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New year brings new challenges

By Chaplain (Capt.) David Dersch
908th AW Chaplain's Office

As the year begins, our wing is looking at several large groups going downrange. Our prayers go with our security forces squadron, the aircrews and accompanying maintainers, the aerial port squadron, as well as the assorted people in smaller numbers who will be deploying this winter and spring.

For those going, be sure to prepare yourself and your loved ones for the time apart. Run through all the checklists; listen and act on the advice given by those who have gone before, as well as the various helping agencies throughout the wing. Most importantly, don't wait until the last minute!

Get into the warrior mindset—this is not train-

ing; it's the real thing! Take your preparation seriously. Recognize that as departure time approaches, the tension level in your home, work, unit, family, and friends will undoubtedly increase. This is normal. There are many mixed emotions accompanying deployment.

Just as you are facing struggles about going, so those left behind are facing their own struggles. Co-workers will have to pick up the slack. Children will miss their mother's touch—their father's foibles. Spouses will be extra busy, trying to make everything just right, and trying to keep from thinking about the pending separation.

In the midst of all of this, take the time to renew your spirit. Remind yourself that you are part of something

that is making a difference! Drink deeply at the challenge of personal growth. See the deployment not just as a job, or as a square to be filled, but as a time of strengthening your character and developing your professionalism to its fullest.

Most importantly, leave at peace with those around you (your family and friends), the fears inside you (yourself), and the One above you (your God). And may the challenges of this new year be the building blocks of a fulfilled life!

Note: Because of the renovations in the headquarters building (1056), the chaplains' offices have temporarily moved to Building 1456, the maintenance back shops, next to the restrooms. Just another challenge of the New Year!

Are you interested in serving people?

By Chief Master Sgt. Rick Fanning
908th Airlift Wing Command Chief
Master Sergeant.

We will hold a First Sergeant Selection Board during the February UTA.

The first sergeant's role in the Air Force is one that is time honored and rich in custom and tradition. First sergeants exercise general supervision over assigned enlisted personnel and are the focal point within the unit for all matters concerning enlisted members. In today's rapidly deployable Air Force, the first sergeant is a critical link in providing the commander a mission-ready enlisted force to execute the unit mission. This requires the first sergeant to be credible, perceptive, the epitome of integrity, and to exemplify Air Force Core Values at all times. First sergeants must communicate effectively and have a high level of competency, energy, and motivation.

To apply for First Sergeant Duty, applicants must:

- possess a 7 skill level in his/her control AFSC;
- have minimum ASVAB scores of 45 administrative and 62 general;
- have a minimum physical profile of P3 U2 L2 H2 E2 S1 (on AF Form 422 in applicant's orderly room);
- meet the Air Force standard of good physical health (must have scored 75 or above on the Air Force Fitness Test during the previous three UTA's from the date of the board)

In addition, applicant's physical appearance and military image must meet the highest standards expected only of the most dedicated senior NCOs. You must have completed the NCO Academy Course prior to application and if accepted, must complete the three-week First Sergeant Academy within one year and the Senior NCO Academy within 11 months upon graduation from the

First Sergeant Academy.

Interested applicants must be in the grade of master sergeant or a technical sergeant immediately promotable to master sergeant. Those technical sergeants selected for the position must be immediately eligible for promotion to master sergeant under the provisions found in AFMAN 36-8001, Reserve Personnel Participation and Training Procedures. Also, technical sergeants can only be placed into a master sergeant first sergeant vacancy.

Interested applicants who meet the above criteria should submit their military resume, copies of their last three EPR's, a current records review listing, and a letter of recommendation from their commander including your PT score to Master Sgt. Cynthia Barker, 908th MPF, Building 1056, not later than 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008.

For more information see your First Sergeant or the Command Chief.

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Aircrew life support technician Tech. Sgt. Valarie McClellan inspects and tests chutes for safety. See Pages 8-10 for more about the life support and survival equipment career fields merger.

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For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.



Workers work on the roof of Building 1056.

Photo by Jeff Melvin

Headquarters building gets makeover

A phased interior renovation of the 908th AW headquarters building, Bldg. 1056, is slated to begin Jan. 7; a roof replacement project is already under way.

