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A man in a dark blue military uniform with a pilot's wing and a name tag is holding a single red rose. He is standing in front of a microphone stand. The background is dark with some equipment visible.

**Maintenance community
recognizes Airmen,
remembers POWs, MIAs
at annual awards banquet
... see page 4**

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ORI on hold for now

By Col. Pat Cord

As some of you may have heard through the grape vine, the operational readiness inspection, scheduled for Oct. 1, 2006, has been postponed.

This announcement means that the ORI preparation schedule will change, but we will still hold a Phase-I exercise in February. Please put forth the same fantastic preparation and execution effort for this exercise that I have seen from you during the past six months – because the operative word is “postponed,” not “cancelled.”

The reason the ORI has been postponed is because we have been tasked to participate in an AEF rotation next year.

I am very proud of the way the Citizen Airmen of the 442nd have risen to the challenge of preparing for this in-depth look at the way we perform and I am very confident you will all meet the challenges that face us in the next year or two.

I will also take this opportunity to let you know that Mary and I wish you and your families all the best for the holiday season. This is a special time of year and an occasion to be close to loved ones, but let us not forget our brothers and sisters serving our Nation overseas who cannot be with their families because they have answered the call to arms.

The other message I wish to convey for the holiday season is cautionary. Please remember to be safe during this time. The wing and I need each and every one of you if we are going to make it through the busy times ahead. Every single member of the 442nd Fighter Wing has an important role to play in accomplishing our mission.

Speaking of accomplishing the mission, you responded in your usual outstanding fashion in this year’s Combined Federal Campaign.

Not only did we meet our goal of \$7,744, but we exceeded it by \$656, one of the largest outpourings of generosity in recent wing history. Thank you for all you do to make our communities, states and Nation a better place and for thinking of others.

At every turn I find nothing short of excellence from the men, women and families who make up the 442nd Fighter Wing. I couldn’t be more proud to serve than right here at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Please be safe this season and Happy Holidays!



Col. Pat Cord, commander

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On the cover: Tech. Sgt. Paul Hanson, from the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron lights a candle for a POW/MIA remembrance prior to this year's Hogfest, the annual 442d Maintenance Group awards ceremony. This year's Hogfest was Nov. 5. (Photograph by Maj David Kurle)

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442nd Fighter Wing Tip of the Spear

Staff Sgt. Julie W. Burges
303rd Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. Burges' impact as a member of the 303rd Fighter Squadron and the Air Force Reserve has been positive and immediate.

Hurricane Katrina struck while Sergeant Burges attended technical training at Keesler AFB, near Biloxi, Miss., devastating the base and local area.

Many of the more than 700 residents in the storm shelter she shared had to leave family pets behind and were deeply concerned with their welfare. Sergeant Burges notified her commander of her bachelor's degree in Zoology and that she worked at an animal hospital in her civilian employment.

Within 24-hours of Katrina's passage, Sergeant Burges helped lead a handful of volunteers to the base housing area to collect and transport more than 200 pets to a designated animal shelter area. Many of the pets required medical care and she was able to assist in their treatment. Some animals were in serious condition and would not have survived were it not for her immediate attention.

Later, upon returning to Whiteman, Sergeant Burges found the squadron gearing up for its operational readiness exercise. Upon learning that the unit was undermanned in the squadron operations center (SOC), the nucleus of flying operations, she suggested that her 10 years of command post controller experience might be valuable in this critical position. On her own time, she came out to the base to get a "crash course" in SOC responsibilities.

Sergeant Burges' performance during the exercise exceeded all expectations. She was the SOC commander's right-hand, keeping him apprised at all times of aircraft movement and status, and aircrew accountability.

In addition, she ensured that all information regarding the status of flying resources and combat capability of the unit was current and up-channeled to the mission director as it occurred. Sergeant Burges has brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the 303rd FS and is truly a "Tip of the Spear" for the 442nd Operations Group.

Collins to command 10th AF

By Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Collins has been selected to be commander, 10th Air Force, headquartered at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, by Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve.

General Collins has been the mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The general graduated from the USAF Academy in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. He entered the Air Force Reserve unit program in 1981 after 10 years active duty in a variety of flying assignments.

In the unit program, he has seen duty as an instructor pilot, flight examiner, flight commander, weapons officer, operations officer, squadron commander, operations group commander and vice commander for the 924th Fighter Wing.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours of flight time in the F-4 Phantom and the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

General Collins replaces Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin who has commanded 10th AF since January 2005.



