

931st receives partial ORI credit

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - Five Air Force Reserve Command associate units, including the 931st Air Refueling Group, and their Air Mobility Command counterparts are among AMC units receiving full or partial credit for upcoming operational readiness inspections.

AMC Commander Gen. Walter Kross announced in late March that the units were being given credit for supporting Phoenix Scorpion, the U.S. forces build-up in Southwest Asia, as well as a number of operational activities over the past two years.

The 931st ARG and the 22nd Air Refueling Wing received full credit for the Initial Response and Mission Execution phases of the upcoming April 1999 ORI. As a result, the ORI will consist of only three phases: Mission Generation, Mission Support and Ability to Survive and Operate(ATSO).

"The credit we received will reduce our

ORI tasking by one-third to one-half," said Maj. Tony Gussman, 931st ARG chief of logistics plans. "This is a substantial credit based on our ability to perform real-world operations."

The 514th Air Mobility Wing and its active-duty host at McGuire AFB, N.J., the 305th AMW, are getting full ORI credit. Earlier in March, Kross told the Reserve's 349th AMW and host 60th AMW at Travis AFB, Calif., that they were exempt from their ORI scheduled for this summer.

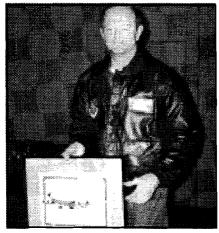
Units receiving partial ORI credit are:

* The Reserve's 446th Airlift Wing and active-duty 62nd AW at McChord AFB, Wash.;

* The Reserve's 512th AW and activeduty 436th AW at Dover AFB, Del.; and

* The Reserve's 931st Air Refueling Group and active-duty 22nd Air Refueling

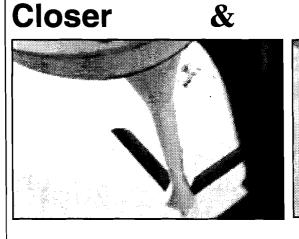
Fond farewell



Staff Sgt. David Brumley/Spirit

Lt. Col. Virgil Younger shows off a gift during his retirement ceremony at the Emerald City officer's club during the April UTA. For more on Younger's retirement party, see page 6.

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An F-16 nears connection with the boom during a recent business effort mission by the 18th Air Refueling Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fla. To see more on the mission, including the successful connection of this aircraft, see page 5.

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EDITORIALS

The "uckey" is upon us

By Col. Dean J. Despinoy 931st ARG commander

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The Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) will take place 4 -9 June. The UCI is performed by the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General's office. . We have already received the official notification of the arrival time of the 35 to 40 people making up the inspection team. Current inspector checklists have been handed out to each squadron. The 931st will be the first associate unit to receive the UCI since the inception of this new inspection. The main unanswered question is the extent that the team will look at the 22 ARW, since they are our host. Meetings have already occurred with key members of the 22nd to prepare them for the possibility of inspectors visiting their locations.

I ask that everyone use this next UTA to

become familiar with the checklists and ensure that every area of responsibility is inspection ready. The procedures used by the team will be slightly different from what you may be use to from other similar inspections. For example, rather than an inspector looking at all the programs in the safety shop, an inspector will look at all areas concerning safety in each shop or location throughout the group. As you will see when you look at the checklists, this inspection is looking for compliance in the "go to jail" items. They are not looking for new binders describing great program or painted rocks. Either you are complying with the directives or you are not and you will be graded accordingly.

There will be a T-Net between our unit and the team approximately 30 days prior to their arrival. If you have some specific questions please make sure that XP is aware of them. They will compile a list of ques-



Col. Dean J. Despinoy

tions for the T-Net session and will ensure that the answer gets back to the appropriate squadron of section. Also, please make sure that you have an appropriate person or persons available in June to talk to the inspectors. I know that everyone in the Group has been taking care of business, so I am sure that we will list this inspection among the many outstanding successes that the 931st has accumulated in it's short history.