The renovation will be accomplished in six phases, lasting about one month per phase and is projected to end around June 2008. The first phase starts with the command section which will remain in place; area will be renovated to great extent, room-by-room.

Several headquarters offices will relocate internally during the phases and some, such as PA, IG, MEO, JA and HC, will temporarily relocate to other buildings, starting in late December.

Here's where those offices will relocate.

- PA - Bldg. 1055 CES Conference Room
- IG - Move to the projection room, Bldg. 1055
- MEO - Move to offices Bldg. 1456
- JAG - Move to offices Bldg. 1456
- HC - Move to offices, Bldg. 1456

The contractor will cordon off the area of the building being worked. Unit members are urged to comply with these barriers for their own safety and so as not to hinder progress on the job. Unit members are also asked to be flexible and exercise patience during the projects as every effort will be made to minimize disruption.

Senior Master Sgt. Don Fenn, 908th CES operations superintendent, will serve as the wing intermediary for both projects. Any issues, questions, problems or suggestions regarding the contractor's performance should be directed to Sergeant Fenn at 953-3342.

908th Communication Flight's Senior Master Sgt. Tyrone Williams (3-5029) and Mr. Tyro Brown (3-5468), will be POCs for telephone issues relative to movement of offices.

Chief Master Sgt. Thrasher Jones (3-3354), wing performance planning NCO, and Senior Master Sgt. Wes Meyer (3-6836), wing logistics plan superintendent, are the building managers for Bldg. 1056 and will be POCs for inmate labor to assist with office moves.

Healthy Airmen

Make healthy, smart New Year's resolutions

Lt. Col. Carol Anders
908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

It does not seem possible that another year has passed and we are into 2008. A fresh new year to begin again to do all those things we said we would do last year. In thinking of resolutions to make for yourself for this New Year, let me offer you five steps to a healthier you in 2008.

1. Increase your hours of sleep to at least 8 hours per night. New studies are out that show your health and fitness improve with 8 hours of sleep per night. And yes one study says 8 hours of sleep per night will also help in weight reduction. A study of college basketball players showed that by increasing their hours of sleep from 6 to 8 hours a night they were able to increase their speed down court by 1.5 seconds. Also a study on weight loss showed that the group of people on a weight loss program who got 8 hours of sleep a night lost more weight than those who got less than 8 hours of sleep.

2. Improve your eating habits. Decrease fast food intake by one half. Instead of that burger and fries two times a week, try substituting a salad with low calorie dressing and plain baked potato for one of those meals. Use cream in your coffee. Save calories and lose weight. Drinking 32 ounces of sweet tea a day, switch to unsweetened tea with artificial sweetener and save 400+ calories per day. You can do the same by switching from regular soda to diet soda. Don't like the diet soda taste, try water (plain or flavored).

Why drink your calories? Save them for the foods you enjoy. Decrease the use of salt and improve your blood pressure. Try tasting your food before

you reach for that salt shaker. Better yet put the salt shaker away all together. Increase your water intake to at least 8 eight ounce glasses per day.

3. Increase your physical activity. Do 30 minutes of exercise per day to improve your cardiovascular strength. Can't do it all at once? Do it in short increments and achieve the same effect. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park in the parking place the greatest distance from your destination and briskly walk the extra distance. Join a gym or the YMCA and go. Gyms make money from people who buy memberships and then never go.

4. Get rid of those bad habits. Late night eating or snacking while watching TV can add extra calories that are unwanted. A great late night snack is a small bowl of cereal. Smoker – let this be the year you quit. New over the counter and prescription drugs are available to help you. There is even a 1-800-QUIT NOW number. This is a great habit to lose because you save money and improve your health. Drinker—plan this year to be a responsible



drinker. Assess your need for alcohol. Is it interfering with your job, your family time, or your ability to think clearly? Has someone questioned you about how much you are drinking? Help is available if you can't cut back on your own.

