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# Comm Flt strives for service

**T**he Communications and Information field recently went through an AFSC conversion, mostly in preparation for new Cyber space Command.

For some of you this means an increase of capabilities for certain Communications AFSC's. The old 3Axxx AFSC, now 3D1xx, has increased capabilities of including Client Support, Radio Transmission, and/ or Cyber Support tasks among a few other things. It will be imperative for members of the Communication Community to keep abreast of any new training requirements to met the needs of our customer and potential taskings. With recent changes and a new mission, your communications flight is ready to provide our customers with excellent client support.

We have restructured communications flight so that each group (HQ, ASTS, MSG, MXG, and OG) has a dedicated team to address comm issues during Unit Training

Assembly weekends.

If you have a Comm-related problem:



CAPT. DIEDRE RANDOLPH  
Commander, 908th Comm Flt

Call the Comm Help Desk at 953-9703 to report the problem. The issue will then be logged and assigned to a member of your designated work team. The dedicated team assigned to each group can assist the units within the group with "high-visibility" items, such as setting up Share Point sites and file plans, as well as providing "how-to" documents for certain processes.

I am pleased to say we have completed the migration to the Vista OS. As a result, you may notice applications look a little different. In an effort to help ease the pain of the new look and feel of your Microsoft software applications, helpful tips will be provided in the Southern Flyer, entitled "COMM CHECK."

These tips will focus on functions within the application to make tasks more efficient, reduce email size, and make us better stewards of our network.

# A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) JAMIE DANFORD

We are in the middle of summer vacation, and by the time you read this another 4th of July will have come and gone. I hope all of us took time to celebrate the freedom of this great nation, and the freedom we enjoy is a great gift.

Thomas Paine once said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." This rings true for the 908th Airlift Wing. From our colleagues who are deployed to those who just recently returned — all have "undergone the fatigue."

Sometimes we may look around and wonder if we are using this great and precious gift to the best of our ability. Have we been good stewards?

One of the great benefits that our political freedom gives us is the ability to chart our own course — to set our own destiny. In the past we have done good things, and we have done bad things — but we always have the ability to change. What it requires is for us to look within our hearts, take stock, and do what is right.

May we always give our allegiance and honor to God.

May we seek to serve and give to others before ourselves.

May we work without looking for reward.

May we do what is right — not necessarily what is popular.

May we realize that as great as we may be — there is one who is greater.

# Familiar face graces 908th

MAJOR DERSCH ASSUMES MANTLE AS WING CHAPLAIN

Wing commander Colonel Clark has officially appointed Chaplain (Major) David Dersch to be the new wing chaplain, as of July 1. Chaplain Dersch is no stranger to the wing, having been a member for the past four years. It began when former wing chaplain, "Chaplain Bob" Anders, lured him away from his IMA position at the 42nd Airbase Wing here at Maxwell.



Chaplain Dersch is excited to be the new section chief of the 908th's chapel team, replacing Chaplain Armstrong, the outgoing wing chaplain, who will be taking an IMA position out of state.

"Our chapel team had great success under Chaplain Armstrong. AFRC awarded us the chaplain service Ministry of Presence Award for the years 2007-08. The Inspector General recognized us as an Outstanding Team during the 2008 UCI. We have great personnel, and I look forward to continue working with Chaplain Danford and Tech. Sgt. Peterson, the chaplain assistant."

Chaplain Dersch has not been around the wing very much during the last year. He has been attending Air Command and Staff College at Air University, where he graduated June 7 with a masters degree in Military Operational Arts and Science. Prior to this he deployed for an AEF rotation to Al Udeid Air Base Qatar, where he served as Senior Protestant Chaplain.

Chaplain Dersch was quite active in this position. Before leaving for

deployment, he completed Patriot Defender training with the security forces squadron, as well as being the executive officer of the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) under Colonel Andre, the former vice wing commander.

"We leave no airman behind," was a motto of our HRDC," he said, "and that includes spiritually.

"One of my primary purposes is to make sure that every 908th Airman knows that the chapel team is there for them. I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence and family camaraderie that makes the 908th the outstanding wing that it is."

Chaplain Dersch and his wife, Marcia, a registered nurse, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in December. They have five children: the oldest two are grown and living out of state, one son is in college and his youngest son and daughter are in high school. He and his family have lived in Prattville since 1997, where they moved after serving a church in Michigan for 11 years. In his civilian job he ministers as the chaplain at Prattville Baptist Hospital. For nine years prior to this he was the pastor of Open Door Baptist Church in Prattville.

