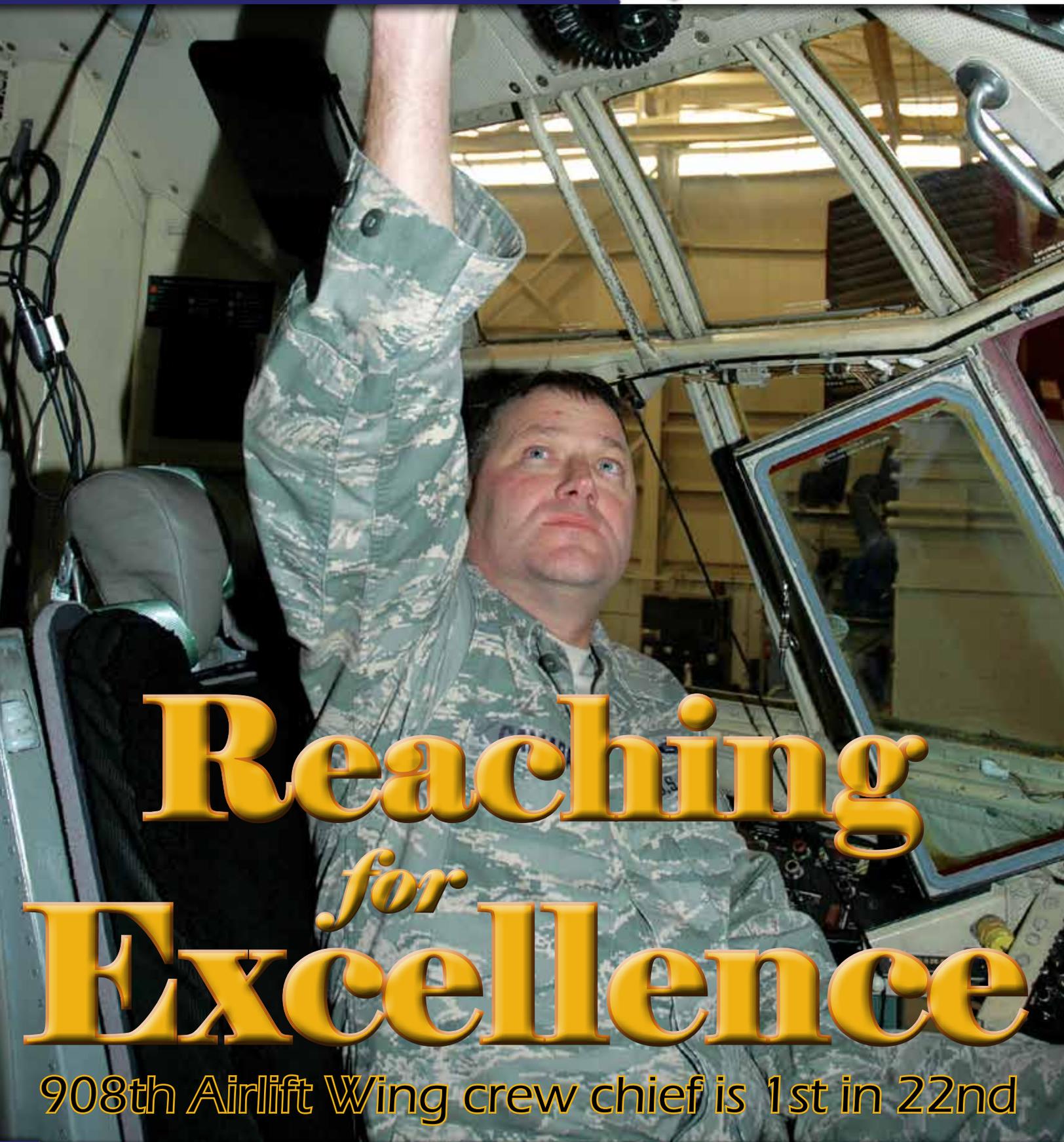


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# UCI Quest: The First Hurdle

**I**n February of 2012, the 908th Airlift Wing is scheduled for its next Air Force Reserve Command Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI). To help prepare us for that inspection, 22nd Air Force is providing a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) March 31 to April 4. With the imminent drawdown of the 22nd, this is the last full-blown SAV they will be performing, so it's in our best interest to take advantage of this opportunity.