5. Reduce stress in your life. We live in a fast paced world with many demands placed on us. An easy way to assess those items we need to get rid of in our life is to sit down and make a list of all the demands we have — job, family, friends, etc. Now, next to the demands place an X by the ones that only you can do. For example,

Only I can do	Demands
X	Significant other
X	Mother
	Soccer Coach
X	Work primary income for family
	Week-end second job
	Carpool Days
	Room-mother coordinator

The remainder of the items on the list need to be evaluated as to those things you really want to do. Sometimes we get so busy doing we forget to stop and think about what is really important to us. We can be the only mother/ father our children have or we want to be the only significant other to our mate. It will make life a lot easier if we spend our time on the highest priorities in life. Maybe we don't really need that second job as much as we need to curb spending or better budget the money we do have coming in. Everyone has different circumstances, but each of us needs to evaluate those things that are in our lives that are causing us stress, determine what we can do to work through those stressors and ask for help when needed.

2008 is a new year with new opportunities to make changes in our lives. Let us all work together to help each other to make this the best year ever.





Former 908th MSG commander Col. William "Bill" Forshey.

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Lt. Col. Allison Marshall, 908th MSG commander

USAF Photo

Changing of the Guard Mission Support Group gets new leaders

Key leadership positions within the 908th Mission Support Group will change hands as Lt. Col. Allison Marshall, the current deputy, moves up to replace departing commander Col. William "Bill" Forshey and Lt. Col. Lee Mumford, slated to arrive in March, moves into the deputy slot.

Colonel Mumford is currently 22nd Air Force's director of communications. He will replace Colonel Forshey as the 908th MSG senior air reserve technician. Colonel Forshey, a longtime 908th member, plans to transition into the individual mobilization augmentee world after a deployment that begins in January.

The flip flop of the commander and deputy positions between a traditional Reservist and an ART is a departure from the past that will yield great dividends, said 908th AW commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler. The colonel added that, when appropriate, other key leadership positions should be flip flopped as well. He expressed confidence in Colonel Marshall who brings a wealth of experience to the position as he steps up to the top slot. "Colonel Marshall will increase his participation on-station to about a week a month during this transition period. Colonel Forshey's shoes will be hard to fill, so please support Colonels Marshall and Mumford to the maximum extent possible," he said.



New MSG deputy commander and senior ART Lt. Col. Lee Mumford

Courtesy Photo

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 1 — New Year's Day (federal holiday)
- 5 — Bowling tournament. First 10 unit teams to sign up (five members per team; \$30 per team entry fee) compete in a 9-pin No Tap contest at Maxwell Bowling Center starting at 6 p.m. Other lanes, pool tables and video games available on a first-come, first served basis. For team registration, contact Chief Master Sgt. Lyn Whited at 3-7791.
- 6 — Orientation Flight. An incentive flight for approximately 30 908th AW Airmen is tentatively planned for the January UTA. This flight will consist of a basic orientation flight of the local area and should last no more than one hour. If you are interested in participating in this flight, let your first sergeant know.

February

- 2 — Reserve Enlisted Association Indoor Event. 6 p.m. Base Gym. Get your teams ready for some fun - wallyball, volleyball, racquet ball and basketball at the base gym.
- 10-13 — Reserve Officer Association Reserve Components Joint Officer Professional Development Seminar (for O1-O3s) and AFRC Leadership Today and Tomorrow seminar (for O4 - O5s). Presented in conjunction the ROA Mid-Winter Conference, Washington Hilton Hotel, Wash. DC. All seminars require ROA registration. RCJOPDS Online registration is available below. The cut off for online

registration is midnight February 4, 2008 (CST). After Feb. 4, all registration and payment will be on-site-subject to space availability. For info, go to ROA web site at <http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagenam=rcjopds>. LTT seminar information is available at <http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagenam=afrrtt>. For LTT quota and attendance information, contact mickey.crawford@afrc.af.mil DSN497-0933 Com (478) 327-0933. Wing POC for both events is Capt. Norton, LGRR, at (3340) 953-6303.

