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Recognition a win-win proposition



Notes from the Command Chief Master Sergeant

By Chief Master Sgt. David Isaacson

A number of months ago, responses to a survey indicated one of the areas members of the 442nd Fighter Wing felt needed improvement was recognition. We have continually strived to recognize our people but with flying, training, personal readiness, deployments and the upcoming ORI, how is there any time left to recognize people for the outstanding job they do?

Faced with such a high ops tempo we can easily put recognition on the back burner and convince ourselves we will find the time later. After all, people already know we appreciate what they do, right? Yes, they do, but formal recognition plays an important role in the success or failure of an organization. It is a proven fact that a company with a strong purpose, solid values and that demonstrates appreciation for the contributions of its employees creates higher job satisfaction, which in turn results in a direct measurable correlation between employee satisfaction and customer satisfaction.

There is an inherent human need to be appreciated. In an article by Alex Hiam, "Employee Recognition: Why It Matters," (*Entrepreneur*, June 24, 2002), the author declares, "People want to succeed. They want their work to be appreciated and their efforts to be recognized. When we remember to take care of these very human needs for recognition and appreciation and the occasional round of applause, we do a great deal to create the vital, energized workplace we need in order to succeed."

Is recognition really that important? Retention is one of the key issues in today's all-volunteer armed forces. One of the highest reasons people give for leaving a place of employment is a lack of recognition on the job. The work force in the Air Force Reserve Command is now faced with the potential of four different "generations" in their midst. Each generation requires different kinds of recognition. Our younger members have different needs than our older members. If we don't know these differences we could see people leaving and, in some cases, it might just be our best people.

In his book, "Winning," Jack Welch outlines six fundamental practices of successful people management, one of which is a viable recognition program. He further states, "People need to get differentiated rewards and recognition to be motivated. All companies need to deliver both for retention. It's that simple." Our people need to know they are making a difference in our organization by their contribution, and if they go the extra mile, they need to know someone is watching and is prepared to recognize them for their efforts.

The accomplishment of our mission depends on recruiting and retaining the best educated, best trained, and best equipped force in the world. Taking the time to reward our folks is truly a win-win proposition. Recognition is one way we can help ensure that we satisfy both the needs of our people and the requirements of the Air Force.

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On the cover: John Snyder of the Raytown, Mo., police department sits in an A-10 while Maj. John Rogler, 303rd Fighter Squadron, talks about control functions. Mr. Snyder, employer of Master Sgt. Robert Fann, 442nd Security Forces Squadron, visited the wing for Employer Appreciation Day June 11. See story on page six. (Photograph by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

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Tip of the Spear

Master Sgt. Judy Cano

Master Sgt. Judy Cano was assigned as NCOIC of Demand Reduction for the 442nd Medical Squadron in April 2004. Since assuming her responsibilities as NCOIC, she has decreased the discrepancy reporting percentage from 9.3 percent to zero. This is a direct reflection of her personal work ethic and attention to detail.

In April 2005, she acted as NCOIC and First Sergeant on the Luke AFB annual tour with successful results. Most recently, she stepped up during the absence of the Medical Squadron First Sergeant during the May UTA and directed the squadron's commander's call.

Additionally, Sergeant Cano heads the newcomers orientation program for the entire 442nd Medical Squadron. In this important position, she is the first person new members meet from the unit level. She assists them with any difficulties they may have transitioning into the unit. Getting members transitioned in a timely manner allows them to be a functional member of the unit. Her professionalism leaves a lasting impression on all unit members.

Life insurance benefits gain increased emphasis

WASHINGTON – Air Force Reserve Command senior leaders want reservists to know about the importance of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

A recent tragedy involving a reservist who declined SGLI coverage prompted a call for this benefit to receive more emphasis. In addition to requiring reservists to report to their military personnel flight to decline coverage in person, command officials are looking at adding squadron-level counseling by the first sergeant or commander.

This increased concern comes on the heels of legislation to increase the maximum coverage, to ensure beneficiaries know when an individual turns down the maximum and to help service members who sustain traumatic war injuries.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush May 11 raises maximum SGLI coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for people with traumatic injuries.

In a new twist introduced through the legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of people who are not married, the designated beneficiary will receive notice when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage.

Defense and Veteran Affairs officials are working on the details of the expanded benefits.

