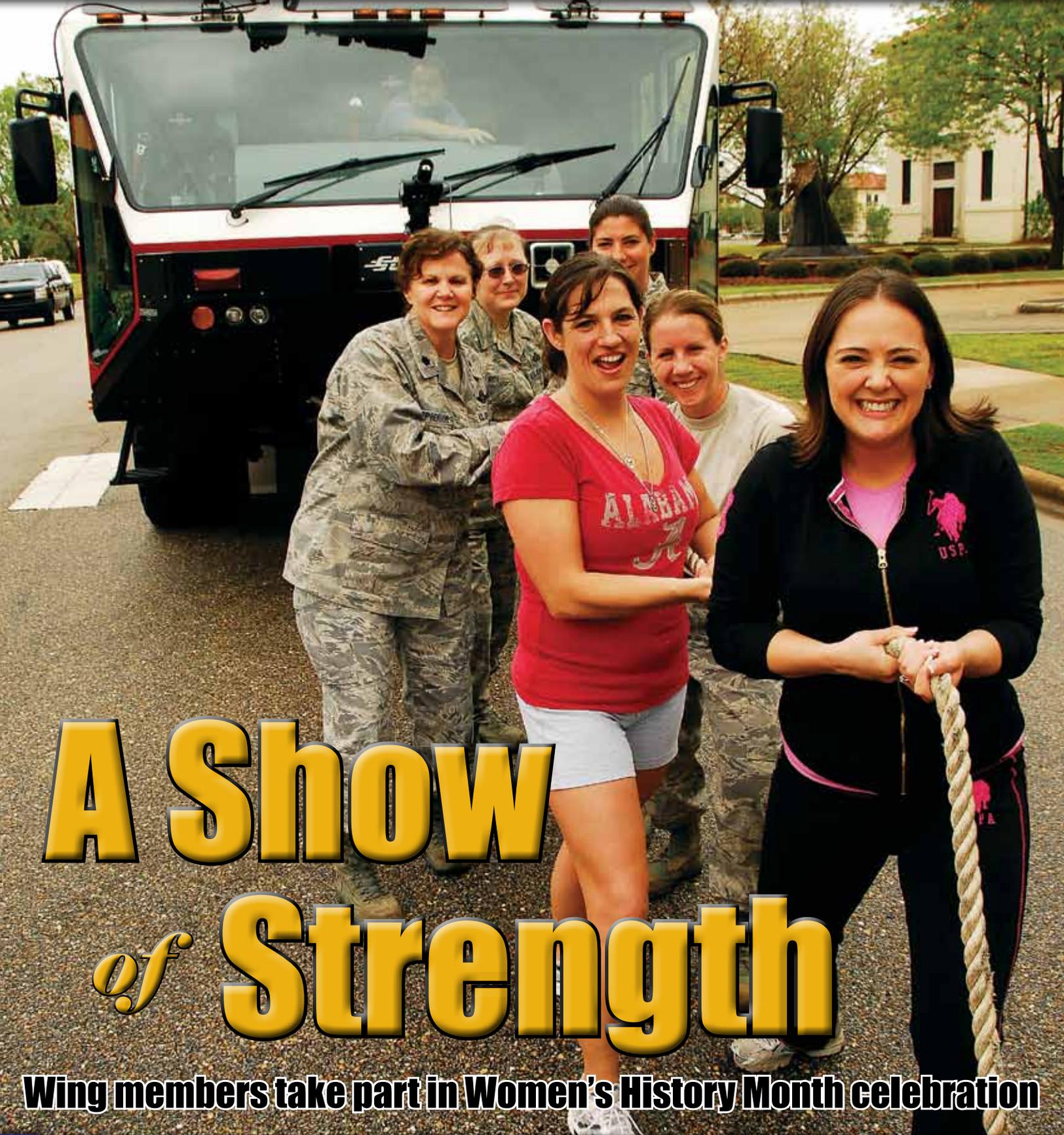


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A Show *of* Strength

Wing members take part in Women's History Month celebration

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A roadmap to forge ahead

“I’m certainly glad to be back in the 908th after returning from my extended deployment to the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. First of all, I’d like to thank all those who took the time to greet me at the airport when I returned to Montgomery. It was great to have such a warm welcome!