- 18 — President's Day (federal holiday)

March

1 — Wing Commander's Call, 3:30 p.m., Polifka Auditorium, Bldg. 1403
 13-15 — Women in Aviation Conference. Town and Country Resort, San Diego, Calif. Anyone interested in attending the next Women in Aviation Conference should submit his/her name up through supervisory channels to their group commander who in turn will forward selections to our wing vice commander, Col. Jon Andre. The final selections will be made the Jan 08 UTA. For any more information, please contact Lt Col Nancy Stephenson, in the 908th AW Command Post, ext. 2718. Women in Aviation, International is dedicated to encouraging young people to consider aviation careers as well as providing networking opportunities for women and men through the aviation industry.



Employing some creative time management, officer trainees eat their MREs while waiting for aircraft arrival.

Wing C-130 adds touch of realism to OTS expeditionary training

Faced with a tasking from Air Staff and Air Education and Training Command officials to dramatically increase the amount and realism of “expeditionary skills training” for new officers, Officer Training Schools officials turned to their Reservist neighbors, the 908th AW, for help. The 357th Airlift Squadron answered the call, providing a C-130 for OTS’s Nov. 5 deployment exercise.

Thanks to the 357th’s participation, OTS officials used an Air Force aircraft for the first time to better simulate the deployment phase of an aerospace expeditionary force exercise.

After processing through a mobility line, officer trainees boarded the C-130 aircraft on the west ramp. The flying profile consisted of a takeoff followed by a 30-minute low level flight, an assault landing at Maxwell AFB, and an engine-running offload of the trainees to their “deployed” location at Blue Thunder – the tent city just off the north end of the runway.

The C-130 completed two lifts, “deploying” the entire officer trainee class in less than 2 hours. As an additional benefit, the trainees learned about Air Force Reserve forces and their contribution to the Total Force.

“All in all, the effort was a terrific success,” said Lt. Col. Hans Palaoro, commander of OTS’s 24th Training

Squadron. “The 357th did a great job and the officer trainees got a valuable lesson in how deployments and airlift operations really work, all the while learning firsthand about the Total Force way we employ - a perfect case in point of the type of thing (Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. (T. Michael) Moseley talked about here last month. Plus, you know, it’s flying ... there ought to be some flying in an Air Force officer training program. The OTs were totally jazzed about the experience.”

Noting that Regular Air Force and Reserve Airmen must continually search for ways to leverage limited resources to maintain readiness and increase combat capability, 908th AW Commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler, offered similar words of praise for the collaborative effort. “It’s a win-win situation. Our aircrews increase their proficiency while the cadets get enhanced training as well as firsthand experience with Reserve forces,” Colonel Underkofler remarked. (Adapted from an article contributed by Officer Training School)



Total Force collaboration is on display here at Maxwell AFB, Ala., Nov. 5. During an ERO, an aircraft lands, taxis, loads, and unloads.



Shortly after deplaning officer trainees form up for a hike to the Blue Thunder training area.



As well as a group of OTS cadets exit the rear of an 908th AW C-130 executing an engine running offload maneuver on the Maxwell AFB flightline. The aircraft is used to load or unloads personnel or supplies without turning engines off then departs quickly, minimizing risk to aircraft or personnel