The increased SGLI coverage will start Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit will begin Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for troops

who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to people suffering from disease.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Mr. Wurtz said.

People enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect. The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, Mr. Wurtz said.

Troops opting for maximum SGLI coverage – \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 – will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Mr. Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000. Because the rates have not changed, people who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Mr. Wurtz said, except for the \$1 "traumatic SGLI" premium.

While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected people won't be charged retroactive payments, he said. DOD will absorb that cost.

The new traumatic SGLI benefit is designed to provide "a quick infusion of cash" for cash-strapped families of troops recuperating from traumatic injuries received in the line of duty, Mr. Wurtz said.

Contact the 442nd MPF customer service section for more information. (AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service)

The road to the ORI

Air Force implements changes for warfare training

By Master Sgt. Morris Findley
442nd Civil Engineer Squadron

The Air Force implemented several changes to training and exercising requirements to operate in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive threat environment.

More frequent training

This training has gradually become more and more frequent for the reservist. What once was a 24 month requirement is now required every 12 months. This applies to anyone identified or subject to fill a unit type code mobility position or deploying to a CBRNE medium or high threat area.

Members selected to fill "associated" and "in-place" UTCs will receive training as threats increase or as they are assigned to "standard deployable" UTCs tasked to medium or high threat areas.

Instead of the Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance video shown during defense training, all personnel will be required to accomplish this training through computer based training no more than 60 days prior to their refresher due date.

Each student will be required to bring a copy of their course completion certificate to class for validation. Students who do not bring a current certificate will be required to return to their unit and reschedule training. The course is located on the Web at <https://golearn.csd.disa>.

In addition, all students must bring their AFMAN 10-100 (Airman's Manual), protective mask with canister and hood and spectacle inserts if applicable. Later, it will also require students to bring their training bag that consists of overgarment, overboots, gloves, cotton inserts and, if issued, field gear.

New course for leaders

A new CBRNE Defense Key Leaders course is also required for senior wing leadership, Wing Operations Center personnel, Survival Recovery Center personnel and select senior non-commissioned officers. This annual requirement will be implemented once course criteria is established.

Lastly, members are required to complete CBRNE task qualification training with their supervisor annually, preferably within five to seven months of completing the CBRNE course. See AFI 10-2501, paragraph 9.7.8. for more information.

The game plan

During the August unit training assembly, it will begin by conducting field training with the 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron as part of an annual bivouac. In September, the 442nd CES will provide the first unit post-attack reconnaissance team, facility and transition point monitor training sessions for members selected to perform these duties.

For additional information, please contact your unit's full spectrum threat response representative or the 442nd CES Readiness Flight.

Meeting Air Force requirements

Nine requirements for full operational capabilities

1. Annual CBRNE Defense training required for all Airman (active/reserve/guard deployable civilians)
2. Counter-Chemical Warfare (C-CW) Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTP) established for all additional mission essential AFSCs not covered under initial operating capabilities (IOC) requirements
3. Reestablish requirement for individual protective equipment (IPE) use during task qualification training (TQT) training for all career fields
4. IG inspection of functional C-CW TTPs
5. AF UTCs & Logdets meet C-CW requirements
6. Aircraft operations and maintenance C-CW TTPs developed and instituted
7. Wing conducts annual field exercise that involves split Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) operations
8. UTC-assigned personnel Contamination Control Area trained
9. All IOC items complete

Know your 'Airman's Manual' trivia quiz

What kind of Power of Attorney gives the designee the ability to carry out only a specific matter such as sell a vehicle, buy or sell real estate, or ship/store household goods?

- a. General
- b. Special
- c. Health Care

2. What mobility bag includes basic items such as parka, gloves, boots, socks, and other cold weather items?

- a. A Bag, General Support
- b. C Bag, Chemical Defense
- c. B Bag, Cold Weather

3. What item would you not pack in your personal bag?

- a. Religious material
- b. Flashlight
- c. Mess kit

4. Which of the following should you pack in your personal bag?

- a. Chemical Defense Gear
- b. Waterproof bags
- c. Web Belt

5. Which of the following items should not be considered concerning Host Nation Sensitivity?

- a. Food items
- b. Military Uniform
- c. Gender specific laws and customs

6. Which of the following items should be considered concerning Host Nation Sensitivity?

- a. Literature
- b. Religion
- c. Both a and b

Answers available on page 11.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. BILL HUNTINGTON
Master Sgt. Jeff Craney, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, shakes hands with Gen. T. Michael Moseley during the General's June 2 visit to Whiteman A.F.B.

