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New health plan extends care for activated reservists

WASHINGTON – Health care for reservists gets a booster shot April 25. That's when a premium-based health care plan starts for those activated for a contingency anytime since 9/11.

Department of Defense officials announced Tricare Reserve Select at a Pentagon news conference March 24.

"We are committed to providing the proper combination of compensation and benefits that will allow us to attract and retain the world's

best fighting force," said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

TRS offers a bridge for reservists entering or leaving active duty who are not covered by a civilian employer or other health insurance plan. It's similar to Tricare Standard and comparable to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan for federal employees.

Monthly premiums for a reservist are \$75. A reservist and family pays \$233. Premiums will be adjusted annually.

Air Force reservists must serve on active duty for 90 consecutive days or more on or after Sept. 11, 2001, in support of a contingency. And, they must enter an agreement with Air Force Reserve Command to serve in the Selected Reserve for one or more years before leaving active duty. If they got off ac-

tive duty, they have until Oct. 28 to apply.

Reservists earn one year of care for every 90 days of continuous active-duty service and every year of service commitment. For example, reservists with 360 days of qualifying active duty can get four years of coverage if they sign up for four years in the Selected Reserve.

Coverage ends when the service agreement ends. It stops sooner if the reservist separates from the Selected Reserve, voluntarily withdraws from the program or fails to pay the monthly premiums.

The Tricare Web site – www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/

Days Served on Active Duty	Maximum Period of Coverage
1–89 days	None*
90–179 days	1 year
180–269 days	2 years
270–359 days	3 years
360 days	4 years

reserveselect – will have more details. To get updates by e-mail, reservists and their families can subscribe to www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresubscriptions/.

For reservists enrolled in the Transitional Assistance Management Program, coverage will start the day after TAMP ends. (AFRC News Service)



Reserve, Guard leaders testify on Capitol Hill

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The directors of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve testified April 20 on readiness and management support before the Senate Armed Services Committee subcommittee.

Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, Air National Guard director, told senators he sees positive benefits to the community basing concept.

"I look forward to a day when we will have community basing and we will have members coming to (a Guard base) and living in the community and flying there," he said. "That would impact the community in a positive way."

Community basing is currently being tested in Burlington, Vt. There, active-duty Airmen live among the local community, on the economy, and report daily to work with Airmen of the Vermont Air National Guard's 158th Fighter Wing.

General James said he believes community basing can help the active-duty component of the Air Force by pairing younger troops with those who have more experience.

"Community basing is a way of balancing the needs of the Air Force in terms of their skill levels," he said. "(Guard units) have very experienced people. About 62



Don't miss the fun

Lakisha Knight, daughter of 908ASTS's Master Sgt. Valeria Knight, tries to hook a prize at last year's Family Day. This year's event is set for Saturday, May 14. Go to Page 4 for more details.

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Have fun, don't forget families, deployed Reservists

Once again it's time to step back from the "hustle and bustle" of the UTA weekend and take a moment to recognize those important people in our



Col. Heath J. Nuckolls
908th Airlift Wing commander

lives that constantly support us - our families!

Family Day will take place on Saturday, May 14th, during our May UTA. I hope all of you are planning to bring your families out to see the 908th and to enjoy yourselves.

We all spend a lot of time away from our family members due to our service in the Reserves.

Family Day is a time when the wing recognizes the important contribution your family makes to the accomplishment of our mission. Without their support, each one of you would not be able to share the many talents you have with our organization.

Family Day is our way of

showing your families how much we appreciate their support. It's also a great time to show them what we do, with tours of our C-130H aircraft, and an opportunity to visit your offices/work locations.

But most importantly, it is a time for us to relax and enjoy each other's company as the greater wing family. Again, I hope we have a great turn out.

I would like to emphasize that we've been blessed to have suffered no fatalities in our nation's fight against terrorism. Unfortunately, some of our brother and sisters in arms haven't been as fortunate and have made the ultimate sacrifice for their families, friends, and

country to free the peoples of Iraq and Afghanistan. While you're enjoying the fun and festivities Saturday, take a moment to remember those fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

One final note . . . Please keep all of our deployed warriors in your thoughts and prayers - they look forward to coming home to their families and friends when their deployment ends. I ask you to continue to look out for each other, especially the families of our deployed personnel - make sure they know they will be especially welcomed on Family Day. Let's have a fun and safe UTA!

