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A photograph of two military personnel in flight suits and helmets, likely in a hangar. The person in the foreground is looking down at something in their hands, while the person in the background is looking to the side. The hangar has a high ceiling with exposed beams and lights.

**Wing ORI preparations
move into high gear
... see pages 6 & 7**



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CC: 'One down, five to go'

By Col. Patrick Cord
442nd Fighter Wing commander



Col. Pat Cord

I never ceased to be amazed at the great things the men and women of this wing can accomplish.

It's been eight years since our last operational readiness inspection and you stepped up and performed as we took a very hard look at our wing's readiness during the October unit training assembly.

While we still have some work to do before the inspection in October 2006, we managed to amaze even our own people. Members of the exercise evaluation team and the ORI Steering Group remarked that we were way ahead of where they thought we would be for our first, full-scale, phase-II exercise in preparation for the Air Combat Command Inspector General team.

We can't rest on our laurels. One area requiring improvement is communication. Several folks addressed this problem and in the coming weeks, some of our wing's agencies will work to address this problem. Communicating will be our key to success come ORI time! We have one exercise down and five more to go in the next 12 months. We are just getting started. It won't be easy and we only have 33 more training days to prepare.

What we need is to maintain a sense of urgency among every wing member as we continue to prepare for Oct. 1, 2006. Treat every scenario as if it were the real thing. Be prepared to demonstrate your professionalism and expertise.

Some other issues that need to be addressed include finding a better place for our medical squadron to operate, improving safety and establishing the boundaries of the exercise area so that for the next exercise we can train in a safer more secure environment.

All in all, I was very pleased with this first step on our road to the ORI, keep up the outstanding effort and we'll all be proud of ourselves in October.

Leaders need feedback from those we lead in order to be effective. If you have any ideas to make our exercises better or to make our ORI preparation more effective, please let us know.

Speaking of feedback, one valuable tool is the Air Force Climate Assessment Survey. This survey reaches all the way to the top levels of the Air Force and is your chance to voice your concerns to the chain of command. Please take the time to accomplish this survey. For more information, please read the article in this edition of the Mohawk.

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On the cover: Capt. Valerie Saur, left, and Maj. Mark Ernewein, A-10 fighter pilots in the 303rd Fighter Squadron, prepare to enter the 442nd Fighter Wing's operational readiness exercise "play area" Friday. (Photograph by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown)

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T 442nd Fighter Wing Tip of the Spear

Tech. Sgt. Cheryl Ramos
442nd Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cheryl Ramos has performed above and beyond the Air Force standard throughout the past year. Sergeant Ramos completed Medical Materials Apprentice Technical School and received the Distinguished Honor Graduate recognition for her efforts. She has had extensive civilian experience in medical logistics and this training helped to have her Career Development Course five- and seven-level upgrade time requirements waived to a fully trained and qualified seven-level journeyman. Prior to being promoted, as a staff sergeant, she took on the responsibilities of the noncommissioned officer in charge of the medical logistics section, a master sergeant position, without hesitation. The section typically has two enlisted slots but seven are now assigned. Her workload has increased and she has handled this extra responsibility well and without complaint.

Her professionalism and dedication to country, family and the Air Force Reserve are an inspiration and motivation to all who serve with her. She is an excellent role model who has a winning positive attitude at all times; she truly is the Tip of the Spear for the 442nd Fighter Wing.

Annual Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Following the record-setting campaign of a year ago, the nation's largest workplace charity campaign is under way for both overseas and U.S. military installations.

The 2005-2006 Combined Federal Campaign runs for six consecutive weeks, from Oct. 12 to Nov. 23 for the 442nd Fighter Wing, during a designated period between Sept. 1 and Dec. 15 for bases within the continental United States.

Reservists can make a one-time donation by contacting their group's representative.

For the mission support group and medical squadron the representative is Staff Sgt. Sandra Rougeau; for the wing staff and operations group: 2nd Lt. Keith Yersak; and for the maintenance group: Capt. Catherine Roberts.