Gen. Moseley lauds 442nd Fighter Wing

By Senior Airman Joe Laccdan
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Global strike capability is a necessity for the nation's defense, Gen. T. Michael Moseley Air Force's vice chief of staff told base members June 2 at the Missions End Club during his visit to Whiteman AFB.

While many of his remarks highlighted the 509th Bomb Wing and the capabilities of the B-2, General Moseley also touched on other Team Whiteman members.

He stressed the importance of the contributions of the 442nd Fighter Wing and joint services.

He reminded the audience that the 442nd supported Operation Iraqi Freedom during a seven-month deployment in 2003.

"We haven't sent fighters to seize and occupy airfields in hostile countries since World War II," the general said. "(The 442nd FW) did it and made it look easy."

Earlier in his visit General Moseley visited with 442nd FW members in the five-bay hangar.

The general also reflected on the effects of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and praised troops serving overseas. He talked about how the War on Terror has changed operations for the Air Force and the importance of joint services.

Finally, the general thanked Whiteman members and community leaders for their service. He also looked ahead to the service's involvement in overseas operations.

"The Air Force is an extremely busy (service)," General Moseley said. We're the leading edge of deterrence, of that global strike global mobility equation."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LAUREN PADDEN

Lt. Col. Joe Nuti, 442nd Operations Support Flight, briefs a group of employers at an A-10 static for the annual 442nd

Fighter Wing Employer Appreciation Day June 11. The event was designed to foster good employer/reservist relations.

Wing hosts 67 for Employer Appreciation Day

By Staff Sgt. Angela Blazier

Sixty-seven employers of 442nd Fighter Wing reservists participated in the June 11 unit training assembly to learn first-hand what occupies their employees' time away from their civilian jobs.

The employers were treated to an array of tours that highlighted the 442nd FW as part of the wing's Employer Appreciation Day.

"We have a new appreciation for the critical role our employees play," said Pete Burney of Hallmark Cards Inc. and employer of Lt. Col. Keith Kennedy, 442nd FW inspector general. "It was great to hear the real difference our reservists make."

Retired Maj. Gen. Loran Schnaidt, chairman of the Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, said employers are a key link in the reservist's ability to serve their country.

"You (the civilian employers of reservists) are the unsung heroes of the war on terror," he said at a luncheon for the employers. "No one talks about the sacrifices you make when the military deploys your employees for months at a time."

The employers were split into groups during the event, with one being treated to a ride on a C-130J, courtesy of the 403rd Wing Hurricane Hunters, an Air Force Reserve unit from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Two KC-135s from the 931st Air Refueling Group at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., were scheduled to fly employers, but could not land here because of thunderstorms.

"As a backup we relied on our mission partners, the

509th Bomb Wing, and took two groups of employers on a B-2 tour," said Maj. David Kurle, 442nd FW public affairs officer. "We really appreciate their assistance in showcasing Whiteman to these very important people."

In addition to the C-130 and B-2, employers got up close and personal with the 442nd's own A-10s and some were able to fly the A-10 simulator and see the life support section of the 303rd Fighter Squadron.

"There was plenty of heavy lifting by a lot of people across the wing to make this happen," Major Kurle said. "This is another example of the fantastic team work across this wing to see a project through from beginning to end."

"I enjoyed this," said Ed Brown, from the Control Service Company in Independence, Mo., who employs Capt. Mike Riley, 442nd Maintenance Operations Flight. "It was really interesting seeing everything and it helps me believe in what the military's doing."

"I was surprised at the large number of employers here who have reservists working for them who were mobilized (for Operation Iraqi Freedom)," said Col. Pat Cord, 442nd FW commander. "This event is a really good opportunity for them to experience the professionalism of the 442nd and the next time their reserve employees are mobilized and taken away from their civilian jobs they will have a better sense of what our mission entails."

The day concluded with a luncheon, sponsored by the Missouri Committee for ESGR for all the employer participants.

"Seeing everything made it real for me," said Rosemary Brown, the wife of Ed Brown. "There's a lot of sacrifice here and coming here today made me proud to be an American."