Summer – a season to exercise off-duty safety

By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON – "There are no second acts in American lives," F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote.

Memorial Day Weekend signals the start of summer, traditionally a time of fun and sun. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, we sometimes try to do too much because of the extra sunlight.

Here are suggestions on how to keep healthy and safe this summer:

Alcohol consumption –

Don't drink and operate vehicles – automobiles, boats, jet skis, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always appoint a designated driver.

Traveling – Be sober, vigilant and well-rested. Ensure everyone wears a seatbelt.

Watercraft – Know your craft and use personal floatation devices. Use caution when operating boats and jet skis, staying away from other boaters, swimmers and jet skiers.

Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles – Don't operate without proper training and personal protective equipment. Always remain vigilant and drive defensively.

Outdoor activities – Before and after athletic activity, take a short moderate-to-brisk walk to improve circulation rather than stretching, which experts say contributes to muscle strain. Know your limits and don't overdo it. Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, use sunscreens and drink plenty of water.

Swimming – Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink.

In the past few years we've been made more aware of the need for diligent force protection. We need to apply this same kind of vigilance off duty during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Most mishaps involve one or more of the following factors: alcohol, fatigue, darkness, bad weather, poor judgment, inappropriate risk-taking. Let's use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.

An "it-will-never-happen-to-me" attitude is not a guarantee but rather a recipe for disaster. Take care of your family and of your Air Force Reserve family. Be alert and prevent incidents that could cause a lifetime of regrets.

Let's all enjoy the months of summer, but let's enjoy our off-duty time responsibly. (AFRC News Service)

Zoom, zoom, zoom, the years rush by but family feeling remains

There I was sitting in Room 101 of Building 1056. The date was May 1995. The 908th personnel folks were giving us the newcomer's briefings. I had just transferred to this wing,



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders
908AW senior chaplain

and was reporting for my first UTA.

I can hardly believe that it has been 10 years since I first joined this family. The time seems to have zoomed by. Four wing commanders have been here and left, and they were all great. Three vice commanders have been here and left, and they were also great. Four executive officers have been here and left, and they all served well. Every group commander has changed. Every squadron commander has changed. Every flight commander has changed.

There have been hundreds of people who have joined the unit during

this 10-year span, and there have been hundreds who have left.

Zoom, zoom, zoom. People coming and going. Change, change, change. I apologize if I make it sound as if everything and everyone has changed. Some folks who greeted me that first month are still here, still greeting folks, still giving that 908th welcome, still serving in their usual fabulous manner.

There is something else that hasn't changed. The sense of family that has always permeated this wing has not changed. If anything, it has grown stronger. By the time you

read this article you will have had Mothers' Day celebrations with your family. This month we will be having our 908th Family Day gathering. Indeed this month will surely remind us of how much a family this wing is.

Caring, sharing, giving, loving, affirming, encouraging and uplifting have been a strong theme around here, especially in the last four years. I'm really proud to be a part of this family, and trust that you are as well.

Many things will continue to change around here, but thank the good Lord some things won't. See you at Family Day.



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Tuskegee Tigers tour, take to air with wing

By Jeff Melvin
908AW Public Affairs

As part of a mentoring effort initiated by the wing Human Resources Development Council, AFROTC Det 015, Tuskegee University received the first of a hoped for steady stream of high school and college Air Force ROTC unit visits to the 908th.

The unit council, an off shoot of the command council, created an ROTC/ Student Working Group to sponsor tours and flights within the 908AW. The end goal of the program is to affect and mentor high school and college students in the State of Alabama.

The move is in keeping with the 908AW HRDC Outreach Working Group's primary objective of "reaching out to America and telling the story of today's Citizen Airmen, as well as facilitating the recruitment of qualified and/or potential candidates for the Reserve (civilian, ART, IMA, AGR, and traditional reservist)," said 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt Amos Moore, who co-chairs the working group along with 908AW vice commander Col. Norm Ham, head of the unit HRDC.