The chapel offices are on the second floor of the wing headquarters building, opposite side from the pay office. The phone number is 953-5372. Personal counseling with a chaplain is considered confidential and privileged communication.

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### COVER PHOTO:

Col. Brett Clark, 908th Airlift Wing commander, and Wing Command Chief Cameron Kirsey greet Cederic, Caden and Caleb Robbins at a recent Yellow Ribbon event.



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The submission deadline for articles or information is the Monday two weeks prior to the UTA. Send inquiries and submissions to 908AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 or e-mail them to 908aw.pa@maxwell.af.mil. Our phone number is (334) 953-6804 or DSN 493-6804; our fax number is (334) 953-2202 or DSN 493-2202. For information about this schedule, call this office at (334) 953-7874.

# Mighty Practical Funtime

All work, no play makes  
personnel specialists  
a pretty dull group



By Gene H. Hughes  
908th AW Public Affairs

Where could one find a training schedule that includes professional enhancement as well as games, food, flames and fun on the water? For one week in June, the 908th Airlift Wing Military Personnel Flight had all of that for its annual training, which has been growing in popularity and creativity since the program was started in 2001.

Broken down into three activities, the training includes both MPF and non-MPF-specific events. All activities are available to the entire wing.

The first activity, starting first thing Monday, concentrated on all MPF processes that we have throughout the wing, such as officer and enlisted performance reports, as well as training on how the procedures for these processes and reports

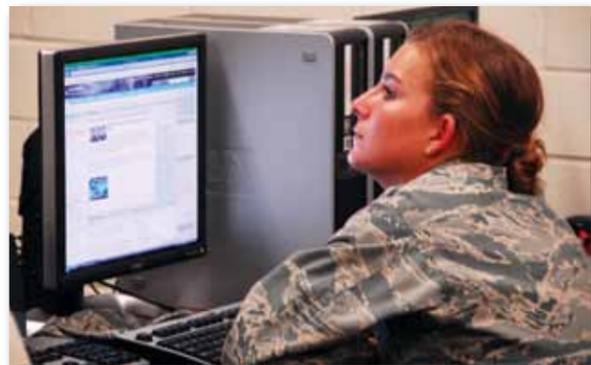
should work.

This is personnel training, and by Air Force Instruction the MPF is responsible for the upgrade training of all personnel specialists.

"This gives us time to target areas where our reservists need training to help bring them into compliance," said Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy, 908 MPF superintendent.

The second activity, which took place over the next two days, included a thorough examination of Career Field Education and Training Plan items, such as updating records and filling out specific forms.

There were also team-building events built into the schedule. In one exercise, members were divided into two teams and separated. Using wooden blocks, each team had to navigate an imaginary lava flow towards a C-130,



Left, Senior Airman Anthony Green smiles after a session of self-aid buddy care. Above, Senior Airman Mellisa Hamilton learns about various data systems..

which would carry them to safety. But there were fewer blocks than team members, so only through cooperation would the goal be reached.

"Team-building exercises are important to add variety to the normal briefings, said Major Sara Butler, 908 Mission Support Flight commander. "They teach leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. Down the road, most members remember these exercises much more than some of the normal training activities."



Orderly room members from March JARB try to cross a lava flow as part of a team-building exercise. Right, Master Sgt. Bernard Brown from the 315th MSF at Charleston AFB describes a data system form.



The last activity finished out the week on Thursday and Friday. During this time, MPF personnel received the ancillary training required to remain mobility qualified. Members refreshed their chemical warfare training, fire extinguisher and self aid and buddy care skills. Taking care of these requirements minimizes the time members will be out of pocket during Unit Training Assemblies, when Traditional Reservists most need their assistance.

This year, the MPF moved part of the training to the wing com-

munications flight training room for hands-on experience with Air Force computer data systems. Members were able to work with the Civilian Employment Information report, Military Personnel Data System, and other forms that are associated with the MPF.

For the past seven years, some special out-of-town guests — maintenance orderly room members of March Joint Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif. — have been taking advantage of the 908th MPF training.

The Maxwell-March personnel also competed in the first-ever Airman's Manual Jeopardy Game, where players were split into three teams. Contestants not only had to answer the question, but also were required to justify their response by providing the answer's location in the manual. For example, for the

question "what is the life of a Chemical Protective Overgarment once it's removed from the factory sealed bag," the answer would be "What is 120 days, page 20."

The week's activities came to a close Friday with a kayak outing on the Coosa River.