Secondly, let me thank each and every one of you for the excellent results from the 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) and Logistics Staff Assistance Visit (LSAV). From the onset, the team chief expected between 200 and 250 observations; however, we only received 150. That says a lot about where we’ve come in our journey to become widely recognized as an elite unit where each member considers it a privilege to belong to an organization rich with pride and dedicated to a legacy of high achievement!

This is the 908th Airlift Wing’s vision, which I expect each of you to aspire to. As we strive to make this vision a reality approaching the 2012 Compliance Inspection, I offer the

following to build your own roadmap. Make a copy of the 22nd Air Force SAV/LSAV report and share it with your folks, paying particular attention to the observations in your shop or office. Create a corrective action plan in accordance with instructions provided by 22nd Air Force and the 908th Airlift Wing’s Performance Planning office. Get everyone in your shop or office involved when creating corrective action plans to make sure nothing is missed and all unit members are onboard with the preparation effort.

Next, run your corrective action plans through your supervisor to your commander, and finally, to the performance planning office. For observations identified for remedy or improvement, the Group Commanders, Col. Shepherd or myself will review the corrective action plans to ensure we hit the mark. I will review the corrective action plans for all answerable observations, before forwarding them to the 22 AF/CC. Contact performance planning if



COLONEL BRETT CLARK
908th Wing Commander

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A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) DAVID DERSCH

On Saturday of the May UTA, the wing will again celebrate Family Day. This is always a fun time when your loved ones can see what you’re doing on all those weekends you’re away from home. It’s a great time for your hometown family to meet your Air Force family! Even if your hometown family isn’t able to come, you can still enjoy meeting your Wingman’s “better half” and children.

Families play such a critical role in our lives. They provide comfort when we’re down, a safety net when we’re in trouble, and companionship when we’re alone. A family sticks together through thick and thin, in good times and bad. Your family accepts you with all your faults, yet also encourages you to be the best that you can be.

In addition to biological and work families, there are also spiritual families. One verse of Christian Scripture says that when my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. God pays special attention to orphans and those who have lost their spouses.

“I’m So Glad I’m a Part of the Family of God” was a popular southern gospel song back in the ’70s. If you’re lacking a spiritual family and have a desire to learn what it’s like to be part of God’s family, call or stop by and see a member of the chapel staff. Tell them you’d like to talk. Any of us would be thrilled to introduce you to what it means to be part of a spiritual family!

Money Matters\$

Are you a delinquent?

By SrA Cynthia Fogleman & Master Sgt. Jonathan Gray
908th AW FM

Proper use of the government travel charge card (GTC) is a duty requirement. The GTC is only to be used for official government travel-related expenses. Use of the card for unofficial, personal purposes and failure to pay undisputed charges in a timely manner constitute misuse.

Cardholders who misuse their cards are subject to administrative or disciplinary action, as appropriate. Commanders have a variety of tools available to track travel card abuse.

One of these tools is the delinquency report.

Per the Department of Defense Statement of Understanding – Government Travel Card, a member is responsible for paying all charges upon receipt of the monthly billing statement. Members on long tours exceeding 45 days can elect to have an accrual payment made every 30 days to pay the card balance.

Once the tour ends, the member is required to file a travel voucher and split disburse any remaining balance due to their GTC account.

If a member’s account becomes past due because of a delay in the travel voucher settlement he or she should contact their senior ART to put them in a mission-critical status.

In this status a member’s account will not be deactivated nor will late fees accrue. Members can claim reimbursement for any late fees due to processing delay’s via the supplemental process. Members should monitor their Government Travel Card accounts online by registering their accounts with CitiBank online.

To register, go to <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/Commercial-Card/Cards.html>.

Follow the instructions, and be sure to have a copy of your statement handy when registering. By creating an online account you can keep track of your spending and your balances.

This will allow you to take steps to remedy any situation that might come up before it lands you on the commander’s delinquency report, or, as it’s affectionately known, the “bad boy” list. Monitoring your account is one way you can stay on top of what is happening with your account before it turns bad.

