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## ANOTHER WORLD AWAY

Operation sergeant,  
tactical air controller  
played his part in war  
on terror

By Senior Airman Micah Garbarino  
Public Affairs

Believe it or not, getting shot at and living in constant danger wasn't all that hard to get used to – he'd trained for that – it was the environment that really got to him. The place was scrub-brush, desert and thin mountain air that could be as hot as Death Valley or colder than Denver. He didn't know he'd be here when he signed up and he didn't know he'd miss it when he left.

Master Sgt. David Wilburn has the quiet confidence of a man who knows his work and does it well, no matter what the task. He's holds three Air Force specialties and is currently the Operations NCO at the 94th Airlift Control Flight here. But, when he fulfilled his military dream and joined the Air Force at the age of 33 he was trained in Air Ground Equipment and then at the age of 38 he cross trained into a more dangerous career, joint terminal attack control.

After their intense 16-week technical school at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Sergeant Wilburn and other "JTACs" train with the Army and Marines in ground combat, weapons systems, survival and assault schools because they fight right alongside other services in some of the most dangerous places on earth. A JTAC is the go-between for the commander on the ground and the pilots providing close air support during combat missions.

While assigned to the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron in Brunswick, Ga., Sergeant Wilburn was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003. Before he could leave, he had to go through six months of training and a two-week selection process before he was allowed to team up with the Special Forces he would fight alongside for the next nine months.

"We went to the range constantly; we had to be up to date on all our aircraft and weapons systems. We did a 12-mile 'ruck' with about 90 pounds of gear, fired all our weapons, did self-aid buddy care and then controlled airspace at the end,"



Courtesy photos



**Above: Master Sgt. David Wilburn mans the turret of a unit Humvee. His turret weapon while on patrol would alternate between the .50 caliber pictured here and the MK-19 grenade launcher at left. Left: Fighters loyal to an Afghan warlord accompany Sergeant Wilburn and the unit on a patrol.**

job well with dangerous results.

"We would go out on 14-16 hour patrols. We'd get shot at everyday – mostly from mountain tops and ridges. You'd hear the rounds going by and wouldn't even know where they (fighters) were. ... If we couldn't take on the problem with the 'organic' weapons, what we had with us, then the commander would ask me for air support," Sergeant Wilburn said.

Coming back from destroying a weapons cache, the group was traveling through a wadi – the dried-up river beds that, when not filled with rainwater from the mountains, serve as roads in much of Afghanistan – when they were ambushed and a rocket propelled grenade came screaming by Sergeant Wilburn's head.

"It's not like home, where you have 20 different ways to get to Atlanta. In Afghanistan, because of the terrain, there's usually only one way to get from point A to point B. I only saw one paved road the whole time I was there," Sergeant Wilburn said.

Because of this, ambushes were a

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Spouse of the  
year has deep  
commitment for  
United States

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

Growing up in the Philippines, Felicidad McMichen never dreamed that she would end up a United States citizen, raising her children in the land of the free.

She not only became a United States citizen, but was most recently awarded the Dobbins Spouse of the Year Award for her outstanding support of her spouse, Master Sgt. James McMichen, 94th Maintenance Squadron.

On May 5, the announcement was made that Felicidad, better known as Fely, was chosen by a panel of judges to receive the prestigious award of spouse of the year.

"I was shocked, excited and honored that they would choose me for this award," said Fely. "I feel that I have not done anything out of the ordinary, but I try to do what I can for the country that I love. Every time my husband had been deployed I felt a deep obligation to support him and to always take care of the home front so that he would not worry about what was going on at home. I felt that it was very important that his total concentration was on his job at hand so that he could better serve his country."

The criteria for the award consisted of the military member nominating their spouse and highlighting their significant contributions to the military member's career.

Sergeant McMichen knew that he had to nominate his wife for all the support that she had given him over the years.

Sergeant McMichen recalled Fely reminiscing over her life as a young girl in the Philippines and how her parents instilled deep rooted gratitude toward the United States for helping the Philippines become liberated from the Japanese. Fely's parents also stressed that sacrifices that the American fighting military members made to free so many people around the world from dictators and tyrants.

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critical threat. On this day, the 12-man group was outnumbered by 100 fighters who began the attack by firing the RPG at Wilburn's unarmored Humvee – he was in the turret manning a 40 mm grenade launcher.

"I turned to yell 'Near side ambush!' to the medic riding in back, but couldn't really see him through all the tracers flying between us," Sergeant Wilburn said. "Later, one of the guys in the rear Humvee told me that the RPG missed me by a foot and a half."

