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Happy Birthday Reserve

Tuesday, April 14 will mark the 67th birthday of the Air Force Reserve. During this celebration, Citizen Airmen are encouraged to foster tradition and heritage, build esprit de corps, and commemorate the AF Reserve's spirit of service. Since its beginning, the AF Reserve remains a critical combat-ready force for our nation. #spiritofservice



ON THE COVER

Members of the 94th Operations and Maintenance Groups board a C-130 Hercules and depart for the Middle East Jan. 8. More than 150 personnel will provide support to the Central Command Area of Responsibility during an Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Fallin)

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Connecting the dots



By Lt. Col. Brian Ferguson
94th Operations Support
Squadron commander

Sometimes it's easy to lose focus of the big picture. We have numerous ancillary requirements such as computer-based

training courses, management internal control toolset checklists, processing orders for pay and completing travel vouchers in the Defense Travel System, remaining medically current and qualified, maintaining a fitness level to pass the Fit to Fight test, additional duties, Wingman and Sexual Assault Prevention Response training, and the list goes on.

Of course, it's incumbent upon us as Citizen Airmen to attend to all the items mentioned above and many more in a professional manner. In doing so, performing our primary duties well and finding joy in it can get lost in the shuffle.

Balancing our training and deployment requirements with our civilian work and family life is a daunting task. How are we to accomplish it all? How do we perform well with what sometimes feels like so many distracting requirements?

Part of the answer lies in good leadership in your organization. Another part of the equation rests squarely on our shoulders. It is our level of engagement in our work. Numerous studies and research show that employee engagement drives greater production and employee satisfaction. As servicemen and women we are more than mere employees, although some among us may feel that at times, totally disengaged from our honorable calling.

So what does "engagement" really mean and how does it help us? In short, it means people do their work wholeheartedly and like what they do. In our case, living out the Air Force Core Values is a good indicator of our engagement. Those who are engaged bring their best to work, perform honorably and with excellence and are more apt to find enjoyment in what they do because they know why they are serving. They have a firm understanding of how their role supports not only their unit's mission, but also how their unit and the 94th Airlift Wing support our national objectives. They have connected the dots. And they feel good about it! The attitude we choose has much to do with our level of engagement and satisfaction in our work. Connecting the dots

to the bigger picture helps us see how we make a positive difference and improves our attitude, productivity and enjoyment at work.

Can you connect the dots from your primary duty to the mission of the 94 AW? At present, this wing is a U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules tactical airlift wing standing ready for our nation call. The 94 AW mission is to "Provide unrivaled warfighting capability to support any assigned mission across the spectrum of military operations and to create an environment where the 94th Airlift Wing and our mission partners thrive!" To achieve this mission, everyone has a role. There is an old adage that says:

For want of a nail the shoe was lost.

For want of a shoe the horse was lost.

For want of a horse the rider was lost.

For want of a rider the message was lost.

For want of a message the battle was lost.

For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.

And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

What is the nail that you control?

How does what you do ensure the wing is ready to execute its mission? Connect the dots, gain clarity on your part of the big picture and serve with honor.

Tubbs appointed as new command chief

By Senior Airman Miles Wilson
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 94th Airlift Wing welcomed a new command chief during the February unit training assembly, Chief Master Sgt. Lyndon Tubbs. Prior to becoming command chief, Tubbs served as the 94th Mission Support Group superintendent.

"When Tubbs arrived, the office changed overnight," said Staff Sgt. Akil Sanders, 94th MSG staff. "Even though he was here a short time, he left a lasting impression."

Tubbs plans to use his experience to help the Airmen.

"I hope to instill more pride in our enlistees," said Tubbs. "Our Airmen need to know that they have a strong say in what makes the Air Force better."

The chief is determined to show that he

is approachable and willing to help.

"Before he [Tubbs] got here, I didn't have much direction," said Sanders. "He showed me as an Airman, I could make an impact and my work was valued."