Maj. Gen. Richard C. Collins

US Air Force PHOTO

442nd maintainers recognized at 'HogFest'

By Maj. David Kurlle

Dining, dancing and recognizing the best of the best in the maintenance community was the mission for the evening as the 442nd Maintenance Group held its annual gathering and awards ceremony, dubbed "HogFest," Nov. 5 in Sedalia.

Described as a way for "the enlisted maintenance personnel to recognize and honor their fellow enlisted members for exceptional and outstanding performance," the evening included awards presentations, a dinner and dancing to live music.

Maintainers received awards in 14 categories and were called up to the front for recognition by the 442nd Fighter Wing's command chief master sergeant, Chief David Isaacson, who presided as master of ceremonies.

The awards were presented by Capt. Mike Riley, 442nd Maintenance Squadron commander; Lt. Col. Alan Priest, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander; Lt. Col. Eric Vanderlinden, 442nd Maintenance Group deputy commander; Col. Dewayne Burgess, 442nd MXG commander; and Col. Patrick Cord, 442nd Fighter Wing commander.

"It's great to mingle with everyone in a social setting instead of a work environment," said Staff Sgt. James Sollars, a 442nd AMXS crew chief and award winner.

The award winners in each category were:

- 442nd Maintenance Squadron Senior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Tech. Sgt. Regina Brewer
442nd MXS
- Junior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Senior Airman Kenneth Kephart Jr.
442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Senior Enlisted Member of the Year
Tech. Sgt. John Straka
442nd AMXS
- Junior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Staff Sgt. James Sollars
442nd Maintenance Operations Flight Senior Enlisted Member of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Smith
442nd MOF
- Junior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Staff Sgt. John Adair



PHOTO BY MAJ. DAVID KURLLE

Lt. Col. Alan Priest, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, presents a trophy to Tech. Sgt. John Straka, for being named the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Senior Enlisted Member of the Year. Sergeant Straka received the award at the 442nd Fighter Wing's annual maintenance awards banquet, called HogFest, held Nov. 5, in Sedalia, Mo.

- 442nd Munitions Flight Senior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Master Sgt. Steve Cohick
- 442nd Munitions Flight Junior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Staff Sgt. Roger Brinkerhoff
442nd AMXS
- Crew Chief of the Year**
Tech. Sgt. Aaron McRoberts
442nd AMXS
- Assistant Crew Chief of the Year**
Senior Airman Aaron Berry
442nd AMXS
- Load Crew of the Year**
Master Sgt. Kenneth Temple
Staff Sgt. Christine Nicewander
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Rowles
442nd Maintenance Group Senior Enlisted Member of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Regina Brewer
442nd MXG
- Junior Enlisted Member of the Year**
Staff Sgt. Roger Brinkerhoff
Outstanding Community Service Award
Tech. Sgt. Geary Rose
Tech. Sgt. Duston Ross

"I was totally surprised, it was totally unexpected," Sergeant Sollars said about his award. "It was definitely a team effort. I've had a lot of help from trainer (Tech. Sgt.) Tyler Bane."

Master Sgt. Steve Cohick, a munitions system technician in the 442nd Munitions Flight, agreed with the team concept in earning his award.

"It's quite a team effort," he said. "I just feel like I do my job to the best of my ability and it's great that supervisors take notice."

Sergeant Cohick also served on the committee that planned this year's HogFest.

"We try to change the theme every year," he said. "This year it was a '70s theme, complete with lava lamps and black lights."

The musical group "Blues Trip" capped off the evening with a live-band dance. Senior Master Sgt. Steve Smith from the 442nd Fighter Wing Safety Office is a guitarist with the group and even sang a few songs from the '70s in keeping with this year's theme.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ANGELA BLAZIER

Missouri Air National Guard range controllers monitor a 442nd Fighter Wing A-10 Thunderbolt II's activities over the William Wallace Cannon Range near Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during a recent open house. The range, where 442nd FW pilots regularly train, was recognized for environmental quality and improving the realism of operations.

Range wins ANG environmental award

LAMBERT FIELD, ST. LOUIS— Detachment 1 at Cannon Range, a Missouri Air National Guard aerial bombing and gunnery range located near Fort Leonard Wood, received the Air National Guard Award for Voluntary Environmental Achievement for fiscal year 2005.