Exact dates and campaign goals are established in each geographic area by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee and are available through the wing's CFC project officer,



Lieutenant Yersak.

CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This annual fall fundraising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and servicemembers to contribute to thousands of local and national non-profit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and

servicemembers reached into their pockets to donate a record \$257 million to CFC. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from CFC charities this year, CFC officials said.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card.

For more information, Airmen can contact Lieutenant Yersak at (660) 687-4608 or visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.



AFRC seeks greater climate survey participation

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command – military and civilian – to participate in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey runs from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23.

“Last year was the first time AFRC participated in the survey, and the results were tremendous,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. “The 33-percent participation rate sent a clear message that our people are committed to improving the Air Force.

“This year our goal is 100-percent participation across the command,” he said.

The purpose of the survey is to make things better for people and their organizations. The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervi-

sion, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force.

This year’s survey also covers enduring competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

“Since the survey software protects one’s identity, I encourage everyone to be honest and straightforward in their responses,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant. “The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It’s our opportunity to stand up and be counted.”

The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime before Nov. 23 from either a government or personal computer.

Results of the survey will be released in February to unit leaders. (AFRC News Service)



Military recreation centers-serving those who serve

Four Armed Forces Recreation Centers offer family vacations for military members

By Maj. Charles Cornelius
442nd Communications Flight commander

Visit your Armed Forces Recreation Centers!

Some Airmen are not aware that there are four resorts throughout the world that exclusively accommodate active duty, ready reserves, national guard, retired military and Department of Defense civilians.

Orlando, Fla.

One of these, Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort, is located next to a championship golf course just minutes away from the “magic kingdom.”

It features spacious rooms, tennis courts, heated swimming pools, hot tubs, a playground, several restaurants, discounted theme park ticket sales, a fitness center, laundry facilities and free transportation to any of the Walt Disney

World amusement parks.

Room rates vary based on your pay grade and room category and range from \$76 to \$250 per night. Visit their Web site is www.shadesofgreen.org for additional information.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Another resort is Hale Koa, located on the beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. It features 817 guestrooms with views of Oahu’s Koolau Mountains or the Pacific Ocean.

In addition, the resort features several restaurants, live dinner shows, three swimming pools, tennis and racquetball courts, a spa, and more.

Room rates range from \$74 to \$190 per night. Visit the Web site is www.haekoa.com for additional information.

Garmisch, Germany

The Edelweiss Lodge is located in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, nestled among the Bavarian Alps in southern Germany.

This resort features several guided tours ranging from castles to beer gardens. Known as a premier skiing, mountain biking, hiking and white water rafting area, it caters to all who desire alpine adventures. The wellness

club is also a feature of this destination and offers a fitness center, massage therapy, saunas and hot tubs.

Room rates range from \$72 to \$179 per night.

The Web site is www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com.

Seoul, South Korea

The Dragon Hill Lodge and is located in Seoul, South Korea. It features a fitness center, the wellness club, car rental, as well as several restaurants and a popular shopping square filled with stores.

Room rates, again, vary based on pay grade and room category and range from \$49 to \$254 per night. Visit their website at www.dragonhilllodge.com for additional information.

These resorts are managed by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center with the mission to provide rest, relaxation and recreation for the Total Force.

According to the Armed Forces Recreation Centers Web site, members should book reservations well in advance and urges visitors to take advantage of the centers’ practice of accepting reservations up to a year in advance. Four to six months is often plenty of time to secure a reservation.

On Veterans' Day and Buddy Poppies

By Maj Joseph B. Herold
442nd Civil Engineer Squadron
commander

Veterans' Day is approaching and those out and about on Friday, Nov. 11, or on the weekends on either side of Veterans' Day, may see dedicated Veterans of Foreign Wars members and other supporters collecting donations and handing out the red paper flower known as a Buddy Poppy.

For many, it's amazing how that little red paper flower generates outpourings of support from some, yet causes others to attempt to quickly hurry past those collecting donations.

The poppy movement was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields" written by Colonel John McCrae of the Canadian armed forces before the United States entered World War I.