Throughout his career, Tubbs has proved a level of success and dedication to his work and a mind that is set on progress. He brings with him a set of goals that he hopes to accomplish.

"I want the Airmen to all know that they are worth something," said the command chief. "All too often, Airmen sit back and think that they don't have a say in what goes on."

The chief plans to make himself available at the Club every UTA morning to engage with Airmen.

"I have to get out there in order to help

our enlistees understand that we all have a big piece in Air Force affairs. "Anyone can come up to say something."

The chief has set his sights on the most important assets that the Air Force has to offer - its Airmen.



The 94th Airlift Wing welcomed its new command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Lyndon Tubbs, during the February 2015 Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Miles Wilson)

AROUND THE PATTERN



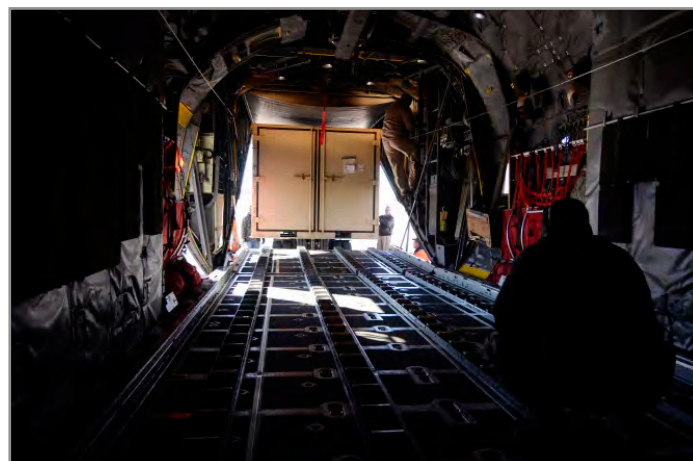
Airman 1st Class Marquez Ward, 80th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation specialist, adjusts straps on a pallet at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona Dec. 15. The pallet was dropped by a C-130 from 18,000 feet during Desert University Training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Miles Wilson)



Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander, welcomes Col. Mike Tynnismmaa to Dobbins Air Reserve Base Jan. 13. Tynnismmaa is the new Civil Air Patrol-USAF commander, headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Fallin)



94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard members participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. Dec. 13. Each year, thousands of volunteers organize wreath laying ceremonies across the country to honor fallen heroes. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Daniel Phelps)



Members of the 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron prepare and load cargo for deploying personnel Jan. 6. Wing inspectors observe all aspects of the loading process ensuring the proper procedures are followed. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



1st Lt. Brian Reed, 700th Airlift Squadron pilot, congratulates Lt. Col. Steven J. Drosos, 700th AS chief pilot, upon landing after his final flight March 26. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Fallin)



Maj. Gen. Stayce D. Harris, 22nd Air Force commander, leads a discussion with 21 members of Leadership Cobb March 25. Leadership Cobb develops leadership skills and knowledge through its programs and retreats. Participants are introduced to a variety of dialogue among speakers as well as audience interaction with leaders in all facets of the community. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

WWII VETERAN HONORED

By Senior Airman Daniel Phelps
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

An 89-year-old World War II veteran was surprised by a special treat and members of his family during a unique ceremony during the Jan. 10, 2015 Commander's Call for the 94th Airlift Wing.

U.S. Army Air Corp Staff Sgt. William Hughey and his wife of 50 years were invited to the January unit training assembly as a special guest. What he didn't realize was that they were invited there as a ruse.

Hughey was called up to the stage after an introduction by Col. Brett Clark, 94th AW commander, and presented the Army Good Conduct Medal for his service 70 years ago during WW II.

The award was made possible by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh, Pam Younkers, CSAF Civic Leader advisor, and officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. The presentation was organized by Clark and the Cobb Chamber's Honorary Commanders Association.

"We have got to rectify a wrong," said Welsh. "He is certainly a pioneer in our Air Force who set the example for all of us."

Hughey had been told that the reason he hadn't received it was because he had to have been under the same command for a year, which he never was because of the war.

