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Continuation of Excellence

“Is anyone else surprised that we’re nearing the end of 2010 already? Time flies when you’re having fun!

As we consider the upcoming year, let’s take time to look back on the blessings of the one soon to pass. Many of us have had the opportunity to serve outside the gates, whether bringing aid and comfort to the disaster-stricken populations of Haiti and Pakistan, or through the deployment of many operators, maintainers and our fearless leader.

You’ve truly brought “service before self” into sharp focus for me and many others in the wing — thank you.

Unfortunately, much of our future is not as clearly identifiable right now. At press time, the Congress has not passed a Fiscal 2011 budget, so we are operating under fairly austere financial constraints. This situation has a wide range of consequence: some members are barely affected while the participation plans of others are thrown into total disarray.

We’ll get through this challenging period by sticking together and

maximizing efficiency.

I’d ask us all to make another commitment to excellence in the New Year. We continue to claim

individual awards and recognition, with Senior Airman Gabriel Bush bringing home the 22 AF General Leo Marquez Award most recently. Now it’s time to combine our strengths and take the entire wing to the next level of distinction.

I promise you that your senior leadership is focused on and dedicated to this effort — you’ll get nothing but the highest level of support from us. Please continue to work within your shops and units to provide the highest quality service for your fellow Airmen.

Finally, take the time to show your families and friends how much you appreciate them during this holiday season. Speaking only for myself, they are the reason I continue to serve and I couldn’t do it without each one.

I am blessed and humbled to serve with you and wish you the merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year!



COL. ROBERT H. SHEPHERD
Wing Commander

A MOMENT WITH THE
CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) DAVID DERSCH

“Peace be with you” is a common greeting in many churches. Being at peace with others, yourself, and God, truly is a blessed state. Peace is the absence of strife, contention, turmoil, and enmity. Peace is the presence of calmness, tranquility, and harmony.

As members of the American military, we often think in terms of international politics, of preparing for and participating in war. But our goal is not conquest or glory. Rather, our purpose is defending society from those outside our shores who would disrupt our peace. And when we fight in foreign lands, our ultimate goal is for a just peace. Although fighting may stop, this does not mean a just peace exists. Peace comes when people (and nations) treat each other fairly and work together for a common good.

It is sad that many Airmen, while fighting for peace abroad, do not experience peace in their own families, or in the quietness of their soul. When the angels announced the birth of Jesus, they declared that there should be peace on earth among men of good will. Elsewhere the coming Messiah is called the “Prince of peace.”

May God’s peace be with you and yours this holiday season. And while you are doing your part to bring peace on earth, please know that we, as your chapel staff, stand ready to do our part to help you have peace in your personal life.

Group commander
bids farewell to wing

LT. COL. ALLISON MARSHALL
Former MSG Commander

It’s been four great years of hard work, long hours, and great relationships. Unfortunately, it’s time to leave my temporary home at Maxwell Air Force Base and return to New Orleans, La.

But before I do, I’d like to take a few moments to bid you all farewell.

I’d like to thank Col. Shepherd (and of course Col. Clark) and his staff for their confidence, trust, and wise counsel. I’d like to thank my fellow group commanders, Colonels Jennings, von Hoffman, and Phillips for their patience, cooperation, and understanding during some very difficult and trying times.

I’d like to thank Colonels Killough and Bargery for giving the Mission Support Group a seat at their table to find ways to help each other.

I’d like to thank my family for their love and support. I couldn’t have done this job and have a little fun in my life without them.

And most of all, thank you 908th Mission Support Group — staff (especially Lt. Col. Mumford), commanders, supervisors, first sergeants, and Airmen. It’s been an honor, privilege, and pleasure in serving you and serving with you.

You had the greatest training challenges and the least amount of time to accomplish them. Yet you found a way to get the job done and I am proud of you. You’ve done everything I’ve asked you to do and



then some. I won’t forget it. I’ve borrowed a lot of time from family, friends, and my business to be here for you. It was worth it because you deserve that and more.

To Col. Peterson, it’s your house now. My sole intent was to leave a solid foundation for you to build the next level and I hope I’ve done that for you.

And finally to all a quote by Albert Schweitzer: “In everyone’s life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.”