The overall goal is to create and maintain a fully developed, skilled, and diversified work force, Command Chief Moore said.

"We elected to invite junior and senior ROTC detachments from across Alabama to visit units within the 908AW on Sunday afternoons of our UTA and to offer incentive flights on our UTA airlift. ... We have received an overwhelming response to our invitations and expect to host detachments from as far away as Huntsville and Mobile during the year," the chief added.

Cadet Enjolie Bush, along with Det 015 Commander Col. William Lee and Unit Admissions Officer Capt. Jacob Middleton received a firsthand glimpse of life at a Reserve unit during a unit training assembly.

Colonel Ham greeted the Tuskegee University visitors and escorted them to the dining hall where the tour

began with lunch and fellowship with members of the council.

After lunch, the Tuskegee group toured the various squadrons and learned about the 908th's history and mission.

Cadet Bush, a first year student from New Orleans raved about the visit, especially the flight on the UTA shuttle drop off to Huntsville, Ala., where she witnessed an engine running off load and a "combat landing" when the group returned to Maxwell.

The flight represented her "first on a military aircraft." She praised the crew for their helpfulness and willingness to answer questions.

Cadet Bush wants to become a veterinarian after serving in the Air Force after graduation so it's no surprise that she liked the medical portion of the tour as well.

She gave the tour an enthusiastic thumbs up and urged any student who gets the chance to take advantage of opportunity to see Air



908AW Vice Commander Col. Norm Ham greets Capt. Jacob Middleton and Cadet Enjolie Bush.

Photo by Jeff Melvin

Force life firsthand.

She related that since she was a first year student, her knowledge of the Air Force was limited, now thanks to the visit to the 908th she's "sure she made the right decision by joining AFROTC."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Det 015 Commander Col. William Lee stresses a point during flight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder

Cadet Enjolie Bush walks through the aircraft before take off.

Food, fun galore in store for Family Day ; brings kids, friends, have a good time

Family Day is scheduled to take place Saturday, May 14. There will be no cost to the member or to family members.

The activities will take place at the softball fields near the BX, said Master Sgt. Kenneth Wright, president of the first sergeant's council and chairman of the Family Day committee.

Food served will include grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad.

"We're also going to try a case of vegetarian burgers," Sergeant Wright said.

"Families are encouraged to play on the fields and if they have a favorite bat or glove, to bring it," Wright added.

Booths offering things such as popcorn, t-shirts, sodas, and beer will be set up. Additionally, there will also be an optional child seat safety check station for those who wish to ensure their little one's safety.

908SFS's Tech. Sgt. David McCaughtry, organizer of the child passenger safety checkpoint, offered some eye-opening information.

"Once again I feel compelled to say that national statistics show that more and more parents are using restraint systems for their children but as of this month I have been a certified child passenger safety technician for almost four years and in that time I have found only five seats that have been installed correctly. Some of them only have minor errors in the installation but some I have seen have been dangerously incorrect," the sergeant said.

Also on tap is a motorcycle show.

"This year we are also going to try to raise a little bit of money for Family Day as well. As a result we will have a modest entry fee (\$5) and the votes will be viewers choice but .25 cents per vote. I am looking for us to have a fun time," said motorcycle show organizer Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford.

There will be three classes of bikes – touring, cruiser, and sport; the awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place include a plaque and other goodies.