"It was a great team-building exercise," said Senior Airman Anthony Green. "It helped me better grasp the meaning of the wingman concept. I definitely learned what the consequences were when you stopped paddling upon hitting those rapids. The water threw us everywhere, and you definitely wanted someone to be there to pull you out."

"The popularity of the class keeps growing," said Sergeant Roy. "This training is not only very educational, but work friendly as well. We were able to maximize training with minimal downtime for the MPF. We were not only able to learn, but we had a fun time doing it and we look forward to seeing everyone out again for MPF training 2011."



Left, personnel specialists prepare to lift a 'wounded' Airman during a self-aid buddy care class.

# UTAS in the ROK?

## WILL RESERVE UNITS BENEFIT SOUTH KOREA'S AIR FORCE? ANALYST INVESTIGATES OPTIONS AT 908TH AIRLIFT WING

By Gene H. Hughes  
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Dr. So Chin Tae, a highly respected airpower analyst and retired lieutenant general from the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF), recently visited Alabama's only Air Force Reserve Command unit to get a firsthand mission briefing in order to broaden his understanding of the AFRC airlift component.

General So, who is preparing a study for the ROKAF to consider building a reserve component within its organization, requested the visit through Lt. Gen. Allen Peck, commander of Air University. Upon his arrival, he received a mission briefing on the unit and the AFRC by wing commander Col. Brett Clark, who acted as the general's personal guide during his visit.

The two also visited a hanger where the colonel showed his guest several aspects of the C-130, includ-

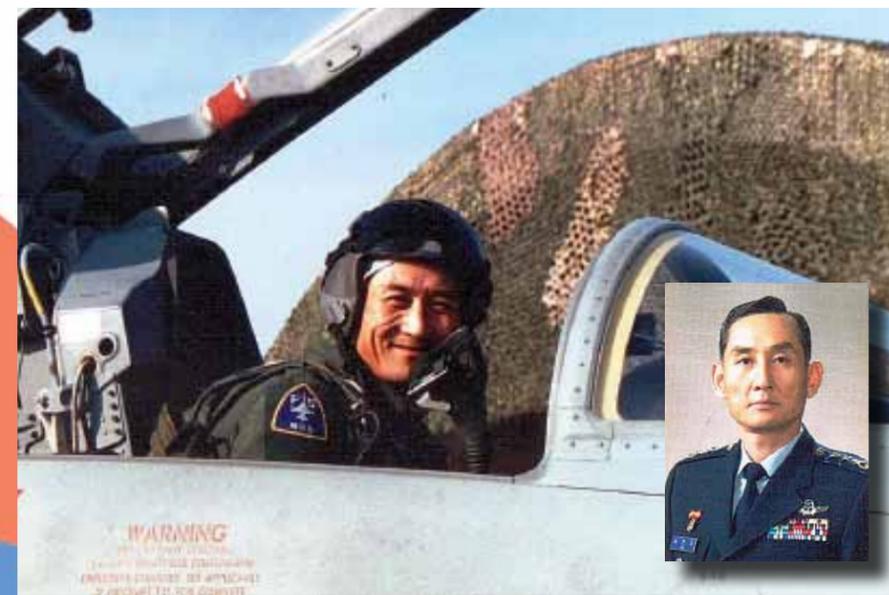


Dr. So Chin Tae, a retired lieutenant general with the Republic of Korea Air Force and airpower analyst, gets a mission briefing and overview of future C-130H improvements from Wing Commander Col. Brett Clark.

ing future improvements.

The general, himself a former wing commander -- the 10th Fighter Wing -- and former Chief of Staff of the ROKAF Combat Operations Command, had many questions for his host, which covered a wide

range of areas concerning Reserve airpower. Such topics included the advantages of having airpower in three separate components: active-duty, Air National Guard, and the Reserve; primary operations of Reserve forces in peacetime and war;



December 1985: Then-BGen. So Chin Tae, commander of the ROKAF's 10th Fighter Wing, prepares to exit the cockpit of an F-5E aircraft after landing at Suwon Air Base, south of Seoul. Inset: Lt. Gen. So's official photograph as the superintendent of the ROKAF Academy in 1991.

personnel career management of Reserve personnel; and the missions of Air National Guard and Reserve Units in Alabama.

"I learned a lot," General So said, "in particular, the USAFR's Air Reserve Technician system. The wing's future improvement programs such as the AN-24 Low Power Color Radar, LAIRCM defensive system and the Avionics Modernization Program drew both my attention and envy. We have, practically speaking, no ROKAF airlift reserve forces comparable to the USAFR."

