

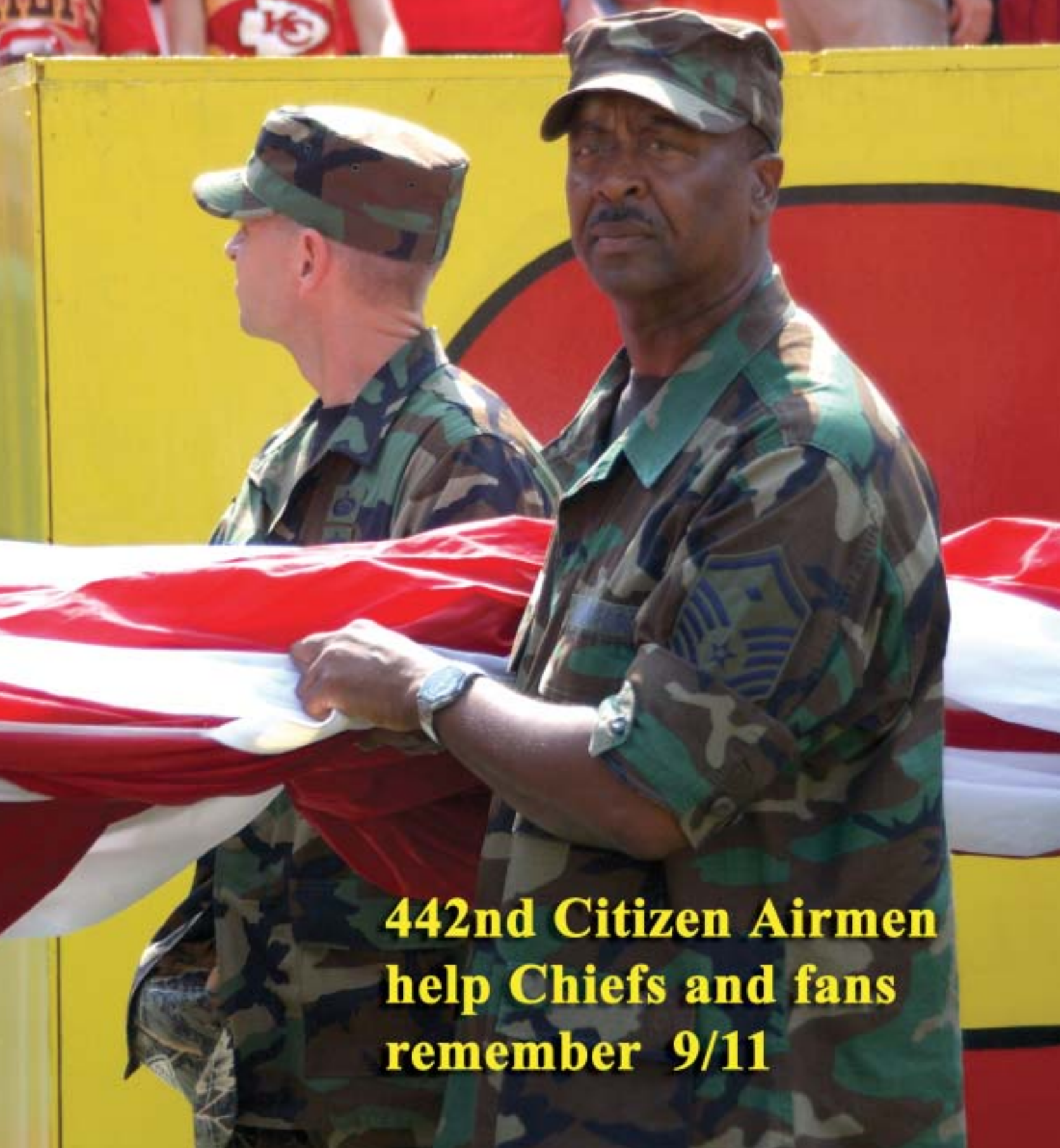
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New chief of staff addresses Airmen

Note: The following commentary is adapted from a Sept. 2 letter by Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff.

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON – We are a Nation at war. Sept. 2 marked the 1,426th day we’ve been fighting Operation Enduring Freedom. World War II lasted 1,347 days.

We’ve now been fighting the Global War on Terror for 2 ½ months longer than World War II. From the day Desert Storm kicked off, Jan. 17, 1991, the Air Force has been in continuous combat. For 14 years our enemies have shot at us and for 14 years we’ve returned the favor. But no matter how long the road, we must never lose our focus on winning this fight.