SOUTHERN FLYER CAPTION CONTEST

This month, third place is awarded to Master Sgt. Bev Williams, 908th AES, for “OMG! They just outlawed texting while driving!” Second goes to Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy, 908th FSS, for “Oh, my! I just shut down all the commanders e-mail with the Tongue and Quill!” First place goes to Senior Master Sgt. Terry Shook, 908th SE, for “OMG! There’s a sale on purses at the mall!”



U.S. Air Force Photo/
Gene H. Hughes

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COVER PHOTO:

Several members of the 908th Airlift Wing recently took part in Womens History Month activities at Maxwell AFB by joining in a firetruck pull. See Around the Wing, page 9.

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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.



The Maintenance of Excellence

908th MXG wins Reserve Command effectiveness award

By Gene H. Hughes
908th AW Public Affairs

The 908th Maintenance Group's mission is "to provide fully mission capable aircraft maintainers, C-130H2 aircraft, and equipment to meet any global airlift mission." Most of the time, group personnel go about their jobs without fanfare, accomplishing that mission each and every day.

Well, somebody was obviously taking notice. The group was recently named as the winner of AFRC's 2010 Maintenance Effectiveness Award for Category I (organizations with 300 members or less).

According to the award citation, the 908th maintainers "safely generated 2,029 C-130H sorties, accumulating 4,479 flight hours, providing readiness training, combat airlift and aeromedical evacuation missions on a global stage." The group maintained an 85.4 percent mission capable rate for the eight assigned C-130H aircraft while sup-

porting nine contingency and humanitarian operations during fiscal year 2010.

Group personnel deployed to the Middle East, launching sorties with a perfect daily aircraft commitment rate. They performed more than 8,000 mishap-free maintenance actions directly contributing to the airlift of over 2,300 tons of supplies and over 11,200 airmen and soldiers to the AOR. The group also supported humanitarian missions in Haiti, Pakistan and Alaska.

"The 908th Maintenance Group has two mottos, "Exporting Excellence" and "Outstanding or Outprocessing," said commander Col. Cauley von Hoffman. "Selection for this award shows that these are not just words to us, but what we live by every day. Whether we are generating combat airlift sorties in the desert, training missions at Maxwell, or humanitarian relief sorties from Homestead, the Airmen of the MXG show tremendous dedication to their work."



ROADMAP, FROM PAGE 3 you have questions about this process.

One point I want to be clear on, commanders and self inspection monitors at all levels must be familiar with and use the Management Internal Control Tool-set (MICT). This computer based self-inspection program was produced by HQ AFRC/IG and endorsed by HQ AMC/CC as the one of the best ways to continuously improve management processes. According to AMC/IG, "MICT is the best and most effective way to prepare for and maintain readiness for Compliance Inspections."

Prior to the CI (formerly UCI), we'll have two more semi-annual self-inspections. The first will take place in June and the second in January 2012 prior to the Compliance Inspection in June. Let me be the first to remind you to take these seriously. Run the checklists candidly and consider bringing in outside help, i.e., 22nd Air Force functional or widely recognized experts from the field.

Additionally, there will be numerous internal staff assistance visits and audits conducted during the build-up for the CI. I ask that you be prepared for these SAVs/Audits and work hard to fix any problem areas or programs. The worst thing we can do is go into the Compliance Inspection having the potential for "repeat" write-ups, so take a look at previous inspection results and make sure that doesn't happen.

Lastly, I want to offer my sincere thanks to our Vice Commander, Col Rob Shepherd, for the outstanding leadership he provided to the wing in my absence. Rob is truly one-of-a-kind and my deployment to Afghanistan would simply not have been possible without his tremendous sacrifice and support. Next time you see him, please join me in thanking him for all his efforts while leading this wing with the highest degree of integrity, excellence, and selflessness.



Air Force photo/
Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder

Members of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron prepare a pallet of humanitarian supplies for transport to the Dominican Republic. In all, the squadron loaded about 14,000 pounds.

Port dawgs unleash skills for humanitarian airlift mission

By Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb
908th AW Public Affairs

Members of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron recently loaded seven pallets of humanitarian supplies aboard a C-17 from Charleston AFB.

The cargo, weighing approximately 14,000 pounds, contained items donated by local churches and marshaled by Prattville-based Global Impact/Daystar Baptist Missions. The C-17 flew the cargo to its final destination, the Safe Harbor Children's Home and Medical Clinic in San Isidro, Dominican Republic.