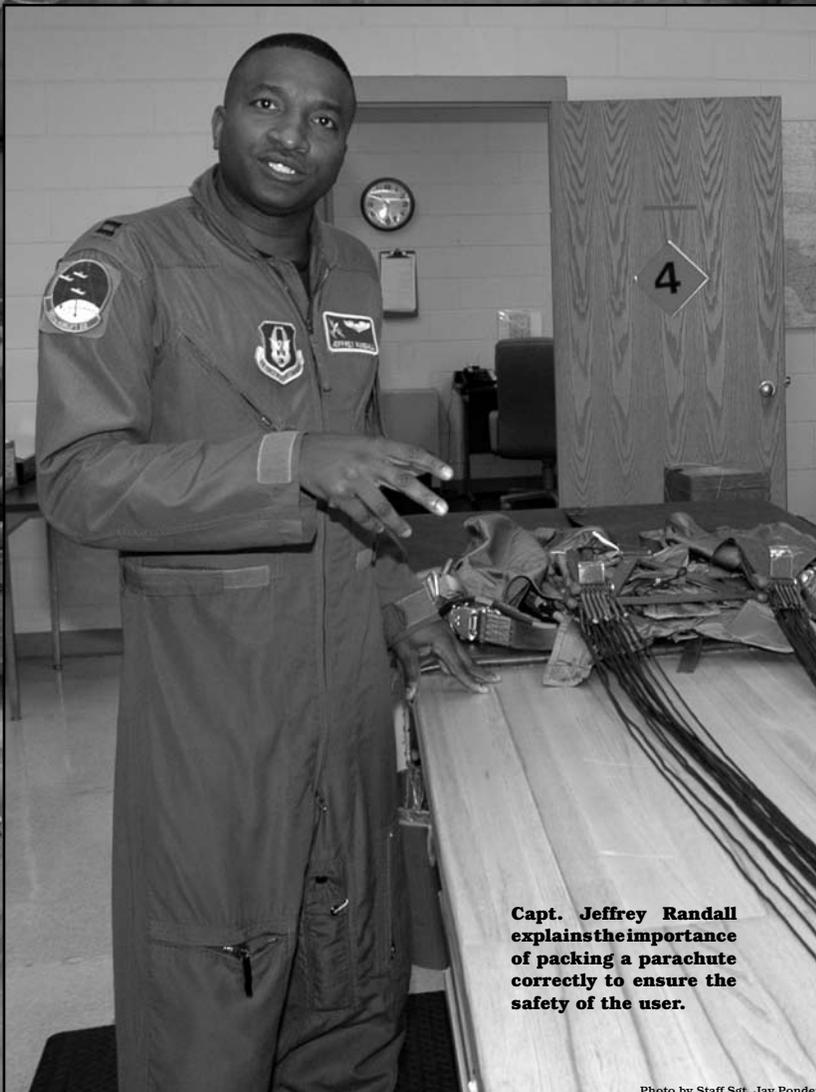
Officer trainees practice squad movement tactics.

Photos By Jeff Melvin



Tech. Sgt. Michael Epps and Senior Airman Mary Neal fold life rafts after they've been inspected.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jav Ponder



Capt. Jeffrey Randall explains the importance of packing a parachute correctly to ensure the safety of the user.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jav Ponder



Staff Sgt. Everett Jones, an Air Force Pararescueman, inspects a life raft while on duty.

One-stop shopping

Life support, survival equipment merger will provide a single source to support operators with life sustaining equipment



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Above, Tech. Sgt. Ralph Roy demonstrates how to inflate survival equipment.

By Jeff Melvin and Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
908th AW Public Affairs

Members of the 357th Airlift Squadron Aircrew Life Support section aren't just loading parachutes anymore; they're packing the chutes, too. Life support and survival equipment shops throughout the Air Force are merging and that means one-stop shopping.

Although the Air Force Specialty Codes performed similar functions, they were previously assigned to two different groups— life support was assigned to the Operations Group; survival equipment to the Maintenance Group.

Merging the career fields will “centralize functions/skill sets, critical to mission accomplishment, under one chain of command providing a single source for support operators with life sustaining equipment,” read the Headquarters Air Force Program Guidance Letter announcing the change.

During the first phase of the merger, the career fields will combine and fall under the Operations Group. During the second phase the two AFSCs will convert to the new aircrew flight equipment AFSC, 1F1X1. The technicians will have to demonstrate proficiency in 29 critical tasks instead of 11, said aircrew life support officer Capt. Jeffrey Randall.

“Our technicians will have to learn to pack a parachute. Packing a parachute is one of the more critical tasks, and a correctly packed chute can mean life or death, literally life or death,” the C-130 pilot explained.

Eventually, each member of each career field will spend time in the other shops to get trained on specific tasks, in accordance with the new Career Field Education and Training Plan and how it relates to specific aircraft and equipment.

Two immediate needs have surfaced as a result of the merger, more workers and more space. The section now has unfilled positions and needs room. The shop has its equipment stored at four different locations.

“Increasing our work space would allow us to perform our tasks more efficiently,” the aircrew life support officer said. “We’re getting more equipment with the merger, but not any additional space.”

On a positive note, shop workers are excited about the possibility of increased promotion opportunities. “We’re getting more slots,” said Captain Randall. “This will get people promoted faster.”

