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Keeping watch

Staff Sgt. Kara Valentine, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, watches for threats in the observation bubble during Maple Flag 47 in Edmonton/Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada, May 27, 2014. Maple Flag is an international exercise designed to enhance the interoperability of C-130 aircrews, maintainers and support specialists in a simulated combat environment. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. John R. Nimmo, Sr.)



ON THE COVER

The 94th Airlift Wing welcomes Col. Brent Merritt, former 317th Airlift Squadron commander, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, as the new wing vice commander May 2014. Merritt discusses his goals for the wing, how to balance both military and civilian family, and the importance of empowering his wingmen on page 6. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

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Never forget feedback is a gift--cherish it

By Lt. Col. James R. Wilson
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Whether you're the newest Airman or the longest tenured officer in your unit, everyone wants to feel like they're an important part of the team.

It's why we work so hard at our jobs—to apply knowledge gained from weeks of formal training or tasks that will challenge us and make the organization stronger.

Why is it then, we often take exception when our bosses or other members of the unit tell us we can do better? I suspect there could be a number of reasons.

Perhaps the manner in which that message is delivered is terse or abrasive. It could be the person telling us this is someone we don't admire or feel has the experience to critique our work. It could also be because supervisors often don't fully understand or appreciate the effort we've made to get to our current level of performance.

Whatever the reason, people often shut down when told they need to work harder or improve on a particular aspect of their job performance.

This is, in my opinion, what keeps good organizations from becoming great. It prevents otherwise effective units from being the very best at what they do.



Lt. Col. James R. Wilson

My personal view on this topic has been to always try and be open to this exchange of information. To be honest, I never thought too much about the person's motivations or whether the assessment was accurate or warranted.

But I feel like I understand the dynamics much better now. Some of that clarity comes from experience. Most of my perspective on this topic though comes from what I've learned from those who understand how to build winning teams far better than I.

Randy Pausch, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, gained worldwide fame for his speech *The Last Lecture* after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and having only a few months to live. His perspective on how we view ourselves in the workplace is something that stood out with me.

He said, when you're screwing up and nobody's saying anything to you anymore, that's a very bad place to be. So when you see yourself doing something badly and no one is bothering to tell you, that means they gave up. Your critics are the ones telling you they still care.

He said those words in his lecture seven years ago and I've never forgotten them.

What I took away from that was feedback is a gift. It's intended to make us better.

If you're a supervisor or in a position of leadership, take the time to do this right. Be sure to praise your members when they do things well and encourage them when they occasionally miss the mark. If you're on the receiving end of this conversation, be open to feedback and use it to enhance your already diverse set of skills.

We owe it to ourselves and to the company to operate this way. By doing so, we make the 94th Airlift Wing a better place to work and increase its chances for survival and prosperity long after we're gone.

Less fight, more flight

By Senior Airman Andrew Park
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Beach or mountains? Business or pleasure? Automobile or plane? As summer approaches, these are questions asked by potential vacationers. Eligible members have yet another option to consider: commercial or Space Available Flight?

Space Available Flights, or Space-A Flights allow eligible service members and their dependents the option to fly on Department of Defense owned or controlled aircraft to domestic and international destinations.

"We have scheduled flights departing Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia

to Savannah, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Biloxi, Mississippi every Unit Training Assembly weekend," said Wesley Jones, 94th Airlift Wing airfield manager. "There is no cost for flights out of Dobbins."

Although there is no cost for flights out of Dobbins, other shuttle or passenger terminals may require flight fees. Flight times may vary and are subject to change without notice. Travelers are advised to allot time at the beginning and end of their trips to accommodate any required schedule changes.

There is no guaranteed space for any traveler. Travelers should have sufficient personal funds to pay for commercial transportation to return to their residence or duty station if space-available transportation is

not available.

"Be advised that Dobbins does not have a passenger terminal," said Jones. "We provide Space-A information and assist aircrew with passenger processing only. Space-A information is provided to us on a day-to-day basis."