Ms. Pat Boles with Global Impact said the shipment loaded this week contained furnishings for an orphanage, including baby items, washcloths, kitchen utensils, beds, tables, chairs, pots and pans, and yes, a kitchen sink.

Boles said the orga-

nization has been collecting and shipping humanitarian goods since 1998. She said the group has sent supplies to missionaries around the world with help from the Air Force. In addition to collecting donations from local churches and arranging their shipment, Global Impact has helped other organizations navigate the Denton process so they too can take advantage of Air Force transportation to aid those in need.

The movement of humanitarian and relief goods by Air Force units was authorized by the Denton Amendment, named after its sponsor, Alabama Senator Jeremiah Denton.



Air Force photo/
Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

Knucklebuster!

908th Maintenance Group celebrates tradition, shares camaraderie, recognizes excellence

By Capt. Daniel Posch
908th MXG

On Saturday April 2, the 908th Maintenance Group resurrected a long standing maintenance tradition by holding its first annual Knucklebuster Awards Banquet where maintenance excellence for 2010 was celebrated. The Knucklebuster Award is a peer recognition award where maintainers nominate and vote for the "best of the best" within the organization.

Congratulations to the entire maintenance group for being selected as AFRC's 2010 small unit Maintenance Effectiveness Award recipient and special congratulations to all this year's Knucklebuster Award recipients!



KNUCKLEBUSTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

MXG CATEGORY

- 7Sgt Debbie Lazenby
- 7Sgt Karen Rhodes
- Lori Sims
- Teresa Dearth

MXS CATEGORY

- MSgt Dale Mackall
- MSgt Phil Rone
- MSgt Jamie Womack
- MSgt Donnie Spears
- 7Sgt Jay Griffin

MOF CATEGORY

- MSgt Charles Redden

- 7Sgt Wayne Askeew
- 7Sgt Gordon Lowthorpe

AMXS CATEGORY

- 7Sgt Robert Kenning
- SrA Brandon Self
- SrA Michael Sullivan

- 7Sgt Brian Peirpoint
- SrA Kevin Garrett
- SrA Amanda Andrews
- SrA Jessica Henderson



SAFETY SENSE:**101 Critical Days of Summer begin in May**

Information provided by
908th AW Safety Office

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend mark the "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign.

Traditionally, this is one of the most dangerous times of year for Air Force personnel. During this time period, several Air Force personnel will tragically lose their lives in some type of off-duty related mishap, thus changing their lives and the lives of their loved ones forever. Unfortunately, analysis of these mishaps has proven time and time again that most of them could have been prevented had the individuals involved evaluated the risk beforehand.

During the "101 Critical Days of Summer", utilize risk management in everything you do, on and off duty. Prepare yourself both mentally and physically for the task at hand. Get adequate rest before and during long trips. If you are trying a new activity, take the time to learn all you can about that activity.

Do not take unnecessary chances; trust your instincts. For the month of May, let's focus on grilling safety.

**BARBECUE SAFETY TIPS**

Cookouts add flavor to food, but also include hazards for the participants. Here are precautions to note:

- ◆ Use charcoal barbecues outdoors only. Garages, tents, campers and small rooms without proper air circulation should never be used to cook in with charcoal or gas grills. Fatal carbon monoxide poisoning could result.
- ◆ Use only approved methods of starting charcoal such as UL certified electric fire starter or liquid charcoal lighter fluids. Do not use highly flammable solutions to start fires. Explosions could result.

- ◆ Never allow children to use liquid starters and keep fluids away from fires.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from hot barbecues. Adult supervision is mandatory when barbecues are being used and producing heat.

PROPANE GAS GRILL PRECAUTIONS:

- ◆ Don't operate grill without reading the instructions.
- ◆ Propane is extremely flammable and may cause fires and explosions.
- ◆ Do not try to judge the danger of a gas leak by trying to determine if the smell of gas is weak or strong.
- ◆ Propane is heavier than air and can collect at the floor.
- ◆ If you detect a gas leak, **TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.** Put out smoking materials, open flames, and don't use electric switches, matches, or your cylinder supply valves. Use a phone away from the immediate area to call a trained gas professional.