Enemy rounds pinged off the vehicle, antennas on the roof were ripped off by small arms fire and the tires blew from bullet holes. Sergeant Wilburn, still in the turret, was never hit. The fighters were too close for grenades, so he abandoned the turret gun and began firing his personal weapon – his barrel chasing three men off to the left.

Instead of running to fight another day, the captain in command of the two-Humvee patrol outflanked the ambush and killed several fighters, running the rest off. Some retreated into a nearby compound and a nightlong standoff ensued. Sergeant Wilburn called on an AC-130 Gunship in the area.

"The pilot circled over and gave me a real good idea of what was going on in there. I had him describe everything to me. The captain of our group didn't want aircraft to destroy the place because we didn't know if there were women or children in there – we learned later there weren't. The next morning, when he made the call to go in, I was able to give him a map I had drawn – all the way down to doors and windows," Sergeant Wilburn said.

He stayed on the perimeter while members of the group began to clear the compound at daylight, watching as they "fragg" a room he saw a fighter run out firing an AK-47, hitting the team's medic in the thigh and the body armor on the man's chest caught one. Sergeant Wilburn called in a Medevac chopper and got the wounded man out. Then he called in another kind of help.

"The captain came over and said, 'Do your thing,' and I told him 'Alright, but let's back up,' because by that time I had four A-10s and two Apaches on sta-



Photos by Master Sgt. David Wilburn

**Two girls loiter near the concertina wire after they are given candy by the patrol. Sergeant Wilburn said the very young and very old were the most receptive to their presence in Afghanistan.**

## SCENES FROM PATROL



**A young girl looks on as the unit rolls through Kwost, a village near the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. Right: A dog the unit adopted hangs out in the shade. The dog, like many others, would come and go, but a goat Sergeant Wilburn adopted from a local stayed more faithful.**

tion," Wilburn said. "We pretty much leveled the place.

"We had a large crowd by that time waiting to see what we were going to do. We couldn't back down in front of them. ... There were a lot of days we'd go into a town and they'd wave as we were coming in and shoot while we were going out."

Because of the sheer number of enemies, that ambush was the "hairiest," of his experiences while in the desert but before his tour was over, he'd survive one more major ambush and also survive being blown out of his Humvee by an



IED. Even after all that, calling in more than 240 missions in 270 days, when he left he felt a twinge of sorrow.

Sergeant Wilburn's deployment to Afghanistan was a special experience for him. He worked in a close unit of Army and Navy Special Forces, his "brothers" by the end of his stay. Saying goodbye to the extreme temperatures, constant danger and separation from his family also meant saying goodbye to the strong bonds formed under the stress of combat.

"I was so glad to be home and see my wife and children, but I felt guilty that I left my team behind – that they were still there and I got to go home," he said.

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"Fely has never once questioned the need for me to perform my duties, participate in schools, extra duty, deployments or even studying my military courses at home," said Sergeant McMichen. "She is

one of the most patriotic people I know.

She volunteered her free time to help out the Hurricane Katrina victims by passing out water and serving food. If there was a need for help you could count on Fely being there."



Photo by Don Peek

**Master Sgt. James McMichen, of the 94th Maintenance Squadron, and his wife Fely, 2007 Dobbins Spouse of the Year.**



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# Striving for improvement is the birth of excellence

By Maj. Tim Johnson  
Public Affairs

This month we conclude our four-part series on the Air Force core values. Over the last three months we have discussed the purpose and benefits of having a set of core values that explain key behaviors that Air Force personnel are expected to exhibit, and we have explored in greater detail the values of “integrity first” and “service before self.” This month we will discuss “excellence in all we do” in the hopes of getting a better understanding of what this phrase means to us as Air Force personnel.

The English dictionary defines excellence as: “the quality of excelling; possessing good qualities in high degree.” So how do we excel at everything we do? Does this mean that unless every action is perfect that we have failed to meet a requirement of this core value? Are we set up for failure? To answer these questions, let’s look again at the Air Force Blue Book (<http://www.usafa.af.mil/core-value/cv-mastr.html>) to gain insight into what this principle really means.

The Blue Book describes the third

*“Excellence in all we do... Does this mean that unless every action is perfect we have failed to meet a requirement of this core value?”*

Maj. Tim Johnson

core value in terms of how Air Force personnel should strive to continuously improve how we do our jobs. This means that we are measuring our performance and continually looking for ways in which we can streamline processes, reduce waste and improve product and service quality for those we serve. Basically, if we are not always trying to improve, then we are doing our customer’s a disservice.