Today, we are engaged more than ever ... from across the globe to here at home. From taking the fight to the enemy in Iraq; to rebuilding lives in the wake of Hurricane Katrina; to controlling satellites on the other side of the world; to fighting forest fires in the Rockies; to patrolling the skies over America – you can be proud of the work your Air Force is doing to protect our country.

I’m incredibly proud to be a member of an Air Force family that has more than 106,000 Airmen assigned or deployed in 64 countries, on every continent and in every time zone throughout the world. We have handled each and every task brought before us with lethal efficiency because of you. It is an honor to work and fight alongside you in service to our republic.

The 684,000 active-duty, Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard members and civilians of the United States Air Force are truly a total force. We stand alongside our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine brethren ready to answer the nation’s call. We fight together. We triumph together. Our promise to the joint team is that as Airmen we will always be the best in the world at what we do: dominating Air and Space from 1 inch above the ground to 100,000 miles above the earth.

Today, we have three major challenges facing our Air Force. First and foremost is accomplishing the combatant tasks the president and secretary of defense assign. The tasks will be ones we’ve done before and ones we’ve never undertaken. Second, we must preserve that which makes us the most feared air force in the world – our people. Our culture of excellence must continue to develop Airmen ... Airmen who are the most adaptable, most skilled, most professional and most lethal the world has ever known. Third, we face the difficult task of operating the oldest inventory in the history of the United States Air Force. My senior leadership will work to break this vicious cycle. I need you, our Airmen on the line, to continue making the mission happen.

As we work towards a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow ... look around. Behind us you’ll see a proud, rich heritage. And in front of us is a limitless horizon. So let’s push it up, go to work and make the mission happen. *(AFRC News Service)*

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On the cover: Master Sgt. Larry Washington, 442nd Mission Support Flight first sergeant, helps hold a giant U.S. flag during the Kansas City Chiefs' opening game ceremony Sept. 11. One hundred 442nd Fighter Wing members participated in the pre-game activities, which included an A-10 flyover. (Photograph by Staff Sgt. Angela Blazier)

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442nd Fighter Wing Tip of the Spear

Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin
442nd Fighter Wing Family Support

Tech. Sgt. Calvin Acklin has performed above and beyond the Air Force standard throughout the past year. The family support office is typically a two person shop, but Sergeant Acklin performed all duties by himself for more than nine months. Sergeant Acklin has assisted families in crisis without hesitation. For example, he was the first to assist Staff Sgt. Jennifer Gould, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, during her septic crisis. Sergeant Acklin was able to get her the immediate help she needed.

He was also instrumental in the family support office booth at the 2005 Fighter Wing Family Day Picnic. In his off-duty time, he unselfishly collected items, such as toys and books, which were handed out to children by family support.

Sergeant Acklin is also a vital part of the newcomers briefing. He has ensured, in the last nine months, more than 72 new wing members were aware of family support. He assured them that we were here for all members. His professionalism and dedication to country, family and the Air Force Reserve are an inspiration and motivation to all who serve with him. He truly is the Tip of the Spear for the 442nd Fighter Wing.

Air Force Climate Survey — speak today, shape tomorrow

By Lt. Col. Roxane Williams
442nd Fighter Wing Performance Manager

All Air Force reservists are again being asked to take a few moments and share their opinions in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

This year's survey will consist of four sections: organization climate factors, enduring competencies, command-specific questions and AF-analysis questions.

The Air Force has developed a set of enduring competencies that all Air Force members should possess at different levels of responsibility. These are classified in three categories: personal, people and team, and institutional, which apply across three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

In the 2005 AF Climate Survey, the unit leadership factors, as well as a few individual questions that were included in the 2003 survey, have been replaced with questions on enduring competencies. Participants will respond to climate factors referencing their unit. Respondents will then rate their immediate supervisor on the enduring competencies. Command-specific and AF-analysis questions will follow.

Air Force leadership values the unique perspective Airman and civilians can provide. These individuals have vital knowledge of what is successful and what needs attention. Whether the unit, work center or leadership merits praise or requires improvement, this is an opportunity to speak out.