Dusty duty

With a massive sand storm fast approaching, Tech. Sgt. Dean Larson, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, pauses for a quick photo to document the moment before taking cover while deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. "It was reminiscent of the Hollywood movies 'The Mummy Returns' and 'Hidalgo,' only this was not Hollywood special effects, it was real," Sergeant Larson said. "Once the sand storm hit us, it went from a complete sunny day to orange ... like pictures of Mars ... to complete and total darkness, all within 30 seconds."



PHOTO COURTESY OF TECH. SGT. DEAN LARSON

442nd SVF members entitled to award

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – 442nd Services Flight members are among Air Force reservists who supported the war in Iraq while with the 16th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force and may be eligible for an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with a V device for valor.

Operating from Aviano Air Base, Italy, the 16th AETF directed a variety of aerial support across the Mediterranean and northern Iraq.

Members of the task force came from active, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard units from across the Total Force.

Combat operations began March 13, 2003, and ended April 16, 2003. Reservists should check with their military personnel flight to ensure they receive credit for their service. They may need a copy of their military orders to show they took part in the operation.

Among the task force's units was

the 409th Air Expeditionary Group, a KC-10 unit operating out of Bulgaria and built around operators and maintainers from AFRC's 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.

KC-10 aircrews from the 514th Operations Group formed the 409th AEG's 76th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron.

They flew six KC-10 Extender tankers refueling aircraft over the Black Sea. Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., then 514th OG commander and now commander of the 934th Airlift Wing, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., commanded the deployed KC-10 squadron.

The 714th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, composed of reservists from McGuire's 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, maintained the planes. Both the 76th ARS and the 714th AMXS will add this AFOUA to their official unit heritage. Individual

awards go to any active-duty, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard member who actually deployed to Bulgaria on orders to the 409th AEG, 76th EARS or 714th EAMXS.

Several other 514th AMW reservists filled key support jobs in the 409th AEG. Joining them were active-duty and National Guard people, all of whom will share in this recognition. Other reservists in the 409th AEG included services people from the 442nd Services Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

Also on this AFOUA award list is the 970th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron, an airborne warning and control squadron that is part of AFRC's 513th Air Control Group at Tinker AFB, Okla. Reservists in this squadron provided AWACS support across the eastern Mediterranean. They will add a streamer to their unit guidon for their part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AFRC News Service)



NCO, Airman of the Quarter announced



Staff Sgt. Amy Cotrell
442nd Medical Squadron
NCO of the Quarter



Senior Airman Daniel Romine
442nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman of the Quarter

New program to aid in Family Support

By Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin
 442nd Family Support office

The Air Force One Source provides information on a wide variety of topics including relationships, family support, deployment, health and wellness, education, financial matters and relocation.

No matter where in the United States or overseas, a consultant is available by phone, e-mail or on-line whenever convenient. The phones are

answered live by qualified consultants 24 hours a day and without an automated phone-tree.

Air Force One Source staff members have master's degrees in a wide variety of fields including social work, child care and education to provide customized information for unique needs. Multilingual services are available as well. Consultants are supported by a simultaneous language translation service that enables callers to speak in their preferred language. The toll free

and collect call lines are also TTY-TDD equipped for the hearing impaired.

The Web site is <http://www.airforceonesource.com>. The user logon is "airforce" and the password is "ready". The logon and password can be personalized once in the system.

Handouts and additional information are located in the Family Support Center building 48, room 126. Please call Master Sgt. Vickie Chambers or Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin at (660) 687-3530 for additional information.

Reservist delays retirement for service in Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Leo Brown

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Adkisson, 442nd Mission Support Flight, planned to open a new chapter in his life during the summer of 2004.

Preparing to trade in his Air Force Reserve uniforms for good, he would wrap-up almost 33 years of military service on a high note, having been awarded the Bronze Star for work from mid to late 2003 at Al Dhafra Air Base, Iraq (see related story below). When last summer rolled around, it indeed brought a change for Sergeant Adkisson, but it was far from a rocking chair on the front porch.

"After I got back from being overseas, I was planning on retiring in July," Sergeant Adkisson said. "Then I discovered an MPA (military personnel authorization) tour of duty for a medical continuation program at Langley (Air

Force Base, Va.)."