Commenting further on the merger the captain said, “The merger of these two important functions will offer a change of pace where people will have opportunities to learn and perform new and exciting tasks. ... This will make us more productive and more efficient.”

aircrew life support technician,
Capt. Jeffrey Randall observes.



Tech. Sgt. Valarie McClellan inspects and tests chutes for safety.

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Tech. Sgt. Bryan Wilson inspects equipment.

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Tech. Sgt. Valarie McClellan operates a sewing machine in the life support shop.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

908th AW to host clergy, employers this spring

Two events designed to provide employers and clergy of wing members a firsthand look at the wing mission capped by a local area orientation flight are planned for this spring.

An Employers Day is planned for April 4, the Friday before the April UTA.

The Clergy Day is planned for June 6, the Friday before the June UTA.

These events provide a chance for your employer

(both supervisor and president/ chief executive officer) or minister to see the wing mission firsthand as well as learn all about the Air Force Reserve.

Please nominate your boss or minister by filling out the forms below and returning it to the Public Affairs office, First Floor, Bldg. 1055, or mail to: 908th AW/ PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB AL 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.

Employer's Day Nominations

Employer's name/title:

Employer's phone number:

Company/organization:

Nominating Reservist name:

Company mailing address:

Your civilian job title:

Unit duty phone:

Clergy Day Nominations

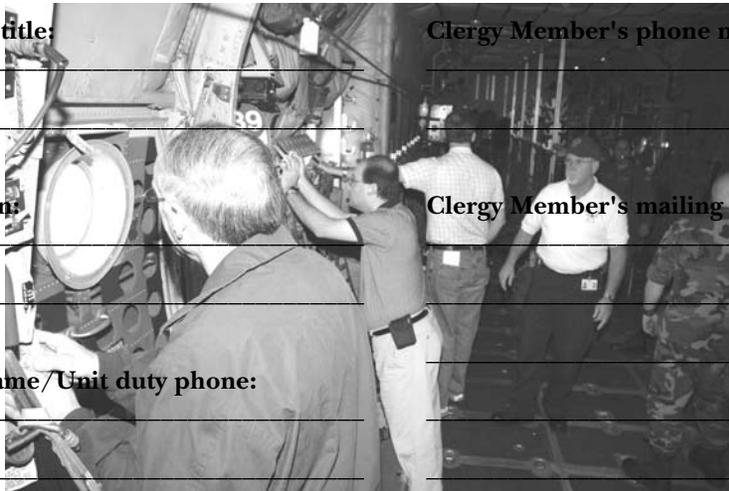
Clergy Member's name/title:

Clergy Member's phone number:

Denomination/affiliation:

Clergy Member's mailing address:

Nominating Reservist name/Unit duty phone:



Wing snapshots



Above, 908th MXS commander Maj. Fred Proulx (far left), MOF commander Capt. Travis Shults, and MOF first sergeant Senior Master Sgt. Kymberly Cor-kum (far right) lead maintenance group members and their families in a round of applause for 'HERC' Boosters Association spouses Kim Alexander, Kim Corporon, Tonya Prempremot, Lori Sims, Teresa Dearth for their help in organizing the group's Christmas luncheon.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Right, Maj. Eugene Smith, 908th LRS commander, and former LRS member retired Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney, help newly promoted Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey pin on his chief's chevrons. Members of the 908th AW Chief's Group marked the occasion by hosting an induction ceremony commemorating Kirksey's promotion to the highest enlisted grade. Chief Kirksey is LRS's chief of supply.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

908th LRS's Senior Master Sgt. Charles Dallas Jr. accepts the citation denoting his receipt of a Meritorious Service Medal (first oak leaf cluster) from 908th AW commander Col. Michael J. Underkofler. Sergeant Dallas, earned the award for outstanding achievement while serving as a vehicle operations flight chief while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2006 to February 2007.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

908th MXS's Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Martin and 908th maintenance and operations personnel participating in the latest Coronet Oak rotation proceed through the mobility processing line prior to their departure Dec. 2. Coronet Oak is an ongoing all Reserve and Guard operation providing airlift in Central and South America. 908th AW aircrew, maintenance and support personnel normally participate in two to three Coronet Oak rotations each year.