"I didn't know the Air Force could be so sneaky," joked Hughey. "I am glad, better late than never."

The WW II veteran volunteered for the draft at the age of 18 in 1942. He reported for duty Jan. 1, 1944.

"I almost didn't get in the war," he said.

His goal was to be a pilot; however, he ended up being a B-17 ball turret gunner.

"If they had let me be a pilot, I could have blown the Luftwaffe out of the sky in six weeks," he said. "Instead, it took me six months as a ball gunner."

During his time, he successfully completed 35 combat flying missions.

"Missions became like you people coming to work every morning," he described. "You don't think about it."

Throughout these missions, Hughey's aircraft sustained heavy fire from enemy aircraft, and on one occasion, was shot down. He and his crew survived the crash

landing, and were rescued by Soviets. Hughey also participated in the famous Christmas Eve mission in 1944 in which mission leader Brig. Gen. Frederick Castle's plane endured a head on enemy fighter attack, dropped out of formation and subsequently crashed.

"If I had a 10-foot pole, I could have reached out and touched his airplane," the WW II vet said. "We lost 13 ships in 13 minutes in that fight. I thought I was going to be dead. I thought if I'm going go, I'm going to take as many with me as I could, so I got real cranked up."

At the age of 20, Hughey was honorably discharged from the military in 1945. In 1983, he helped form the Georgia Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, for which he is a longtime president.

"Few opportunities in your career come before you like this, to be able to make a presentation to someone from the greatest generation," said Clark. "This was such a privilege. He set a standard that is difficult to eclipse and few of us will have the opportunity to show the grit, courage and fortitude that he has."



Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander, presents William B. Hughey, World War II veteran, with the Army Good Conduct Medal during a wing commanders call Jan. 10. Hughey served in the 487th Bomb Group, aboard the Boeing B-17 in 1944. He successfully completed 35 combat flying missions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



BASE, COMMUNITY BID FAREWELL TO DEPLOYERS



Dobbins Air Reserve Base leadership salutes a U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules as it takes off from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia, Jan. 8. More than 150 members from the 94th Operations and Maintenance Groups deployed to support the Central Command Area of Responsibility in the Middle East. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Fallin)

By Senior Airman Daniel Phelps
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Tears were shed and hugs were given as more than 150 Airmen from the 94th Airlift Wing prepared to depart from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. this week for a deployment to Southwest Asia.

Before they departed, members of the unit held a ceremony to honor the Airmen and their families for their sacrifices.

Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, 22nd Air Force commander; Pam Younkens, Chief of Staff of the Air Force civic leader advisor; Col. Brett Clark, 94th Airlift Wing commander; and David Connell, president and chief executive officer of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce; shared words of gratitude with the deployers and families.

"It will be a challenge being away from your families," acknowledged Harris. "But, remember you're only a Skype or e-mail away. Families - thank you for your support and remember your Air Force family is here for you."

Younkens echoed the general's sentiments.

"It is our privilege and honor to pray for you," she said. "Remember, we are only a phone call away."

1st Lt. Josh Rower, 700th Airlift Squadron aircrew member, and his wife Katie held their 8-month-old boy and expressed mixed emotions as he got ready to leave for his first deployment.

"This is really bittersweet," said Katie. "I'm really excited for

him, but sad to not see him for so long."

Senior Airman James Bonilla, of the 94th Maintenance Squadron, said he was anxious about the deployment.

"I'm a little nervous," he said. "I'm leaving my family behind and we're expecting a child soon. But, I know my wife is strong. Fortunately, with today's technology we can still keep in touch every day."

The team from the 94th AW will be providing airlift and/or airdrop personnel and supplies within the Central Command area of responsibility, said Col. James DeVere, 94th Operations Group commander.

"Our U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules' will operate throughout the Middle East to include Iraq and Afghanistan," DeVere added.

Though combat missions have ended in Afghanistan, this has no effect on the 94th AW's deployment, Devere stated. The deployment is a scheduled Aerospace Expeditionary Force mission.