Results from the 2003 AF Climate Survey provided leadership the impetus to revamp the 442nd's recognition pro-

gram. Senior leaders conceived of several new award programs. Every month each group can present worthy individuals with the "on-the-spot recognition" award. This garners the individual with a wing commander's coin. Another new recognition program is the "Tip of the Spear" award. This program rotates monthly by group, highlighting a superior performer. The group's winner is then pictured in the *Mohawk* listing their achievements. And most recently, the 442nd's command chief created and received his own coins to present to exemplary individuals.

The 2005 AF Climate Survey will be easily accessible and user friendly through the 442nd intranet or through a home computer at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. The respondent will be asked to evaluate factors that have the greatest influence on their service: general satisfaction, core values, unit performance outcomes, recognition, teamwork, leadership, supervision, training and development, job enhancement, the job, resources, participation and involvement, and unit flexibility. The responses will be a direct influence on leadership's creation of positive changes. Comments will not be edited or filtered and will provide valuable feedback. To ensure complete honest and straightforward responses, the survey provides anonymity with software masking techniques that do not attach the respondent's user identification and password to responses. Respondents will be asked not to write self-revealing details in the comments portion of the survey.

This year's survey will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23. The results of the survey will be released in Feb. 2006 to unit leaders. (From AFRC News Service)





A PJ's night in New Orleans

By Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Editor's note: Master Sgt. Huntington spent 10 days based at Jackson, Miss., in support of Joint Task Force - Katrina, the Department of Defense's relief effort following Hurricane Katrina.

JACKSON, Miss. — Aircrews flying 10 to 12 hour missions picking up as many as 184 survivors on a single mission have been at the heart of the helicopter rescue portion of the Air Force Reserve Command's contribution to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

At the very center of that heart, pararescuemen can be found who have risked life and limb so that others may live.

Tethered by safety harnesses in the back of HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, the PJs, as they are more commonly referred to, have a truly unique perspective of the devastation, especially on the human part of the equation, wrought by the category four hurricane.

For one pararescueman from AFRC's 304th Rescue Squadron, it was more than an eye-opening experience.

"My first flight into New Orleans was at nighttime," said Tech. Sgt. Keith Berry, who is based in Portland, Ore. "I got here on Sept. 1, and they sent me out the following night."

Equipped with a night-vision monacle attached to his helmet, Sergeant Berry's view of the ground at night is a garish, greenish version of what was visible in the daylight; with his unaided eye, it is inky blackness.

Typically, pararescuemen and their crews come from the same unit; however, the rescue effort for Hurricane Katrina blended active duty and guardsmen with the reservists on each flight.

Sitting in the helicopter's doorway opposite Sergeant Berry was Tech. Sgt. Isaiah Staley, a reservist from the 306th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

As Sergeant Berry's helicopter passed over Lake Pontchartrain, the scene that greeted him over New Orleans was like one from another world.

"It was like one of those 'War of the Worlds' type movies," he said. "Through my (night-vision) monacle, I could see other helicopters flying at 600 to 1,000 feet with their (infrared) lights on.

"From each helicopter you could see this big cone of light pointing down at the ground and all over you could see (them)," he said. "They looked like monopods trolling around everywhere you looked. You could see them coming in to hover, and you could see people being hoisted up under them."

Flames from a large fire in an industrial area flared in his night-vision device, and he could see a couple of buildings here and there that were evidently operating on generator power.

"We started to fly a grid pattern over one of the blackened areas where you could see water in the streets," Sergeant Berry said. "Then we saw a flashlight below. We swung



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. BILL HUNTINGTON

OVER NEW ORLEANS — Tech. Sgt. Keith Berry looks down into flooded streets searching for survivors. He is part of an Air Force Reserve team credited with saving more than 1,040 people in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He is a pararescueman with the 304th Rescue Squadron from Portland, Ore.

around, came into hover and we saw it again."

Sergeants Berry and Staley climbed into their strops, horse collar-like devices used to raise and lower pararescuemen on the hoist, and they descended into the surreal darkness of the flooded city.

Alighting onto a roof, they removed the strops and scampered along the roof line to the edge. The helicopter flew away and orbited in the distance to allow the two Airmen to be able to hear any calls for help. Sergeant Berry lay down on the roof and looked over the side to see who was below.

"I shouted out, 'We're from the United States Air Force and we're here to rescue you. Do you need to leave?'" he said.

The response was not what he expected when the man indicated that he did not and that he was OK.

"I thought to myself that this was not getting off to the best start," Sergeant Berry said. "It was like, 'I'm here to rescue you,' and he didn't want to go."

After determining the man had enough food and water, had no medical problems and there was no one else there to be rescued, the helicopter returned to retrieve the two pararescuemen.