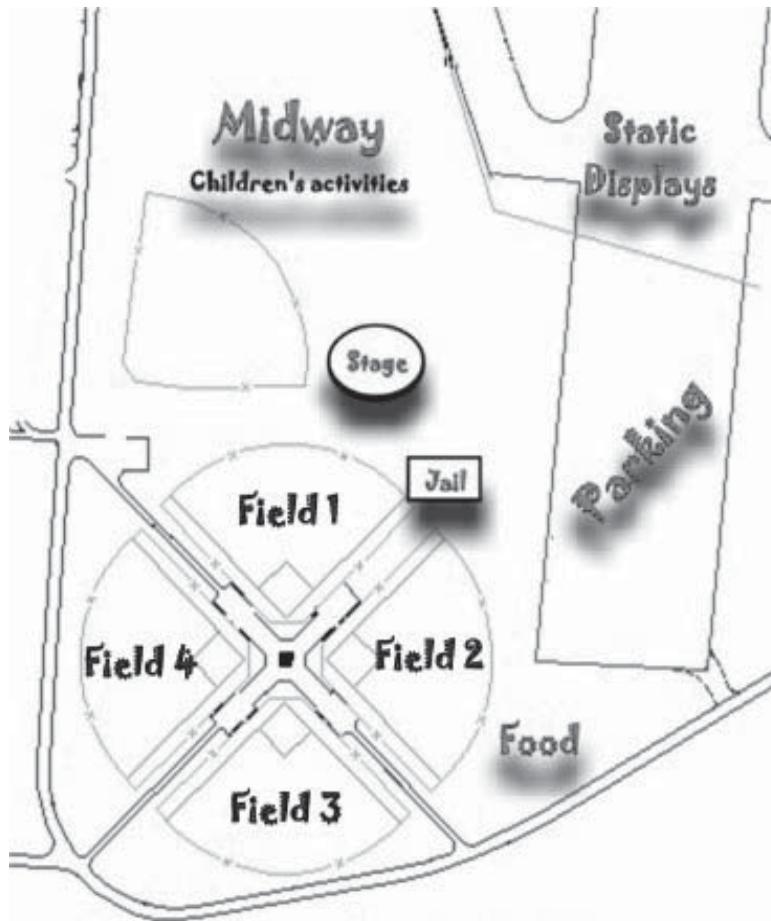
The Family Day committee needs many more volunteers for food prep as well as other things like pickup truck drivers, tow motor drivers and cooks. The committee will accept as many volunteers as step forward.

Members may sign in conservative, casual, comfortable civilian attire Saturday.

In order to let everyone enjoy the festivities, organizers stress Family Day will not be a day for members and their families to obtain or renew IDs. Sunday will be a regular drill UTA for members and IDs can be made then.

Wing members should note that since Sunday is a regular UTA, they should make plans for their family's Sunday activities while they are drilling.

908th Airlift Wing Family Day 2005



908MXS First Sergeant Al McWhorter



Right, Katie McGowan poses for a picture with her feathered friend, Eddie the Eagle.



Below, softball schedule. Right, 908CES Master Sgt. Don Smith's wife, Johnnie, and pet, Sebastian, show Family Day is for all family members.

Schedule

Game	Teams	Time	Field
A	25APS vs. ASTS	10:30	1
B	LRS vs. CES	10:30	2
C	908AW&SFS vs. 357AS	10:30	3
D	908AES vs. MXS	10:30	4
Semifinal 1	Winner Game 'A' vs. 'B'	11:30	1
Semifinal 2	Winner Game 'C' vs. 'D'	11:30	2
	<u>Lunch***</u>	<u>11:30 to 1 p.m.</u>	
Final	softball championship	1:30	1
	<u>***Commander's Event</u>	<u>2:30</u>	



Porter gets ready for last year's viewers' choice motorcycle contest.



New policy expands confidentiality parameters

Sexual assault victims to get medical care, counseling, victim advocacy they need even if not ready to deal with investigative, legal aspects of reporting a crime

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- A new Department of Defense policy allows sexual-assault victims to confidentially report crimes against them.

The policy allows victims of sexual assault to seek care under restricted reporting procedures, without triggering an investigation or having their name, or the name of their assailant reported up through their chain of command.

Under the new policy, victims will be able to talk with the sexual assault response coordinator, a victim advocate or certain medics. In the past, only chaplains could provide confidentiality.

This ensures victims of sexual assault get the medical care, counseling and victim advocacy they need following a sexual assault, even if they are not ready

to deal with the investigative and legal aspects of reporting a crime, officials said.