Distributing replicas of the original Flanders' poppy originated in some of the allied countries immediately after the Armistice.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was the first veterans organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled and needy veterans.

The distribution started in the early 1920s and evolved into the system today where VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and State Veterans Homes across the country.

The majority of proceeds derived from each campaign conducted by VFW Posts and their Ladies Auxiliaries is retained locally to provide for veteran services and welfare.

Each VFW unit is charged a minimal assessment and purchases the Buddy Poppies.

This assessment to VFW units provides the compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans.

Units then accept donations from

"In Flanders Fields"

In Flanders Field describes a battlefield of crosses dotted with red poppies. The poem deeply touched the nation and the world, and, from that point on, poppies became known throughout the world as a memorial flower, a reminder of the lives lost in wartime.

by John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.

the public for the Buddy Poppies, but those proceeds represent no profit to any VFW unit. All of the money contributed by the public for Buddy Poppies is used in the cause of veterans' welfare, or for the well-being of their needy dependents and the orphans of veterans.

In short, the units purchase Buddy Poppies which provide compensation to the veterans and the donations the units receive can only be used to provide other support to the veterans or their families.

The Buddy Poppy itself serves as a reminder of service and sacrifice and the donations received enable the VFW

to provide support to veterans and their families.

It's important to keep in mind the history and background of the Buddy Poppy when out and about in early November.

If the means to contribute are available and if one wishes to do so, that's great. But even those who are not able to contribute monetarily, may wish thank the person collecting the donations for volunteering their time to support our veterans.

Major Herold is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7348. This article was based on information provided from the VFW.

Wing flexes ORI muscles

By Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

The 442nd Fighter Wing traveled to an Air Base in the Middle East for the October unit training assembly, sort of.

In preparation for the October 2006 operational readiness inspection, wing members staged and worked through various scenarios, including conventional and chemical attacks, as if they were operating from a base in southwest Asia.

The “war game,” which kicked off at noon Oct. 14 and concluded 48 hours later, presented challenges for the wing’s Airmen, many of whom were not in the unit when the last ORI occurred in 1997.

Senior Master Sgt. Billy Day, aerospace medicine superintendent for the 442nd Medical Squadron, said that of the 120 airmen participating in the exercise from his squadron, seven were in the 442nd for the 1997 inspection.

“This is a walk, not a run, exercise,” Chief Master Sgt. David Isaacson, wing command chief, said as the scenarios began. “The purpose of it is to find the shortfalls and where we need to concentrate in preparing for the (upcoming) ORI. The weaknesses are going to come from the fact that our last ORI was in 1997. Lots of things have changed since then.”

“The exercise was a good way to see how processes work,” Capt. Angela Mary, officer in charge of the medical squadron’s Demand Reduction, said as the exercise concluded. “It helped us figure out processes that needed to be planned out in more detail.”

The importance of good communication was voiced by

some wing members, including Maj. Sherry Howard, 442nd Fighter Wing director of staff, who served as the officer in charge of the processing center.

“No question is too stupid to ask,” she said. “Help us help you (wing members) by asking questions.”

Major Howard stressed that people need to take the initiative in getting “done what they need to get done. Overall, people want to do (the mission) right. (Good communication) helps everyone know what we expect.”

Another observation, at least among some veteran airmen, was that the exercise was a great learning experience for their younger counterparts.

Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Curtis, a weapons loader with the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said he noticed many of the newer airmen are “energetic and they want to learn. They’ve joined the military and look forward to going overseas after 9-11.”

Sergeant Curtis, a 19-year military veteran, knows about deploying overseas, as he supported Operations Provide Comfort and Northern Watch in Turkey, Southern Watch in Kuwait, and Iraqi Freedom.