"The key to reaching a desired destination is flexibility," added Jones. "A great way to plan your trip is to map it backwards. Contact the terminal at your destination for their incoming flights to find out the bases you will need to depart from."

To get started, visit <http://www.af.mil/amctravel> for eligibility and terminal locations or contact Dobbins Base Operations at 678-655-4903.

AROUND THE PATTERN



1st Lt. Anthony Toste, 700th Airlift Squadron pilot, instructs Mary Estes, Saint Leo University Marietta Center director, on the capabilities of a C-130 aircraft during a base tour May 19. University staff members spoke with 94th Operations Group, Security Forces Squadron, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and 700th AS members about their unit missions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



Senior Airman James Brannon sounds taps as Staff Sgt. Joshua Koon prepares to pass on the U.S. flag during a Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Home Depot Corporate Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 2014. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



Members of the 94th Airlift Wing Human Resource Development Council volunteer at the Atlanta Mission shelter May 3. The group fed over 250 residents during the two hour dinner shift. (Courtesy photo)



In recognition of the 94th Security Forces and 80th Aerial Port Squadrons' achievement of being second to none in the Air Force, (from the right) U.S. Rep. Phil Gingrey of Georgia awards Maj. Robert Mayes, 94th SFS operations officer, Maj. Kelly Bronson, 80th APS commander, and Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander, at the 2014 Academy Day here, May 17. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



Capt. David Gabrielle (front) and Staff Sgt. Derek Sanchez (rear) of the Dobbins Fire Department carry a simulated fall victim during a recovery exercise at the Lakeside spillway May 5. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander, administers the oath to members of the Wing Inspection Team May 4. The purpose of the WIT is to provide a continuous look at the health of the wing, replacing preparation for formal inspections and enabling the commander to focus on the mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

From the ground up



(Left to right) Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Howard, 622nd Civil Engineering Group Expeditionary Combat Support Training and Certification Center commandant, Maj. Gen. Mark Kyle, 22nd Air Force commander, Master Sgt. Carlos Varela, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron and project manager, and Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander, participate in a ground-breaking ceremony at the Dobbins dead runway May 30. The 622nd Civil Engineering Group Expeditionary Combat Support Training and Certification Center will construct a storage facility that will house equipment for Explosive Ordnance Disposal training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

By Senior Airman Miles Wilson
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 622nd Civil Engineering Group Expeditionary Combat Support Training and Certification Center began construction on a storage facility that will house equipment for Explosive Ordnance Disposal training at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Georgia dead runway May 30.

The support that the TCC provides helps Dobbins fulfill its mission statement in the truest way.

“We are committed to providing an environment where the 94th Airlift Wing and our mission partners thrive,” said Col. Brett Clark, 94th AW commander. “This project provides vital training for the TCC while also enhancing the infrastructure for our explosive ordnance disposal team. Improvements such as this benefit the base and the local community.”

The TCC provides contingency training for units across the Air Force Reserve, assisting in the sustainment of warfighting capability to almost every mission set.

“Our mission at the TCC is to provide expeditionary and contingency training to the warfighters for current and emerging missions,” said Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Howard, 622nd CEG ECS-TCC commandant. “This facility will help accomplish that through the training of EOD members all over the country.”

The project, which is being performed solely by Air Force Reservists, is scheduled to be completed in August.

“The most important part of this project is the troop labor aspect,” said Howard. “It’s great training for our Airmen and provides a substantial cost savings to the taxpayer.”

With the ongoing partnership between its tenant units, the 94th AW is able to provide better training opportunities while enhancing facilities that are vital to mission success.

“Working together toward a common goal is what Team Dobbins is all about,” said Clark. “I’m thrilled we could be part of this important endeavor.”

Wing welcomes new vice commander



By Senior Airman Christina Norris
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 94th Airlift Wing would like to welcome its new vice commander, Col. Brent Merritt. He dove headfirst into the job learning as much as possible about the mission and people who make it happen.

Among other items, Merritt discusses his goals for the wing, how to balance both military and civilian family, and the importance of empowering his wingmen.