By the time you read this, we'll only have one UTA and a matter of weeks and days to make final preparations for the SAV. With these thoughts in mind, I have some tips to help ensure we get maximum benefit from their visit.

First of all, be receptive to their visit. Get your office, section, shop, or squadron ready for the visit by sprucing up both the interior and exterior, keeping in mind safety provisions. Secondly, make sure you've run the applicable checklists from the Managers Internal Control Toolset (MICT) and LCAP for logistics entities.

This is the time to be brutally honest with yourself about the welfare of your programs. If you have a program or process that's not "up to speed" so to speak, then identify it

LT. COL. TROY VONADA  
Chief, Performance Planning

and derive a Corrective Action Plan to correct the deficiency.

Next, be sure to share these issues, or open items, with the SAV team as they can help you overcome deficiencies and may know of an existing benchmark to help improve your program. Finally, it's always a good practice to have continuity binders or folders in good shape, with appointment letters, AFIs, checklists, correspondence, "how-to" checklists, and any other information that may help in administration.

Again, I can't over emphasize the importance of being receptive and mentally ready for their visit. We are known for our hospitality and need to ensure we continue to provide it to each and every team and visitor we get. Be accepting of their critique. They are here to help us get ready for a challenging UCI. It'll be here before we know it, so let's do everything we can to plan and be ready.

Lastly, prepare a plan to get ready for the UCI and implement your plan, following up to make sure we're ready when AFRC rolls in.

So, let's clear the SAV hurdle and run a well-planned race to win the UCI!

## A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) DAVID DERSCH

During the upcoming UTA, Airmen from the 908th will be participating in the 2011 Winter Wingman Day. The theme for this event is "resiliency."

Resiliency is the flexibility to "bounce back" after a disappointing, or even devastating event. It's not only the ability to take a punch, but to step back into the ring. Many of you may be old enough to remember the commercial jingle "Weebles wobble but they don't fall down."

Resiliency is wobbling, but returning to a steady, productive status, instead of falling and staying down.

What does it take to be a resilient Airman? The Air Force core value of integrity is one important ingredient. An ancient proverb contrasting those with moral integrity and those who lack it, declares that a righteous man falls seven times and rises again, but those without justice stumble in times of calamity and stay down.

A just cause, personal integrity, and a clear conscience go a long way in providing resiliency.

During the stand-down this weekend be thinking about your personal resiliency, and purpose to do what it takes to develop and strengthen it. Do it for yourself, as well as your loved ones. As you personally develop the skill of bouncing back from difficulties, your family, friends, and co-workers will be encouraged.

Be a resilient Airman, so you can be a reliable Wingman.

# Sick of waiting area blues? Know your clinic how-to's

By Capt. Eva Allen  
908th ASTS

You report to your unit and discover that you have to come to the clinic. Nobody wants to come and sit in the clinic all day long. The providers in the 908th ASTS want that even less than you.

Here is a list of things that you can do to help us serve you better.

## Be on time

We scheduled appointments to accommodate as many members as possible. Timelines help us stay on schedule and shorten wait times.

## Be informed

Talk to your unit health monitor about your appointment. Find out exactly why you are scheduled. You may not need to come and see us. You don't want to find that out after you've been waiting two hours.

## Bring your documents

The providers do not have the authorization to diagnose or treat disease. We rely on documentation from other healthcare providers to update your military records. Please bring any documentation of your medical condition with you on your visit. Have your private doctor be as specific as possible regarding your limitations in duty. Failure to bring the necessary paperwork will result in additional visits to the clinic.