"Our aircrews and ground support personnel have been training for specific airdrop missions to meet CENTCOM requirements and prepared to execute the mission," DeVere said.

"They have trained and prepared for this for a long time," echoed Clark.

This is the second AEF deployment for the 94th AW since converting from a C-130 training mission to a combat coded wing in 2011.

Superior performers honored at first Dobbins Recognition Ceremony

By Master Sgt. James Branch
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Over 380 attendees cheered, hands clapped, and spotlights shined as several members of the 94th Airlift Wing and Dobbins Air Reserve Base community were recognized as top performers on the evening of Feb. 7 at the Marriott North-west in Atlanta, Georgia.

The first Dobbins Recognition Ceremony honored individuals whose professionalism and competence demonstrated a capability to excel. It also presented the newest members that were promoted to the highest enlisted rank, the wing Spouse of the Year and the base community's Best of the Best.

"The idea of combining the different recognitions into one ceremony came from members of the Dobbins Chiefs' Group, who for years have held their own separate annual induction ceremony," said Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Milbourne, Headquarters 22nd Air Force Emergency Management superintendent and DRC committee chairman. "We then approached all of the key auxiliaries on base, the Dobbins Top Three, 56 Group, First Four and First Sergeants to form a committee."

The ceremony commenced with 94th AW 2014 Annual Award Nominees entering the spot lit ballroom, with projected images highlighting their careers.

Masters of Ceremonies, Lt. Col. Chad Gibson, 94th AW Public Affairs, and Master Sgt. Engle Coulter, 94th Security Forces Squadron, announced the winners of each category.

The winners were; Airman of the Year: Staff Sgt. Tiffany McGregor, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Katherine Ring, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Senior NCO of the year: Master Sgt. Kenny Moore, 94th SFS, First Sergeant of the Year: Senior

Master Sgt. Travon Dennis, 80th APS and Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Brittany Edwards, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Recently promoted Chief Master Sgts. Cassandra Crayton, Andrea Symes-Creary, Jesse Frison, Lee Green, Marjorie Leclair, Lisa List, Larry Lopez, Stephen Nicholas, Angela Poole and Mahase Prasad were recognized during a candle lighting and bust unveiling.

"Our new chiefs have distinguished themselves as leaders among their peers," said Milbourne. They currently represent one percent of our Air Force."

Angela Pedersen, 94th AW Airman and Family Readiness director, along with Heather Whitehead of the Lonely Hearts Club, presented Corbie Pierce, wife of Master Sgt. Jeff Pierce, 94th Maintenance Squadron, with the Dobbins Annual Spouse of the Year Award.

Corbie balances work and family while volunteering for a local non-profit breast cancer awareness organization, the American Legion and the International Association of Firefighters' fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy.

"I've always said military spouses should also wear a uniform," said Pedersen. "They are our unsung heroes. They truly do a lot in supporting their spouse and other military members."

Members of the Dobbins Honorary Commanders Association were also recognized during the ceremony. A cooperative effort of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, Dobbins ARB and Lucius D. Clay National Guard Center, the HCA educates the local business community on the National Guard and reserve's role in the total force structure for national defense.

Col. Brett J. Clark, 94th AW commander, cumulated the evening by presenting awards to military and community leaders which he deemed "Best of the Best."



Tech. Sgt. Katherine Ring, of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron enters the spotlight ballroom as a NCO of the Year nominee. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

"This award is presented to individuals who do their jobs like no other," said Clark. "Many times, we take them for granted."

Military Best of the Best awardees were Lt. Col. John Jones, 94th Operations Group; Maj. Rob Mayes, 94th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Eric Downing, 94th Operations Group; Master Sgt. Carlton Mayo, 94th Maintenance Group and Tech. Sgt. Crystal Herrington, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Two local community leaders were also presented Best of the Best awards for their continued support of Dobbins ARB; Mrs. Pam Younker, Air Force Chief of Staff civic leader program representative, and Mr. David Connell, Cobb Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer.