What brought you to Dobbins Air Reserve Base?

I was promoted to colonel in January. You can say I was, “promoted out of a job.” I live in Peachtree City, so I saw this as a unique opportunity to serve globally and live locally. I’ve never been able to do that during the last 15 years my Reserve career. I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of C-130 tactical airlift mission, which is such a big part of what Air Force Reserve Command is about. Also, the interaction with our joint mission partners will be a career broadening experience. There are also a lot of great people here. For those reasons I threw my name in the hat and was fortunate to get selected.

Why did you join the Air Force?

My parents instilled the Air Force core values in me: integrity and service and excellence. They stressed the importance of telling the truth, serving something that’s greater than yourself, have pride in your country and being the best that you can. I believe when you have an up bringing like that, it can lead you to join the Air Force, or another branch of the military. I was fortunate enough to attend the Air Force Academy in 1986, and I served on active duty for 9 and a half years. Afterwards, I wanted a little more stability for my family, so I decided to join the Reserve. It’s great, and you have the freedom so serve

as you see fit.

What do you hope to accomplish at Dobbins?

Successful transformation. The Air Force Reserve is changing. We’ve had 12 years of constant war. The next big hurdles will be budgetary issues, and what they hold for AFRC units. There’s a new inspector’s program that I experienced at my former unit [Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina]. More of the inspections were relying on our wing; how we measure ourselves in the execution of our mission, leading people and managing resources. We must be accountable. I look forward to making that transition.

What are some challenges you’ve faced during your Air Force career?

Balancing—I think every Reservist experiences that. Balancing their civilian job and then family and then being able to be relevant here. As you progress in rank it’s more than a one weekend a month job. You have to be plugged in, in order to be that good total force partner. That’s really where we’re going. The Air Force Reserve is a huge part of the total force structure. Active duty is relying more and more on the guard and reserve.

What are some of your proudest achievements?

I served on an assignment bringing fallen service members home, who lost their lives in service for their country. I’d say that’s my proudest achievement. Second, I’ve had the opportunity to empower people, allow them to display their talents and set them up for success. Last, I’ve been fortunate to be a part of the many improvements to the C-17 aircraft weapons system, and the overall success of the program. Being in a position to help people trumps any achievement or award.

What are some key lessons you’ve learned in the Air Force over the years?

Always remember the place you were at when you first started. Remember the good things, the good leaders, and not-so-good things and leaders. Remember the people who helped you, and pass that along.

If there was a piece of advice you could give a fellow wingman, what would it be?

Exhibit the core values of the Air Force. I think out of all the services, we really have it right, as far as integrity, service and excellence. I have a southern version of the core values: don’t be lyin’, always keep tryin’ and it’s about “we”, not me. As and I said before, it’s about empowerment. The Air Force has talented people. Allow them to exhibit those talents and empower them. That’s my overall philosophy.

Is there any one thing that you would like everyone to know about you?

I love our country. I love the Air Force, and I feel a great pride and ownership in both of those.

Is there anything else you would like to add, colonel?

I think that with everything tarring us in different directions as a Reservist, priorities are important. Mine are faith first of all, whatever your faith, I think there is a lot of goodness that comes in that, and that keeps you centered. Your family would be next in making sure that you’re ready and able to serve, and you’re able to take care of them. I feel that my family has extended to over 1,500 people. Someone in my immediate family might not need my attention and someone in my Dobbins family might need my attention, so I don’t feel bad when I need take care of them, and vice versa. Third, whatever your job, do it to the best of your ability and give 100 percent. Even though it’s a part time job, when you’re here, give it your best effort. I think if you keep those priorities in line, they will guide your actions.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

Setting a New Standard

By Staff Sgt. Karla Lehman
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen of the 94th Maintenance Group are faced with the challenge of large-scale transition from C-130 Hercules H2 models to H3 models, while maintaining the current highest mission capable rate in Air Force Reserve Command.