Focusing on product/service excellence ensures that the services we provide meet our customers’ current and potential future needs. This means that we do not “just do our job,” but we also put some thinking into how we can do it better in the future in light of our customers’ changing needs. Basically, if we are not looking ahead for our customers then who is?

The second area which we must improve is personal excellence. This is always improving ourselves in terms of

our professional, physical and educational skills. We have the responsibility to develop ourselves into the most we can be both as Airmen and as human beings. We are all accountable for the skills we develop and the physical and mental condition in which we maintain ourselves.

The last area is community excellence. This is referring to how we have to be able to “play well with others”. We help strengthen the community by demonstrating respect for those around us no matter the setting or who the person is with which we are dealing.

In the same manner, we give one another the benefit of the doubt in the various situations and circumstances which we find ourselves working together. When we do not rush to judgment, we are able to find out all the facts in an open and honest way and all involved feel that they were heard and respected. This would mean that we respect any person,

of any gender, of any race and of any rank no matter the circumstance.

Continuously improving ourselves, our services and showing respect to those with which we come in contact are the essence of “Excellence in all we do” and are a cornerstone to how we effectively serve together. The task at hand is not for us to be perfect, but simply that we always try to improve who we are and what we do.

As we conclude this series, my hope is that each of us has a new understanding of what these core values really mean to us as individuals.

Exploring these principles in greater detail has helped us to identify specific behaviors the Air Force would like to see exhibited by its personnel, and that our task is to continually strive to uphold the spirit of these principles as we execute our duties.

Our team is only as strong as the individual members who comprise it...let’s all strive to be the strongest team members possible. What are your thoughts? Let us know. Send your comments or questions to the Minuteman at [94AW.PAV3@dobbins.af.mil](mailto:94AW.PAV3@dobbins.af.mil).

## Identity thieves may rip you off if you’re not careful with personal information

By Maj. Manny Arora  
22nd Air Force Legal Office

In recent years headlines have been filled with news on identity theft. On May 3, 2006, an employee of Veterans Affairs had his home burglarized. One of the items stolen was his computer. It turned out that the computer stolen from the VA employees’ home contained unencrypted sensitive personal data that affected 26.5 million people (to include 1.1 million military members on active duty, 430,000 members of the National Guard, and 645,000 members of the Reserves). This theft has caused up to 80 percent of military members – including Reservists – to be at risk for identity theft.

The massive theft of data from Veterans Affairs is one of many that have been revealed in the last year and a half. Once this information is out there, it’s fair game for thieves at any time. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

The Federal Trade Commission has estimated that up to 9 million Americans are victims of identity theft each year. After obtaining your personal information, identity thieves can use it for any purpose, to open credit card accounts, create bogus bank accounts, take out loans, make internet purchases, get false driver’s licenses, false Social Security cards, false government identification cards, purchase a home, rent an apartment, establish a telephone account (primarily cell phones), or get medical treatment.

You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit card statement, bank statement, start

getting bills in the mail or until you’re contacted by a debt collector. However, the biggest scam I have found over the years is that these criminals sometimes use your information to make bail on unrelated arrests. Then they don’t show up for court and a warrant for arrest is issued in your name. Law enforcement has identified six primary methods that are used by identity thieves to get hold of your information, including:

- Dumpster diving – the thieves rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it;
- Skimming – the thieves steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card;
- Phishing – the thieves pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information;
- Changing your address – the thieves divert your billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form;
- Old-fashioned stealing – the thieves steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information;
- Pretexting – the thieves use of false pretenses to obtain your personal information from financial institutions, telephone companies, and other sources.

Because we all might fall victim to identity theft, we should all closely monitor our financial documents and credit ratings. If you notice suspicious activity on your credit report, or even suspect that you may be a victim of identity theft, you should contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus, Equifax (1-800-525-6285), Experian (1-888-397-3742) or

TransUnion (1-800-680-7289) to request that a fraud alert or a security freeze be placed on your credit account.

