911th has with the city of Pittsburgh," said the colonel.

The idea was presented to Master Sgt. Mark Finney (911th Maintenance Squadron) to see if it was possible to reproduce the image on the aircraft.

"I liked the idea and knew right away it could be done," said Sergeant Finney. "The design took some time because the software didn't have a font with rivets, so I had to hand draw them all," he said. "It was a tedious process."

On May 5, Master Sgt. Finney and Airman Ashley Wiley, 911th Maintenance Squadron, worked with the material, and by the end of the day the first C-130 rolled out with the new tail flash.

"This aircraft was our test subject," said Sergeant Finney. "We learned a few lessons on the application process with this one," he said. "For now, it's just temporary until it [the aircraft] comes back from the maintenance Depot with a new coat of paint and then we'll put another one on," said Sergeant



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky  
Capt. Garth Ranz, 911th Maintenance Squadron commander, and Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander display the new Pittsburgh tail flashing for the wing's aircraft. On the lift, Master Sgt. Mark Finney and Airman Ashley Wiley prepare the tail of the C-130 for the new flashing.

Finney.

"I'm extremely pleased with the results," said Colonel Elwell. "Now, when someone sees one of our aircraft, they will know we are from Pittsburgh and that we carry with it the city's pride," he said.

## Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group



During our last social event held in April, Cindy Stuart prepared a fabulous homemade Chinese lunch of beef and broccoli, lo mein noodles, dumplings, eggrolls, soup and more! We had a great time eating, laughing and fellowshiping. Cindy also gave out hand-made linens and items from her home village in China. Thanks again!

Did you know? You can talk to your loved one overseas face to face (provided they have a webcam where they are). There is a webcam available at billeting. Contact the front desk for instructions on how to use it. Bring your kids and talk live online.

Want to record a DVD message to your spouse or anyone else? PMFSG purchased a video camcorder to record special personal messages for your loved ones. Contact Terry Stuart at (412) 474-8544.

We are looking forward to the Family Day picnic July 11. PMFSG is considering placing a table of activities for kids or some other function for the third year in a row. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Jane Elwell at (412) 735-5807 or email at [janesmountain@gmail.com](mailto:janesmountain@gmail.com).

If you need anything please contact us at (412) 474-8544 or visit our website at <http://www.911thfamilysupport.com>

# CELEBRATING PATRIOTISM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11 & 12



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# Promotions

## To Airman

Nathan Norman, 911 SFS

## To Senior Airman

David Gross, 911 CS  
Dean Scalise, 758 AS

## To Staff Sergeant

Randelle Croker, 911 AMXS  
Kody Underwood, 911 AMXS  
Daniel Manning, 911 AMXS  
Robert Marshall, 32 APS  
Beverly Baciak, 911 LRS  
Joseph Obermann, 911 ASTS  
Timothy Woody, 911 ASTS

## To Technical Sergeant

Marlon Hutson, 911 ASTS  
Mark Hetzer, 32 APS

## To Master Sergeant

Doug Obeldobel, 911 CS

## To Chief Master Sergeant

Ronald Nowasell, 911 AES

## New Recruits

Airman 1st Class Vincent J. Suriano, 911 ASTS  
Airman Basic John J. Julin, 911 MOF  
Airman 1st Class Jose R. Gonzalez, 911 MOF  
Airman 1st Class Robert J. Ralph, II, 911 CES  
Airman 1st Class David G. Defeo, 911 ASTS  
Senior Airman Derek L. Watson, 911 LRS  
Airman 1st Class William T. McKenzie, 911 MXS  
Airman Kevin T. Mulhollen, 911 MXS  
Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Morgan, 911 MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Nicole C. Zottola, 911 OSF  
Airman Daniel A. Onyango, 911 ASTS  
Airman 1st Class John P. Nelson, 911 CES  
Airman Basic Alicia M. Steininger, 911 SFS  
Staff Sgt. Jessica R. Dahlberg, 911 ASTS  
Airman Basic Lauren M. Tolomei, 911 ASTS  
Airman Jeremy J. Pacacha, 911 MXS  
Senior Airman Zachary J. McClemens, 911 MXS  
Airman Basic Andrew J. Reese, 911 CES  
Staff Sgt. Brian P. Rietscha, 911 SFS  
Airman Basic Nikkolas M. Mamula, 911 AES  
Airman 1st Class Stacie D. Wood, 911 OSF  
Airman 1st Class Andrew G. Hutsky, 911 MXS  
Airman 1st Class Edward V. Hudak, 911 CES

## Veteran recruiter seeks to help others

by Ms. Tamara Cario  
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Master Sgt. Allen Miller could be considered a veteran of recruiting, having recruited 11 of his 18 years in the Air Force. Sergeant Miller enjoys recruiting for the Air Force Reserve.