McIntosh Sends

Don't abuse Deferred Payment Plan benefit

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh AFRC commander

Many of you are beneficiaries of the base exchange's Deferred Payment Plan. DPP allows you to take advantage of the BX's prices and specials while saving the BX millions of dollars in outside credit card fees. The Deferred Payment Plan can also aid members in establishing a good credit record.

Unfortunately, we have more than 800 reservists, officer and enlisted alike, who are more than 60 days late in making their DPP payments. The BX is taking action to collect from reservists with overdue accounts, including using commercial debt collectors. Lack of financial responsibility can carry serious civilian and military penalties and may irreparably damage your credit rating. We have worked long and hard to earn this benefit; don't abuse it.

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SPIRIT Spotlight

NAME: Carl W. Steiner Jr. RANK: Staff Sgt. WHERE FROM: Altus, Okla. UNIT: 931st AGS DUTY TITLE: Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Journeman CIVILIAN POSITION: Civil Service (Hydraulics C-5) FAVORITE FOOD: Lasagna FAVORITE MUSIC: Christian FAVORITE MOVIE: Sound of Music HOBBIES: Racquetball, working on his house IDEAL VACATION: "Places I've been TDY, and be able to take my wife." BEST WAY TO RELAX: "At home with my wife." PET PEEVE: Discouraging people WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A \$1 MILLION? "Bank it and work on the house."



Staff Sgt. Steiner

Personnel News....

Military Personnel Flight Hours

The core hours of operation for the MPF are as follows:

Monday - Friday	0730 - 1600
Saturday - UTA	0800 - 1600
Sunday – UTA	1000 - 1600

Promotions

The following individuals were promoted to the grade shown for FY98-2.

SSgt Russell Hunt
SSgt Chad Aldrich
SSgt Mark McClard

SSgt Edward Estagin	18 ARS	
SSgt Steven Hembree	CES	
SSgt Daryle Brzezinski	AGS	
SSgt Trae Frye	AGS	
TSgt John Austin	OSF	
TSgt Steven Vogel	AGS	
TSgt Thomas Anton	AGS	
TSgt Ralph Babcock	AGS	
TSgt Jeremy Karczmarczy	yk	AGS
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MSgt Wade Jones	AGS
MSgt Valerie Adkins	ARG
MSgt Fred Delossantos	AGS
MSgt Tatia Krueger	18 ARS

GROUP WEIGH-IN

Group wide weigh-in will be on 6 Jun 1998. All individuals will be weighed and measured not later than 1000 hours on Saturday of the UTA.

Weight Management Program Monitor Meeting

There will be a WMP meeting on 2 May

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UTA Schedule for	
May	2-3
June	6-7
July	18-19
Aug.	22-23
Sept.	12-13

REFER A FRIEND !!

OSF

AGS AGS

There are positions available within the 931st ARG. Help your unit recruit by providing them a name of a friend or have them contact one their area recruiters listed below:

MCCONNELL AFB, KS NSgt Torry Gosh (316) 652-4350 NSgt Lostor Shaw, Jr. (316) 652-3766

MIDWEST CITY, OK

(405) 733-9403

rt Linda Smith t Erick Glick

TINKER & VANCE AFB, OK MSgt Al Garza (405) 734-5331

ALTUS AFB, OK 4. LAWTON, OK MSyl Larry Gilos (405) 357-2784

SNEPPARD AFB, TX MSgt Bob Wright (817) 676-3382

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at 0930 in the Quality meeting room in bldg 850 (next to group commanders office). Please bring your WMP book and any WMP case files.

Airman / NCO of the Quarter Schedule: Nomination Quarter Due to DPMSC Board Date Apr – Jun 98 June UTA July UTA Jul – Sep 98 Sep UTA October UTA

Outprocessing Hours

If you, or any unit member you know, needs to outprocess for TDY, reassignment, or retirement, please keep in mind that on UTA weekends the Military Pay section (Mrs Cecelia Hagen) is only open for business on Saturdays from 0730 to 1300 hours. Thinking ahead can insure that you do not have to come out during the week to finish your outprocessing.

DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data Card (AFI 36-3002)

The primary purpose of the DD Form 93 is to list the next of kin to be notified in the event of a casualty situation. It is imperative the form be reviewed and / or updated immediately anytime information changes (i.e. new child, divorced, married, name change, etc.) See your orderly room or Customer Service for assistance.

PME Opportunities

The 931st has several Enlisted PME opportunities available. See Base Training for a complete list and application procedures.

NEW AF BLUE CARDIGAN SWEATER WEAR CRITERIA

The cardigan sweater is worn by both men and women, with cuffed or uncuffed sleeves. It's machine washable (delicate cycle) unlike the other blue sweater. You may wear the collar inside or outside the sweater; with or with out a tie / tab; and indoors or outdoors. It may be buttoned or unbuttoned when worn indoors, but when buttoned, it must be completely buttoned. When worn outside, it MUST be buttoned. When worn under another outergarmet, it must not be exposed. It may be worn with all available blue service uniforms to include

New members



Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis/Spirit

New to the 931st in April were the following, from left: Senior Airman Allen White (AGS), Senior Airman Brian Thornton (CES), Senior Airman Louis Kaylor (18th ARS), Staff Sgt. Robert Craig (CES), Senior Airman Velincia Johnson (ARG), Capt. Carl Henry (ARS), Capt. William Fletcher III (ARS) and Capt. Allen Conrad (ARS).

maternity garments. Officers and Senior NCOs wear shoulder mark insignia. All other enlisted members wear metal rank insignia one inch form the shoulder seam. The sweater when buttoned, should not pull between buttons and epaulets should fit properly on the shoulder, not extending past the shoulder. Sweater length should be 4 - 7 inches below the waist.

NEW GREEN ID CARDS FOR RE-SERVISTS

The implementation date for use of the green ID cards for reservists is 1 JUN 98. They will be issued through attrition (reenlistment, promotion, etc.) and provide **NO CHANGE IN BENEFITS** – just the color. In accordance with AFI 36-3001, "issue the active duty green ID card when the member is on active duty for 31 day or more. " The member will maintain the issued "Reserve" green card; however, they will be issued an "active duty" green card for the number of days specified on their active duty orders. See Customer Service for further information.

POINT CREDIT SUMMARY

The USAFR Point Credit Summary is a printout that shows your current year total points earned, total points credited for retirement, and satisfactory years credited towards retirement. During the year, you receive points for active and inactive duty training, special tours, MPA tours, ECI courses, and membership in the reserves. You should receive your summary within 60 days after your reserve retirement (R/R) date. Errors may be reported to Customer Service – be sure to bring supporting documentation. The required minimum points for a "satisfactory" year for retirement is 50 and allowed maximum is 75 points.

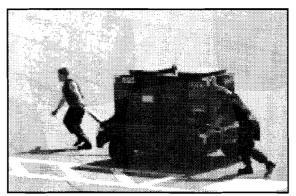
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT COUNCIL (HRDC)

The HRDC meets every Friday before the UTA at 1530 in the Southwind Conference Room. Anyone wishing to have an issue addressed to the council may forward it to their unit representative. Commanders and First Sergeants are always welcome to attend.

Community College of the Air Force: The 931st ARG is honored to have the following members receiving their Associate in Applied Science Degree from CCAF. The Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Emerald City Ball Room at 1600 hrs on 11 May 98.

MSgt Alejandro Clemena; MSgt Alise W. Talley; MSgt Lea A. Shivley; SSgt Barbara L. Davis TSgt Richard Clark.

SPOTLIGHT



Goethe and Aldrich move a generator away from the plane during pre-flight.