It was a scene that was repeated at the next stop, but after leaving they saw a flashlight signaling them from a couple on the grassy median of a flooded street. There, several people were hoisted to the helicopter, and when it was full it headed to the airport and left the two Airmen to wait for its return with the group of flood survivors.

In the darkness they could see some lights on in a

— See 'Rescue' next page

Exercise Tiger honors 442nd members

Senior Master Sgts. Tim Storms, 442nd Maintenance Squadron, and Jerry Goehring, 442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, received awards from the National Exercise Tiger National Commemoration Foundation at ceremonies held Sept. 10 and 11. The organization, which commemorates a little-known World War II battle, which claimed 749 lives just prior to the June 6, 1944 invasion of France, annually recognizes excellence in servicemembers at events held in Columbia, Mo.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN LAUREN PADDEN

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nearby apartment building with a large, flat roof and they learned it had a working elevator. They decided to move the group to the roof of the apartment building for evacuation rather than risk bringing people up through the spider web of power lines and tree branches over the street.

“The lines weren’t energized,” Sergeant Berry said. “There were just a lot of them.”

In the apartment building, the small band of survivors from the ground was joined by others from the inside. Individuals and families made their way to the roof to await rescue. The L-shaped building’s rooftop was large enough to accommodate two hovering helicopters, and soon other Pave Hawks swooped in to retrieve the beleaguered residents.

“We loaded four or five loads of people off the roof of that building,” Sergeant Berry said. “There was just a bunch of people up there and I think only one of those loads was on to our helicopter.”

The rescues were repeated throughout the night as the Airmen assisted load after load of people into the helicopter and on to the airport.

“We’d go, hoist down and grab; go, hoist down and grab,” Sergeant Berry said. “The really neat thing is that almost everybody we met had been doing things to help each other. You had neighbors who were concerned about the neighbor from across the street. To me that’s the most compelling thing of the whole situation.”

Many times the pararescuemen were left behind as their heavily laden helicopter departed for the airport. When their helicopter was gone, they waded through the streets going from house to house.

“As long as we stayed in the middle of the street it was waist deep to chest deep,” Sergeant Berry said. “You try not to think about what was in the water, but I do remember jok-

ing with Isaiah as we waded along saying, ‘Did you just see a set of alligator eyes go underwater over there?’ He may not have thought it was very funny but I got a kick out of it.”

As they made their way toward a school, they gathered a small crowd of survivors collected from houses they passed along the way.

“At this point, it was still dark but the sky was just starting to lighten,” Sergeant Berry said. “We were wading through the chest-deep water that had a little sheen of oil on it. It was totally quiet and you could see that it was really a neat old neighborhood. I remember thinking, ‘Boy, this is sure a weird way to tour New Orleans.’”

Sergeant Berry had high praise for the airmanship of the Pave Hawk crew and their ability to get the pararescuemen where they needed to be.

The efforts of Sergeant Berry, as well as those of about 400 of his fellow Airmen directly involved in the operation and support of the Air Force’s helicopter rescue mission, have paid off.

More than 4,200 lives had been saved during 12 days of 24 hour-a-day operations, with Air Force Reserve helicopters accounting for 1,043 of those saves.

Back at the helicopter’s temporary home base after Sergeant Berry’s first night mission, he reflected upon a moment from that night as especially gratifying. It seemed to encapsulate all of his experiences.

“We came upon a house with five women and two little children living in it,” Sergeant Berry said. “Rescuing the children was one of the most satisfying things that I have ever done. I put the strop on, gathered these kids in to me and got my arms around both of them. By this time, it was dawn and you could see this big column of smoke hanging over the city. Then I looked down at these two beautiful kids in my arms as we were hoisted into the helicopter and I remember thinking, ‘Man, this is a fulfilling job.’”

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Angela Blazier



Left: Spectators stroll about Cannon Range prior to the flying activities.
Below: A bullet-riddled truck is one example of the many full-size targets at Cannon Range.



CANNON RANGE, Mo. — In the rolling hills of south central Missouri is a battlefield with shrapnel, bullet-ridden trucks and aircraft. It's a ghost town of sorts filled with dilapidated buildings and curvy dirt roads.

What could be described as an abandoned battlefield is really Cannon Range, which provides the 442nd Fighter Wing pilots the opportunity to hone their combat skills. Operated and maintained by the 131st Fighter Squadron Detachment 1 of the Missouri Air National Guard, the range is located near Rolla.