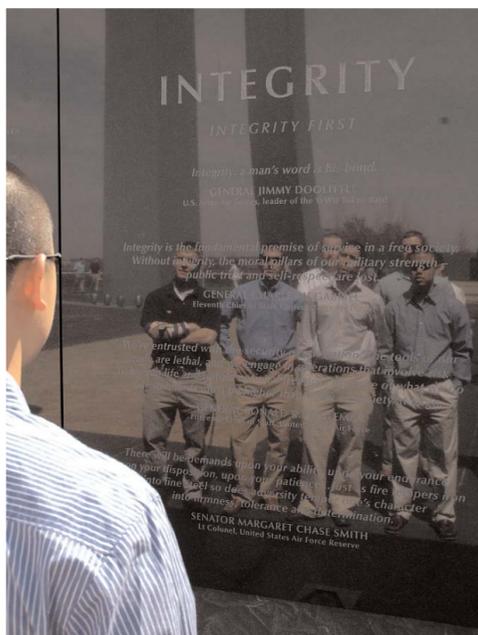
A fraud alert places a statement on your credit report. If an imposter attempts to obtain credit in your name, the creditor will check your credit and will encounter a statement that says something to this effect: “I may be a victim of fraud. Call me before extending credit.” You will then receive a call and you can tell the creditor whether the applicant is yourself or an imposter. The fraud alert only lasts 90 days. So mark your calendar and renew the fraud alert each 90 days for at least a year. There is no cost for establishing fraud alerts.

In some states, residents can take advantage of the ultimate prevention tool, a security freeze. When an imposter attempts to obtain credit or a wireless phone account in your name, the credit issuer will attempt to check your credit. The credit issuer will receive a statement to this effect: “not accessible” and it will then reject the application for credit.

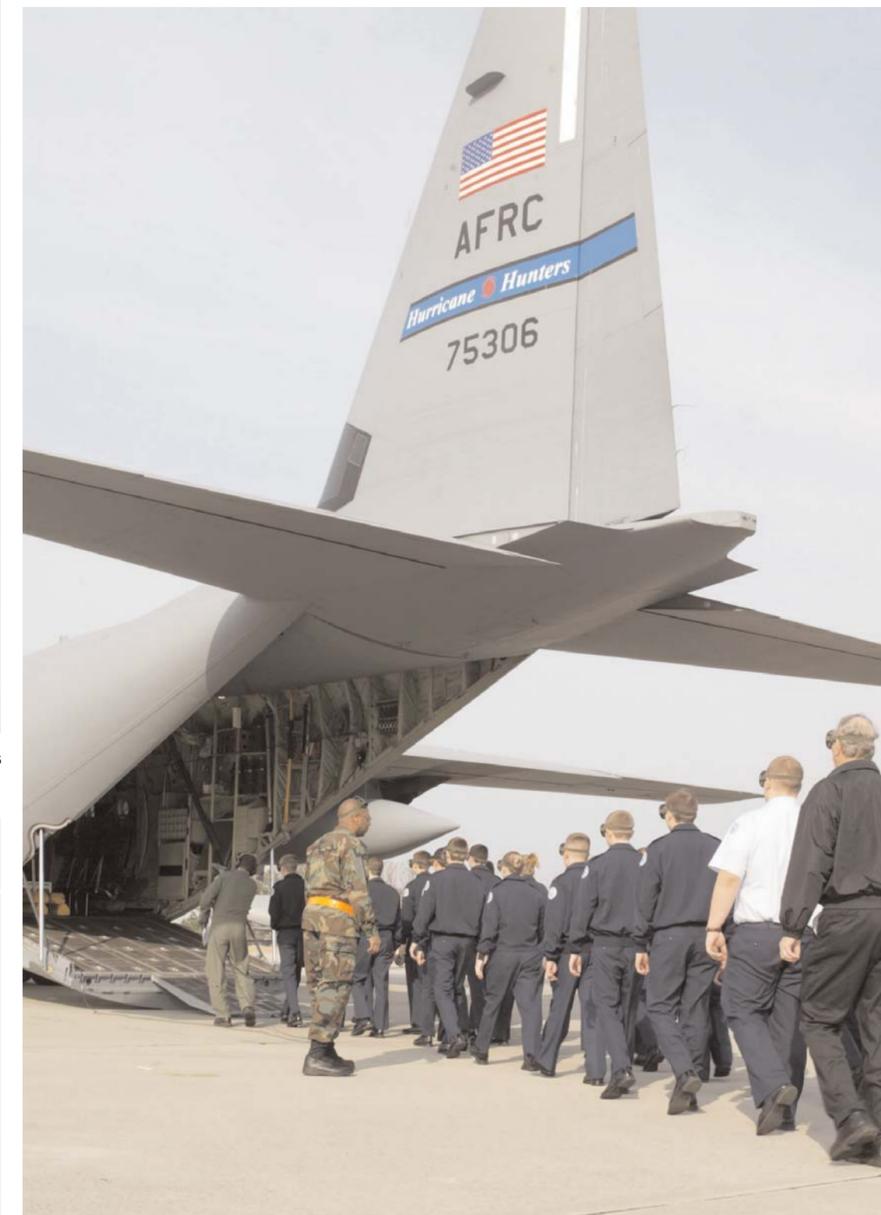
Credit freezes do not affect your own ability to obtain your credit report; however, when you apply for credit, you can unfreeze your credit report either for a specific named creditor, or for a specific period of time. Be aware that a security freeze will affect your ability to open up an instant credit account or to make a spur-of-the-moment purchase involving a new credit account or loan. To order your free annual report from one or all the national consumer reporting companies, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form and mail it to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, Ga., 30348-5281. You can print the form from [ftc.gov/credit](http://ftc.gov/credit).