"General So's visit was educational for me also," said Col. Clark. "He presented plenty of valuable insight into the ROK military establishment and their desire to evolve and remain a viable fighting force into the future.

"More importantly, his visit offered me a unique opportunity to learn first-hand from a true ally and key leader in a foreign military."

The general, a leading authority

on South Korean airpower, holds a masters degree in political science from Auburn University-Montgomery. He received his doctorate in 1996, four years after his retirement.

His thesis, written while studying at the University of London is entitled "Ideas and Concepts: The South Korean Air Force and U.S. Korea Policy, 1946-1956." It is but one of many articles and treatises the general has written on the subjects of the United States connection with South Korea in the arena of air power and mobility during the Korean War, Korean defense policy, the North Korean military and the mission of the ROKAF.

He has argued that the improvement of South Korea's ability to transport personnel and equipment to areas of operations are just as important as fighter aircraft. He has also urged ROKAF leaders to expand the country's C-130H fleet (10) by acquiring the C-130J.

"I enjoyed very much my visit

to the 908th Airlift Wing and am impressed with Col. Clark's professional and duty-minded confidence in commanding his unit," General So said. "I could not agree more with what he stresses in his expectations of his members: accountability, chain of command, empowerment and loyalty (unit pride).

"His emphasis on three core values -- integrity/moral compass, service before self/mission priority and excellence -- are also recommendable for all of the ROKAF airlift units. I think the 908th Airlift Wing can greatly help the ROKAF capitalize on the vitalizations of its reserve airlift component by benchmarking the 908th from A to Z."

"Let me say that on behalf of all members of the 908th Airlift Wing, we were all flattered and truly honored by Gen. So's visit," Col. Clark said. "Of 33 flying wings in the Air Force Reserve, he chose the 908th to specifically study and benchmark from while considering the creation of an Air Force Reserve Component within the ROK military.

"For me, that is undoubtedly the most important takeaway of all."



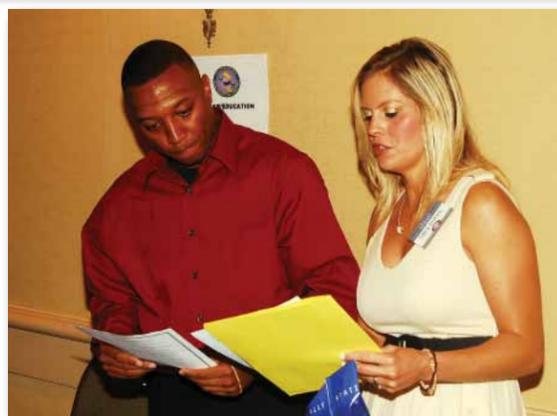
# Taking care of our own



## YR programs give boost to families

Approximately 50 family members gathered at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. for a deployment Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program June 19 to learn what assistance is available to them while their loved ones are serving overseas.

"The event has been very helpful and needed," said Melinda Tidwell. "I didn't really think I would need all this information, especially after four deployments. If any spouses feel like they're going 'crazy,' don't be afraid or ashamed to use the services provided."



Clockwise from above, Wing commander Col. Brett Clark and Command Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey welcome Anna Claire Smith. Lori Dixon poses with tucked-out daughter, Hannah. Nasia Brooks jumps rope in the children's area. Debbie Smith from the wing finance office assists Kermit and Carolyn McColium. Staff Sgt. Aaron Knight discusses education benefits with Melinda Tidwell.



Air Force photos/  
Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

## Wing to host employers, clergy in fall

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 later this year.

These events provide a chance for your employer (both supervisor and president/chief executive officer) and minister to see your part of the wing mission and how their support of your service helps accomplish that mission. They will also get an opportunity to learn about the Air Force Reserve, as well as take a ride aboard one of our C-130s.

The date for the Employers Day has not been set, but wing members are encouraged to start making nominations.

Clergy Day is planned for Oct 1, the Friday before the October UTA. Nominations must be received no later than Aug. 20.

To make a nomination, fill out the forms below and return them to the Public Affairs office, Bldg. 1056, room 100 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-6355. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804/7874.