“The young airmen will have some new experiences working in the dark,” Sergeant Curtis said on the exercise’s first day. “You need to have a slow pace and if you don’t, you’ll get hurt. You have to mentally prepare yourself. There’s so much training going on and you have to have a little bit of common sense. Younger airmen need to listen to veterans who’ve played these games and they shouldn’t be afraid to ask questions under any circumstances.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

Far left: service in the 442nd. Left: patient processing. Right: Special Operations loads and Thunder. Above right: the 303rd protective sleeping. Background: management of water simulators.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

Master Sgt. Margaret Moore-Roldan, aerospace medical technician, and Lt. Col. Joanie Peterson, center, a nurse with the 442nd Medical Squadron, discuss the condition of a simulated casualty in a make-shift hospital.

Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Curtis and Senior Airman Philip Travalent, members of the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, secure their helmets at the flight center before heading to the "play" area.

Senior Airman Nathan Kern, an aircraft armament systems technician in the 442nd Maintenance Squadron's munitions flight, works on an AGM-65 Maverick missile underneath the wing of an A-10 Thunderbolt II.

On the right: Tech. Sgt. Pete Filis, NCOIC of the flight line section in the 442nd Fighter Squadron, prepares to dress in his chemical protective gear. Wearing the gear is like "moving around in a plastic bag," Sergeant Filis said.

On the ground photo: Staff Sgt. Amy Cottrell, a health services management specialist in the 442nd Medical Squadron, takes a drink of water from her canteen while waiting for mock casualties after a simulated chemical weapons attack. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown)



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MARIE CASSETTY

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — “The Spirit of Berlin,” a C-17 Globemaster III, takes off during the base closure ceremony Oct. 10, officially marking the end of 60 years of airlift history here. Flying at the base ended Sept. 30 and the “Gateway to Europe” will transition to

Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases in Germany.

Rhein-Main, adjacent to the Frankfurt International Airport, was a familiar location to many 442nd Fighter Wing reservists who either deployed there for annual tours or stopped over on their way to other locations.

‘Gateway to Europe’ ends 60-year airlift legacy

By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
469th Air Base Group Public Affairs

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — Although 60 years of airlift legacy came to a close, the “spirit” of this base will endure.

The long-time airlift hub closed during an Oct. 10 ceremony attended by U.S. and German dignitaries.

A C-17 Globemaster III bearing the name “Spirit of Rhein-Main” was unveiled by Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly, Air Mobility Command vice commander; Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander; and retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed “Candy Bomber” of the Berlin Airlift.

More than 800 servicemembers, veterans, civilian employees and well-wishers turned out to say farewell to the former “Gateway to Europe.” A C-17 with the moniker, “Spirit of Berlin,” made the symbolic last flight following the ceremony, dipping its wing toward Rhein-Main’s hangars in a final goodbye.

Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, said the closure marks an ending and a beginning, referring to Frankfurt International Airport’s planned expansion. Airport officials plan to add a third passenger terminal, which will be built where the base currently stands.

General Foglesong highlighted several groups that have served here over the years, from the veterans of the 1948 to 1949 Berlin Airlift to the current Airmen with the 469th ABG tasked with officially closing the base in December.

“From a grateful nation,” General Foglesong said, “I’m here to say thank you to all those individuals that made this base famous.”

U.S. Ambassador to Germany William R. Timken Jr. said although the base’s legacy will not be forgotten, its closure marks a transition.

“This transition is part of a larger strategy to prepare NATO to meet the challenges of the 21st Century — to defend freedom, strengthen democracy and provide a stable environment where prosperity can grow,” he said.

Since 1949, Rhein-Main and the Frankfurt International Airport worked together to create the U.S. military’s most important airlift base in Europe — not only on the military side, but on the commercial side as well.

Dr. Wilhelm Bender, the airport’s chairman of the board of executives, said it is with sadness that Rhein-Main comes to a close.

“Together we safeguarded peace and freedom,” he said. “The closure is historic and emotional because we have to say goodbye to our American friends.”

After the ceremony, guests toured static display aircraft representing airlift and air refueling planes from the base’s past.

The final military mission left here Sept. 26 and the final commercial flight took off Sept. 30, ending the operational mission of the base.

The base’s vital airlift support mission transitioned to Ramstein and Spangdahlem air bases Oct. 1. (*Courtesy of United States Air Forces Europe News Service*)

Blood donations still in high demand

By Capt. Eric Badger
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP) — The U.S. military always needs blood in war zones and now, more than ever, it is depending on troops at stateside bases to donate.