Traditional Reservists, ARTs and civilians of the 908th Airlift Wing, in one way or another, each of you has continuously rekindled my inner spirit.

Farewell and best wishes.

LT. COL. ALLISON A. MARSHALL
USAFR, RETIRED



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COVER PHOTO:

Standing next to ‘War Eagle,’ one of the C-130H transport aircraft belonging to the 908th Airlift Wing, Santa Claus strikes an impressive pilot’s pose.

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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.

Thanks for your support!

“Without our employers, there are no deployers”

908th Airlift Wing invites members' employers, clergy to see mission up close

By Gene H. Hughes
908th AW Public Affairs

Air Force Reservists lead oft-misunderstood and under appreciated double lives. Most of the time, the civilians don't really get it, and the active-duty folks don't have any respect for it.

But Reservists have a unique opportunity most employees will never know: They get to report for work in two (often completely different) occupational fields. It takes a special kind of person to understand and support the demands and sacrifices faced by men and women of the Air Force

Reserve Command and their families.

Each Friday prior to the October and November Unit Training Assemblies, the 908th Airlift Wing took the opportunity to thank employers and clergy of its members by hosting these two groups who have provided the kind of much-needed support its Airmen need to accomplish the mission.

Each group began their day with the 908th at the Maxwell AFB Visitors' Center, where they were picked up and transported by bus to the 357th Airlift Squadron. Each visit included a driving tour of the base, lunch at the River Front Inn Dining Facility, a welcome from wing commander Col. Robert Shepherd, mission and safety briefings, and an orientation flight aboard one of the wing's C-130H aircraft.

Employers were also given the opportunity to accompany their Airmen to their work areas to see the functions their workers perform while on orders before being transported back to their vehicles at the Visitors' Center.

There were many positive comments from both groups. The clergy were enthusiastic about Chaplain Jamie Danford's presentation on how they can help support military members when they return home



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Above, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Harper assists a clergyman don a helmet. Lower left, Senior Airman Vista McDuffie and one of his AT&T supervisors. Below, Capt. Tonia Stephens has lunch with Linda Casey of the Alabama Forestry Commission from deployments.

“We look forward to continuing to build bridges with these community leaders in the future,” said Wing Chaplain Maj. David Dersch. “One of my goals for future clergy days is to recruit a clergy member from the local area around Maxwell to serve as a chaplain with the 908th.”

Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Taylor, Maintenance Group superintendent,



is responsible for all enlisted personnel and maintenance activities while in uniform, but as a civilian, he works for LeRoy Mackedanz, of Sanmina-SCI, Defense and Aerospace Division (DAS) in Huntsville, Ala. as Director of Production Test and Test Engineering.

“Greg is a great employee and I'm sure that his military work habits match what I see from him on a daily basis,” Mr. Mackedanz said.

Mackedanz, DAS VP of Operations and 908th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Constance von Hoffman took the opportunity to discuss operational aspects and the effects of Citizen Airmen from the perspective of both sides prior to the orientation flight over central Alabama.

“... He was able to witness a few of our products manufactured here within DAS in operation by the end users,” Chief Taylor said. “Despite



Above, Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Taylor, center, introduces his civilian employer, LeRoy Mackedanz of Sanmina-SCI, left, to his military commander, Col. Constance von Hoffman. Below right, Master Sgt. David Greer gives a safety briefing.

the bumpy ride, it was exciting to have had the chance to show the boss first hand how the products we manufacture are utilized by military forces throughout the world.”

Virginia Whitfield of Whitfield Foods/Alaga Syrup, Inc., also en-

joyed the chance to see how Lt. Col. Joe Friday spends his military time.

“I loved learning and being able to support Joe, who is so special to me,” she said. “He is one in a million and we are blessed to have him at Whitfield and with the 908th!”



Rev. Rusty DeMoss of Christ Church takes a turn in the cockpit during the Clergy Day orientation flight.



