



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NEWCOMERS TO THE 94TH AIRLIFT WING

FROM: 94 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Welcome to the 94th Airlift Wing, the finest Airlift Wing in the world! I want to personally welcome you to the Wing and tell you how fortunate I am to have you under my command.
2. Whether you are a "non-prior" just back from tech school, a veteran from any branch of active duty, or transferring in from another reserve or guard unit, you will soon see a well oiled machine when you get to your unit after all the seemingly endless newcomer briefings.
3. Today's Air Force Reserve now is not what it was when I joined in 1978. With the down sizing of the active duty in the 1990s, and certainly since 9/11, the nation is requiring more and more from us. The term "part-timer" was used a lot back when I joined. We really can't use it anymore. We use the term Traditional Reservist instead. You can still work the 2 days a month and 15 days of annual tour each year, which is the minimum, but I want to tell you that usually is not the case. The average aircrew, for example, works 6-8 days a month. Don't let that scare you. You can work the minimum but you usually can work more than that. We can always use your help, based on your availability and supervisor's concurrence and, of course the budget, to help us get the mission done.
4. Joining our unit will require sacrifice. A sacrifice in terms of time. You now have to juggle the Reserve as well as your "real job", school, family, church, and so on. Here's the key. It is about two words: priorities and balance. I challenge you to write down your personal and professional priorities if you haven't done so already and look at them. You may be amazed at what you write down. Please take a look at my Commander's Philosophy letter in your packages and you can see mine.
5. We have included a copy of my biography to give you a snapshot of who I am and what my background is. I look forward to meeting you and seeing you out and about performing our mission. Thank you for joining the 94th Airlift Wing. May God bless you as you begin your new career with our unit and may God Bless America.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy E. Tarchick", is written over a large, horizontal, oval-shaped blue line.

TIMOTHY E. TARCHICK, Colonel, USAFR
Commander