Above: Eight-year-old Matthew Vroman, who suffers from diamond blackfan anemia, visited Dobbins with the Make-A-Wish foundation and became "one of the guys" at the 700th Airlift Squadron. Right: A group of cadets from the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech Reserve Officer Training Corps reflects on the first Air Force Core Value: Integrity, while visiting the Air Force Memorial in Virginia during a trip sponsored by the 94th Airlift Wing. Below: Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th AW commander, poses with John Smoltz and the Air Force/Braves ball that is traveling the globe to different deployed locations before returning to Atlanta Sept. 18 in celebration of the 60th anniversary.

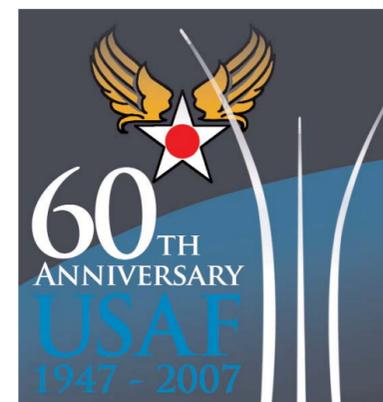


Master Sgt. James Weber a member of The Heartland of America Band, The Noteables, from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., performs a guitar solo for the crowd at Stone Mountain, as a part of a "Salute the Troops" Memorial Day celebration spotlighting the 60th.



Above: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps board a plane for an orientation flight during the JROTC week here. More than 3,000 attended the event which included several displays and a visit from the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney J. McKinley. Left: The first place winners of the Atlanta-metro area Air Force Essay contest participated in a recognition ceremony at the POW/MIA park here.

# Our 60th so far...



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Photos by Don Peek

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Air Force. The service was born of the Army Air Corps and officially became the Air Force on Sept. 18, 1947. In conjunction with the "Heritage to Horizons" theme, the Air Force is sponsoring several Air Force weeks around the country, Atlanta Air Force week is Oct. 8-14. The theme for the year is "Heritage to Horizons," celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Air Force, its history and the future of the worlds greatest force in air and space.

Several major events have already happened, like a Memorial Day weekend celebration at Stone Mountain, and orientation flights for some 3,000 Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps cadets, Health Professional's Week, Air Force essay contest for metro-area schools and a kickoff celebration at the capital, sponsored by Gov. Sonny Perdue and Lt. Gen. John Bradley. Some of the major events to come include:

The Air Force will have a team run in the Peachtree Road Race July 4. Approximately 50 members will run the 10k race and support the annual community event. Troops

will also march in the July 4 parade in downtown Atlanta.

Six Flags will showcase the Air Force and its 60 years of heritage July 7 at Six Flags over Georgia. The day will include displays from throughout the history of the Air Force and members will be on hand for interaction.

The United States Air Force is a worldwide leader in advanced warfare technology and will showcase some of the latest developments in its arsenal during a technology day set up at Georgia Tech Oct. 11. The United States Air Force, in cooperation with the Atlanta Braves, celebrates its 60th

Anniversary by transporting an official Atlanta Braves Baseball around the world, visiting United States service members in every area of military operation. This promotion is part of the Air Force Week Program. The ball returns to Atlanta on the Air Force's 60th birthday, Sept. 18.

For more information, visit: [http://atlanta.braves.mlb.com/atl/ticketing/air\\_force.jsp](http://atlanta.braves.mlb.com/atl/ticketing/air_force.jsp) The Great Georgia Air Show Oct. 13 and 14 will spotlight the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force during its spectacular event at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, visit: <http://thegreatgeorgiaairshow.com/home.asp>.



## WHO'S WHO



Name: Cecilia Pura  
 Rank: Senior Airman  
 Unit: 94th Mission Support Squadron  
 Position: Information Management  
 What is your favorite movie of the summer season? I haven't really seen a good movie in quite a while. The last one I really enjoyed was *The Sixth Sense*.