Dinner & Dancing

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COMM CHECK: MAKING THE MEETING

908th Comm Flt

If you have a meeting that reoccurs every week or month, use the New Meeting Request function in Microsoft Outlook. You can reduce the amount of e-mail sent and it allows the recipient to see it on their calendar. They can even get a reminder before the meeting starts! This and other "Comm How-to's" can be found at:

<https://maxpoint.maxwell.af.mil/sites/tenants/908/CF/Wing%20IT%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Creating an Outlook Meeting Request (Document with Pictures can be found at the above website or at:

<https://maxpoint%2Emaxwell%2Eaf%2Emil/sites/tenants/908/CF/Wing%20IT%20Documents/How%20To%20Outlook%20Meeting%20Request.docx>).

1. Open Outlook
2. Press Ctrl+Shift+Q (May also or select "New" (dropdown arrow) and select "Meeting Request")
3. The "Meeting Request" window is now open.
4. In the "To" field, enter all addresses you want to invite to the meeting. You can also select the "To" button to gain access to your contact information or the Global Address List.
5. Enter "Subject", "Location", and "Start and End Date/Time."
6. Scheduling Conflicts. The "Scheduling" button from the toolbar will show all invitees and indicate if they are available. You can also add invitees from this screen. Once completed, return to the previous screen by clicking "Appointments" on the toolbar.
7. In the bottom portion of the window, you should enter a detailed description of the meeting, such as purpose, agenda,

call-in number, etc.

8. **Attach Files.** You can also attach files, such as slides, for attendees to review. This can be done by dragging and dropping the files into the bottom portion of the window, or by selecting the insert tab at the top of the screen and selecting "attach file."

9. **Reminder.** If you wish to have a reminder popup set to remind attendees of the meeting, you may do so with the dropdown arrow next to the bell icon in the tool bar. The standard default is 15 minutes.

10. If this is a reoccurring meeting (weekly), you can set a recurrence. Select "Recurrence" from the toolbar. Set "start" and "end" times. Select Weekly and Wednesday. In the "Range of recurrence" portion select "no end date", and select "Ok"

11. Once you have everything set, hit the "Send" button. When the invitee accepts the request, their calendar will be updated.

NEW REQUIREMENT. MISSION IMPACT

Policy states that all network PC's must be restarted every seven days and logged into every 30 days. Do you know who does this for you while you are away? If not, find out or you may find you can't log on to accomplish your mission.

1. **Reboot/Restart your PC once a week.** Monday prior to starting work or Friday before you leave for the weekend would be a good time for this. Set up a reminder on your calendar for your reboot day/time. If you are going to be out of the office for over a week, have a coworker do it for you.
2. **You, or someone designated by you, must log on to your PC at least once every 30 days.** This is for validation of the PC, not the user. If you are going to be out of the office for over 30 days, have a coworker log on for you. A good practice would be to send your coworker a 15-minute meeting request with reminder.

EDUCATION & TRAINING: LEADERSHIP COURSE SET FOR FEB 2011

The AFRC Force Management & Development Branch is pleased to announce its next Commander/First Sergeant/Senior ART Course, with the follow-on Command Legal Issues Course (CLIC).

The course will be given at the Doubletree Hotel, Atlanta-Buckhead, in Atlanta. The course dates are Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 17-20, 2011.

The course provides an environment to explore individual roles and responsibilities, which becomes

the basis for the development of a memorandum of understanding and teamwork. Trust, Communication, Commitment and Cooperation is the foundation of the workshop.

Each member of the TRIAD is highly encouraged to attend the follow-on Judge Advocate training (CLIC). A member of the Wing JA function will be invited to attend.

ELIGIBILITY: AFRC Squadron/Flight Commanders, First Sergeants and Senior ARTS (all must attend together). Others may attend

on a case-by-case basis.

REGISTRATION: Quotas are allocated by HQ AFRC OL-A1 PDC. Applicants must complete the registration form by Jan 14, 2010.

For more information, contact Capt. Adria Hammond, DSN 497-1291 or (800) 223-1784, ext. 1291, or via e-mail at adria.hammond@us.af.mil, or afrc.a1ka.2@us.af.mil.

The alternate point of contact is Marsha Twining, who can be reached at DSN 497-2027, or via e-mail at marsha.twining@us.af.mil.

Don't turn your turkey into TNT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN IRON CHEF TO COOK A TURKEY, BUT BEING EXTRA CAREFUL IS A GOOD IDEA.