That is because troops that deploy “down range” cannot donate blood for one year after they return home, said Maj. Julie Zwies, officer in charge of the Expeditionary Blood Transshipment Center here.

Maj. David Lincoln, a Joint Blood Program officer at the base, said donations must continue.

“Every time you give, you could be saving the life of a fellow Airman, Soldier, Marine, Sailor or coalition partner. Every donation counts,” said Major Lincoln, deployed here from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

The transshipment center is the hub for all blood distributed to medical units throughout the region. Major Zwies, also the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group’s support flight commander, said blood comes from donors at military bases throughout the United States.

Before shipping to forward bases, members of the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory-East — at McGuire AFB, N.J. — first process the blood. Then C-17 Globemaster III or commercial cargo aircraft transport it here.

The center then distributes it each week to all the forward-deployed locations throughout the Southwest Asia theater. The amount of blood each location receives varies each week, depending on need.

“We can get blood processed and loaded on a jet and on its way in two and a half to three hours,” Major Lincoln, said. “Much like a traffic cop, I ensure Major Zwies has the right of way as she gets the blood to where it’s needed most.”

To prepare the life-saving fluid for the trip, Airmen pack the blood in standard blood shipping boxes, known as a Collins boxes. The boxes also hold about 14 pounds of ice.

“Red blood cells can’t be frozen, so wet ice is used to keep it cold during shipment,” said Major Zwies, deployed from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. “However, fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate are preserved frozen and shipped with dry ice to keep it frozen. Blood is an officially licensed pharmaceutical product and is handled with extreme care.”

Due to the unpredictability of the need for blood, transportation into the theater is on a case-by-case basis.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Tech. Sgt. Octavio Suarez unpacks blood that will be used to help care for injured troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The sergeant, with the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group, deployed here from the 355th Medical Group Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

“We use aircraft of opportunity,” Major Lincoln said. “We send blood by C-130s, Chinooks (helicopters), ships or convoys. Any way we can get it there — we make sure it happens. Lives depend on it.”

Major Lincoln said the Air Force handles the strategic airlift portion. The Army takes care of ground shipments.

“The Army is a big player in this process,” he said. “They have special laboratory technicians who do nothing but ensure blood is properly distributed where it needs to go. They do an outstanding job, day in and day out.”

The center stores red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate. When first drawn from a donor, whole blood contains each of these elements. To separate the elements, the blood goes through a process called centrifugation. The centrifuge spins the blood, which separates the elements.

Depending on the need, a patient may only require one of the elements. For example, cryoprecipitate is primarily for patients with blood-clotting

difficulties.

“The blood arrives to us already split into these separate elements,” Major Zwies said. “We track it, pack it and send it off as fast as we can to wherever our forces and coalition partners need it.”

To ensure the center’s operation runs smoothly takes a group of people from varied backgrounds, she said.

The center stores the red blood cell units in a walk-in refrigerator kept at approximately 1 to 6 degrees Celsius. There are also three large chest freezers that hold plasma and cryoprecipitate. The temperature in the chest freezers is at a constant negative 70 degrees Celsius.

Before shipment to bases in the theater, the center scans and logs each blood into its computer database. This is much like items scanned by a cashier at a local grocery store, Major Zwies said. This provides a tracking system for the blood to ensure it arrives to its correct destination, while maintaining the center’s inventory accountability.

The need for blood will continue to grow with each passing year, as the pool of military donors shrinks, the major said.

“Many deployed members will be ineligible to donate for up to a year upon return from their deployment,” she said. “Many people think the next person will donate, so they don’t worry about it. What we want people to remember is that everybody needs blood. The need will never end.”

More information on the Armed Services Blood Program is available at: www.militaryblood.dod.mil



November pay dates



The November pay dates are as follows: Nov. 4, 8, 10, 15, 18, 23, 25 and 29.

The Nov. 5 and 6 Unit Training Assembly pays Nov. 15.