Comm Check: Antivirus software available at home**Online support**

McAfee Support:
<http://home.mcafee.com/Root/Support.aspx?page=Support>

Symantec Support:
www.symantec.com/business/support/overview.jsp?pid=54619

AF Portal users may now download home use antivirus software from a non ".mil" computer, including a home computer, equipped with a CAC reader. Contact the helpdesk to pick up CAC readers and the software install disk at 953-9703.

The DoD Antivirus Software License Agreement with McAfee and Symantec allows active DoD employees (excluding contractors) to utilize antivirus software for home use. Home use of the antivirus prod-

ucts protects personal PCs and also potentially lessens the threat of employees bringing malicious logic into work and compromising DoD networks. AF home users will find antivirus products to support Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Mac and Linux operating systems. Users may download software from the sites below. No technical support is provided for home users. If you have questions about the software, please contact the vendor directly for support.

**AROUND THE WING**

Above: Members of the 908th FSS recently participated in the SARC Strike Out Bowl-a-thon, a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Taking part were, from left, Tech. Sgt. Charlie Schrichte, Senior Airmen Anthony Green and Cory Holt and Staff Sgt. Quiana Carter. The team had a good time while learning about the importance of SARC and bystander intervention. **Upper right:** The 908th Airlift Wing, together with the Alabama National Guard, recently hosted a Pope AFB Boss Lift in support of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program. **Right:** Reservists of the 908th recently participated in the Women's History Month Fire Truck Pull to celebrate this year's theme, "Our History is our Strength." Representing the wing at the event, which included pulling a 78,000-pound vehicle were, from left, Senior Master Sgt. Martha Roy, Lt. Col. Nancy Stephenson, Staff Sgt. Jessica McKinney, Master Sgt. Barbara Hamann, Staff Sgt. Melissa Carmon and Capt. Kristin Hill.

**A TALL, COOL ONE FOR MXS**

On behalf of the 908th Maintenance Squadron, Major Travis Shults and Chief Master Sgt. Jesse Scott recently accepted the first 'Sweet Tea Award,' a new honor bestowed quarterly by the HRDC Council to help spread friendly competition between squadrons in areas the UCI inspects. Points are added or taken away in the areas of OPR/EPRs, fitness stats, IMR stats, overdue orders, percentages of those with decorations, submissions for PEP and quarterly awards. The travelling trophy will be passed from the current awardee to the next. There will be an annual "formal" award. "I'm really excited about winning the award," Maj. Shults said. "I know how hard the squadron has worked to try to better our statistics especially with EPRs, awards and decorations as well as in other administrative areas where we struggled in the past. We've really put out a great effort and I want to credit the guys for their good work." In regard to retaining the award, Maj. Shults was positive in stating, "And we're going to keep it. I think next quarter, it will be ours again."

Welcome Newcomers!

Maj. Michael E. Meyer, AW
 Maj. Glenn A. Wright, ASTS
 Capt. Lewis K. Whitehead, LRS
 Capt. Eric C. Withers, LRS
 2nd Lt. Claudia P. McCaw, AES
 2nd Lt. Thadee A. Valery, AES
 TSgt. Darryl T. Lane, CES
 SSgt. Stacey L. Biddle, ASTS

SSgt. James A. Lide, AW
 SSgt. William A. Mateikat, OSS
 SSgt. Warren A. Powell, SFS
 SrA Joseph E. Johnson, MXS
 SrA Charles E. McGlown Jr., ASTS
 A1C Nathan Basham, 357 AS
 A1C Tearsa Pope, MSG
 AB Cruz A. Davis, SFS

BRIEFS

NCO Leadership Course

The 908th Airlift Wing Formal Schools Office will host the Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Development Course (NCOLDC) May 9-20.

The AFRC NCOLDC is a 10-day course administered in two phases. NCOLDC combines college level academic management and leadership instruction, with a military practical, experiential, hands-on application. Phase One: May 9-13 and Phase Two: May 16-20.

Students are also awarded two college credit hours in management. All Staff/Technical Sergeants and fast-track Senior Airmen are eligible to attend this centrally funded course. If interested, route a completed AF Form 101 to the Formal Schools Office or call 953-6771.