"As we implement this policy, training is critical ... for commanders, supervisors, first responders and the entire force," said Charlene Bradley, the Air Force's Sexual Assault Task Force leader. "Everyone must understand the two avenues for reporting -- restricted and unrestricted -- and the importance of each to the victim and the mission."

Many times, victims of sexual assault are not immediately ready to report what happened to them, officials said. There are perceived and real barriers to reporting that exist in society and the military -- chief among those being the perceived lack of privacy and confidentiality.

"When you deal with military victims, there are many things they consider before reporting," she said. "People are proud of being in the military, and one of the per-

ceptions is that if the commander knows you have been sexually assaulted, he or she may think your effectiveness is reduced by that experience."

Airmen at their home station might fear reporting a sexual assault will lead co-workers, a supervisor or commander to think differently about them or even question their behavior, Ms. Bradley said. While deployed or in training, they also fear being sent home and missing out on the opportunity to complete their mission.

While the names of sexual-assault victims will be withheld from commanders under the new restricted reporting procedure, the fact a sexual assault has occurred will be provided to commanders to assist them to assess the climate and increase prevention efforts.

Leaders testify on Capitol Hill

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percent of our people are at a 7 skill level or higher. The majority of (active-duty maintainers) are 3-levels."

One concern of Air National Guard officials is ensuring their units continue to have missions to perform after the next round of base realignment and closure and after new airplanes have worked their way into the fleet and pushed out older aircraft. Some Guard units have older versions of F-16 Falcons. Those planes will eventually be retired from the Air Force, leaving those units looking for something to do.

"We want to make sure after the BRAC that if we don't have new airplanes to replace those that (are retired), that we have new missions to replace those that (are eliminated)," the general said. "Otherwise we can get in a situation where units would be uncovered -- they wouldn't have a Federal mission. We are going to work hard to get missions to those units that lose aircraft."

General James also told senators that Guard units

need Congress' continued support to fund their activities. He said that while their primary mission is to defend America, Guard units also have another role -- responding to the needs of their states.

"Homeland defense is our primary mission," General James said. "But we also want to make sure we have the capabilities when our governors call on us to respond to natural disasters or man-made emergencies."

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve commander, said that while reenlistment bonuses are good, he believes there is another reason for good retention numbers in the Reserve.

"On the issue of bonuses, they work, certainly, but I do believe there is an element of service that is keeping our people in," he said. "They are very proud of what they are doing. They enjoy their jobs and units, and they believe they are contributing to something that is very good."

The pay parity issue between active duty and reserve component Airmen was raised by some senators.

Sometimes guardsmen or reservists, when called from their civilian jobs, will take less pay while serving than when they are working for their civilian employer. Many civilian employers will make up that pay difference out of pocket. The federal government, however, does not make up the pay difference for federal employees who also serve as part of a reserve service component. There is legislation on Capitol Hill to change that.

"On the pay parity, it is an issue, but I believe the best quality of life is keeping somebody alive," General Bradley told senators.

"I think the inequities it brings on between folks who are mobilized and active component folks is not helpful," he said. "I would rather spend money that we could get for the continued equipment improvements you have given us in the past, and continuing to do those unfunded items to give us greater combat capability. I think that's where we should put the money, to properly equip our people."

Fulltimers prepare for fewer tales from the 'Looney bin'

New job means fewer sightings, less laughter from logistics mainstay

By Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
908AW Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney, superintendent of wing plans, is known throughout the wing for his hard work, easy disposition, rapid-fire jokes, booming laugh and ever present smile.

Unfortunately, thanks to a move to the 42nd Air Base Wing, wing people will have to get used to seeing less of the chief. Thankfully, less chief during the week still means lots of hard work, jokes, smiles and laughter during the UTAs. The chief gave up his day job as an Air Reserve Technician but he plans to continue as a unit reservist.

Born in the "little town" of Vinsent in Shelby County, Ala., Chief Looney enlisted in the Air Force June 1, 1973 when he was 17 years old.

He worked in logistics while on active duty from 1973 to 1977. Then worked as an individual mobilization augmentee for the 908th as a sheet metal worker from September 1977 to March 1978.

Chief Looney left the military in 1978 but returned as a reservist in 1982 where he stayed within the maintenance field until 1999.