Pilots -- Maj. Karen Uchmanowicz, Capt. Doug Adams; Navigator -- Capt. Joe Oline; Boom --Staff Sgt. Jim Yokum. Crew -- Staff Sgt. Ernest Goethe, Staff Sgt. Chad Aldrich.







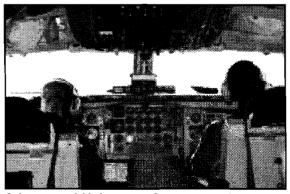
Yokum in the boom pod, earning his pay.

Business... as usual

Business Effort, Eglin AFB, Fla. March 30-April 3, 1998



A positive connection.



Adams and Uchmanowicz approach an Eglin runway.

A business effort, essentially, is one unit borrowing a crew and aircraft from a tanker unit to complete dedicated operational missions. Recently, the 931st supported operations for five days at Eglin AFB, Fla., with one crew and aircraft.



Adams in a rare moment from the cockpit.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brian Bowman

NEWS

18th original Younger ends distinguished career

By Staff Sgt. David Brumley 931st Public Affairs

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An end of an era occurred during the April unit training assembly, Lt. Col. Virgil Younger a pilot for the 18th Air Refueling Squadron

members call it a career during the April Unit Training Assembly.

Lt. Col. Virgil Younger, a pilot for the 18th ARS was given an emotional send off by family and friends during the retirement

ceremony held at the McConnell Officers Club.

Younger handed out "mock" gifts to his fellow crewmembers as a sign of his admiration for their efforts during his tenure.

Younger was joined by his wife Kathy who received flowers and a certificate of appreciation for her support during Younger's service away from his family. "I wore out 21/2 cars driving to Lincoln as a member of The 18th Air Refueling Squadron watched one of its original the Guard unit and every time I was there it meant I couldn't be with them," said an emotional Younger referring to his family.

> Younger became a member of the 18th during the April 1995 UTA the same month the 931st Air Refueling Group stood up.

> Younger said he would miss the friendships he would develop, but it was time for him to move on, and get back to riding his John Deere.

Input needed on 931st enlisted table

In honor of the Year of the Enlisted Force and the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve, enlisted members of the 931st ARG are collecting items to display on a special table. The table will be permanently displayed at the Emerald City enlisted club.

The table, which is currently being stored at the 931st CES building, will display historical memorabilia from the past 50 years of the Air Force. General themes to be displayed in the enclosed glass table could include unit history, women in the military, MIAs and POWs and other significant Air Force events involving enlisted personnel.

Your ideas and memorabilia are needed to complete this special project. The table is tentatively scheduled for dedication during the September UTA, but memorabilia and your input is needed now to make this project a complete success.

For input, questions or to donate memorabilia, contact one of the following: Master Sgt. Lloyd Thompson or Noah Ordyne (CES), Dianne Hiebert (18th ARS), Randy Brown, or Chief Billy Mead (ARG).

Finance

Use AMEX card properly

The American Express card is authorized for official government business only. This means only when the member is on official orders, not to include leave of any sort or IDT. The American Express card is to be used for official TDY expenditures. Only official TDY expenditures claimed on your travel voucher, such as food, lodging and transportation will be reimbursed. Members on TDY longer than 30 days should file an interim travel voucher for expenses incurred to that point. This reimbursement would then be used to pay that month's AMEX bill which will continue to be generated on the normal billing cycle. The member is responsible for keeping their account current at all times.

American Express accounts that become 60 days delinquent will automatically be suspended. The cards will remain in a suspended status until the entire account balance is paid, not just the delinquent amount. Accounts that become 60 days delinquent twice in a 12 month period will be automatically canceled. If a card is canceled under this process we can request reinstatement, however AMEX reserves the right to deny reinstatement of the account.

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It is of utmost importance that all 931st members use the AMEX card properly and pay their AMEX credit card obligations in a timely manner. Not doing so will adversely affect your credit rating and your military career.