## Be patient

Appointments are scheduled in 15-minute increments. Depending on your individual case, it may take



**Trips to the clinic don't have to take hours. Knowing a few tips will keep your waiting area time to a minimum.**

more or less time. As the complexity increases, so does the visit time. Your patience is essential. The member with the difficult case could be you.

## Know your treatment

Bring a list of all of your medications with the dosage and frequency to your visit. Also bring documentation of any new diagnoses and/or surgical procedures that have come up since your last physical.

The 908th ASTS has the privilege of monitoring the health of the members of the 908th Air Wing. We take our job seriously. We want to provide you with the best service possible at all times. Please fill out a patient survey at the end of your visit to tell us what we have can change. We also want to know about what we are doing well.



U.S. Air Force Photo/  
Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder

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### COVER PHOTO:

Tech. Sgt. John Camarata checks out one of the wing's C-130s in the hanger bay during the January UTA. He was recently selected as best crew chief in the 22nd Air Force.

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# Seek

## ... and sometimes it finds you

### ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE TO ACCOMPLISH LEADS TO REWARDS FOR 908TH CREW CHIEF

By Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder  
*908th Public Affairs*

The 908th Airlift Wing is comprised of members with a host of accomplishments under their belts. Those who serve do so for more than just the paycheck. They serve out of patriotic duty, a need to accomplish something out of the ordinary and to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Technical Sgt. John Camarata is just one such member. Recently

hired as an Air Reserve Technician, the former active-duty Airman has also worked as an aircraft mechanic in Atlanta, Ga. His work ethic and professionalism have paid off.

He's the 22nd Air Force Best Crew Chief Award recipient.

"I've always liked airplanes since I was a kid," he said, "so when I graduated from high school, I joined the Air Force."

"With his efficiency and job competency, TSgt. Camarata helps

our missions succeed with the vast technical knowledge and experience he has gained," said Lieutenant. Col. Madalyn Marlott, 908th AMXS commander, who described TSgt. Camarata as a 'go-getter.'

"Besides being very professional in his duties, he sets an example for everyone he works with."

Chief Master Sergeant Leon E. Alexander, 908th AMXS counted off the topics discussed when considering a candidate for an award.

"What has the member done to help the unit and what have they done to generate or maintain the aircraft," he said. "The people who have done the most tend to win out due to their contributions. They select the best technician who performs the best job."

Chief Alexander went on to describe how TSgt. Camarata sets an example for excellence in everything he does, including his recent completion of the NCO academy and enrollment in classes to obtain his CCAF diploma. He also recently enrolled in the senior NCO joint PME.

The "service-above-self" credo also extends to TSgt. Camarata's personal life. Chief Alexander related how the Wingman, who has owned his own flooring business, repaired a unit member's home whose floor was damaged by flood waters. He drove to Alabama from his home in Georgia, working for free as well as donating materials to replace the water damaged floor.

In another instance, he helped a person in Atlanta suffering from Hodgkin's disease when learning the person, who for health reasons, could not tolerate the carpet.

Receiving his skills training

while on active duty, TSgt. Camarata began working on F-16s while stationed at Morón Air Base, Spain. He later worked as an aircraft mechanic for Delta Airlines for six years. The married father of four said he felt honored to win the award, attributing his success to everyone he works with.

"Everyone helped out by ensuring I stayed on the right path helping me achieve the goals I needed to meet to be successful," he said.

"I honestly believe you can't catch him sitting down," Chief Alexander said. "He's always looking for something to do."



Clockwise from upper left: Senior Airman Joshua Byrd of the Band of the Air Force Reserve plays a solo. Lt. Col. Joe Friday visits one of the booths. Katrina George and Godfrey Hutto share information with visitors. Donald Tarrance and his wife grab some breakfast. Tina and Gregory Justice look at the schedule. Brad Counce and Tim Oliver give a self-defense class. Wing Chaplain Maj. David Dersch greets a new arrival. Tech. Sgt. Alyson C. Jones sings a soul song. Celena and Michael Eubanks pose for a photo with Ronald and Donna King. Wing JAG Lt. Col. Joel Marsh gives a class on wills. 908th Yellow Ribbon Coordinator Felicia Cunningham talks with Debbie Smith of the wing finance office.