### Employer's Day Nominations

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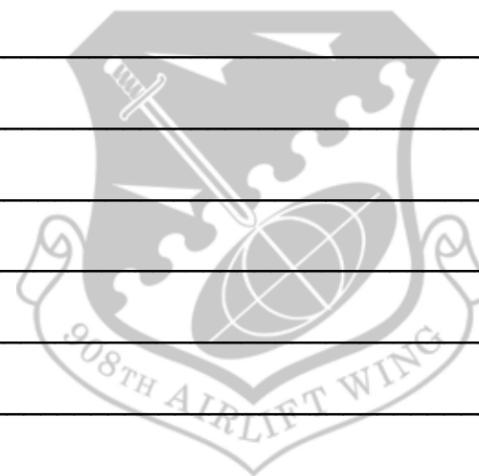
Company/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Company mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Reservist name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your civilian job title: \_\_\_\_\_



### Clergy Day Nominations

Unit duty phone: \_\_\_\_\_

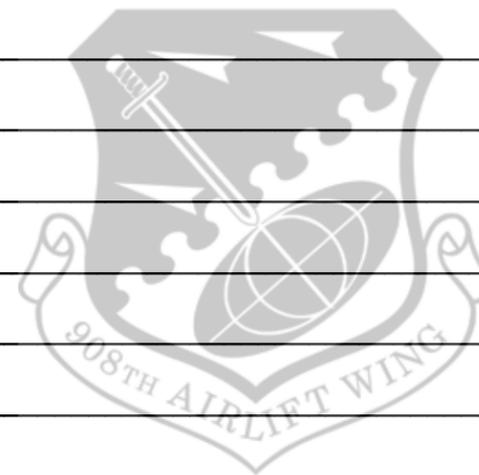
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Denomination/affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Reservist name/Unit duty phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Member's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Member's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome Newcomers!

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| Maj. Stephen M. Mitchell, ASTS           | SSgt. Shannon M. Montgomery, SFS |
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| Capt. James S. Williamson, AES           | SrA Donovan L. Johnson, LRS      |
| 2nd Lt. David L. Castillo, 357 AS        | SrA Ricky O. Law, 25 APS         |
| SMSgt. Clarafrancie D. Cromer, ASTS      | SrA Steele D. Myrick, 25 APS     |
| TSgt. Linnette P. Clarke, MSF            | SrA Joseph F. Peterson, CES      |
| TSgt. Thomas A. Day, LRS                 | SrA Shinasta Surles, OSF         |
| TSgt. Wesley P. Eidson, CES              | A1C Amanda L. Andrews, MXS       |
| TSgt. Russell Fields, LRS                | A1C Marcus M. Black, AMXS        |
| TSgt. Thomas Roberts, APS                | A1C Christopher Bridges, MXS     |
| TSgt. Jennifer G. Timion, CES            | A1C David A. Hamilton, CES       |
| SSgt. Lashunta D. Bryant, MXG            | A1C Matthew R. Mulligan, CES     |
| SSgt. Cathryn E. Eddins, MXS             | A1C Justin C. Nettles, 357 AS AB |
| SSgt. Heather M. Hanna, OSF              | Stasha Core, LRS                 |
| SSgt. Luke A. Hasse, 25 APS              | AB Marquel D. Jones, CES         |
| SSgt. Mark S. Hill, MXS                  | AB Jacob T. Orr, AES             |
| SSgt. Lucas R. Maddox, CF                | Amn Cameron D. Barber, ASTS      |

## Retirement Requests 2010

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| Lt. Col. Allison Marshall            | Senior Master Sgt. Mark Lanton | Master Sgt. Matthew Higgins |
| Maj. Brian Vaughn                    | Master Sgt. Anthony Crosman    | Master Sgt. Donna Bursley   |
| Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Coleman     | Master Sgt. Gaston Cannon III  | Tech. Sgt. Sharon Leadford  |
| Chief Master Sgt. Kimberly Devore    | Master Sgt. Terry Grobels      | Tech. Sgt. Michael Lowman   |
| Chief Master Sgt. Thrasher Jones Jr. | Master Sgt. Michael Simmons    | Tech. Sgt. Harry Mitchell   |
| Senior Master Sgt. Marlin Brandon    | Master Sgt. Joe Houston        | Tech. Sgt. Marcus Martin    |
|                                      | Master Sgt. Joel Stanfield     | Tech. Sgt. Dennis Williams  |



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Key Spouse program exists to provide peer-to-peer support to family members, especially during deployments. If your loved one is deployed and you have any questions, concerns, or would like to be placed on a contact list to receive family support e-mails, please let me know. Also, if you would like to participate in our family support group as a unit point of contact, deployed family sponsor, or deployment and homecoming events we would love for you to join us.