“We strive for excellence in everything we do,” said Col. Augusto Casado, 94th Maintenance Group commander. “Along with our keen focus on core values, vision and mission, we have a four-part

expeditiously as possible.”

Defined as the sum of the unit’s full mission-capable and partial mission-capable aircraft, MC rates depend on a variety of factors such as the nature of the discrepancy, supply parts availability, other mission demands, equipment and personnel availability.

According to Master Sgt. Carlton Mayo, 94th MXG maintenance analyst, the maintenance group has already attained some of the highest MC rates in the command for the current fiscal year. The performance has not only been among the best in the Reserve for the C-130 community, but it has also exceeded the command’s standards by a substantial margin.

“This group has a rich history of accomplishments,” said Casado. “During my short tenure as the commander, we became combat-coded after over ten years as a training location, excelled in our Logistic Compliance Assurance Program inspection (LCAP), established the first Aircraft Maintenance Unit for a unit equipped (UE) C-130 MXG and have completed several successful deployments. We are on track to continue our positive trajectory largely due to the passion, professionalism, excellence, and dedication to the mission our MXG Airmen bring.”

The 94th MXG continues to recognize superior performers within the group in a variety of ways. In 2013, the 94th Maintenance Squadron won all four wing level enlisted awards; Airman, Non-commissioned officer, Senior NCO and First Sergeant of the Year. Additionally, the group had three Promotion Enhancement Program selectees that same year.

The 94th MXS is the lead unit for an upcoming four unit, eight aircraft, 75 man maintenance package during this year’s Maple Flag exercise, added Mayo. Maple Flag, which takes place in Cold Lake, Canada, is a joint international exercise with realistic training in a modern simulated combat environment.

The 94th MXG has 280 people within its ranks.

“Although we do not chase stats, we do have a goal of excellence and safety,” said Casado. “Maintaining our MC rate goal will be challenging due to the C-130 H2 to H3 conversion, but our focus remains on safety, quality and efficiency.”

(Below) Tech. Sgt. Joshua Krepps, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron propulsion technician, performs maintenance on a recently received C-130 H3 aircraft. The 94th AMXS currently maintains the current highest mission capable rate in Air Force Reserve Command. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



(Far left) Tech. Sgt. Rafael Zeruto, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron propulsion supervisor, and Tech. Sgt. Trent Morris, 94th AMXS propulsion technician, reinstalls a propeller on a recently acquired C-130 H3 aircraft. Maintenance personnel are transitioning seven C-130 aircraft from H2 to H3 models, tasked by Air Force Reserve Command to be completed by July 2014. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

philosophy that everyone understands and embraces. We call it the ‘Big Four’: safety first, do it by the book, document what you do, and communicate, communicate, communicate.”

The 94th MXG currently has two C-130 H2s and six C-130 H3s. Regardless of the challenges faced, the maintainers are executing the Air Force Reserve Command plan as tasked and plan to be done by end of July.

“The conversion has been very challenging and we have had to ensure safety and maintenance requirements are properly addressed,” said Casado. “Our keen technicians have discovered a variety of issues on the inbound aircraft. We are working diligently to correct these and be able to provide mission capable aircraft as



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Promotions

The following Airmen were promoted in May:

Master Sergeant

Aaron Abshire, 80 APS
Lorena Bolding, 622 CEG
Sharon Vassellhigh, ASTS

Technical Sergeant

Melissa Blaylock, 94 SFS
Barbara Etterle, 94 SFS
Thomas Huggins, 94 MXS
John Jackson, 94 CS
Daniel Love, 94 MXS
Emily Murosky, 94 ASTS
Avery Swain, 94 LRS
Ericka Weller, 80 APS
Allen Williams, 80 APS

Staff Sergeant

Kayleigh Harris, 94 AES
Valentin Olah, 700 AS
Paul Jacobs, 80 APS
David Taylor, 80 APS

