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Take time to relax...safely



By the time you read this the 4th of July will have come and gone! The first half of the year has flown by! It seems like January was maybe two months ago, and December will arrive just as quickly.

Before summer slips away, I hope each of you take some time to relax and enjoy yourselves. Most of us are more productive if we take some time to recharge our batteries. As you take

time to boat, swim and travel, please remember to take all the proper precautions and play it safe. Each summer the Air Force loses 15-20 people to accidents, and drunk driving. Please take the steps, wear the proper gear, rest before driving distances, etc., so you do not become a footnote on this summer's statistics. We, your family, friends and communities, need you safe, sound and present for duty.

On July 25th the first 908th Yellow Ribbon event

will be held at a local hotel. Those who have returned from deployment and their families will be offered education and services on a number of fronts. Topics for the event include: education and VA benefits, pay and entitlements, personal finance and budgeting tips, TRICARE, and various Family Readiness issues.

For your information we've included the wing's calendar of events for the second half of the year in this issue. Please use it as a reference to plan your activities through December.

While a couple events on our calendar loom large, we are in a long distance race. We need to arrive at the end of this year with our task (the ORI) complete, and the energy to spring into the deployments next year. Take care of yourselves and maintain a balance between work and family time so you enjoy life, not just survive it.

Col. Brett J. Clark,
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

Chapel staff is right by your side

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford
908th AW Chaplain's Office

The 908th AW has been growing and evolving in many ways over the recent year. We want to let you know that the chapel section is right beside you. Some of you may not be aware of the role of chaplains and chaplain assistants. Here is a brief overview of how we can support you, as well as a few

questions about how we can change to better fit your needs and schedules.

The chapel provides all Airmen - regardless of rank or faith group - with a safe place for confidential counseling, advice and support. Chaplains are highly trained pastors and counselors that can give you guidance during both the high and low points that occur in your life. Chaplains are held to a standard of confidentiality that will not be broken.

The enlisted staff in the chapel section are also there to lend you support. These enlisted personnel are called chaplain assistants. While the chaplains are the designated pastors and counselors, chaplain assistants are still held to the same standard of confidentiality. If you need pastoral counsel, any chaplain assistant will be able to direct you to a chaplain.

During the course of your duty day, you may see a chaplain or chaplain assistant walking around the base. The chapel team strives to have a strong presence in each individual unit. Stop us and introduce yourself! We will always try to avoid interrupting your important work, but if you have a few spare moments, feel free to take a break with us. If you have something on your mind - whether a burden or a blessing - you can talk to us right then and there or set up an appointment to come by our office.

You will see a literature rack full of various religious and inspirational reading material in most unit buildings. The unit literature racks are stocked on a monthly basis in preparation for the UTA. Everything in the rack is free; help yourself! If your faith group is not represented amongst the literature, contact us at the number listed below, or stop by our office (located in the headquarters building). We can readily provide Protestant,

Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Latter Day Saint material. If we do not have material for your faith group we will make every effort to obtain it.

Every Sunday of UTA the chapel holds a general Christian service in the 25th APS classroom. This service lasts from 9 to 9:30 a.m. We would love to see you there! Because the time and location of this one service might not suit everyone, we are considering having a second general Christian service in the headquarters building. If you would be interested in attending this service, please email us with suggestions on what time frame would be best for you. We will do our best to schedule a service that will meet the spiritual needs of the wing while avoiding any conflict with operational and training missions.

If you have any questions about the 908th AW Chapel Section, please contact us at (334) 953-5372. You can also visit us in the headquarters building. We are located on the second floor opposite of the finance section.

Blessings,

The 908th AW Chapel Staff



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

ASTS Change

Lt Col Nancy Stephenson leads a line of well-wishers congratulating Col Camille Phillips after she became the new commander of the 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, on June 6. In the inset photo, Col Phillips poses with her husband, Rocky Porter and son, Keenan.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

Col. Brett J. Clark -- Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

Lt. Col. Jerry W. Lobb -- Chief, Public Affairs

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Cover photo:

Senior Master Sergeant Patrick Weir and Major John Jordan explain the Air Evac mission to visitors during the National Security Forum.

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2009 Civic Leader Tour Visits Pope



Twenty six civic leaders from across central Alabama departed Maxwell after the record breaking rainfall the morning of May 7th. For two days the group toured Pope and Fort Bragg, visiting the 440th Airlift Wing, the Combat Controller School and met with their Fayetteville, N.C. counterparts. Photo above is a group shot taken on arrival at Pope. To the left, Bob Snider shows Leslie Bailey, Stephanie Godwin and Dan Danmueller his original concept drawings for the Combat Controller school house. This was Snider's first visit to the building he largely designed.