"These two members of our civilian population support us because of their patriotism and dedication to our men and women in uniform," said Clark. "Pam [Younker] is not only someone of influence, but compassion. It's an honor to call her a friend. David [Connell] is not only a visionary and a leader, but he is committed to the longevity of our base. He understands what matters. That's why Dobbins has a bright future."

Through experience gathered from previous Dobbins ceremonies and their commitment to excellence, the Dobbins Recognition Ceremony Committee planned the event over an eight month span.

"I want to congratulate our nominees, honorees, annual award winners and newest chiefs, who are extremely valuable assets in helping our base and our Air Force prosper," said Milbourne. "They represent our future, and we conducted this ceremony to further instill the importance of the Dobbins enlisted and officer forces in them. We hope this occasion was one to be remembered for years to come."

(Left) Staff Sgt. Tiffany McGregor and Tech. Sgt. Katherine Ring, of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron, light candles during the recognition of newly promoted Chief Master Sgts. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



Unit receives professional certification

By Senior Airman Daniel Phelps
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For the past 18 months, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center has been working towards reaching the gold standard for training in the truck driving world, Professional Truck Drivers Institute certification.

On January 23, the first class of students graduated with that qualification in a capstone event at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia as the 622nd Expeditionary Combat Support-Training and Certification Center became the first organization in the Department of Defense to obtain PTDI certification.

"Now professionally trained, commercially certified and licensed Airmen can transition seamlessly into the civilian workforce," said Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, 22nd Air Force commander. "This is a big win for our Airmen, our AFRC for being the first site certified in the Department of Defense and for our nation's economy."

The course currently allows for 64 Airmen to go through this training each year.

David Money, member of the PTDI board of directors, expressed the likelihood of employment on the outside world for course graduates.

"We are always looking for good quality drivers," he explained. "We always encourage our employers to look for former military members because of their dedication to excellence."



(Above) Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, 22nd Air Force commander, and Professional Truck Drivers' Institute board members congratulate graduates of the 622nd Expeditionary Combat Support-Training and Certification Center's truck driving course Jan. 23. Students who complete the course at Dobbins Air Reserve Base receive certification from the Professional Truck Drivers Institute. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Daniel Phelps)



Col. Kelvin McElroy, 22nd Air Force director of logistics, operates a tractor trail simulator during the tractor trailer program capstone event here Jan. 23. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Daniel Phelps)

Air Force, community and PTDI leaders came out for the event to honor the unit and recognize the graduates. The guests received an overview of the program and the skills training area.

The 622nd continues to seek new ways to improve their training and gain more professional certifications to ease Airmen's transitions to the civilian side.

"We are currently working towards a crane certification next," said Chief Master Sgt. Trevor Shattuck, career field manager at the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland,

"We are always looking for good quality drivers and encourage our employers to look for former military members because of their dedication to excellence."

Texas.

Once implemented, the schoolhouse at Dobbins expects approximately 150 students to receive similar accreditation for crane operations.

"We want to try to move these programs into a transition assistance type course before Airmen separate from the military," said Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Howard, the 622nd Expeditionary Combat Support-Training and Certification Center com-



A step ahead

Airman First Class Keyahria A. Butler, 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron transportation specialist and recent Vehicle Operator Apprentice Course Honor Graduate, shares her basic training and technical school experience with members of the Development and Training Flight here during the March 2015 Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jaclyn McDonald)

By Staff Sgt. Jaclyn McDonald
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

In today's Air Force, preparation is the key to success. The Development and Training Flight program, implemented here March 1, 2012, prepares recruits not only for Basic Military Training, but for an opportunity filled career in the Air Force Reserve.

Airman 1st Class Keyahria A. Butler, 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron transportation specialist and former D&TF member, recently completed technical school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, at the top her class.

By maintaining high military standards and achieving a 99 percent academics average while attending the vehicle operator apprentice course, she earned the title Honor Graduate.