Teresa



### Chief Master Sergeant

 Joseph Spraggins

### Senior Master Sergeant

 Brian K. McNutt  
Maryk Hawkins

### Master Sergeant

 Lawrence S. Cathcart  
Dennis W. Henley  
James E. Loper  
Michael G. Parrish

### Technical Sergeant

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Justin A. Proctor  
Broderick D. Smith

### Staff Sergeant

 Kimberly Barnett  
Shaun B. Donahue  
Michael D. Hill Jr.  
Taylor R. Koh  
James M. Scott

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Chiquita I. Charles  
Earl Dickerson II  
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Marlin D. Kennedy  
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Christopher R. Schlotterbeck

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Justin A. Lovett  
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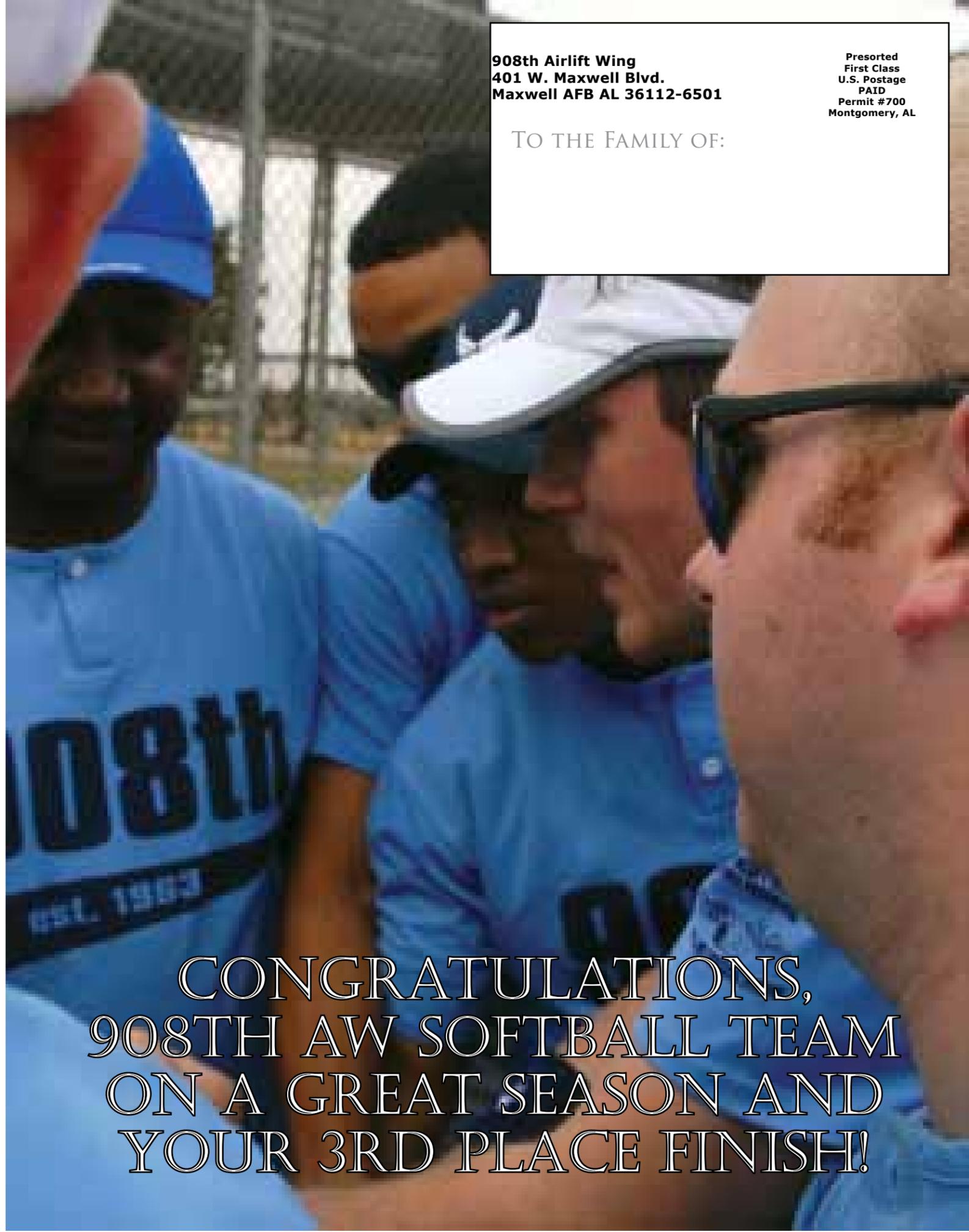
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