"When I read the job description about assisting the medical personnel," he continued. "I thought it sounded like I'd be helping people and doing something that I'd enjoy. I sent in my application and resume, and the colonel running (the program) said, 'Are you available?'"

With an affirmative answer, Sergeant Adkisson found himself on the East Coast at Air Combat Command headquarters serving Air Force active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen.

Working with a registered nurse and a medical technician, Sergeant Adkisson serves as an administrative supervisor, responsible for working a variety of issues, including finance, legal, leave and travel orders questions.

"These members are assigned to ACC and have been wounded or in-

jured. They have the opportunity to be retained on active-duty orders until they're medically fixed or, if they're in bad enough shape, retired or discharged," he said.

Sergeant Adkisson said his time at Langley has been full of learning experiences.

"I never understood the disability system and the differences between active duty and reserve policies. I think the biggest thing is that (reserve) members placed on Title 10 (active-duty) orders have definite protections," he said. "They're certainly taken care of."

"Be thankful you haven't been wounded," he said. "You hear about car bombings and IEDs (improvised explosive devices). I've seen some bad situations, kids who were robust young people who are now very broken.

"I feel very proud to be part of a system that's helping to fix them."

An effort recognized

By Staff Sgt. Leo Brown

"Life is like a box of chocolates," Forrest Gump said. "You never know what you're gonna get."

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Adkisson, 442nd Mission Support Flight, certainly didn't know what he was going to get when he deployed as the first sergeant for the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates in July of 2003.

At first, Sergeant Adkisson found himself in a very trying situation, as he was charged for four months with guiding and providing for 300 active duty Airmen in two squadrons. He and his troops faced scorching heat, a demanding work schedule and a healthy population of four-legged creatures. In the end, though, there was a silver lining for him. Actually, it was a Bronze Star.

"When I got there, the group was in a post-surge environment and was really struggling. The lodging and health (situation) was horrendous," he said. "We had infestations of rats and rodents. (Our place) was torn-up and dilapidated. It wasn't even safe. We had one fire extinguisher and seven fire alarms in 45 tents. So, I got to work and we got the fire alarms cleaned out and renovated."

"I put a death threat on the tent chiefs that there was to be absolutely no food in the tents," he said.

Sergeant Adkisson began implementing other strict but efficient policies that resulted in his award. His cita-



PHOTO COURTESY OF SENIOR MASTER SGT. DENNIS ADKISSON

Brig. Gen. Russ Kilpatrick presents a Bronze Star certificate to Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Adkisson.

tion notes, in part, that he:

"... skillfully developed and implemented a beddown plan, which allowed the seamless swap out of over 600 maintenance personnel during seven rotations and unit replacements ..."

"His dedication ... allowed maintainers to ... launch ... combat sorties that off-loaded over fifty four million pounds of fuel to over 44,000 coalition aircraft, ... ensuring air dominance in the global war against terrorism."

"I was totally baffled," Sgt. Adkisson said of the award. "I was in the Virtual MPF (Military Personnel Flight) showing someone something. I looked up my medals and there it was."



July pay dates

The July pay dates are as follows: July 6, 8, 13, 15, 18, 22, 27 and 29. The July 9 and 10, Unit Training Assembly pays July 18.

Social gathering Saturday

All 442nd Fighter Wing members are invited to attend a gathering at the Missions End club on base Saturday after sign out.

Special prices will be available, including 10 cent hot wings, all night and wing members are encouraged bring a friend. Designated drivers will be available and club membership is not required.

The event is intended to encourage club membership, which will be reduced to just one dollar per month for 442nd FW members beginning in August.

vRED now paperless

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data (vRED), formally known as the Department of Defense form 93, has gone paperless and military personnel flights are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the vRED in the members' unit personnel records group or in the relocations folder.

Service members are required to keep their vREDs current at all times and are required to review their vRED at least annually. An automatic suspension is already established through Virtual MPF for annual member review.

Members must also review their vRED during in-processing and prior to all deployments and units will need to ensure that members have reviewed their vREDs prior to deploying. Contact the 442nd MPF's Customer Service office at (660) 687-3500 with any questions about this matter.

ROA meeting

The July Reserve Officer Association will meet at noon on July 9 at the Missions End club. A buffet lunch will be offered. Captain Ross McAfee, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, will speak concerning what CES brings to Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War on Terrorism. This will be a tremendous opportunity to learn more about the 442nd mission.