908th Safety Office

Let's start with the basics: Never thaw a frozen turkey at room temperature! Use one of these methods.

Refrigerator – This is the best way! Leave the turkey in its original bag, set it in a pan, and put it in the refrigerator. It takes about 4 hours per pound – two or three days for an average size turkey.

Cold Water – Leave the turkey in the bag, put it in the sink, and cover it completely with cold water. Either leave the water running slowly or change it every half hour. This takes about 30 minutes per pound.

Turkey Deep Frying

The latest trend in preparing a turkey is deep frying. However, if you don't take precautions, you may end up with an injury or fire. Deep fryers can be dangerous because:

- ◆ Many units easily tip over, spilling hot oil from the pot.
- ◆ If the pot is overfilled with oil, it may spill out when the turkey is placed into the pot. Oil may hit the burner/flames causing a fire.
- ◆ Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too, may result in an extensive fire.
- ◆ Hot sides of the pot, lid and pot handles pose burn hazards.

Deep Fried Turkey Cooking Tips:

- ◆ Follow the instructions.
- ◆ Only deep fry smaller turkeys – up to 12 pounds.



Safety Sense



◆ Use oils with high-smoke points such as peanut, canola and safflower.

◆ To determine the amount of oil, put the turkey in the basket and place in the pot. Add water until it reaches one to two inches above the turkey. Lift the turkey out, and use a ruler to measure the distance from the water to the top of the fryer. Pour out the water and dry the fryer completely.

◆ Remember, it can take 20 minutes to an hour to heat the oil, depending on the weather.

◆ Before frying, pat turkey dry with paper towels to keep the hot oil from splattering and popping.

◆ Slowly lower turkey into oil, and maintain oil temp of 350F. Fry for three to four minutes per

pound or about 35 to 42 minutes for a 10- to 12-pound turkey.

Safety Tips:

- ◆ Fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- ◆ Make sure fryer is used on a flat surface.
- ◆ Never leave fryer alone.
- ◆ Most do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it ignites.
- ◆ Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use and even after, as the oil can remain dangerously hot for hours.
- ◆ Don't overfill the fryer.
- ◆ Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- ◆ Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or an explosion hazard.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water.

Welcome Newcomers!

Capt. Pamela R. Stucky, ASTS
 2nd Lt. Jessica M. Stone, SFS
 SMSgt. Theresa Hunt, AW
 TSgt. Alfred E. Davis, AMXS
 TSgt. Shatavia D. Fuller, SVF
 TSgt. Mona L. Palone, LRS
 SSGt. Dustin M. Barboza, 25 APS
 SSGt. Shiera B. Irving, ASTS

A1C Ivan Desindes, MXS
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 A1C Inna A. Early, 25 APS
 A1C Kisha K. Irvins, 25 APS
 A1C Patrick B. Read, MXS
 AB Timothy J. Gill, 357 AS
 AB Dustin C. Smith, AMXS
 AB Zachary B. Stanford, 25 APS

RETIREMENT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

On Saturday of the December UTA there will be a Reserve Retirement Transition Assistance Program (RRTAP) for all retirees targeted for retirements from Jan. 1 through Mar 30, 2011.

Anyone thinking about or plan-

ning to retire, or who has recently retired should attend.

The briefing will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Wing Conference Room, Bldg. 1056.

This is a quarterly briefing. The next RRTAP will be March 5, 2011.

Retirement Requests 2010-11

Col. James W. Bedsole
 Lt. Col. Allison Marshall
 Lt. Col. Donna Roberts
 Maj. David N. Hyre
 Chief Master Sgt. Kimberly Devore
 Chief Master Sgt. George E. Edwards

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Lanton
 Master Sgt. Vera I. Berry
 Master Sgt. Karen T. Morgan
 Master Sgt. Denise L. Thrailkill
 Master Sgt. Richard G. Windham
 Master Sgt. Joseph L. Smith

Tech. Sgt. Marcus Martin
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Smithers
 Tech. Sgt. Tanya Spell
 Tech. Sgt. Michael D. Ralph
 Tech. Sgt. George W. Carter Jr.
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Staff Sergeant



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