The 442nd's A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft average, more than 140,000 rounds from their 30mm cannon and drop approximately 5,000 BDU-33 smart bombs a year at the range, said Lt. Col. Scott Porter, detachment commander.

"We give them an opportunity to train for real combat," Lt. Col. Porter said.

The 11 Air National Guard personnel at Cannon Range are responsible for 4,800 acres, 20 miles of roads and coordinating more than 2,000 flight sorties a year.

Technical Sgt. Ray Shattuck, heavy equipment operator, thinks the detachment is successful due to the teamwork.

"The efficiency of our work is due to the camaraderie ... and our ability to adapt to new roles." "We can read each other and know the other's a

e on the Range

s highlighted at Cannon Range open house

"Every person here loves this job," Lt. Col. Porter said. "Every single person realizes the importance of what we do."

With 250 distinct objects for the pilots to aim at, the range offers more than just static targets. It's a certified laser range, which means lasers can be used to identify targets. The range also offers radar threat emitters, which simulate ground-based threats to aircraft. Lastly, it's equipped with mock surface to air missiles that ground crews fire at the aircraft as they fly past.

"This provides them with realistic threat training and an adversary to train against," Lt. Col. Porter said. "It provides a sensory stimulus."

On Sept. 10, approximately 2,000 people descended on the range to see the A-10 and other aircraft in action during an open house. Tailgates came down and lawn chairs were opened as the crowd settled down to watch the show. Hundreds strolled the area around the tower and stopped for a bite to eat at the United Service Organizations' trailer.

"Clear hot one," said a voice over the intercom. Within 30 seconds, a loud series of pops were heard as an A-10 screamed overhead. A cloud of dust developed around a large hanging, circular target. A collective astonishment came over the crowd.

Spectator Wilda Vaughan, Springfield, Mo., was impressed by the display.

"It was awesome...better than awesome," she said. "They love to show off, you can tell."

The atmosphere was a bit more intense in the control tower. The two controllers must ensure the range is

clear of people and vehicles. They must also coordinate the flight path of aircraft over the range. With the tower in constant contact with the aircraft, the radio waves were filled with a continuous chatter.

"It is a ballet of sorts, a communication ballet," Lt. Col. Porter said.

During actual training missions, pilots are graded on their shooting accuracy. Typically, each aircraft completes 16 passes over the target, which is 64 passes for a four aircraft sortie. Therefore, 704 entries are required to compute their score, according to Lt. Col. Porter.

Although Cannon Range may not be widely known beyond the ready room of the 303rd Fighter Squadron, it is a valuable asset to the 442nd's ability to maintain its combat readiness, said Col. Anthony Johnson, commander of the 442nd Operations Group.

"I've been associated with them for more than 15 years and they have always been responsive to our needs ... we have a great partnership," Col. Johnson said. "Cannon Range is an integral and essential element in the combat readiness for the assets of the Operations Group."

Right: One of the targets at Cannon Range used by pilots to practice their skill. A system of microphones is used to score pilot accuracy. Below: In the control tower, Master Sgt. Gary Ervin talks with the ground crew and helps monitor range activities.





442nd Airmen awarded Army medal



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ANGELA BLAZIER

Capt. David Casler and Senior Master Sgt. Jonathan Lowe, 303rd Fighter Squadron, were awarded the Army Achievement Medal for their work with the Missouri National Guard.

By Maj. David Kurle

Two of the 303rd Fighter Squadron's intelligence specialists were awarded achievement medals recently, which may not be particularly newsworthy, unless you consider that these were Army achievement medals.

Capt. David Casler and Senior Master Sgt. Jonathan Lowe received

the medals for assisting the 1st of the 135th Aviation Battalion, Missouri National Guard, in developing their own intelligence programs to support aviators flying the unit's AH-64, Apache attack helicopters.

"They had some inspections coming up and going through all their stuff, they saw that they had some programs that were behind and asked us if

we could help them out and provide whatever support we could," Captain Casler said. "We were more accessible than the 509th Bomb Wing because we're right next door to them."

"There's no way to describe how immense their contributions have been," said Chief Warrant Officer James Nix, an instructor pilot with the 1st of the 135th. "They have always come through for us."

The two air reserve technicians assisted in four areas, Chief Warrant Officer Nix said. The areas the Airmen worked in were training Guard intelligence personnel, threat identification, tactics and developing an isolated personnel program to help rescue downed aircrew members.