Senior Airman

Lakeisha Brown, 94 SFS
Cierra Caleb, 94 SFS

Airman First Class

Damier Benson, 94 SFS
Matthew Brady, 94MXS
Darian Brown, 94 SFS
Cullen Henderson, 94 AES
Jordan Justice, 94 SFS
Ashley Levell, 94 AES
Jonathan Maran, 94 LRS
Jermarius Rowe, 94 LRS
Erin Sheats, 94 AMXS
Branden Thomas, 94 SFS

Airman

Camil Aswad, 94 AMXS
Timothy Davis, 94 SFS
Ryan Fickle, 94 LRS
Courtney Harvey, 94 AMXS
Erin McDonald, 94 AMXS
Devon Merrell, 94 AMXS
Vincent Olszewski, 94 AES

Reginald Ramey, 94 AMXS
Will Ralston, 94 MXS
Jeffrey Williams, 94 AMXS
Kamau Williams, 94 AMXS
Timothy Wright, 94 SFS

Newcomers

The following Airmen were welcomed to the 94th Airlift Wing in May.

Second Lieutenant

Travis Tate, 700 AS

Senior Master Sergeant

Alan Johnson, 94 CES

Technical Sergeant

William Gibson, 94 CES
Carlo Grande
Ransom Lilly, 94 AW
James Miller, 80 APS
Jamey West, 94 CES
Dionne Wilson, 94 LRS

Staff Sergeant

Saenia Anderson, 80 APS
Marc Biron, 94 CES
Ignacio Cabrera Castillo, 94 ASTS
Kara Dixon, 94 CES
Justin Fordyce, 94 CES
Robert Miller, 94 SFS
Tony Shinall, 94 MXS
Christopher Taylor, 94 MXS

Senior Airman

Derrick Besser, 94 SFS
Justin Blanchard,
Jeremy Bowen, 94 ASTS
John Cochran, 94 LRS
Bert Demeester, 94 AMXS
Cameron Holder, 94 CES
Natasha Holder, 94 FSS
Jennifer Hunter, 80 APS
Tyler Kilgore, 94 CES
Timothy Lees, 80 APS
Tianna Sims, 94 MXS
Minh Tran,
David Yenian, 94 AMXS

Airman First Class

Christopher Bryant, 80 APS
Miriam Cobb, 94 ASTS
Tiffany Johnson, 80 APS

Airman

Derek Holmes, 94 CES
Ahsley Levell, 94 AES
Jarontae McGordon, 94 CES
Corey Duncan

Airman Basic

Kaylin Johnson, 94 LRS

Retirements

The following retired in May:

Lt. Col. Darrin Simmonds, 22 AF
Lt. Col. James Neblitt, 94 ASTS
Chief Master Sgt. Sandra Wright, 94 MSG
Senior Master Sgt. David Violette, 700 AS

DAC applications now being accepted

Deserving Airman Commissioning applications are now being accepted for commissioning opportunities and positions within the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The selection board will convene during the Oct. 14 Unit Training Assembly. Interview location and time slots will be determined by the wing commander. Applicants should provide their email address and a phone number for contact.

All members who wish to apply, must submit a DAC package to Master Sgt. Larysa Lewis larysa.lewis@us.af.mil or Master Sgt. Kenya Stokes kenya.stokes@us.af.mil in the 94th Force Support Squadron Career Development Office no later than 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. Specific requirements are outlined in *AFI 36-205, DAC Information Package*.

The DAC program requires applicants to be of high moral character and personal qualifications, a U.S. citizen, medically qualified, at least 18 years old and less than 35 years old at the time of commissioning, have a bachelor or higher degree from an accredited university at time of DAC board, never before have held a commission, and achieve the minimum passing Air Force Officer Qualifying Test score, and agree in writing to attend officer training, Academy of Military Science.