Operation Purple

The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the nation's youngest heroes.

The mission of the program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment.

The Operation Purple program includes camps for teens, family retreats at the national parks, and camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nations wounded service members.

Applications are now available at www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/2011-camps

MAY 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

The winner will be published in next month's issue



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Dominique L. Montgomery
 Dustin C. Smith

Airman

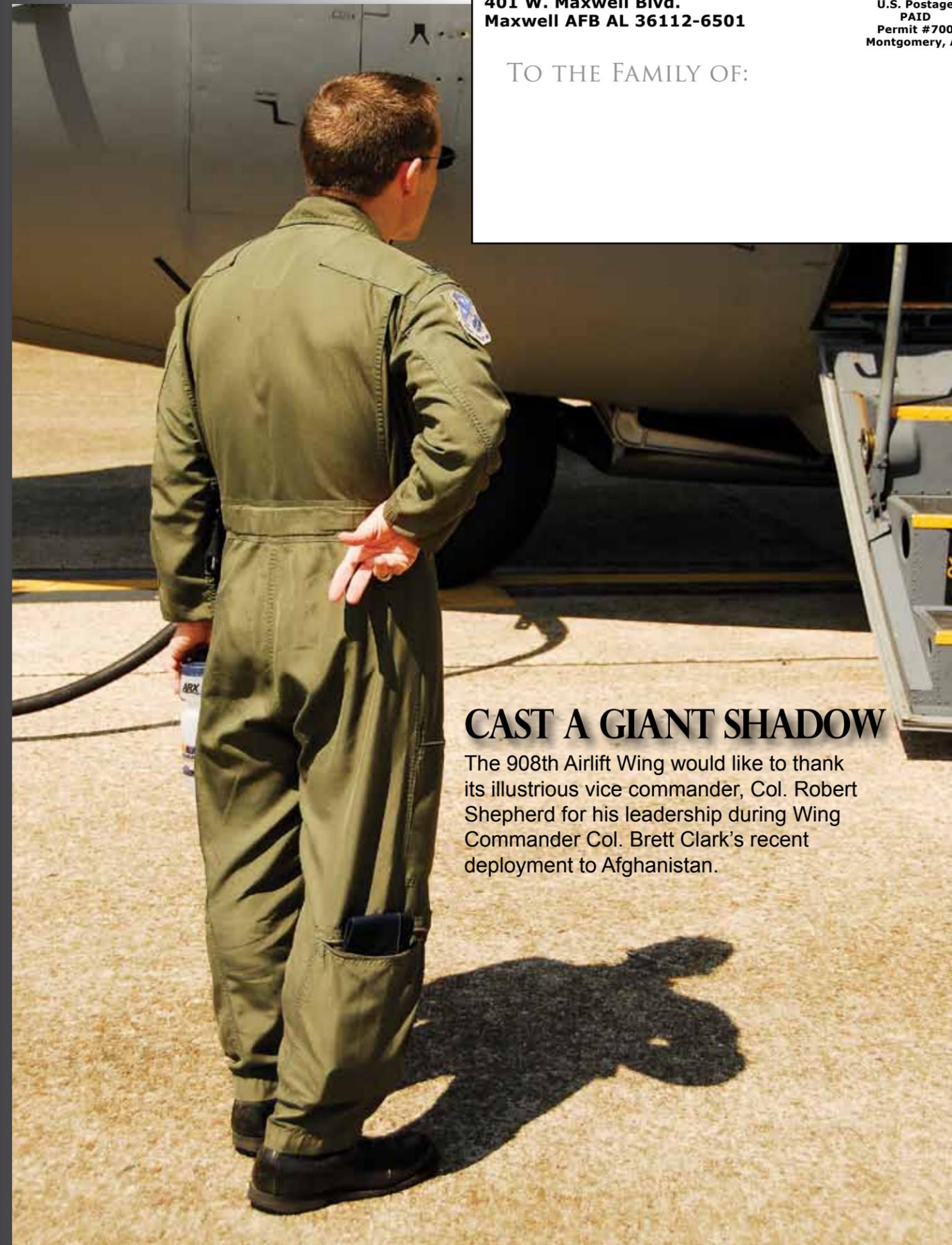


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