Name: Russell Wooten  
 Rank: Technical Sergeant  
 Unit: 94th Mission Support Squadron  
 Position: Family Support Technician  
 What is your favorite movie of the summer season? *Spiderman 3* is the movie to see this summer.



Name: Geoffrey Williams  
 Rank: Senior Airman  
 Unit: 94th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 Position: Readiness Specialist  
 What is your favorite movie of the summer season? If I can make time in my busy schedule, *Spiderman 3* is my first choice for the summer season.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola

# Club manager loves serving Dobbins' workforce

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman  
 Public Affairs

Every workday morning, Gerald A. Marshall walks into his office as he's done thousands of times before with one mission on his mind—keeping the client base at the Dobbins Consolidated Club well-served and happy.

With more than 20 years of Air Force and 22 years of club management experience, including presidential visits, Mr. Marshall, known to all as Jerry, constantly looks for ways to improve and new ways to entertain.

"I love serving people," said Mr. Marshall. "At Dobbins the Services team provides an environment for creating increased fellowship within the military community."

"That's the most rewarding aspect of this career field along with providing quality of life programs for military and civilian clientele that enjoy the value of our services at a more reasonable price compared to what you pay for in the civilian community," he said.

He began his Services career in the military. Born and raised in Corning, N.Y., he enlisted in the Air Force after working briefly in different jobs to earn money while attending college. He landed in the Services career field after enlisting in the Air Force and serving in the administrative field for four years. After cross training into Services and fulfilling his



Photo by Don Peek

**Jerry Marshall, left, and Chef Dave talk over club business before another busy lunch hour.**

love for serving people, Mr. Marshall found his niche.

"I was trained in the Air Force through several culinary art programs within the United States and abroad," said Mr. Marshall. "I've also gone to school

and received my college degree since my retirement in 1985."

According to Mr. Marshall, there are several ingredients that comprise a successful dining experience—"perceived value, customer service, quality food, ambience and the personal touch by treating each customer as if they were the only customers in your club."

Those attributes contribute to the "desire of the customer to return to your club again and again," he said. "Good service providers listen to the desires of their customers through their comments and/or conversation and when possible implement those changes to improve their operation."

Mr. Marshall's Consolidated Club team numbers 22 people and is the smallest staff he's ever managed. The largest staff he's ever managed consisted of 723 people when he was the Morale, Welfare and Recreation director for the Marine Corps Air Ground Center at 29 Palms, Calif. His guest VIP experience includes past Presidents Lyndon Baines Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush.

"All of the presidential menus that were served were dictated by the protocol offices affiliated with the president's staff," said Mr. Marshall. "On some occasions specific entrées were required based on their knowledge of what was

appropriate for the President's diet and menus for the specific event."

His most challenging experience? "Working to generate funding to improve current Services' programs and implementing new programs to continue the very best quality of life our military personnel and their families so richly deserve for serving our country. Additionally, in the Services career field, you have to implement good sound business practices, maintain a positive cash flow and keep up with changing trends in the food and hospitality industry," he said.

During his time off, Mr. Marshall enjoys spending time with his new wife, golf, fishing and cooking. For friends and personal guests he likes to prepare various hors d'oeuvres prior to a meal and always attempts to prepare a requested entrée or a food item a guest can't normally get when they go out to a restaurant.

"Every person is on this earth to serve a specific purpose," said Mr. Marshall. "After spending much of my life attaining one of the highest positions in my professional career, I've come to find that my greatest happiness came from improving the quality of life for others in the military. I had to determine where my talents and experience could best be served. So I chose to come back to Air Force Services and the military clubs. By doing so, Dobbins Air Reserve Base has and always will be the most rewarding and happiest time of my life."

## Top Three supports Six Flags trip

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Air Force, the Top Three is supporting a "Heritage to Horizons" information and static display for the public at Six Flags Over Georgia on July 7.

The event will bring public awareness to the past and present achievements and accomplishments of the Air Force in our nation's defense. Venues include original uniforms, photos, posters, props and personal mementos representative of past and present campaigns. Original members of Tuskegee Airmen as well as veteran Airmen of the Berlin Airlift, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm/Shield are expected. Volunteers are needed July 6 through July 8 for setup, manning and breakdown of displays. To volunteer or submit the name of a veteran Airman who may want to participate in this momentous event, please contact via e-mail to:

Master Sgt. David Williams at [David.Williams@dobbins.af.mil](mailto:David.Williams@dobbins.af.mil),

Master Sgt. Woodley Ward at [Woodley.Ward@dobbins.af.mil](mailto:Woodley.Ward@dobbins.af.mil) and

Master Sgt. Patrina Sheffield at [Patrina.Sheffield@dobbins.af.mil](mailto:Patrina.Sheffield@dobbins.af.mil).