# Yellow Ribbon Rockin' the Sandestin

Members of the 908th Airlift Wing, along with several other units, took part in a regional Yellow Ribbon post-deployment event at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. Wing reps assisted Airmen and their families with programs on financial, administrative, spiritual and legal issues, as well as a self-defense presentation by members of the 908th SFS. After-hours events included a performance by the Band of the Air Force Reserve.



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Courtesy photo/Senior Master Sgt. Roy

**First Row:** Master Sgt. Edwin Soto (facilitator), Master Sgt. Monnica Reed, Master Sgt. Nicolette Shegstad, Master Sgt. Crystal Hamlet, Senior Master Sgt. Sherrie Campbell, Master Sgt. Yvonne Johnson, Master Sgt. David Crooks, Master Sgt. Christopher Devoid and Senior Master Sgt. Robert Potts (lead facilitator). **Second Row:** Master Sgt. Ommar Then, Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy, Master Sgt. Jayme Frey, Master Sgt. Cassandra Crayton, Master Sgt. Kurtis Sneide, Master Sgt. Annette Gruber, Master Sgt. Clarence Hester, Master Sgt. Wendy Beauchaine and 22nd Command Chief Steven Larwood. **Third Row:** 908th Airlift Wing Command Chief Camaron Kirksey, Master Sgt. Patrick Wilcox, Master Sgt. Daniel Strozyk, Master Sgt. Marc Mood, Master Sgt. George Crumbley, Master Sgt. Thomas Carney, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Welch, Master Sgt. Nicholas Lyndell, Master Sgt. Shatanya Cook, Master Sgt. Anthony Bourdeau and Master Sgt. Cochran Bishop.

## Wing hosts senior NCO leadership course

The 908 Airlift Wing recently hosted the Air Force Reserve Command Staff Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course.

The course provides SNCOs the opportunity to explore in-depth communication, trust, teamwork, and current AFRC leadership issues and initiatives. Each topic is presented

via a lecture/discussion coupled with an experiential opportunity followed with an analysis and feedback discussion. Attendees conduct a personalized assessment of their own leadership abilities and skills.

The course is completed with a group conducted assessment tool. Many senior enlisteds from wings

across AFRC: eight from Dobbins ARB, Ga.; two from Dover AFB, Del.; five from Niagara Falls AFB, NY.; two from Minneapolis AFB, Minn.; one from McChord AFB, Wash.; one from Westover AFB, Mass.; and seven from Maxwell took the opportunity to attend, making the course a success.



### CAPTION CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the first Southern Flyer Caption Contest have been decided. Third place goes to Master Sgt. Rodney Manney for "mmmmmm ... Judy Chop!!!" Second is awarded to Senior Master Sgt. Ted Sessoms (Ret.) for "Easy, it's just a lady bug." First place goes to Master Sgt. Alison Gomez for "Col. J uses the little-known 'Pilot Ear Tickle' maneuver to successfully subdue his adversary."

## Comm Check: Always keep an eye on your 'face'

SOME SOCIAL MEDIA USERS AREN'T JUST MAKING SOCIAL CALLS

By Tech. Sgt. Keith Rudolph  
908th Comm Flight

In monitoring your Facebook page (hopefully you do monitor it), have you ever noticed any unusual names on your friends list. Most of us normally don't think twice about it, but when you combine ethnicity with interests in software firms, WikiLeaks and various military Facebook pages, your personal identity concerns should go up a bit.

Is this simple, casual social networking or something more serious?

Our adversaries, especially the Chinese (pursuant to the unusual names concern) are voracious on Facebook, Twitter and MySpace at

this time. They are using these social media outlets to bypass established security on our network. This activity has increased since the DoD opened up these sites. The bad guys know it and are actively using it.

There are hundreds of known social media pages across multiple sites that are specifically set-up to lure in our service-members. Once they become "friends" (your site or theirs), a level of trust is established/implicit, and they begin to share information.