For the last two years, Detachment 1 personnel have made strides to improve the quality and realism of operations at Cannon Range while reducing the impact it has on the environment.

A recent overhaul of the targets used on the range resulted in the removal of hundreds of military vehicles and thousands of munitions.

Before vehicles could be recycled, each was inspected and drained of fluids, lubricants, filters, batteries

and radioactive gauges.

In all, the team recycled more than 600,000 pounds of concrete filler; 3,500 tires; 32,121 pounds of diesel fuel and used oil; 100 pounds of radioactive gauges and 140 batteries.

Cannon Range personnel prepared more than 2 million pounds of residue for sale through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office and moved, consolidated, sorted and prepared more than 7 million additional pounds of residue for disposal through an Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence contractor. This was easily the largest effort of this type ever accomplished by an Air National Guard range.

"This is a big honor," said Lt. Col. Scott Porter, Detachment 1 commander. "We've worked extremely hard

to ensure our range provides the most realistic possible training for today's war fighters while doing our part to protect the environment for our families and for the community in which we serve."

Cannon Range, one of 35 ranges in the Air Force, is Missouri's only aerial bombing and gunnery range.

Twelve Guardsmen, including eleven full-time personnel, manage operations at the range, which is used by air-ground weapons systems, including A-10 Thunderbolts, F-16 Falcons and helicopters throughout the Midwest.

The range is also used by C-130 Hercules aircraft for air-drop training and by USAF and ANG forward air controllers who use the range for close air support training. *(From a Missouri National Guard news release)*



Towering 140 feet above the ground, the Hands of Victory monument, along with its twin, marks the entrances to a large parade ground in central Baghdad. Constructed from melted and recast guns of dead Iraqi soldiers from the Iran-Iraq war, the arch includes captured Iranian helmets held in a net held between the swords.



The thirteen-member 442nd Security Forces Squadron returned home just in time for Veterans Day after patrolling the streets in Baghdad's "green zone" for nearly two months.

442nd Security Forces Squadron enforce law

By Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Thirteen members of 442nd Security Forces Squadron returned home just in time for Veterans Day after patrolling the streets in Baghdad's "green zone" for nearly two months.

Initially, the Airmen had headed for another country in the area of responsibility. Soon after arrival in the AOR, however, an event in the United States would take them in a new direction.

Following Hurricane Katrina's assault on the U.S. Gulf coast, a team of Security Forces Airmen from Louisiana serving in Baghdad's international zone were permitted to return home early. Their departure left an immediate need for replacements and the 442nd Airmen stepped forward to volunteer.

"All of the (SFS) teams were called in and the commander went down the line asking each team, 'Do you want to go?'" Master Sgt. Louis Vallejo, the 442nd team's leader, said. "When he got to us, we said 'yes'."

When they arrived in Baghdad, they were assigned duties patrolling the streets in a law



COURTESY PHOTO

442nd SFS Airmen Squadron team pauses for a group photo at Baghdad International Airport shortly before departure.

442nd SFS Airmen in Baghdad

enforcement capacity.

“The job there was a little more challenging; it was not black and white,” Sergeant Vallejo said of the variables of working the streets of Baghdad. “It was a little grayer because we were doing law enforcement and not air base defense.”

The reservists, many in law enforcement in their civilian careers, quickly adapted and were soon on the beat both night and day.

“I worked nights for part of the time there,” Master Sgt. Robert Reeves, squad leader. “I’d get up, put on my gear and head out for patrol.”

“We’d pick up our interpreters and go around the area and talk to people and see if they had any information about the insurgents,” Staff Sgt. Rafael Gonzalez, fire team member, said. “They gave good information if they wanted to talk with us. If they didn’t want to talk, they’d say just ‘yes’ or ‘no’ and then just leave.”

“We were basically the international zone police,” Tech. Sgt. Timothy Brock, fire team leader, said. “We were responsible for anything that happened in the IZ ... any vehicle accidents, we responded to them ... any incident that happened and we would be dispatched out.”

Sometimes their daily duties put them in the instructor’s role.

“We would also teach the Iraqi police to do the job too,” Sergeant Gonzalez said. “Sometimes we would do traffic control and we’d do ID checks.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Helling and Tech. Sgt. Timothy Brock hand out candy to Iraqi children on the streets of Baghdad during a law enforcement patrol in the city’s “Green Zone.”



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442nd SFS Airmen prepare to move out on another patrol of Baghdad’s international zone.