Chief Looney has seen a lot of unit history and experienced much while serving as an ART.

He was here when the C-7 Caribou was the 908th's airframe.

Chief Looney commented about the C-7 Caribou that it was "the only plane, a pulpwood truck could outrun on a highway. And we went from the C-7 Caribou to the C-130H models that take us all around the world."

As an E-4 'buck sgt.' in 1982, he was assigned to the Consolidated Maintenance Squadron.

In December 1983, he became an ART in the corrosion control shop at the rank of Staff Sergeant in pay grade WG-7.

From there, Chief Looney moved into maintenance control, plans and scheduling as a GS-7 where he controlled all aircraft maintenance on the unit's C-130s.

During this time, the unit converted from the E models to the H-models. Chief Looney was promoted to Technical Sergeant/GS-9 while in Plans and Scheduling.

Leaving plans and scheduling, Chief Looney moved into programs/mobility in March 1991. During his tenure there, Chief Looney earned the rank of Master Sergeant before advancing to Senior Master Sergeant through the Promotion Enhancement Program.

During his time in programs/mobility, Chief

Looney earned Maxwell-Gunter's Senior NCO of the Year award. "I was the first reservist to ever win that award," said Chief Looney with pride.

Also, that same year, Chief Looney was named Air Force Logistics Planner of the Year Award for Operation Joint Endeavor, providing airlift into Bosnia/Herzegovina.

Chief Looney credits this award to the people working for him.

"The bottom line is I wasn't the one who loaded the airplanes or cooked the food, I just did the planning."

Chief Looney moved on to wing plans as a GS-11/Senior Master Sergeant and PEPed to Chief in 2001.

Referring to the wing and the jobs he has had here, Chief Looney said, "I hope I've left it better than I have found it."

Chief Looney noted that he has worked for eight wing commanders in the years he has spent here.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my years here," he said, "I have had the privilege of having watched a young captain become a one-star general and my peers become Senior Master Sergeants and Chiefs."

He continued, "It is all summed up in one word... out of the last 23 years, the one thing that will remain with me is the family that the 908th is. When you leave here, no matter how long you were here, you always remain an alumni."

Chief Looney likes to play golf as illustrated by the fact that his golf bag can be seen leaning against the wall of his office.

"I have not had time to play in nearly a year," said Chief Looney, "I get my fill of hunting, fishing and playing golf by throwing golf balls in the water and golf balls in the trees."

Chief Looney and his wife,



Chief Looney

Photos by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder



Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney

Debra, who is a kindergarten teacher at Tallassee Elementary School, recently celebrated their 30th year anniversary.

"I was a 19-year old Airman First Class and Debra was 17 when we were married at Columbus AFB, Miss."

The Looneys enjoy antique hunting in their free time. They have also owned an antique store and have over the years replaced almost all their home furniture with antiques.

The Looneys have two daughters, Lorie, a registered nurse attending Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Rachel, a legal secretary in Huntsville.

Chief Looney received his associate's degree in production management in 1989 through the Community College of the Air Force and his bachelor's in resource management from Troy State University in 1990.

The chief has weathered many storms along side the members of the 908th Air Wing literally and figuratively. "We've been through our share of hurricanes -- Andrew, Hugo, Mitch, Ivan, Opal-- where this wing really stood up and did more than their fair share," said Chief Looney.

On a trip during Operation Desert Shield, Chief Looney related a story where they had a layover in England en route to their destination.

"It was the first time in my life we could become tourists for a day. A group of us from maintenance went down to

the train station and caught the Yellow Line Subway. Everywhere it stopped, we would get off and see everything we could within walking distance," said Chief Looney.

Some of the sights they saw were the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace.

"We were like a bunch of school kids let out for the holiday," laughed Chief Looney.

Chief Looney says he is still a maintainer at heart. "Deep-down inside, I still consider myself a maintainer."

Speaking of himself and the other ARTs, he said, "We grew up together here."

Although content with his position within the wing, Chief Looney said before deciding to leave his ART position he asked himself; "Do I rest on my laurels or accept a new challenge?"