## AFSA's annual cookout

Chapter 452 and Auxiliary of the Air Force Sergeants Association invite Airmen to attend a cookout from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

on July 7 at the Lakeside Pavilion. Enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and sodas. Dobbins' AFSA chapter sponsors the annual event to recognize and thank Airmen for their service. Air Force Sergeants Association is a national organization that supports and lobbies to improve the quality of life for Airmen.

Along with an annual cookout, AFSA Chapter 452 sponsors "living memorial" ceremonies for POWs and MIAs. The chapter also helps fund the Dobbins' POW/MIA Memorial Park decoration project and, on occasion, provides financial assistance to Reservists in need. A limited number of discounted new memberships will be available to cookout attendees.

## Blue Ridge Scenic Railway

Let the Dobbins Recreation Program take you and your family to the mountains! On July 21, visit Blue Ridge, Ga., by train through rolling hills along a 26-mile route to McCaysville, Ga.

Enjoy the many unique specialty shops, antique shops, art galleries and eateries in this historic city. You will also have time to visit historic downtown Blue Ridge on the return trip. The cost of this trip is \$35 for adults and \$23 for children ages 14 and under. Sign up for this exciting trip by July 13. For more information, call the Dobbins Rental Center at 678-655-4870.

## Summer Fun Run

As part of Dobbins "Fit to Fight - Keep Moving" program, the Fitness Center will host a summer Fun Run on July 25. The Fun Run will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will take runners along the trail behind the Fitness Center. Free "Keep Moving" T-shirts and beverages will be provided to all who participate. Sign up in advance at the Fitness Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

## Prime Rib and Shortcake Bar at the club

The Consolidated Club will offer the popular Prime Rib and Shortcake Bar on July 27. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine dining prepared by the club's culinary staff and music by one of Atlanta's premier DJ's. Bring your family and friends to this flavorsome event. Members pay just \$13.95. Non-members pay \$15.95. Make your reservations at 770-427-5551.

## Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Fitness Center will host a doubles tennis tournament on Aug. 9. Individuals and teams may sign up to participate in the tournament no later than Aug. 3 at the Rental Center. Gym bags and trophies will be awarded to the first place team and T-shirts will be given to all who

participate. Drinks will be provided. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

## Sweet Success

Dobbins Family Support congratulates the top two winners of the 2007 "Sweet Treats" dessert contest. A Family Day event, the competition brought out several talented bakers. Mrs. Debbie Brinley, wife of Maj. Robert Brinley, won first prize and \$100 for her scrumptious pecan pie. Mrs. Livia Santa, wife of Senior Airmen Jorge Santa, took second and \$75 for her delicious cheese flan.

## Air Force-wide mandatory Privacy Act training

Individual responsibility for safeguarding personally identifiable information is imperative. As a result, the Air Force has mandated annual Privacy Act Educational Awareness Training. It is imperative that all employees – civilians, Air Force Reserve and National Guard members, and contractors – review and complete the Privacy Educational Awareness Training from now through Sept. 11. The Privacy Act training should be completed via the Advanced Distributed Learning Service located on the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>.

# Got questions about how to volunteer for AEF deployments? 94<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron has all the answers

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After more than six years of operating in support of the global war on terrorism, the Airmen of the Air Force Reserve Command continue to volunteer for Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployments. That volunteerism has a significant impact on the Air Force's ability to bring great combat power to the fight.

Helping keep 94th Airlift Wing Airmen in the fight is the 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The *Minuteman* asked Senior Master Sgt. Clarence "CJ" Hester, the section's noncommissioned officer in charge, to answer a few questions about the process for volunteering for an AEF deployment.

**Q:** I want to volunteer for an AEF tour. How do I find what's available?

**A:** Many Airmen hear of openings by talking directly with their Functional Managers at 22nd Air Force but the best source is your local Unit Deployment Manager. The LRS receives volunteer opportunities periodically from the AFRC AEF Cell. Whenever our office receives a volunteer opportunity we forward the email traffic to the UDMs announcing hard to fill vacancies.

**Q:** Can I tag along with another unit?

**A:** It's possible, however; it generally takes a bit more careful coordination. Unit Deployment Managers and LRS planners from both units must be involved in the

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deployments and the  
proper way to volunteer,  
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coordination process. It is imperative that the position you are filling is properly tasked to your unit Personnel Account Symbol code through the Deliberate Crisis Action Planning and Execution System.