On the top of the next page, Charlotte Meadows, a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, tries on a helmet with the assistance of life support specialist Senior Airman Heiden. Finally on the lower left, Mr. Randy George, Executive Director of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce talks with Mr. Gary Cooper, his counterpart with the Fayetteville Chamber.



CES gets new commander



Chief John Dennis congratulates Major Keven Fuqua following the 908th Civil Engineer Squadron change of command June 6. Fuqua accepted command of the squadron, replacing Lt Col Scott Fallon to his right.



Maintenance practiced Ability To Survive and Operate skills during the June UTA.

Above several maintainers remove the top layer of plastic from a "contaminated" piece of equipment. Below two people practice helping each other drink water while wearing the gas mask. At other training stations, people practiced carrying litters, weapons familiarization, sector sweep team skills and self aid and buddy care.



101st AEW ultimate "ATSO Warrior"

Name Tag:
 2" Duct Tape
 1st Line: USAF
 2nd Line: Rank, First Name, Last Name
Locations:
 - Front and Back of helmet
 - Front and back of hood
 - Right chest
 - Mask Carrier
 - Front and Back of Body Armor

Personal Identification:
 ID/Line Badge/Accountability Card
Field Literature:
 AFMAN 10-100 Airman's Manual
 101st AEW Player's Guide



Reflective Belt:
 24 hours/day

SIM Cards:
 Bio/Chem Warfare Antitoxins (left arm or right trouser pocket)
 M291/M295 Decon Kits/M8 Paper

Mask Carrier (left side):
 DD Form 1574, Serviceable Tag
 Protective mask fit test letter

SIM M9 Paper
 (6 points: ankles, wrists, biceps)
 2" Masking Tape marked "SIM M9"

A look ahead at what's going on in the 908th AW

Key Events

Operational Readiness Exercise: Sept. 13-20, 2009 at Gulfport, Miss. w/911th AW, Pittsburgh IARS, Pa.
 Operational Readiness Inspection: Dec. 4-11, 2009, (location to be announced)

Wing Mission Statement



908 AW Mission Statement: Provide unrivaled theater airlift and flexible combat support across the spectrum of military operations.

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 4 th of July Observed	4
		Warford on Leave				
5	6 Video Teleconference Pittsburgh 0930	7 ORI Tag Up 0930	8 Mobility Force List to AFRC	9 Joint Officer Leadership Development Training Seminar (JOLDTS) in Orlando, Fla. in conj w/ Reserve Officer Assn (ROA) National Convention	10	11 UTA Emergency Ops Ctr / Installation Ops Ctr (EOC/ICC) Pittsburgh
12 UTA	13 VTC Pittsburgh 0930	14 Site Survey at Gulfport	15	16	17	18
EOC/ICC Pittsburgh	Military Personnel Flight (MPF) Block Training July 13-17					
JOLDTS at Orlando						
19	20 VTC Pittsburgh 0930	21 ORI Tag Up 0930	22 Mobility Pkg to AMC	23	24	25
	Federally Employed Women (FEW) Conference- Orlando, Fla . July 20-24					
26	27 VTC Pittsburgh 0930	28 ORI Tag Up 0930	29	30	31	

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UTA
2 UTA	3 VTC Pittsburgh	4 ORI Tag Up	5	6	7	8
9	10 VTC Pittsburgh	11 ORI Tag Up	12	13	14	15 International Junior Officer Leadership Development, Toronto, Canada
16	17 VTC Pittsburgh	18 ORI Tag Up	19 Round 1 Simulations / Limitations to Pittsburgh	20	21 Mobility Pkg to AF/A5XW	22
IJOLD, Aug. 16-21, Toronto, Canada see MSgt Rod Parker						
23/30	24/31 VTC Pittsburgh AFRC Patriot Shadow	25	26	27	28	29

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AFRC Patriot Shadow	2	3	4 AEF TPFDD (Time-Phased Force & Deployment Data) to IG	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Excess airlift requirements to Scott AFB	12 UTA
13 UTA	14	15	16	17	18	19
Operational Readiness Exercise - Gulfport, Miss w/911 th AW, Pittsburgh Pa						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
ORE						
27	28 Round 2 Simulations /Limitations due	29	30			

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 UTA
8 UTA	9 (Deployment Requirements Manning Document) DRMD Airflow Updates-MOB	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 UTA
4 UTA	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 AMC Mobility Notification	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) with 911 th AW and 94 th AW						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Captain Derek Shehee gives a tour of a C-130 flight deck to a group of teachers from Maxwell Elementary School.