Scrubbing 'First Shirts' sponsor car wash

The 442nd First Sergeants will be scrubbing hard for donations from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10. The "First Shirts" will be washing cars in the commissary parking lot for donations.

For additional information, contact your First Sergeant.



Officials stop mailing point-credit summary

DENVER (AFP) — Air Reserve Personnel Center officials here no longer mail point-credit summaries to Air Force reservists.

Guardsmen and reservists received an Air Force Form 526, Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Point Credit Summary, annually since October 1972. They must now use the virtual military personnel flight to print a copy of their point credit information.

Air Force officials are also eliminating the form itself and will no longer place it on microfilm. Point-credit information will reside in data form in the military personnel data system where specialists will obtain it by pulling products from the system. They will use these to verify reservists' service.

Reservists can print their summary of points using the vMPF and maintain copies in their personal files in the same manner as leave and earnings statements and other important documents. Whether at home, at work or while deployed, reservists have the means to access their point-credit information.

For more information about credit of points, reservists can call ARPC headquarters at (800) 525-0102. They can access the vMPF online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Reservists eligible for GWOT service medal

Air Force Reserve members can now wear the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

For more information, call the 442nd Military Personnel Flight at (660) 687-3500.

IG help

Wing members should attempt to resolve fraud, waste and abuse issues and personal complaints at the lowest possible level using command channels before addressing them to a higher level or the Inspector General.

The immediate supervisory command chain can often resolve complaints more quickly and effectively than a higher level not familiar with the situation.

The IG system should be used when referral to the command chain would be futile or there is fear of reprisal.

442nd Fighter Wing IG

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442nd Fighter Wing IG, alternate

(660) 687-4281, DSN 975-4281

AFRC Fraud Waste and Abuse Hotline

Toll free (800) 223-1784, ext. 7-1513

Secretary of the Air Force IG FWA Hotline

Toll free (800) 538-8429

Department of Defense FWA Hotline

(800) 424-9098

July training planner

What (# to call for info)	When	Where	What (# to call for info)	When	Where
8 July 2005, Friday			09 July 2005, Saturday (cont.)		
Executive Working Group	1100	Wing CC office	Sign Out	TBD	Assigned Units
Pre-UTA staff meeting	1430	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room	10 July 2005, Sunday		
First Sergeants Mtg (3233)	1700	5-bay hangar, Conf room	Protestant Service (3827)	0645	Bldg 1117, Conference Room
09 July 2005, Saturday			Sign in	0700-0730	Assigned Units
Sign In	0700-0730	Assigned Units	Computer Based Testing (3353)	0800	Bldg 48, Room 117
CBRNEDT Refresher (3333)	0830-1130	Bldg 705, DP Classroom	<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		
QNFT fit test available (3950)	0900-1130	Bldg 604, Bio-Environ. Eng.	CBRNEDT Refresher (3333)	0830-1130	Bldg 705, DP Classroom
<i>Must schedule appointment first</i>			Catholic Mass (3652)	0900	Base Chapel
Immunizations (4304)	0900-1100	Base Hospital	QNFT fit test available (3950)	0900-1500	Bldg 604, Bio-Environ. Eng.
ROA Meeting	1200	Immun Clinic	<i>Must schedule appointment first</i>		
Legal Assistance	1000-1200	Missions End	SORTS Mtg/ Executive Wrap-Up	1030	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room
Computer Based Testing (3353)	1230	Bldg 48, Room 115	Admin Training (3355)	1230	Bldg 705, Comp. Training Room
<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>			Computer Based Testing (3353)	1230	Bldg 48, Room 117
Admin Training (3355)	1430	Bldg 705, Comp. Training Room	<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		
Wing Commanders Call (3841)	1500	5-bay hangar	Protestant Service (3827)	1330	Bldg 48, Wing Chapel room
Catholic Mass (3652)	1700	Base Chapel	Sign Out	1630	Assigned Units

Motorcycle deaths rise in ‘101 days’

By Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Trevino
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SAN ANTONIO — Motorcycle riders account for more than half of the Air Force’s safety-related deaths during this year’s 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, according to Air Force Safety Center officials at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Officials said there is an alarming trend in motorcycle accidents involving airmen, which have accounted for six of the 10 Air Force deaths so far during this year’s safety campaign.