Gather enough information from all your 'friends' (dates, times, organization, locations, etc) and you begin putting together a larger intelligence puzzle without having to step foot within their fences, no matter

where in the world they might be.

As far as your personal Facebook pages go, I would suggest disallowing any unknown/unverified "friends" from a COMPUSEC/INFOSEC standpoint — if possible.

You obviously don't want to discriminate based on name alone, but this does indeed raise some serious red flags (no pun intended).

That said, I would watch closely for any follow-up correspondence/contact from such individuals, based on known escalation tactics/attack vectors used against DoD assets.

If possible, I would limit any "friends" on your Facebook page to legitimate, verifiable persons with a legitimate need-to-know.



**Airman of the Year**  
SrA Michael D. Campbell  
908th AMXS



**NCO of the Year**  
TSgt. Victor Senegar  
908th MXG



**SNCO of the Year**  
MSgt. Timothy W. Rollins  
908th MXG



**1stSgt of the Year**  
MSgt. Howard E. Deforest  
908th ASTS



**CGO of the Year**  
Capt. Dreidra L. Randolph  
908th CF

## BEST OF THE BEST 2011

### 1st Qtr

Airman: SrA Blake J. McArchie, 357 AS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Yvonne C. Johnson, 908 AMXS  
SNCO: Senior Master Sgt. Michael L. McGill, 908 MXS  
CGO: 1st Lt. Rachel Cain, 908 AMXS

### 2nd Qtr

Airman: SrA Gabriel A. Bush, 908 AMXS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Victor Senegar, 908 MXG  
SNCO: Master Sgt. Timothy W. Rollins, 908 MXS  
CGO: Capt. Agapito C. Hernandez, III, 908 IG

### 3rd Qtr

Airman: SrA Michael D. Campbell, 908 AMXS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Daniel B. Varnes, 908 MXS  
SNCO: Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia B. Mollock, 908 MSF  
CGO: Capt. Dreidra L. Randolph, 908 CF

### 4th Qtr

Airman: SrA Steven D. Harris, 908 MXS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Brian S. Peirpoint, 908 MXS  
SNCO: Master Sgt. Orenthia C. Herren, 908 ASTS  
CGO: none

## Safety Sense: What to Do If You Have a Blowout on a High-Speed Highway

Information provided by the  
908th Safety Office

Having a flat tire when driving is always a problem. But experiencing a flat or blowout while traveling on an interstate highway or other high-speed roadway can present special dangers. The National Safety Council offers these tips for coping with tire trouble:

At the first sign of tire trouble, grip the steering wheel firmly.

- ◆ Don't slam on the brakes.
- ◆ Let the car slow down gradually by taking your foot off the gas.

◆ Work your vehicle toward the breakdown lane or, if possible, toward an exit.

◆ If it is necessary to change lanes, signal your intentions to drivers behind and do so smoothly and carefully, watching your mirrors and the traffic around you very closely.

◆ Steer as your vehicle slows down. It is better to roll the car off the roadway (when you have slowed to 30 miles per hour) and into a safe place than it is to stop in traffic and risk a rear-end or side collision from other vehicles.

◆ When all four wheels are off

the pavement — brake lightly and cautiously until you stop.

◆ Turn the emergency flashers on.  
◆ It's important to have the car well off the pavement and away from traffic before stopping, even if proceeding to a place of safety means rolling along slowly with the bad tire flapping. You can drive on a flat if you take it easy and avoid sudden moves. Don't worry about damaging the tire. It is probably ruined.

◆ Once off the road, put out reflective triangles behind your vehicle to alert other drivers. Keep your emergency flashers on. If you know

how to change a tire, have the equipment and can do it safely without being near traffic, change the tire as you normally would.

◆ Remember that being safe must take precedence over your schedule or whatever other concerns you may have. Changing a tire with traffic whizzing past can be nerve-racking at best and dangerous at worst. Therefore, it may be best to get professional help if you have a tire problem or other breakdown on a multi-lane highway.