"Since we do not have a full-time intelligence asset, they have essentially trained all of our part-time intelligence personnel," he said. "Basically, they've been integrated into the Army."

The two 442nd Citizen Airmen are modest about their accomplishments and expressed their willingness to help in this joint endeavor in any way they could.

"The program we helped set up was a cross-service program," Sergeant Lowe said. "We mainly set it up the same way we run ours, which worked for them."

Prospects good for 2005 flu vaccine availability

By Staff Sgt. Leo Brown

What a difference a year makes. At this time in 2004, the British government was shutting down flu vaccine production and distribution due to contamination concerns, affecting people throughout England and the United States, including many Airmen.

This year, vaccine shipments should be arriving on time and maybe even ahead of schedule, said Senior Master Sgt. Billy Day, 442nd Medical Squadron, superintendent of aerospace medicine.

"The message traffic this week from the Air Force Medical Logistics office out of Ft. Detrick, Md., indicated they received their first shipments and distributed them to overseas bases in the Middle East and in Europe, and to PACAF (Pacific Air Forces)," Sergeant Day said.

According to an e-mail from the Air Force Medical Support Agency in Washington D.C., "The vaccine should be available to most AF (Air Force) bases by the second week of November."

"The last two years, we haven't got the vaccine until the end of November or the first of December, so we're ahead of schedule," Sergeant Day said.

Day said shipments are sent from the manufacturer (Sanofi-Pasteur, a European division of Merck and Company in Whitehouse Station, N.J.) to depots throughout the United States for subsequent transfer to individual military installations. The depot for Whiteman Air Force Base is in Philadelphia.

"The big thing to remember is that the flu vaccine is a required mobility immunization and in light of our upcoming ORI (operational readiness inspection), without it, you're not considered medically qualified," Sergeant Day said. "(The vaccine) is the best protection we've got against influenza, especially in light of the increasing types of flu showing up around the world right now."

Sergeant Day said there are roughly 30 to 40 strains of flu worldwide.

For more information, call Sergeant Day at (660) 687-3952, or go to www.cdc.gov or www.vaccines.army.mil.

Airman, NCO of the Quarter winners



Senior Airman Kerry Lowrey
442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Tami Goodhart
442nd Maintenance Operations Flight

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
Oct. 14-16	Full, Phase-2, three-day operational readiness exercise	1
Nov. 5-6	Individual Squadron Training	0
Dec. 10-11	Individual Squadron Training	0
Jan. 7-8 2006	Base-wide contamination control area practice	0
Feb. 3-5	Phase-1 ORE, three-day exercise	1
March 3-5	Phase 2 ORE, three-day exercise	1
April 8-9	Normal UTA	0
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
June 10-11	Normal UTA	0
July 7-9	Phase 1 ORE, three-day exercise	1
Aug. 5-6	Normal UTA	0
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
Oct. 1-11	Operational Readiness Inspection	TBD



October pay dates

The October pay dates are as follows: Oct. 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 21, 26 and 28.

The Oct. 15 and 16 Unit Training Assembly pays Oct. 26.

Lending a helping hand

The 442nd Fighter Wing chapel staff is promoting two projects designed to benefit those in need.

In November, the chapel staff is working to help stocking the Knob Noster Food Pantry. Members are encouraged to assist by bringing nonperishable food items to the Wing's chapel office in building 48, room 122, or to their orderly room.

In December, they will be collecting Christmas gifts for families relocated to Missouri and Kansas following hurricane Katrina. More information will be available next month concerning this project.

New first sergeant chosen

Senior Master Sgt. Melissa Spawn has been selected to fill the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's first sergeant position. Lt. Col. Alan Priest, 442nd AMXS commander, thanks all of those who interviewed for the first sergeant position as well as their supervisors and commanders who supported them. "They were all outstanding candidates which made my decision a very difficult one," Colonel Priest said.

Computer virus guidance issued

The 442nd Communications Flight has issued the following guidance on what to do if a government computer is suspected of being infected with a computer virus.

1. Immediately disconnect the computer from the network by unplugging the local area network cable. The LAN cable has a plastic jack similar to the one on a phone cord.
2. Do not continue to use the computer

and do not turn the computer off.

3. Call the client support administrator (CSA), formerly known as workgroup manager. They are trained to help.

4. If the CSA is not available, contact the 442nd CF Helpdesk at (660) 687-2965.

Taking these steps quickly can help prevent spreading a computer virus to other systems.