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 the upcoming exercises and the Operational Readiness Inspection. 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.

ROA meeting

The November Reserve Officer Association meeting will be at Mission's End, Saturday, Nov. 5, starting at noon.

As new officer elections for next year are planned soon, members interested in running for a position should call or e-mail 1st Lt. Jason Weiser, (660) 687-2736, or Maj. Christina M. Marks, (660) 687-5701. They will pass the information to the senior officer. Don't forget to bring a buddy.

Spirit Gate construction

Construction at the Whiteman AFB Spirit gate has entered a new phase.

All inbound and outbound traffic has gone to a single lane each way using the formerly outbound lanes on the north side of the new gate house.

Anticipate delays during peak traffic times, 6:30 to 8 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and 2:15 to 5:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly and utilize the Arnold and LeMay gates, when available, to help alleviate congestion in the construction area. This phase of construction is planned to last through mid-November.

Please direct any questions to the 509th Security Forces Squadron at (660) 687-5832.

PEP promotions

442nd Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Kevin McMenemy
442nd Fighter Wing
Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

Welcome

442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Charlotte Allen
Airman 1st Class Sylvester Hannah
442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Andrea Bax
Airman 1st Class Mark Charley
Airman 1st Class Christopher Ridenour
610th Intelligence Operations Flight
Staff Sgt. Timothy Carroll
442nd Medical Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Michael Pratt
Airman 1st Class Jena Hayes
Airman 1st Class Kelli Williamsdoniel
442nd Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Christina McConnell
Senior Airman Cale Scarbrough
Airman 1st Class Andrew Walthour
Airman Elizabeth Healey

Recruiting awards

442nd Fighter Wing members earned recognition twice at the Air Force Reserve Command's Recruiting Service national awards banquet in Savannah, Ga., Oct. 13.

Master Sgt. Kathi Nippert, 442nd Mission Support Flight, received the recruiting service's Personnel award and the 442nd FW Public Affairs office received the Public Affairs award.

The awards recognize service in support of the command's recruiting efforts.

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for full-time duty

WASHINGTON – The Air Force Reserve Command is looking for officers and enlisted people to fill many full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions. In the past 15 years, the number of AGR slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program is available on the AGR Management Office's restricted Web site at www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome2.html. (AFRC News)

Holiday season message highlights importance of life

By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON – As the holiday season and another year approach, let us take time to consider what is really important – family and friends.

During this time of year, we tend to hold our families a little closer, realizing that what we take for granted can change in an instant. We need to remember our friends who have endured great sacrifices or those who have suffered great loss on the Gulf Coast.

It is your realization of what is important, coupled with your dedication to duty, that enables you to serve our great nation so well. You know the price of freedom and you are willing to pay it.

I salute those who have deployed in harm's way and supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as those who have worked so hard to assist with hurricane rescue and relief.

As in the past, we face new challenges in 2006 – aircraft conversions, participation in air and space expeditionary force deployments and mission changes to name a few. I am confident you will once again do our country proud.

Jan and I wish you and yours happy holidays and a safe, joyous New Year. We are proud of you and what you do for America. (AFRC News Service)

Safety in action

The 442nd Fighter Wing Safety office is soliciting safety award nominations.

To nominate anyone for a Safety in Action award, or for more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Steve Smith, 442nd FW Ground Safety manager, at (660) 687-3300.

November training planner

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

What (# to call for info)	When	Where
5 November 2005, Saturday (cont.)		
Sign Out	1630	Assigned Units
6 November 2005, Sunday		
Protestant Service (3827)	0645	Bldg 1117, Conference Room
Sign in	0700-0730	Assigned Units
CBRNEDT Refresher (3333)	0830-1130	Bldg 705, DP Classroom
Catholic Mass (3652)	0900	Base Chapel
QNFT fit test available (3950)	0900-1500	Bldg 604, Bio-Environ. Eng.
<i>Must schedule appointment first</i>		
Admin Training (3355)	1000-1100	Bldg 705, Comp. Training Room
SORTS Mtg/ Executive Wrap-Up	1030	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room
Computer Based Testing (3350)	1230	Bldg 48, Room 117
<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		
Protestant Service (3827)	1330	Bldg 48, Wing Chapel room
Sign Out	1630	Assigned Units

Wright-Patterson celebrates an essential step in aviation

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — One-hundred years of practical flight were celebrated Oct. 5 on the grounds Orville and Wilbur Wright used to test their legendary Wright Flyer — launching an aviation era.