In general, the local populace seemed to appreciate the presence of the reservists.

“The Iraqi people there were very friendly and were generally happy we were there,” Sergeant Reeves said. “I made several Iraqi friends (including one man who) had not been allowed to get married under Saddam’s regime. He’s been married now and has a child.”

Even though the group faced risks and dangers from insurgents during the deployment, they were very positive

about their time in the green zone.

“The morale was just great; and I know that the other twelve team members will say that too.” Sergeant Reeves said. “I was pumped the whole time; I enjoyed it.”

Sergeant Vallejo agreed with Sergeant Reeves’ assessment and summed up their experience in the Green Zone.

“It was a good deployment,” he said. “We worked well together, everybody stepped up to bat and performed beyond expectations.”



Air Force sets PTU wear date

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) The Air Force Uniform Board established an Oct. 1, 2006 mandatory wear date of the physical training uniform, or PTU, for unit fitness activities.

The board also released additional guidance for Airmen wearing the uniform for personal workouts.

Airmen may wear the PTU during personal workouts given the following conditions:

- T-shirts may be worn out or tucked in.
- Jackets may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes.
- Black or navy blue leggings or stretch shorts may be worn under the uniform shorts.
- White socks of any length and small conservative trademarks are authorized.
- Any athletic shoes may be worn;
- Safety items such as reflective belts, camelbacks and fanny packs are authorized;
- Hats or knit caps are authorized provided they meet military image requirements;
- Headphones are still authorized;
- Bandanas and other similar head scarves are not authorized unless Airmen have a medical waiver; and
- Saluting is not required.

All Airmen must comply with tattoo and jewelry standards as stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Female Airmen exercising in the PTU may wear their hair free of pins or other accessories normally required to meet uniform standards. Also, there is no mandated maternity uniform while participating in formations or unit activities.

The Air Force created the PTU to support unit cohe-



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN MATTHEW ROSINE

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan — **Tech. Sgt. Marcus Nelson checks out the new Air Force physical training uniform at the base exchange here. Sergeant Nelson is assigned to the 416th Air Expeditionary Group.**

sion and present a professional, standardized image.

Commanders will determine what uniform items consisting of a jacket, pants, shorts and T-shirt Airmen will wear during unit fitness events.

The uniform board is working on optional items including a long-sleeve shirt, sweatshirt and another style of running shorts.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander's support staff, military personnel flight or personnel office at deployed locations. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*

Movin' up, movin' in

Congratulations

442nd Operations Group

1st Lt. Keith Yersak

442nd Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Russell Rackers

Master Sgt. Jerry Nicas Jr.

Master Sgt. Paul Cavanaugh

Master Sgt. Michael Cook

Tech. Sgt. James Herrel

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Crowder

Tech. Sgt. John Walton

Tech. Sgt. Ian Robertson

Senior Airman James Head

Senior Airman Stephen Justice

Senior Airman Terry Woolery Jr.

710th Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cecilia Campbell

Tech. Sgt. Marlene Marshall

Staff Sgt. Shawn Barnard

Senior Airman Catherine Archie

303rd Fighter Squadron

Master Sgt. Timothy Garrard

610th Intelligence Operations Flight

Master Sgt. Bryan Biederman

Tech. Sgt. Steven Mueller

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Needham

Airman Joshua Marx

442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Becky Adams

Senior Airman Christopher Brockway

Senior Airman Clint Vangorkom

442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joseph Robertson

Senior Airman Tyson Cattoor

Senior Airman Cecil Ray Brushwood

Airman 1st Class Donald Johnston

Airman 1st Class Zachary Hulm

Airman 1st Class Michael Allen

442nd Maintenance Operations Flight

Airman 1st Class Sheila Cary

442nd Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Jacob Nicholls

Senior Airman Gabriel Martin

442nd Medical Squadron

Senior Airman Tisha Arrington

Welcome

442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Rosalie Crowley

Airman Basic Jautanne Powell

442nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Jamie Davidson

442nd Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michael Pratt

710th Medical Squadron

Lt. Col. George Chance

Airman 1st Class Andrew Rebant

442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Melissa Spawn

442nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Vimo Spears

Airman Basic Jeremiah Dupin

442nd Services Flight

Staff Sgt. Susan Walthour

Online process simplifies tuition assistance

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

civilian course conversion tables, distance learning information, DANTES and CLEP test results and more.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center link is available through the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Airmen are only a few mouse clicks away from financial support for their college education, thanks to the tuition assistance feature on the Air Force's virtual education center.