◆ Raise your hood and tie something white to the radio antenna

or hang it out a window so police officers or tow truck operators will know that you need help.

◆ Don't stand behind or next to your vehicle. If possible, stand away from the vehicle and wait for help.

◆ All interstate highways and major roads are patrolled regularly. Also, some highways have special "call-for-help" phones. If you have a cell phone you can call right from the roadside. It is inadvisable to walk on a multi-lane highway. However, if you can see a source of help and are able to reach it on foot, try the direct approach by walking but keeping as

far from traffic as possible.

These are the most important things to remember when dealing with a flat tire on the highway:

- ◆ Don't stop in traffic.
- ◆ Get your vehicle completely away from the roadway before attempting to change a tire.
- ◆ Change a tire only if you can without placing yourself in danger.
- ◆ Finally, the council recommends that you have a qualified mechanic check your vehicle after having a flat tire to be sure there is no residual damage from the bad tire or the aftermath of the flat.

# Welcome Newcomers!

Maj. Gerald D. James, AES  
 TSgt. Billy J. Wallace, CES  
 SSgt. Matthew C. Carr, OSS  
 SSgt. Wendy J. Corbett, SFS  
 SSgt. Brandon H. Garrett, 25 APS  
 SSgt. Jeniffer A. Googe, ASTS  
 SSgt. William P. Law, MXS

SSgt. Michael C. Williamson, OSS  
 SrA Alan J. Andrews, ASTS  
 SrA Jude A. Castanos, MXS  
 SrA Jeffery L. Davis, MXS  
 SrA Rafeal J. Hendricks, MXG  
 SrA Jimmy S. Smith, MXS  
 SrA Nathan T. Yarbrough, MXS

## Retirement Requests 2010-11

Col. James W. Bedsole  
 Lt. Col. Donna Roberts  
 Lt. Col. Noreen A. Burke  
 Chief Master Sgt. George E. Edwards  
 Senior Master Sgt. Jurgen Kropp  
 Senior Master Sgt. Martha L. Molloy

Master Sgt. Joe B. Houston  
 Master Sgt. Cyrus J. Jones  
 Master Sgt. Geoffrey S. Meehan  
 Master Sgt. Terry W. Calhoun  
 Master Sgt. Kenneth E. Carter  
 Master Sgt. Randy B. Garrett

Master Sgt. Joseph L. Smith  
 Tech. Sgt. George W. Carter Jr.  
 Tech. Sgt. Anita M. Gray  
 Tech. Sgt. Erich J. Halbert  
 Tech. Sgt. Winston L. Williams

## BRIEFS

### Leadership Course

The following is the FY11 schedule for the NCOLD. If you are interested in attending, provide the 908th Wing Training Office with a completed AF Form 101.

The AFRC NCO Leadership Development Course is a 10-day course administered in two phases. The Course combines college level academic management and leadership instruction, with a military practical, experiential, and hands-on application.

The course is a valuable training tool that is vital in helping participants achieve their potential as first line supervisors. Students are awarded two college credit hours

in management from the civilian institution.

Staff and Technical Sergeants are eligible for the course. Phase I will take place May 9-13, while Phase II is set for May 16-20 at Maxwell.

For further information, call 953-6771 or email Staff Sgt. Aaron Knight.

### Southern Flyer submissions

Gene Hughes, editor of the Southern Flyer, would like to remind everyone that the deadline for submissions for April will be March 11. Submissions include articles, news briefs and photos.

Call 953-7874 for information.



## Gaining Altitude

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Staff Sergeant



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Senior Airman



Christopher J. Cavanaugh  
Jerome Williams Jr.

Airman First Class



Stasha L. Core

## CAPTION CONTEST



Airmen, alums and friends of the 908th AW, what does this photo say to you? If you think you can devise a clever caption, send your submission to the Public Affairs Office at [908aw.pa2@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:908aw.pa2@maxwell.af.mil)

The winner will be published in next month's issue

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