The D&TF put Butler at an advantage over her peers in many by having guest speakers from various units who shared their military experiences letting them know how they made it through the training.

Master Sgt. Carl Vandiver, D&TF program manager, began overseeing the program in December 2014.

The D&TF is an Air Force Reserve Command program established to assist future Airmen with their transition to military life, said Vandiver. The program offers a strict training curriculum designed to prepare them for the mental, physical and academic rigors of basic training, technical school and their Air Force career.

Vandiver, along with qualified instructors, teach Air Force history and military customs and courtesies. They also conduct a rigid physical fitness training program.

"All of our D&TF members are expected to pass the standard

Air Force Fit to Fight, or physical fitness test prior to departing for BMT," he said. "In addition, they are required to know the Air Force song, Airman's Creed and the enlisted and officer rank structure."

Butler spoke to members of the D&TF during the March Unit Training Assembly about the ways the program prepared her for basic training.

"After participating in the program, I felt more confident entering BMT and transportation school," she said. "It taught me to work hard and never give up. I was not much into running. The physical fitness instructors motivated me to always push harder. They stressed if you want something, you must work hard to achieve it."

An article by the American Forces Press Service reported that recruit attrition rates are dropping across the Department of Defense thanks to programs that aim to prepare enlistees for the rigors of basic training before they ship out.

"The military is about leadership and teamwork," Vandiver said. "D&TF members learn to work as a team, and are given the opportunity to become element and flight leaders."

Butler said she would recommend the developmental training program to all new trainees.

"For me, participating in the program was a great transitional phase from home to BMT to technical school," she said. "The best parts are the people you meet along the way. Some of your fellow trainees may ship off to basic training with you. Others, you will encounter during your Air Force career. Overall, I definitely felt it put me a step ahead of everyone else."

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Safety Office offers spring cleaning tips

For many, spring is the time for exploring much needed household cleaning. Follow these tips to keep you and your family safe:

1. Spring cleaning can be tiring, but don't rush because you're tired or in a hurry.
2. Be careful moving large furniture and appliances.
3. Be safe while on ladders and step stools.
4. Be careful when walking on wet surfaces.
5. Keep stairs, landings, and walkways clear of boxes, bags and other clutter.
6. Don't carry too much stuff at once.
7. Always follow cleaning product label safety instructions and recommendations.
8. Wear a mask when cleaning dusty areas.
9. Do not leave buckets filled with water around your home. This can be a drowning hazard for small children.

Be a good Wingman

Dobbins members participated in the Air Force-wide Wingman Day in February. Between UTAs, it's important to stay connected with one another, and reinforcing the "wingman" concept.

"The ultimate goal for this Wingman Day was to identify helping resources, show the importance of our being connected, and how we operate as family, friends and coworkers," said Lt. Col. James F. Danford, 94th Airlift Wing chaplain. "One of the benefits of the Reserve is that we can be around one another for a long period of time because we don't move as much. But one of the negatives is that we see each other for short snippets. So, often times we may not ask [our fellow reservists] 'what's going on in the rest of their lives?'"

Getting to know fellow members of the Dobbins community on a deeper level is key to being a good wingman, said Danford.

Chaplains, SARCs, and Psychological Health personnel are on-base resources. Services are also provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"The concept we're going to see as a wing is that each individual is important, and the wing is stronger because the individual is there," said Danford. "It reaches beyond individuals helping individuals. It also includes the entire community of Dobbins helping each member."

CHAPEL CORNER

Lend a helping hand

By Senior Airman Jamie Link
94th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office



The holidays, those glorious times of celebration, family and the season of giving are over.

There is no other time of year that brings us the simple joy of giving, reaching out to loved ones, friends, and even to strangers. Who among us can resist the call of the bell ringer standing in the cold beside the kettle of donations, the gentle reminder that there are those around us who are far less fortunate than we?