Never one to shy from a challenge, Chief Looney accepted an offer to begin a new job as exercise and evaluation chief for our active duty host unit, the 42nd Air Base Wing.

He said he doesn't yet know what he will be doing on the Reserve side.

Despite his success, he still hasn't reached one of his last goals as an enlisted person -- a shot as a command chief.

And if that doesn't work out, "I can leave here with a smile knowing I've given it my best shot," Chief Looney said.

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Senior Master Sgt.
Byron Godwin III, SVS
to Master Sgt.
Kenneth Bailey, 357AS
to Tech. Sgt.
Vickey Matthews, MOF
Ralph Roy III, 357AS
to Airman
Joshua Jones,

Sunday event honors 28 NCOs ascent to top tier

An induction ceremony to honor wing members attaining the rank of master sergeant from Jan. 1, 2004 through November 2004, will be held Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 803, Academic Instructor School large auditorium.

"This is a vital program in recognizing the accomplishments and professional development of our enlisted personnel," said event coordinator 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore.

Chief Moore added, "It is a milestone in the careers of our enlisted members and I encourage all commanders, first sergeants, flight chiefs and supervisors to attend. If you have members being inducted, make sure their UTA training schedule accommodates attendance at this event."

Inductees should be in place not later than 9:30 a.m.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Proud papa

357AS Loadmaster Chief Master Sgt. Michael E. Harper, beams with pride following the commissioning of his son, 2nd Lt. Michael J. Harper, April 1, as daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and granddaughter, Jordan, look on. The

younger Harper, a former 908MXS jet engine mechanic, is scheduled for flight training and will return to the wing as a pilot. Former 908th members, David Kemp and Nicholas Poe, joined Harper in the officer ranks that day.

Senior NCO Ceremony Inductees

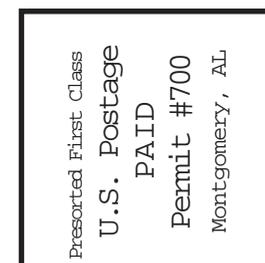
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Ballentine, John D.	25APS	1 Jan 04
Browder, Robert L.	25APS	1 Oct 04
Carter, Willie L.	SVS	1 Jul 04
Colbert, Lamar B.	908AW	1 Jul 04
DeVore, Kimberly B.	ASTS	1 Sep 04
Freeman, Donnie L.	OSF	1 Sep 04
Geisen, Ernest F.	MXS	1 Sep 04
Grobels, Terry J.	25APS	1 Mar 04
Guerin, Michael J.	MSG	1 Mar 04
Hailes, Cassandra	25 APS	1 Mar 04
Haney, Thomas R.	AES	1 Nov 04
Howard, Billy E.	CES	1 Jan 04
Jones, Cyrus J.	CES	1 Jul 04
Jordan, Roderick	SVS	1 Nov 04
Kern, Todd	MXS	1 Jan 04
Knight, Valeria	ASTS	1 Jan 04
Lanton, Mark A.	ASTS	1 Jul 04
Lowe, Douglas K.	ASTS	1 Sep 04
McGeehan, George	SFS	1 May 04
McGill, Michael L.	AMXS	1 Apr 04
Peterson, Rochelle	MOF	1 Oct 04
Reed, Monnica A.	MXG	1 Jan 04
Snell, Teresa J.	ASTS	1 Sep 04
Soares, Charlene M.	ASTS	1 Sep 04
Taylor, Gregory D.	MXS	1 Mar 04
Thomas, Peggy S.	CES	1 Nov 04
Washington, Woodrow	CES	1 Jul 04
Weir, Patrick L.	AES	1 Jan 04
Wheeler, Levi D.	ASTS	1 Jan 04



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Telling tall tales?

Deployed 25APS Dispatcher Tech. Sgt. Daryl Kinney isn't telling fellow deployed aerial porter Airman Brandon Means about "the one that got away," he's spotting the C-130 ramp team chief. Word from the field is that the aerial porters continue to gain great experience as Airman Means said but are anxious to get home. First order of business for Kinney, "a long, hot shower."



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