Reservists urged to recognize employers' stellar support

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is accepting nominations for the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards at the ESGR web site at www.esgr.mil.



National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond the requirements of the USERRA law in their support of military employees. The nomination process opened Nov. 1, 2007 and ends Jan. 20, 2008.

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members should visit the ESGR web site and complete the 2008 Freedom Award nomination form. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given to outstanding employers by the U.S. government.

The 2008 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 13th annual award ceremony hosted by ESGR Sept. 18, 2008. Recipients of the 2007 Freedom Award met with President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard Cheney and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; Vice Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff Gen. James Cartwright presented the awards at a ceremony attended

by members of Congress and senior government and military officials.

Previous recipients have included Starbucks, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, General Electric, DuPont, Verizon, and United Parcel Service. State and local governments and a number of America's small businesses have also been recipients.

Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the National Guard and Reserve. The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Past recipients of the Freedom Award have provided full salary, continuation of benefits, care packages and even home and lawn care to families of employees fulfilling their military obligation.

For questions regarding the nomination and selection process, please refer to the About the Program page (<http://esgr.org/fap.asp>) on the ESGR web site or, e-mail ESGR at NCESGR-PA@osd.mil or call 1-800-336-4590.

ESGR is a DOD agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

2008 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

Years of Service

	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-8	1,166	1,205	1,229	1,237	1,268	1,321	1,333	1,384	1,398	1,441	1,504	1,562	1,600	1,600	1,600
O-7	969	1,014	1,035	1,051	1,082	1,112	1,145	1,179	1,214	1,321	1,412	1,412	1,412	1,412	1,419
O-6	717	789	840	840	844	880	885	885	935	1,025	1,076	1,128	1,158	1,188	1,246
O-5	598	675	721	730	759	776	815	842	879	935	960	987	1,017	1,017	1,017
O-4	516	589	638	647	684	723	773	810	838	853	862	862	862	862	862
O-3	454	514	556	605	634	667	687	721	739	739	739	739	739	739	739
O-2	392	447	497	532	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543
O-1	341	354	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427
O-3E	-	-	-	605	634	667	687	721	749	766	789	789	789	789	789
O-2E	-	-	-	532	543	560	590	612	629	629	629	629	629	629	629
O-1E	-	-	-	427	457	474	492	508	532	532	532	532	532	532	532
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	566	580	596	615	634	664	691	718	760
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	464	484	497	512	529	559	573	599	614	649
E-7	322	352	365	383	397	421	435	448	472	484	496	502	526	541	580
E-6	278	306	320	333	348	378	390	404	415	419	422	422	422	422	422
E-5	256	272	285	299	320	338	352	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
E-4	234	246	260	272	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284
E-3	211	225	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238
E-2	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
E-1	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179

E-1 with less than four months: \$166

All amounts rounded to nearest dollar. Source: <http://www.navy.mil/navypaychart.html>

Take Note

Promotions

Congratulations to the following people promoted to the grades indicated:

...to Tech. Sgt.
Richard Gilchrist Jr., 25th APS
James Williamson, MXG

...to Staff Sgt.
Robert Bing, MXS
Josua Burton, 357th AS
Christel Carlyle, 25th APS
Newton Howell III, MXS

Christopher Scholtz, MXS
Thomas Speight Jr., ASTS

...to Senior Airman
Shaun Donahue, SFS

...to Airman
Tony D'Onforio, AMXS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Wing swings into holiday season

Above, the spirit of giving was in evidence all around the 908th Airlift Wing during the December UTA as unit members again demonstrated their commitment to caring. Leading the way were the unit first sergeants who made sure the 908th 'took care of its own' by sponsoring the Christmas Clearinghouse. Senior Master Sgt. Don Johnson, left, Master Sgt. Nick Monday and Senior Master Sgt. Kymberly Corkum, AMXS, LRS and MOF first sergeants respectively, count the money donated by wing members to the Christmas Clearinghouse program. Proceeds help make the holiday brighter for wing families in need.

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