Those who take unnecessary risks “think they are invincible,” said John Russell, chief of ground safety at the center.

“Most were single-vehicle mishaps with speed and failure to maintain control (as) the key factors,” Russell said.

While motorcycle fatalities are a growing concern during the first one-third of the 101 critical days, the potential for deaths involving four-wheeled vehicles and work-related mishaps should not be discounted, he said.

“We want our personnel to enjoy their well-deserved

recreational activities during this season. But, we don’t want our folks to forget about assessing the risk in their activities. We have smart people; we want them to make smart decisions,” Russell said.

People returning from deployment abroad face additional challenges, he said.

There are things people can do to avoid becoming accident victims during the remaining safety campaign, Russell said.

“Always assess the risk,” he said. “If you have uneasiness in performing a task or being a participant in an activity, evaluate it. There are risks associated with everything we do; positive results are achieved when we look at all risk factors and make smart decisions. This includes the Air Force mandatory motorcycle safety-training course, and wearing your seat belt while operating a motor vehicle.

“Safety is an attitude that must be considered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Being responsible for our actions by making sound decisions is key to mishap prevention,” Russell said. “Every member of the Air Force is vital to our nation’s defense, and we must take the steps necessary to protect them from harm.”

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FAMILY NEWS

All travel should be safe travel

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Whether traveling for business or pleasure, planning and awareness of safety issues helps ensure the trip will be safe and smooth. The more information about routes, hotels, transportation, and the locations of the places to be visited, the better managed, and safer, a trip will be.

Plan ahead

- Confirm reservations and double-check them before leaving. Be sure to call and confirm any reservations made on the Internet.
- Leave a copy of the trip itinerary and contact information with a relative, friend, co-worker or neighbor back home so you can be reached in an emergency.
- Contact friends, relatives or business associates ahead of time to let them know route, mode of travel and expected arrival time.
- Plan to travel with a cell phone. Be sure to pack the cell phone charger as well.
- Download or obtain maps in advance to plan travel routes. When planning a trip, plan to stay on main roads when traveling at night or in the early morning.

Pay attention

- Be aware and be attentive to personal safety at all times. Be aware of surroundings and take notice of anything unusual. Be especially alert and cautious in large public areas, such as airports, train stations and hotel lobbies. It's important for even frequent travelers not to become overconfident.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Consider wearing a money belt or a flat pouch that fits around the neck and is worn underneath a coat or jacket. Use it to protect cash, a passport and credit cards.
- When using an automated teller machine, try to go during the day and with a friend or business associate. Make sure to shield password inputs, and retain the receipt.
- Handbags should be carried in a secure manner to avoid

purse snatching. Wallets should be kept in an inside jacket pocket or front pants pocket. Purses should be kept under a coat whenever possible. Shoulder bags should be put over the head and shoulder when in a large crowd. Waist purses should be threaded through a belt loop.

- Be careful about sharing personal information with strangers. Don't reveal room numbers or travel plans in a crowded area where there is a possibility of being overheard. Do not give out names and room numbers of traveling companions to strangers either. Be careful not to leave travel itineraries, magazines, or correspondence with your name and address in restaurants, waiting areas, seat pockets, etc. Don't discuss itinerary plans in public places.
- Map out planned routes ahead of time to avoid getting lost. Plan both walking and driving routes.

Travel smart, travel safe

- Try to avoid walking alone or traveling to remote places after dark. Stay away from poorly lit streets, parking lots, and alleys. Use valet parking whenever possible.
- After a business conference, remove name badges as soon as leaving the room.
- Laptop computer should always be kept within sight when traveling. They should be kept between your legs or on a shoulder and not put down next to your feet while on the phone or checking in at an airport, hotel or train station.
- Inspect credit card receipts carefully and keep them until billed. Most places don't use carbons anymore with credit card receipts, but if one is used, ask for and take the carbon copy.
- If threatened with a weapon, immediately turn over wallets, packages or vehicles, then get to a well-lit public area as quickly as possible and call the police. Personal safety is more important than any possession.

The Family Support office, located in building 48, room 102, is here to offer assistance with business or personal travel. Also, stop by the office to learn about military discounts on airlines and hotels. Master Sgt. Vickie Chambers or Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin can be reached at (660) 681-73530.