AMC units support SWA rotational deployment

By 1st Lt. Jim Fuchs **AMC** Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill, - When Air Combat Command needed to execute an Air Expeditionary Wing rotational deployment of more than 1,200 airmen and 45 aircraft from the 366th Wing at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, to Southwest Asia, one of the first calls they made was to the Tanker Airlift Control Center here. *Providing air mobility support to operations such as these requires a tremendous amount of teamwork between planners and command and control personnel,* said Lt. Col. Ernie Woollard, chief of TACC's Global Readiness Contingency Division. *We have to first identify all the requirements and then develop a workable plan.* From March 21 to April 6, the TACC planned and executed 56 strategic airlift missions to move the 366th Wing into Southwest Asia, while si-

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Wing at McConnell AFB, Kan.

"The decision to give credit for these inspections was based on the fact that these units had fulfilled their ORI requirements during recent operations," said Brig. Gen. John Becker, AMC inspector general. "Because of the units' demonstrated performance in the fulfillment of the requirements, General Kross gave them full or partial ORI credit." (AFRC News Service from AMCNS and 931st sources)

PEOPLE

Meet the press



ech. Sgt. Brian Bowman/Spirit

Then Col. (select) Mario Goico, the 18th ARS commander and new 931st ARG vice commander, shares his thoughts with KSNW-TV's Lynn Morten during a live interview April 14 at McConnell. KSN did three live segments with Goico, 931st commander Col. Dean Despinoy and 931st ARG Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis to observe the Air Force Reserve's 50th anniversary.

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multaneously redeploying the 347th Wing back to Moody AFB, Ga., Eglin AFB, Fla., and Shaw AFB, S.C. The 347th had been deployed since Nov. 21 supporting Operation Southern Watch. In a little over two weeks, Air Mobility Command moved more than 1,400 tons of cargo and 2,200 troops into and out of the theater. The majority of the airlift for the operation was provided by C-17s from the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C.

This really was a C-17 show, admitted Woollard. The C-17 had a 100 percent reliability rate in meeting its LADs (latest arrival dates). Initially, using five C-17s, AMC was able to land one aircraft at its SWA destination every 14 hours, he said.

But the airlift package was only part of the overall AEW, said Woollard. Approximately eight KC-10s and 28 KC-135s from bases across the U.S. and Europe refueled the ACC aircraft to get them to and from the deployed locations.

"In the two weeks of the operation, we moved 101 fighters into and out of the desert," said Maj. Robert Rau, current operations planner in the TACC. "Because the fighters can't go across the ocean alone, our tankers drag them from home station to the area of responsibility and back."

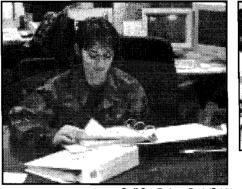
For F-15s and F-16s, that means as many as 18 air refuelings were necessary to get the planes to their destinations.

931st members Norris, Shattuck win awards

Master Sgt. Glenda Norris and Tech. Sgt. Paul Shattuck recently won awards in their career fields.

Norris, of the 931st ARG Intel office, was named the outstanding senior Intel NCO for the Air Force in the Reserve category. She had previously been named the winner at the Air Mobility Command level.

Shattuck, of the 931st AGS, was recently named the 1997 AMC Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Noncommissioned Officer. Shattuck was cited by the board for his outstanding organizational improvement for the 931st AGS.



Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis/Spiri

Norris



Shattuck

Air Force Reserve May History.....

May 18, 1980 – Several Air Force Reserve units contributed aircraft, maintenance, communications and rescue support following the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

May 10, 1989 – Air Force Reserve units were called upon to participate in Operation Nimrod Dancer, the airlift of military personnel and equipment to Panama. Over a five-day period, seven Air Force Reserve strategic airlift units transported more than 750 passengers and 660 tons of cargo.

May 7-8, 1992 – The Command Band of the Air Force Reserve Force flying wing. performed on Russian television and marched in the Peace Vic-

tory Parade in Red Square during the first visit of a United States military band to the Russian capital.