Bouncing checks

The Air Force Reserve Command judge advocate offers advice about "Check 21," the law passed last year permitting instant check clearing.

Base exchanges instituted that process in August as have most other retailers.

Under this process, checks clear sooner, instantly in some cases and even on weekends. This increases the risk that a check will bounce if funds are not in the account when the check is written. JA advises not writing a check unless funds are already in the account.

Saluting our members movin' up, movin' in

Congratulations

442nd Fighter Wing

Tech. Sgt. Michael Morrison

442nd Security Forces Squadron

Chief Master Sgt. Alyn Brown

Staff Sgt. Thomas Reeves III

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Helling

442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Alvin Edwards III

Master Sgt. James McGilton, Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Shaun McCrea

Staff Sgt. Catherine Dunham

Staff Sgt. Mitchell Rice

Senior Airman Brian Williams

Senior Airman Ashley Wommack

Senior Airman Sarah Woodworth

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442nd Mission Support Flight

Airman 1st Class Christifer Mulford

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Airman 1st Class Andrea Newton

710th Medical Squadron

Senior Airman Ryan Pirraglia

442nd Mission Support Flight

Staff Sgt. Christopher Stokes

303rd Fighter Squadron

Airman Basic Bradley Thompson

October training planner

What (# to call for info)	When	Where	What (# to call for info)	When	Where
14 October 2005, Friday			16 October 2005, Sunday		
Sign In	0700-0730	Assigned Units	Sign in	0700-0730	Assigned Units
ORE Begins	1200	Assigned Units	CBRNEDT Refresher (3333)	0830-1130	Bldg 705, DP Classroom
Executive Working Group	1100	Wing CC office	Catholic Mass (3652)	0900	Base Chapel
Pre-UTA staff meeting	1430	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room	Admin Training (3355)	1000-1100	Bldg 705, Comp. Training Room
First Sergeants Mtg (3522)	1700	5-bay hangar, Conf room	SORTS Mtg/ Executive Wrap-Up	1030	Bldg 48, Multi-Purpose Room
Sign Out	TBD	Assigned Units	Computer Based Testing (3350)	1230	Bldg 48, Room 117
15 October 2005, Saturday			<i>Schedule through unit training mgr</i>		
Sign In	0700-0730	Assigned Units	Protestant Service (3827)	1330	Bldg 48, Wing Chapel room
Catholic Mass (3652)	1700	Base Chapel	Sign Out	TBD	Assigned Units
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Fiscal Year 2006 training classes offered

The 442nd Mission Support Group's training office is offering new classes to be held during unit training assemblies for the new fiscal year. They include:

Air Force Training Course -- This course is required prior to being assigned as an on-the job training trainer and/or certifier. The course is offered on UTAs during November 2005, and January, March, May, July and September 2006.

Work Center Training Programs 101 -- A comprehensive work center training program. The course is offered on UTAs during October and December 2005 as well as in June and August 2006.

First-time Air Force Upgrade Training Orientation -- This course is required for trainees entering the Air Force Upgrade Training Program for the first time and must be completed within 90 days of assignment. The course is offered on UTAs during October and December 2005, and January, March, May, July and September 2006.

Ancillary Training Seminar -- One-stop ancillary training offered February and April 2006.

Members desiring to attend should contact their unit training managers. It is important to note that this schedule is subject to change as required by mission considerations.

MGIB-SR increased educational assistance allowance

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code) has been approved.

The following monthly rates are effective October 1, 2005.

New monthly rates for persons training under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve				
Type of training	Full time	Three-quarter time	Half-time	Less than half-time
Institutional	\$297.00	\$222.75	\$148.50	\$74.25
Cooperative	\$297.00 (full time only)			
Correspondence	Paid at 55% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$297.00 Paid.			
Apprenticeship on-the-job training	First 6 Months	\$252.45		
	Second 6 Months	\$193.05		
	Remainder of Program	\$133.65		
Flight	Paid at 60% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$297.00 paid.			

