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Christmas fun for all

Maj. Randy Sauer, 18th ARS, holds his daughter Hannah while she talks to Santa. Maj. Michael Laugh-ton, 18th ARS Executive Officer, filled in for Santa Claus at the group Christmas party Dec. 10.

Air Force releases new mission statement

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

"Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a

joint Letter to Airmen. "Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise."

The mission statement defines the "where and what" the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests -- to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new con-

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THIS UTA

Commanders' Call

The next Group Commanders' Call has been moved from the January UTA to the February UTA. Col. Karl



J. Hurdle, 931st ARG Commander, is scheduled to return from his deployment to Manas Air Base, Krygyzstan in time for the February UTA. It will be held at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Robert J. Dole Community Center. Sign-in sheets will be located in the ballroom.

Staff Assistance

In preparation for the AFRC Unit Compliance Inspection later this year, Headquarters 4th AF personnel will be making a staff assistance visit to the 931st Feb. 8-12.

Kanza Spirit news

This month's Kanza Spirit is a combined January/February edition due to manning/TDY issues in the public affairs office. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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The deadline to submit articles and newsbriefs for publication is close of business of the UTA.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome to the January UTA,

As we begin the New Year, it's both a time to review and look ahead.

The last four months have certainly been rewarding for me. It's been very rewarding to work full-time with all of you great 931st patriots. During General McNabb's visit, I had the opportunity to present him with some interesting information about our participation. Did you know that during FY05 the 931st performed over 18,000 MPA orders? That's 18,000 days of manpower we made available to take on active duty taskings! In addition we did over 13,000 mandays of Reserve and school tour orders for a total of over 31,000 mandays of work!

That doesn't even account for UTAs and other inactive duty training. You folks are incredible. People across this Group have volunteered their time and talents to support the Global War on Terrorism and to remain ready for mobilization. You have much to be proud of.

As we look ahead to 2006, there will continue to be opportunities to serve your country at home and abroad. Coming up quickly in February we will be receiving a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) from 4th AF. This is our chance to show them we are ready for our UCI in the fall. This year will also bring an Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Visit (ASEV) with associated in-flight evaluations and testing. Some of our CE and Medical troops will be involved with a deployment in April - May to build houses and support buildings. We are also in the planning stages of voluntary aircrew and maintenance deployments in May - June and again in September - October. Of course, we continue to have volunteers from Security Forces, Intel, and other agencies deployed.

We also look forward to Col Hurdle's return in January. Because he will miss the January UTA, I have moved the Group Commander's Call to February so that he can address the troops and we can welcome him home. I know there is a lot to do in 2006, but I also know we are up for the challenge. Let's start the year off right with an enjoyable and productive UTA! Thank you again for your support to this unit and your country.



Clayton Childs, Colonel
931st ARG Deputy Commander

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complaint with the Air Force,
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(800) 424-9098.**

UTA SCHEDULE

Next UTA: Jan. 7-8

February 11-12

March 11-12

April 8-9

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cepts, “sovereign options” and “cyberspace,” which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

“Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy’s defenses,” they said. “With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world.”

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

“We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can’t be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures,” Secretary Wynne said. “The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent.”

Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman’s calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

“If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts,” they said. “If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them.”

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, “The Air Force’s mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do.”

Med Group sets SABC instructor class for February

The 22nd MDG will conduct a self-aid buddy care instructor’s Course. The following requirements must be met before instructing a SABC class: be an OJT Trainer and attend formal classroom training (SABC instructor course). Once instructors become certified they must teach at least two classes in two years to maintain certification.

Did you know the following personnel are exempt from SABC training: Pararescue Specialty, Aircrew members who have completed combat survival training (IAW MCI 10-202), members who have completed survival training are exempt for 24 months, nonmedical personnel with current nationally registered EMT and chemical agent symptoms and treatment training, and members who are current card holders of American Red Cross advanced first-aid. These personnel must also be able to recognize and treat chemical agent contamination.

Units desiring to have members SABC instructor trained must submit names by January 7, 2006. Each student must ensure they bring their individual first aid kits to class with them

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SPRIT SPOTLIGHT

Senior Airman Scott Scurlock is a Valencia, Calif., native who joined the Air Force over four years ago.

Job Title: Boom Operator

Civilian job: None

Favorite way to relax: Spending time with friends, going out or just kicking back at someones house

What annoys me: I’m pretty easy going, however it drives me crazy when I’m faced with problems I can’t fix

Most influential person in my life: My parents. Their support has always aided me in seeing my goals through

What I’m listening to: The old 97’s are my current favorite

What I’m reading: The last block of pre-instructor computer based training

If I won \$1 million, I would: Probably invest some, donate a bit and use the rest to start a business, maybe a music store



TDY travel changes

You can make airline, hotel or car rental reservations one of two ways. The first is by calling Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 316-689-8300. One of the travel agents at Carlson will make your reservations for you and will then email you the itinerary. Or you can go to Carlson's web site at www.cwtres.com to make your own arrangements. When you use your government charge card to secure travel reservations thru Carlson Wagonlit Travel, your card will be charged a transaction fee which can range from \$8.75 for an agent arranged hotel reservation to \$18.30 for an agent arranged airline reservation. These charges will appear on your invoice and will be annotated on your travel voucher for reimbursement. POC: Darlene Mackamul, TMO, Bldg 750, Room 107, ext 5261.

Space-A Prohibited Change

The following changes to the prohibited items list for air travel were implemented December 22nd. Scissors with a cutting edge of four inches or less and tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers smaller than seven inches will now be permitted on board. Scissors longer than four inches and tools such as crowbars, drills, hammers, and saws will continue to be prohibited from carry-on bags. Lighters will continue to be banned from the cabin of aircraft and

in checked baggage. Up to four books of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.

Request DD-214 online

Military veterans and their next of kin can now request copies of their DD-214 and other military records through a new Web site.

By law, the center is required to obtain a written signature verification by fax or mail within 20 days of an online request. The new site is located at:

[HTTP://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV](http://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV)

TRICARE Extended

The TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Benefit, has been extended through Oct. 31, 2007.

The Department of Defense extended the benefit for an additional two years to ensure continuity of care for family members of Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. More information is available at:

WWW.TRICARE.OSD.MIL/RESERVE

Headphone wear restricted

The wear of headphones is authorized

while wearing the Air Force's new official physical training uniform during personal fitness and other off-duty activities. However, running on McConnell AFB while wearing headphones is restricted to the base gymnasium and the new outdoor track located southwest of the Robert J. Dole Community Center.

Virtual Commissary open

Defense Commissary Agency shoppers looking for a different kind of gift can let their fingers do the clicking as the new Virtual Commissary. Commissary officials said the Virtual Commissary will open up new options of Internet shopping for authorized users. To access Virtual Commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found at:

WWW.COMMISSARIES.COM

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