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The Dobbins Air Reserve Base HRDC Presents: Job/Education/Benefits Fair 2014

WHO: Reservists, Active Duty, DoD Civilians & Dependents from Any Branch of Service
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LOCATION: Hanger 746 (Next door to the fuel cell)
POC: Brande Newsome EMAIL: brande.newsome.1@us.af.mil PHONE: 678-655-4031

Expect to connect with employers who currently have positions available, and colleges/universities and other organizations to discuss benefits & resources available to you. Bring an updated resume and DD-214 and walk away with valuable connections to assist you wherever your path takes you.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Reflections of Memorial Day

By Chaplain (Maj.) Olga Westfall
94th Airlift Wing Chaplain Office



Last year during Memorial weekend, I instructed a Sunday school lesson to a group of first graders. Before class I asked them if they knew what Memorial Day

represented and to my delight, many lifted their hands in the air.

For a moment I felt proud, until I heard their answers.

“Memorial Day is when the swimming pools open up,” someone said.

“It means no more school; it’s the beginning of summer break,” another said.

Others gave answers such as, my family gets together for a barbecue, we attend a family reunion, or on television, lots of sales are going on.

No one gave me the answer I was hoping to hear. When I told them that all these things may take place around Memorial Day, they are not the main reason we recognize the day. The class was puzzled.

We see and hear a lot of commercials about Memorial Day sales, but not a lot about what the day represents. Our freedom, which we so lavishly enjoy, has a high price that others before us had to pay.

Ukraine, the country which I was born and raised, is going now through a difficult time of defending its freedom from Russian aggressors. Not all countries play by the rules. Unfortunately, there are people with evil intentions and ideologies.

To protect us from all enemies, foreign and domestic, we need a military of dedicated men and women in the uniform who are ready and willing to respond their nation’s call, and defend and protect it. May we never abandon the memory of our nations fallen, or allow their sacrifices to slip from our national conscience.



THIS MONTH IN DOBBINS HISTORY

Sweet Eloise dedicated in 1997



Originally published on the cover of the June 1997 Minuteman, The Dobbins front gate B-29 static display, Sweet Eloise was dedicated May 6, 1997. Gov. Zell Miller attended the event, which drew several hundred visitors. Pictured with the governor is Eloise Strom, the bomber’s namesake. [inset] Lt. Col. Ray Clinkscales, the plane’s first pilot, flew this B-29 on eight missions during World War II. (U.S. Air Force photo/Rick Ross)





INNERview

Tech. Sgt. Jodi Fleming

(U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Karla Lehman)

Job Title: Knowledge Operations Manager
Hometown: Dunbar, Pennsylvania
Years of Service: 9

What does your job entail?

My job is to organize, maintain and track all information that flows in and out of the 94th Communications Squadron. I currently work on the Commander's Support Staff. I manage our Unit Training Assembly Participation System, coordinate personnel moves utilizing the Unit Manning Document, and create orders for our members. KOMs are the lifeblood of a military squadron.

What is your most recent accomplishment?

I recently completed a Bachelor of Science degree at Pennsylvania State University. It took me over 13 years, but I've finally accomplished the goal I had set for myself.

What's the most challenging part about being in the Air Force Reserve?

A challenging part of being in the Air Force Reserve is the constant schedule coordination. As an Air Force Reservist, I must rearrange schedules in order to fit my reserve duty alongside my civilian job and my family obligations.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy coordinating squadron member's information, resulting in promotions, awards, and opportunities.

What do you do for recreation?

I enjoy being outdoors. In my spare time, I like to hike in

the beautiful mountains of Georgia.

What's your favorite movie?

American Graffiti. I have always been interested in vintage cars and how America was during the 50s, with the drive-ins and carhops.

What was your last assignment?

I was stationed at the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, SC.

What advice would you give someone who is interested in joining the military?

Research the type of career field you would like to be placed in and know all of the aspects of that position. Also, if you're young, go active duty!

What has been your favorite TDY or deployment?

My favorite TDY was to Carson City, Nevada. I was there working on an Individual Readiness Training project, building a community center for the Washoe Indian Tribe. That TDY changed my life forever.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself.

I wasn't always a Knowledge Operations Manager. I began my reserve career in civil engineering. Not only can I manage information, but I can do construction as well!

If you would like to nominate someone for the INNERview, please e-mail the editor at 94aw.pa@us.af.mil or call Public Affairs at (678) 655-5055.