Online since early 2003, the center helps active-duty, Guard and reserve Airmen pursue their off-duty education from a computer.

Air Force tuition assistance is a quality of life program that provides tuition assistance and fees for college courses taken by active-duty Airmen during off-duty hours. It's capped at \$250 per semester hour — \$166 per quarter hour — and is one of the most frequent reasons Airmen give for enlisting and reenlisting in the Air Force, according to the Web site.

Now that all application paperwork is online, it means that more Airmen can take advantage of the program.

Along with tuition assistance, Airmen can use the Web site to check their Community College of the Air Force progress, request transcript and

Tuition assistance procedures

Tuition Assistance enrollment procedures are changing. Starting with the next semester, in the January time frame, all TA requests will be accomplished thru the Air Force Portal. Those members who do not yet have a Portal account must first establish one.

After establishing an account, the process is easy.

- Go to www.my.af.mil
- Log in
- At the top of the page click on "Career" under the "Life and Career" tab
- Scroll down the next page to "Military Self-Service Applications" heading and click on "Air Force Virtual Education Center"
- When the new window opens, click on "Apply for TA", on the right side of the page
- On the next page click on "Take the AFVEC online Tour"

The tour will walk through the steps required for on-line TA. Become familiar with the process so once directed to access the site, the system works will be more recognizable.

Members will still be responsible for submitting TA requests at least 10 days before the class's start date.

Degree plans, Statement of Understandings and proof of tuition cost are still required, as well as timely submission of grades, no more than 60 days from the course completion date. Send this documentation to the 442nd Fighter Wing Education office. Questions can be directed to Tech. Sgt. Ron Watkins at (660) 687-3353 or email him at ronald.watkins@whiteman.af.mil

AFVEC designed to support members' education goals

Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Ronald Watkins
442nd Fighter Wing Training office

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is the Air Force's premier site for providing information about educational information and benefits.

The purpose of this site is to provide students one-stop-shopping for all higher education needs.

In addition to the on-line tuition assistance request, AFVEC offers a wide array of on-line services to empower the student to actively participate in all aspects of their education. These services are offered to members to encourage progress of each educational endeavor the student chooses to participate in; whether it is requesting tuition assistance, working toward their Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree, applying for commissioning or testing for PME completion.

Individuals may access the AFVEC through a link on the Air Force Portal.

Members will be required to logon to "My AFVEC" by using their AF Portal user ID and password. New "My AFVEC" users will be required to create an account. Once in "My AFVEC", members should click "Request TA" to begin

the process of requesting tuition assistance.

Members will be required to know and enter basic course registration information in the on-line TA request. They must know, among other things, the school's exact term start and end dates, course code, course title and cost per semester or quarter hour.

Once the member has entered and reviewed the TA request information, the request will be forwarded electronically to the education center for final review and approval. The member will be notified via e-mail and through their "My AFVEC" account when the TA request is approved.

Additional "My AFVEC" services include:

- CCAF Web Progress Report (PR)
- On-line Transcript Request.
- Civilian Course Conversion Table (CivCCT)
- CCAF Distance Learning Options
- On-line Enrollment History
- On-line Notifications
- DANTES/CLEP Test Results

To learn more about the Air Force Virtual Education Center and "My AFVEC," please visit your local education center or logon to AFVEC at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>.

Related Site: <https://my.af.mil/afvecprod>



December pay dates



The December pay dates are as follows: Dec. 7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 23 and 30.

The Dec. 10 and 11 Unit Training Assembly pays Dec. 21.

Wing exceeds CFC goal

With one day left for this year's Combined Federal Campaign, which ended Nov. 23, the 442nd Fighter Wing exceeded its goal by eight percent.

The men and women in the wing donated a total of \$8,600 to various charities serviced by the CFC, eclipsing the objective of \$7,944. The 442nd accounted for six percent of the Whiteman Air Force Base goal, which was \$146,570.

TRICARE extends benefits

The TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Benefit, which was supposed to end Oct. 31, has been extended through Oct. 31, 2007.

The Department of Defense extended the benefit for an additional two years to ensure continuity of care for family members of approximately 170,000 National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Reservists and family members with questions or in need of assistance may use the TRICARE Yellow Pages available at www.tricare.osd.mil/yellowpages to contact their TRICARE regional contractor. Up-to-date TRICARE information is also available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve.