Steps to follow when requesting tuition assistance

1. Contact Tech. Sgt. Watkins, ronald.watkins@whiteman.af.mil, DSN 975-3353/Comm (660)-687-3353 or MSgt Brenberger, at anita.brenberger@whiteman.af.mil, DSN975-3527, commercial (660)687-3527 to request forms, a statement of understanding, information package, Reserve service commitment or checklist and tuition assistance(TA) example form.
2. Fill out a form for each course to be attended, using the example form as a guide to ensure each area is filled out with the correct information. Sign the form and identify the start and end date of each class.
3. Complete the statement of understanding by initialing each block and signing where it says "members' signature". Have your supervisor/commander sign the adjacent block. This form explains responsibilities in using TA and by signing the form members acknowledge that they understand their role in the process and are aware of the rules of the program. Failure to adhere to these rules could result in no reimbursement.
4. Provide a degree plan (Audit) from the school listing the course of study.
5. Next, also from the school, provide proof of what the semester hour costs are and the actual cost of each course for tuition only. Do not include fees, books or etc. It is vitally important to not provide an itemized cost summary from the school. Only include the tuition cost of each course from the school or provide a paid receipt.
6. Fax the entire package, at least 10 days prior to the class start date, to the Education and Training office DSN975-2480 or commercial (660)-687-2480. Follow up to ensure the entire package was faxed, either by phone or email (see Item 1) to ensure the Education and Training received everything sent.
7. Upon successful completion of the course(s) members MUST provide Education and Training with grades no later than 60 days from the course completion date. Failure to do so will result in no reimbursement. Email them, FAX them or send them thru the US Postal system to 442 MSF/DPMT, 931 Arnold Avenue Whiteman AFB, MO 65305-5070.
8. Tuition assistance has not been timely in reimbursement so for now do not expect or require reimbursement funds to finance the next semester. Reimbursement time is expected to get better. It takes at least 12 weeks from the time DANTEs receives a member's grades for DFAS to pay for their courses. Have another source of income, i.e. student loan etc., to fund subsequent semesters.

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To THE FAMILY OF:

**Master Sgt.
Cody Ellett
442nd Civil
Engineer 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.

FAMILY NEWS



Good fiscal communication helps ensure home stability

By Tech. Sgt. Calvin E. Acklin
442nd Family Support Office

Even a strong relationship may find it hard to avoid conflicts about money. One-third to one-half of all couples has occasional financial disagreements and the conflicts can become serious, causing lasting harm to the relationship.

Many couples believe a larger income would end their arguments. But, financial counselors say this is rarely true, because most couples don't fight about how much money they have; they fight about what to do with their income.

The importance of talking about money

Many arguments occur because couples haven't clearly spelled out their expectations about spending or saving. Instead, each member of the couple simply assumes the other shares his or her views on the subject.

That is why it's important to bring feelings out in the open. For example, one spouse may want to put aside money for emergencies, while their partner believes saving for a rainy day is less important than enjoying the present. In addition, one may want to pay bills as soon as they arrive, the other may prefer to wait until the last minute. Talking frankly about differences can prevent major battles.

Tips for avoiding financial disagreements

In addition to talking regularly, here are other steps to minimize financial disagreements.

Draw up the household budget together and review periodically. Even if one is better at managing finances, both partners need to understand where the money is going. Needless arguments can result if one partner doesn't realize the cost of children's clothes or how much the heating bill has risen in the past year.

Keep financial papers organized. Both need to know where bills and other financial papers are kept, such as bank

statements and insurance policies. Some couples buy an accordion file, which is then divided into months for bill keeping. Filing bills promptly and going through the file weekly can ensure an important bill isn't neglected. This file can also be used to store reminders about bills paid annually or quarterly.

For example, if an insurance premium must be paid during a particular month, put a note in the appropriate slot as a reminder. Also, have a separate alphabetically organized file for storing other paperwork such as tax returns, retirement accounts and bank or investment-account statements.

One bank account or two?

Decide on the number of bank accounts needed. When both partners have an income, many financial planners suggest having a joint savings account to provide for long-term goals, a joint checking account for paying household bills, but separate checking accounts. Each person deposits in the joint accounts proportionally to his or her income.

Yet, some couples find it simpler to have fewer accounts or to work out a different financial system. In any case, each spouse needs discretionary spending money, a small amount that he or she can spend on a "no questions asked" basis.

Financial disagreements escalate quickly when either or both partners feel they can never spend without facing an interrogation.

Work together, talk together, decide together

Make joint decisions about big purchases. It's important to talk about big financial purchases together, even if easily afforded. Talking about major purchases or investments represents the couple not only as romantic partners, but as financial partners.

Look carefully at the causes of financial disagreements. Marriage counselors say that when couples argue about money, they're often arguing about something much bigger, such as their overall hopes and dreams for the relationship.