“The Reserve offers some great flexibility. You can choose your location and your job. You can also serve your country while having the time to pursue your education, both in the military and as a civilian,” he said.

Starting out in Services, which back then, was called Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Sergeant Miller’s positive experiences with the Air Force brought

him to the recruiting world.

“I love the Air Force,” he said. “There are so many opportunities the Air Force Reserve has to offer, I want to share them with others.”

He feels it is a reward in itself to help someone change their lives for the better by joining the military.

“It makes me appreciate my job when a mother tells me she’s glad her son joined the Air Force because he has learned responsibilities and gained confidence,” Sergeant Miller said.

Coming to the 911th Airlift Wing from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Sergeant Miller chose Pittsburgh because his family is from Pennsylvania.

“The 911th is like a close knit family,” he said. “This is a great place to work.”



Photo by Airman 1st Class Melissa Knox

Master Sgt. Allen Miller

# News Briefs

## Walt Disney World promotion

The Information, Travel & Ticket office is pleased to announce that Walt Disney World will be offering a new salute program for 2010. The promotion will run during the period of January 3 thru July 31, 2010. During this period, Walt Disney World 4-Day Salute Tickets may be purchased by "Eligible Service Members" or spouses for their family and friends. There is a limit of six tickets per "Eligible Service Member" with tickets fully expiring on Sept. 30, 2010. There are blackout dates so please check when ordering tickets. Call (412) 474-8641 for more info.

## Sears offer vets hometown store

Sears Hometown Stores is proud to announce the first ever Operation Stores & Stripes Contest - offering military veterans the opportunity to win a Sears Hometown Store. Sears will award one deserving military veteran with their very own Sears Hometown Store.

Now through June 25, 2010, qualified applicants may enter the contest at <http://www.searshometownstores.com/veteran/>.

Includes the store, license, merchandise, renovation and merchandised location, the first 90 days of lease as well as 90 days of operating cash flow. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited. Open to legal U.S. residents, who are military veterans, have a minimum of \$100,000 net worth, \$10,000 of which is liquid, have successfully passed the initial application and are 18 years of age or older or the legal age of majority in their state of residence as of date of entry.

## Unique camp opportunity

The Stoltz Family, owners of Island Lake Camp located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, have once again generously provided summer camp spaces for military youth at no-cost. The Air Force has been provided five free slots (valued at \$3,000 each) during the weeks of Aug. 3-16, 2010 for youth to experience this unique camp opportunity.

Eligible youth must be 8-13 years old or in 3rd-8th grades (a/o Sept 10), have a parent currently or recently deployed and must complete the attached scholarship form. Applications are due by May 1, 2010 via email to David Brittain at [david.brittain@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:david.brittain@pentagon.af.mil) or fax DSN 664-0323. Selections will be made and families notified by May 30, 2010.

## New Get One incentive

This is a heads up that a Get One Now Refer a Friend Tour concert with Styx (also performing is Foreigner and Kansas) at the First Niagara Pavilion on June 24th, 7 p.m. is a new incentive available through the 911th Airlift Wing recruiting office.

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Logan, Senior Recruiter for the 911th will have tickets for Reservists and DOD civilians from the 911th who refer a friend through the Get-One website, each referral will be rewarded with two tickets. This is separate from the actual awards received for accessions from the Get-One program. There will be an online registration set up for this and it is on a first come-first serve basis. Tickets will also include a pre-show meet and greet with the band and photo. There are a limited number of tickets that are subject to availability and are distributed on a first come first serve basis. Sergeant Logan can be reached at (412) 474-8947, if you have any questions.

## Harvard University

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

## Free Museum Admission

This summer, more than 600 museums in all 50 states are offering free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, through Labor Day, September 6, 2010 to show their appreciation for those who are serving this nation.

<http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php?st=PA#list>

## Pay Dates

<b>Primary</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>July 7</b>



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