Old BDUs needed

The 442nd Medical Squadron is looking for old battle-dress uniforms or flight suits to be used for its moulage team during upcoming exercises. Donations can be dropped off at the 442nd MDS customer service counter on the second floor in the 509th Medical Group Building.

For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Billy Day, (660) 687-3952, or Maj. Christina M. Abbott Marks, (660) 687-5701.

BDUs now uniform of the day

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, outgoing 10th Air Force commander, directed that the battle dress uniform, or the flight suit in the case of air crew, be the uniform of the day. Accordingly, all 10th AF Airmen are now directed to wear BDU's, or flight suits, while on duty until further notice.

General Poulin cited a message given by Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. T. Michael Moseley concerning the duty uniform.

"We are a nation at war and everyone in the Air Force, no matter what organization you are assigned to, must remember that we are warfighters," General Moseley said. "Many of our fellow Airmen are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, others are stationed and deployed around the globe — wearing BDUs and flight suits as our duty uniform every day will serve as a constant reminder to us, and those who we come in contact with, that we are one with our fellow warriors.

"Recently we directed that the uniform of the day ... will be BDU or flight suit ... unless local policies dictate another uniform," General Moseley said.

"Of course there are exceptions," General Moseley said. "For example, should you be part of the official party at a retirement, promotion, or other official ceremonies, service dress uniform would be appropriate and certainly allowed.

"As Air Force representatives ... you are integral to our warfighting culture and wearing BDUs and flight suits is but one visible example of our commitment to the warfighter," General Moseley said.

Wright Flight volunteers sought

Volunteers are being sought to help with the 442nd Fighter Wing Wright Flight program. The program seeks to educate fifth-grade elementary children on respect, responsibility and integrity through the Wright Brother's dreams of aviation and how they achieved their goals.

Next year's schools are McCoy Elementary School, Melcher Elementary School and St. Monica's School. Members interested in volunteering to help with this program, please contact Master Sgt. Larry Washington at (660) 687-3477 or Col. George Burgess at (660) 687-3896.

ROA meeting scheduled

December's Reserve Officers Association meeting will be at the Mission's End Club, Sunday, Dec. 11, at noon. Col. Patrick Bielby, 442d Mission Support Group commander, is scheduled to be guest speaker and he will talk about his experiences in Iraq, "In Lieu of Missions," as well as the other missions of the 63 locations his civilian agency supported.

All ROA members and Reserve Enlisted Association members are in-

vited to attend. Officers interested in becoming an ROA officer for next year, should contact Col. Patrick Bielby by e-mail or call (660) 687-3891. For more information on ROA, please call 1st Lt. Jason Weiser at (660) 687-2736 or Maj. Christina M. Abbott Marks at (660) 687-5701.

HRDC classes offered

The Air Force Reserve Command Human Resources Development Council has developed an optional training class at Robins Air Force Base for unit level HRDC personnel to get hands on, small group training on HRDC initiatives and programs.

Due to high demand, classes are now being offered quarterly and seating is first come, first served basis, with a limit of 20 students per class. There is no rank requirement for the training.

The two-day classes, which run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be held Jan. 19 and 20, Jan. 21 and 22 and May 2 and 3.

Uniform will be any combination of blues or battle-dress uniform.

Those interested in participating, should email Master Sgt. Lori Deardorff at lori.deardorff@whiteman.af.mil as soon as possible to ensure a seat is reserved.

December training planner

What (# to call for info)	When	Where	What (# to call for info)	When	Where
9 December 2005, Friday			11 December 2005, Sunday		
Executive Working Group	1100	Wing CC office	Protestant Service (3827)	0645	Bldg 1117, Conference Room
Pre-UTA staff meeting	1430	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room	Sign in	0700-0730	Assigned Units
First Sergeants Mtg (3522)	1700	5-bay hangar, Conf room	CBRNEDT Refresher (3333)	0830-1130	Bldg 705, DP Classroom
10 December 2005, Saturday			Catholic Mass (3652)	0900	Base Chapel
Sign In	0700-0730	Assigned Units	QNFT fit test available (3950)	0900-1500	Bldg 604, Bio-Environ. Eng.
QNFT fit test available (3950)	0900-1130	Bldg 604, Bio-Environ.Eng.	<i>Must schedule appointment first</i>		Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room
<i>Must schedule appointment first</i>	1300-1500	Base Hospital	SORTS Mtg/ Executive Wrap-Up	1030	Missions End
Immunizations (4304)	0900-1100	Immun Clinic	ROA Meeting	1200	Bldg 48, Room 117
	1300-1500	Bldg 48,	Computer Based Testing (3350)	1230	Bldg 48, Wing Chapel room
Legal Assistance	1000-1200	Room 115	<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		Assigned Units
	1300-1400	Bldg 48,	Protestant Service (3827)	1330	
Computer Based Testing (3350)	1230	Room 117	Sign Out	1630	
<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		Base Chapel			
Catholic Mass (3652)	1700	Assigned Units			
Sign Out	1630				