May 6, 1994 – First Lt. Leslie Deann Crosby became the Air Force Reserve's first female fighter pilot when she graduated from the National Guard's F-16 training course in Tucson, Ariz.

May 5, 1996 – Col. Betty L. Mullins, a traditional reservist, accepted command of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, McClellan AFB, Calif. Mullins was the first woman to command an Air Force flying wing.

MISC.

Like grandfather, like grandson for Air Force duo

By Airman 1st Class Angela Furry 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea - Some people take the concept of the Air Force family more literally than others. Recently, Senior Airman Brian Caines, 51st Security Forces Squadron, greeted with open arms a member of a base emergency engineering force team deployed here from the 452nd Civil Engineer Squadron, March Air Reserve Base, Calif. - his grandfather.

"I heard through the grapevine that he'd be coming out," said the 19-year-old Caines." As soon as I found out where he'd been staying, we said 'hi' and we embraced. It's been close to a year since I saw him."

His grandfather, Master Sgt. Barry Sutton, is a 59-year-old Air Force Reserve Command reservist who recently deployed to Osan to help construct a new building on base. The entire family has a strong military background. Sutton was originally in the Marine Corps in 1956, and his father-inlaw was a Navy lieutenant. Caines' father is a retired Air Force master sergeant, and Caines' wife graduates from the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, Calif., in June.

"It's not until the graduation that the family will be able to get together again, about 15 to 20 people, of which six will be military," Caines said. But still, it was unclear as to who had influenced whom to enter the Air Force.

"He started it," accused Caines.

"Actually, his father, my son-in-law, actually started it," Sutton corrected in a grandfatherly way. "He was a recruiter, and I was his first recruit. A friend of mine went into the Air National Guard, and that didn't appeal to me. But this came up, and I said, 'Why not?" It has now been 18 and a half years."

For Caines, both his grandfather and his father influenced him equally to enter military service.

"The military has had a strong influence on my family," he said. "It was either the Air Force or the Army, and I chose the Air Force."

The familial duo were in the same country for four days before they were able to meet up, but the wait was not without its moments.

"I went to the (dining) hall, approached some reservists and asked them if they were from March," said Caines. "They got that look on their face, like 'How do you know?' So I asked them if Master Sgt. Sutton was there, and they said, 'Yeah, Barry will be here Thursday.' So I said, 'I'm his grandson' and walked away. The look on their faces was priceless." (AFRC News Service from Pacific Air Forces News Service)

Communicators compete for Air Force awards

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Communicators from the 514th Communications Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J., are taking the lead in Air Force Reserve Command's bid for Air Force Communications and Information Awards.

In addition to winning the command unit award, the squadron has three members representing the Reserve in competition with individuals from other major commands. They are Capt. Christopher Weimar in the company grade officer category, Staff Sgt. Patricia A. O'Rourke in the NCO category's communications-computer systems specialty, and Antoinette Kolesnikov in the senior civilian category.

Other reservists vying for Air Force awards are:

* Master Sgt. Michael P. Sklarsky, 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., in the senior NCO category;

* Tech. Sgt. Maurice K. Bouie, 315th Operations Support Flight, Charleston AFB, S.C., in the NCO category's information management specialty.

VEHICLE TALK by MSgt Alejandro Clemeña, VCO

"Implied Consent"; by accepting installation driving privileges, vehicle owners and operators have given their consent to: (a) blood, breath, or urine tests when lawfully detained, apprehended, or cited for any impaired driving offenses committed while driving, or in physical control of, a motor vehicle on McConnell AFB, (b) Vehicle Impoundment; vehicles illegally parked for unreasonable periods of time; interfering with safe traffic flow, creating a safety hazard, disabled by accident or incident; left unattended in or adjacent to a restricted, controlled, or other off-limits area; or abandoned are subject to removal and temporary impoundment. *Direct your questions or ideas to improve our service to your Unit VCO*. Thank you and drive safely!!!

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