**Q:** Okay, I've found a slot. What now?

**A:** The first thing you need to do is complete the AEF volunteer approval checklist. This is a simple two page checklist used to prescreen your eligibility. It addresses items such as retention, training, security, health, etc. It's important to note that the LRS will only work with the UDM and not directly with Airmen.

Second, your supervisor must initiate the AEF volunteer coordination letter. This is an email coordination chain that begins with your supervisor and ends with the wing commander's approval. This coordination letter can only begin after the AEF volunteer approval checklist has been approved up the chain. Once this form is provided to LRS by the wing commander the wing has committed to

or "bought" the AEF tasking. Airmen can then expect to receive a tasking notification letter. This letter is generated by the Personnel Readiness Unit and will be sent via the UDM.

**Q:** Okay, the AEF volunteer approval checklist and the AEF volunteer coordination letter are approved. What now?

**A:** The third step is to carefully study the theater reporting instructions through the AEF Online Site at <https://aefcenter.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. This site will answer all your questions about uniforms, weapons/ammo, DEET, specialized training, etc. The importance of you taking the time to thoroughly study this site can't be understated.

The fourth step is to attend a pre-deployment out-processing briefing. This briefing is held regularly on a unit training assembly weekend. Now that your name is officially tasked against the position, you'll be scheduled by PRU (the OPR for this session) to out-process the wing. During the briefing you'll be given an extensive checklist and will be able to get some items checked off during this session.

The fifth step is for you to complete the AEF out-processing checklist provided during the out-processing briefing. Currently, this check list is about 12 pages. Word to the wise – jump on it quickly and hard. This is an especially big chore if you're a traditional reservist or have any issues to clear through medical.

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July UTA schedule

UTA schedule subject to change

Time	Activity	Location
6 - 7 a.m.	Breakfast @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
7:15-7:45 a.m.	Wing Element Staff Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Fit To Fight Evaluations & Profiles: LOD/WWD	Bldg 922
7:30-9 a.m.	Flying Physicals	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Optometry	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Immunizations, Hearing, Lab, Pulm Func Test	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Dental Screenings	Bldg 922
9:30-11 a.m.	Non-Flying Physicals	Bldg 922
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Medical Deployment Outprocess	Bldg 922
8:00+	M-16A2 and 9MM AFQC Firing	Firing Range
8-9 a.m.	AEF Deployment Outprocessing	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8-11 a.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
8-8:30 a.m.	Newcomers Intro by Wing/CC staff	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
8:30-10:20 a.m.	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
9-11 a.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/ATN Rm
10 a.m.	IG Complaints	Bldg 838/Rm 1324
10-11 a.m.	Unit Deployment Managers Mtg	Bldg 838/MSG CR-1302
10:30-11:30 a.m.	First Sergeants Gp Mtg	Bldg 838
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Training Managers Meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
10:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
Noon-3:45 p.m.	Newcomers Ancillary Trng	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
Noon-3 p.m.	Dental Exams	Bldg 550/Navy Clinic
12:30-2 p.m.	Laboratory Tests	Bldg 922
12:30-3 p.m.	Physicals, Hearing, PFT, Optometry, Immunizations	Bldg 922
1-4 p.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
4 p.m.	Retreat/Unit: 94 ASTS	Bldg 838/Flagpole
4:30 p.m.	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
5-6 p.m.	Dinner @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
6 - 7 a.m.	Breakfast @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
7:30	M16A2 AFQC Firing	Firing Range
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Protestant Chapel Service	DARB Base Chapel
7:45-8:30 a.m.	Enlisted Advisor Council Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
8-9 a.m.	MILPDS Trng	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8-11 a.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 Months) (Oct-Nov-Jan-Feb-Apr-May-Jul-Aug)	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
9-10 a.m.	Catholic Service (Mass)	Navy Chapel
9-10:30 a.m.	Chiefs Group Mtg	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
9-11 a.m.	Physical Exams Follow-Up	Bldg 922
9-11 a.m.	Hearing Tests Follow-Up	Bldg 922
9-11 a.m.	Dental Exams Follow-Up	Bldg 550/Navy Clinic
9-Noon	CDC Exams	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
10-11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Navy Chapel
10-11 a.m.	Commander's Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
10:30 -12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
11:30 a.m.-noon	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 727/Briefing Rm
12:30-1:30 p.m.	56 Group Meeting - "Call to Arms"	Bldg 747/Rm 121
12:30-2 p.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
1 p.m.	CDC Exams	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
1 p.m.	Unit EM Rep meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
1-2 p.m.	Flying Safety Mtg	Bldg 732
4 p.m.	Unit Sign Out	Unit Asgnd

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