Wing snap shots



Chief Master Sergeant Lynn Whited prepares to load a tractor aboard a wing C-130 for a flight to the Dominican Republic. The tractor, mower deck, and tiller attachment were donated through Global Impact Inc. a Prattville based charitable organization. The movement of humanitarian and relief goods by Air Force units was authorized by the Denton Amendment. The Denton amendment was named after its sponsor, Alabama Senator Jeremiah Denton. Daystar Baptist Missions will use the tractor to assist local Dominicans in raising food for themselves and their livestock.



Technical Sgt. Kelly M. Beeler poses with Brig. Gen. Robert E. Bailey and Col. Jeffery W. Ippolito, after they recognized her as AFRC's Outstanding Security Forces Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year-Full time category. The presentation occurred at the AFRC Security Forces Conference.

908TH AIRLIFT WING TOP THREE ASSOCIATION

The 908th Airlift Wing's Top Three Association's objectives are to develop, enhance, and promote the professional image of the 908th Airlift Wing, to improve the quality of life of NCOs and airmen, and to promote activities that increase job satisfaction. Two components vital to the success of these objectives are first, to elect an executive board that illuminates the core principles outlined in the overall objectives of the Top Three. To that end, the following individuals were recently elected to the 908th Airlift Wing's Top Three Executive Board:

President.....MSgt Kenneth Wright
 Vice President.....MSgt Roderick Parker
 Treasurer.....MSgt Sharon Jones
 Secretary.....MSgt Peggy Thomas

The next key component is membership; to challenge each organization to achieve 100% Top Three Membership. Top Three Membership is voluntary and open to all Chief Master Sergeants, Senior Master Sergeants and Master Sergeants. Although membership is voluntary, Senior NCO membership is not. Membership in the Top Three offers Senior NCOs an opportunity to mentor Airmen and Junior NCOs through the collective efforts of the entire body of the Wing's SNCOs. It also allows SNCOs the opportunity to network, benchmark, and learn from each other.

Membership in a Professional Organization is often considered an important criterion for advancing your professional career. By joining the 908 AW Top Three Association you're also joining a network of supporters for the NCO Induction and SNCO induction ceremonies, Quarterly Airmen Mentoring Sessions, Annual Awards and Family Day, just to name a few. Membership dues are \$15.00 annually and may be paid to your units Designated Top Three Representative, First Sergeant, Chief or directly to members of the Executive Board.

NAME	RANK	UNIT
EMAIL (New MD)	PHONE	
RECEIVED BY	DATE	

SUBMITTED BY MSgt Rod Parker, 908 MSF/DFMT

Take Note

Promotions

Congratulations to the following people promoted to the grades indicated:

....to Master Sgt.
Kenneth Carter, ASTS

....to Tech. Sgt.
 Joshua Burton, 25th APS
 Christel Carlisle, 25th APS
 Kevin Clark, MOF
 Kathrun Dearing, 25th APS
 Teshika Holmes, MXG
 Robert Kelly, CF
 Adam Nixon, 357th AS
 Shelby Wright, ASTS

....to Staff Sgt.
 Tonya Fenandez, 357th AS
 Nakeya Livingston, 357th AS
 Michael Schiel, SFS
 Stephin Smith, MXS

....to Senior Airman
 Robert Akin, AMXS
 Andrew Jeter, AMXS
 Anthony Knizel, SFS
 Altumn Pryor, MXS

....to Airman 1st Class
 Joshua Jones, MXS

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To the Family of:



'Live to play, play to live'

While Airmen and their families are encouraged to 'live to play, play to live', safety is of the upmost importance during the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign which runs from Memorial Day, May 22, to Labor Day, Sept. 7. This Air Force-wide campaign is designed to reduce the number of accidents and mishaps during a time of year when mishap and accident rates traditionally increase. In 2008, the Air Force experienced its lowest fatality rate in 15 years however, 16 Airmen lost their lives during the 101 critical days of summer. For summer 2009 the Air Force will join its sister services in a "Critical Days of Summer" joint service safety campaign. Last year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign was the best ever experienced. Let's continue that performance into this year's joint campaign. "Live to Play, play to live."