Inputs for the Training Planner should be provided to the 442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs office no later than the close of business of the Unit Training Assembly prior to the desired month of publication. For more information on any activity, call the P.O.C. telephone extension in parentheses above.

442nd Mission Support Group dining out

Warrior Grog Fest

Mission's End Club (Whiteman Club)

Saturday, Jan. 7

Social hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Guest speaker: To be determined

Dress for military: Mess dress or semi-formal dress blues (white shirt)

Non-military dress: Formal/business suit



442nd Mission Support Group dining out reservation form

Cost: E1-E6 (\$20) E7-O2 (\$25) O3-UP (\$30) - Price for guest is the same as the member

Name/Rank _____ Club Member: Yes / No

Menu (circle one) BBQ Beef brisket Marinated chicken breast Vegetarian

Guest _____ Club Member: Yes / No

Menu (circle one) BBQ Beef brisket Marinated chicken breast Vegetarian

Please return this form, with payment, to the unit first sergeant or orderly room by Unit Training Assembly sign out on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Charge-of-Quarters

**Master Sgt.
Ernie Ferguson
303rd Fighter
Squadron**

Call the CQ from on-base at 99-1 (660) 238-7428. Local off-base number; (i.e., Concordia, Warrensburg, Sedalia, etc.) dial (660) 238-7428. To leave a message for the CQ from off-base dial (800) 260-0253 and press seven after the prompt.



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TO THE FAMILY OF:

FAMILY NEWS



Important to guard against identity theft

Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin
442nd Family Support office

Identity theft is a serious crime and it occurs when someone uses an individual's personal information without permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

While it is impossible to entirely control becoming a victim of identity theft, there are steps that can be taken to minimize risk.

Just as one missing puzzle piece can dramatically change a puzzle's characteristics, the same is true with a person's identity. One bit of personal information is all someone needs to commit identity theft.

If it is evident that identity theft has occurred, here's what can be done:

- Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three consumer reporting companies to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. You only need to contact one of the three companies to place an alert. The company you call is required to contact the other two, which will place an alert on their versions of your report, too. Once you place the fraud alert in your file, you're entitled to order free copies of your credit reports, and, if you ask, only the last four digits of your Social Security number will appear on your credit reports.
- Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Use the identity theft affidavit found at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/pdf/affidavit.pdf when disputing new unauthorized accounts.
- File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the report or at the very least, the number of the report, to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of the crime.
- File your complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for investigations. Filing a complaint also helps us learn more about identity theft and the problems victims are having. That informa-

tion can be found at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/

- For more in-depth information on recovering from identity theft and help with specific problems, read the Federal Trade Commission's "Take Charge: Fighting back against Identity Theft" at www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm.

Stop by the Family Support office for additional information on this and other financial situations. Master Sgt. Vickie Chambers, at (660) 687-4609, or Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin, at (660) 687-3530, in the Family Support office are located in building 48 room 112.

Another helpful resource for this and many other subjects of concern to members is www.militaryonesource.com.

Web resources on Identity Theft

www.consumer.gov/idtheft/

- Take charge: Fighting back against identity theft
- Remediating the effects of identity theft
- What to do if your personal information has been compromised
- How not to get hooked by a 'phishing' scam
- Information compromise: Business guidance

www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm

- ID theft: What's it all about?
- Avoiding credit and charge card fraud
- Credit and ATM cards: What to do if they're lost or stolen
- Credit card loss protection offers: They're the real steal
- Electronic banking
- Fair credit billing
- Your access to free credit reports
- Fair debt collection
- Getting purse-onal: What to do if your wallet or purse is stolen
- How to dispute credit report errors
- Identity crisis... What to do if your identity is stolen
- Identity thieves can ruin your good name: Tips for avoiding identity theft