Mark Dusenberry, pilot and creator of the world's only exact replica of the 1905 Wright Flyer, re-visited the historic moment, 100 years to the day the brothers proved flight was practical.

"America's dominance of the air began at Dayton and the Huffman Prairie located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and it continues today," said Col. Andrew Weaver, 88th Air Base Wing commander.

Huffman Prairie was the world's first airfield. The brothers used the field to research and develop their aircraft, and that legacy is evident in the mission here.

"Home of the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Research Laboratory, the Aeronautical Systems Center, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and the National Air and Space Intelligence Center," Colonel Weaver said. "Wright-Patt educates the next generation of technical leaders, inserts the latest technology into our aircraft, manages the acquisition and flight test of new aircraft, manages the sustainment of our aircraft fleet and provides intelligence to our warfighter."

Following remarks from Brig. Gen. Ted F. Bowlds, Aeronautical Systems Center deputy for acquisition, and retired Maj. Gen. Ed Mechenbier, the main event began.

"Let's fly," General Mechenbier said, and spectators rushed to the fence line.



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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Mark Dusenberry flies over Huffman Prairie during the Centennial of Practical Flight ceremony Oct. 5. Orville and Wilbur Wright used the field to research and develop their aircraft, and flew over the same location 100 years earlier to the day.

General Mechenbier narrated each step of the process as Mr. Dusenberry prepped the Flyer. Shortly after the engine sounded, the weight within the catapult was dropped and the Flyer traced a portion of the path Wilbur Wright flew on Oct. 5, 1905.

Following a second successful flight, the event culminated with a parade of Wright Flyer and World War I replicas. Following the ceremony, spectators caught a glimpse of how far aviation has come as six F-16 Fighting Falcons flew over the field.

"Everything our Air Force does in the air has the fingerprints of Wright-Patterson on it," Colonel Weaver said. "We are proud to continue the heritage the Wright Brothers gave us."

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Changes made to AT days needed for ORI preparation

Some of the dates have changed for exercises to prepare for the upcoming operational readiness inspection in October 2006. These dates may continue to change as issues arise in the wing's master training plan, according to officials on the ORI Steering Group.

Reservists in the 442nd Fighter Wing will be required to perform home-station annual tours in order to

assist preparation efforts.

Wing members will use a total of 12 annual-tour days to prepare for the ORI in Fiscal Year 2006.

The table below outlines exercise dates and the number of annual tour days the 442nd's citizen airmen will use in their participation and will appear in every edition of the *Mohawk* until the ORI.

Counting the days					
Date	Event	Number of home station annual-tour days required			
			May 6-12	HQ AFRC staff assistance visit (SAV), phase-1 ORE (May 6-8) and phase-2 ORE (May 9-12), seven-day exercise <i>NOTE: May 6 and 7 are UTA days</i>	5
Nov. 5-6	Individual Squadron Training	0	June 10-11	Normal UTA	0
Dec. 10-11	Individual Squadron Training	0	July 7-9	Phase 1 ORE, three-day exercise	1
Jan. 7-8 2006	Base-wide contamination control area practice	0	Aug. 5-6	Normal UTA	0
Feb. 3-5	Phase-1 ORE, three-day exercise	1	Sept. 8-12	Phase 2 ORE (Sept. 8-10) and hot wash (Sept. 11-12), five-day exercise <i>NOTE: Sept. 9-10 are UTA days</i>	3
March 3-5	Phase 2 ORE, three-day exercise	1			
April 8-9	Normal UTA	0	Oct. 1-11	Operational Readiness Inspection	TBD