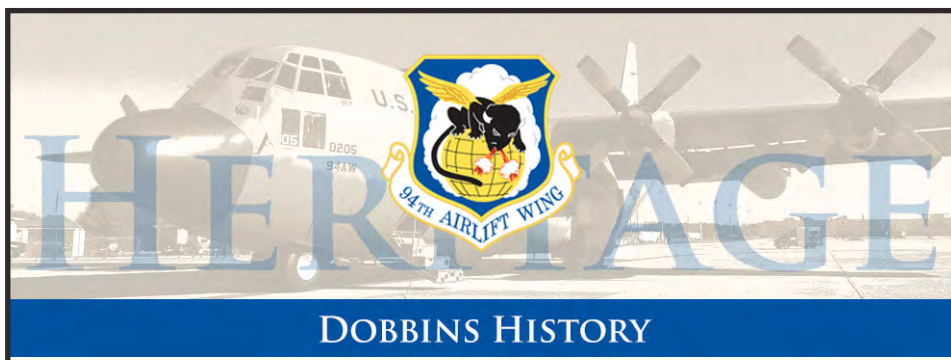
As winter ends, I urge you all to remember that just because the holiday season is over, the need for reaching out, for giving, for random acts of kindness continues on, and knows no season.

These are still tough times for many. Homelessness and hopelessness, despair and need do not disappear with the lights and tinsel we have stored away until next Christmas. In fact, the post-holiday period can be the toughest time of the year for many, as people find themselves overextended emotionally and financially.

With this in mind, your Dobbins Air Reserve Base chapel staff encourages you to give thanks for what you have and recommit yourself to reaching out to the less fortunate.

Sometimes a pat on the back and a “hey, how’s it going?” can do the trick. Sometimes, reaching into your wallet for a few extra dollars for the charity of your choice can make all the difference to someone who just needs a helping hand.

Worship services are held every UTA Sunday at 7:15 a.m. in Heritage Hall and 8 a.m. at 80 APS. Contact the chaplain staff at 678-655-4995.



Wing dedicates restored C-141 in 1980



(Originally published in the February 1980 Minuteman)

“The Incredible Hulk,” a completely restored tail section of a C-141 was dedicated as an aerial port squadron training facility during the January 1980 UTA here.

The Hulk, was originally designed by the Lockheed-Georgia Co. Marietta, Ga. for stress tests on the C-141 and restored by the 80th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron at Dobbins. It is now the only C-141 tail section in the Air Force to be exclusively

used for such training.

“It is actually a complete training facility,” stated Maj. David Roberts, 80th MAPS. “With it we can simulate any kind of extraordinary situation, adverse weather conditions during the day or night in much the same way as a flight training simulator used for pilot training. We have the most unique and sophisticated training facility in the world.”





(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christina Norris)

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Senior Airman Jamie Link

Job Title: Chaplain's Assistant

Hometown: LaPlata, Maryland

Years of service: 8 (5 active, 3 Reserve)

What does your job entail?

I support and facilitate Religious accommodation, ensuring the first amendment rights of Airmen and family members to worship and provide practical assistance.

What is your most recent accomplishment?

I recently completed two Community College of the Air Force degrees!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Helping people. I love what I do, and it is a privilege to support people who sacrifice and wear the uniform.

What was your favorite TDY or deployment?

I love working at Yellow Ribbon Events.

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

If you feel the call to join the armed forces, do it! It is an honor to serve and it has been absolutely rewarding in so many ways. My advice would be to put your best foot forward and

keep it there, be on time for everything and give your all-all of the time.

What do you do for recreation?

I dance. I used to be a dance instructor and when I feel stressed or need a good work-out or just for fun, I find a racquetball court, blast music in my ears and dance.

What's your favorite movie?

Hands down—Forrest Gump

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself.

I had the awesome opportunity to tour with Tops in Blue in 2003 during my active duty time. It was amazing and I learned how hard I really could push myself.

Tell us anything else about you that we might like to know!

I am currently a full-time student at University of West Florida studying Public Relations and International studies. Right now I am learning Chinese!