

# KANZA SPIRIT

## 931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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# Activated

## Most of groups' flyers at overseas locations

**Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap**

*931st Public Affairs*

Approximately 100 group members are activated in support of the country's current military operations.

The majority activated are from the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, the group's flying squadron. The 18th is also the largest air refueling squadron in the Air Force.

The first group of deployers left early this month for a U.S. Central Command location. Subsequent deployers left in the middle of the month for an undisclosed location. Most of those activated are deployed.

A boom operator known as "Bear" by his 931st comrades left with the first group deployed. Bear is also one of the many group members who have family members eagerly waiting for their reservist's return home.

"I definitely don't want to leave my family," he said just before boarding the bus that took him to his departing aircraft. "But I signed up for this 13 years ago and I'm still going to do it."

It was the first time the 931st received activation orders since early 1999 when 78 group members were activated for Operations Allied Force and Northern Watch.

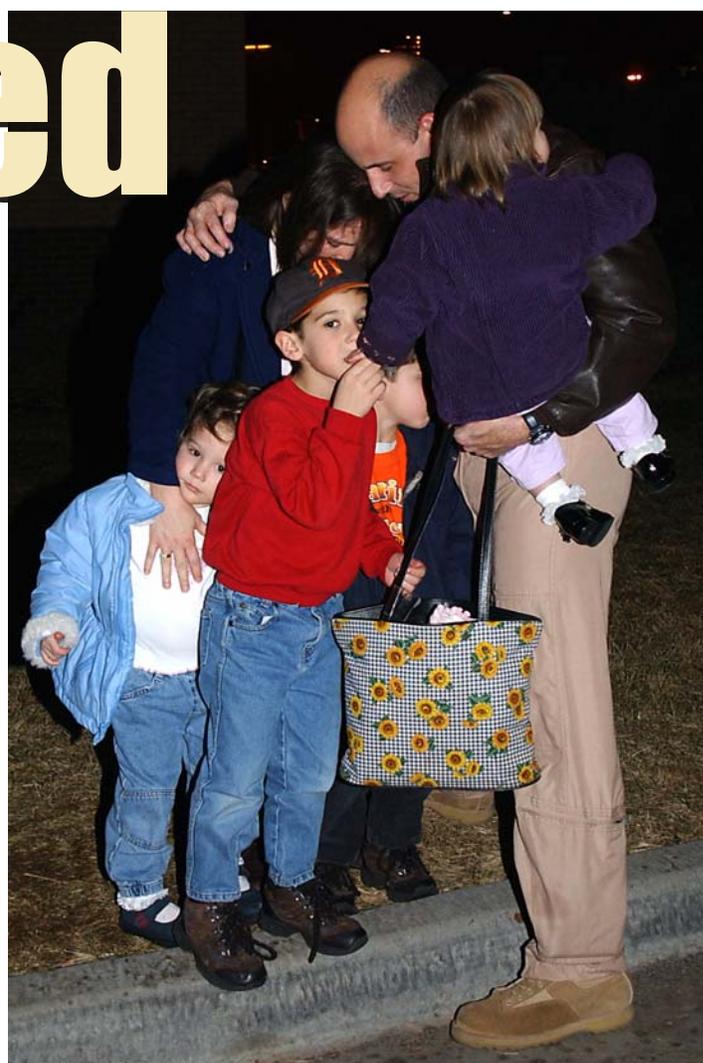


photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap

An 18th Air Refueling Squadron member says goodbye to his family before deploying to a U.S. Central Command Location. Nearly every member of the 18th ARS is currently activated and deployed overseas in support of current U.S. military operations. Several other members of the 931st are also activated.

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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

The 18th Air Refueling Squadron and several other 931st members have been mobilized and forward deployed. The process could not have been accomplished without the dedication from the entire group.

The Military Personnel Flight and finance gave up an incredible amount of time to help process members through the mobilization process. Our medical, security forces and disaster preparation personnel quickly jumped in to make sure everyone had required mobility items completed. Our maintenance squadron technicians worked numerous overtime hours and received help from local traditional reservists to launch sorties well beyond the normal rate. A special thanks to our active-duty team for their support and additional efforts needed to deploy this large group. I want to say "Thank You" to the entire team for a job WELL DONE!

Our Family Support unit has been mobilized to help the deployed members and their families. The mobilized unit consists of one mobilized individual, Master Sgt. Tina Proulx. Even though she does an incredible job, she's only one individual. Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz and the rest of the MPF, along with my wife, Kim, will support her.

Master Sgt. Ken Girty, the 18th ARS First Sergeant, is on extended orders and can also help. Hopefully, through our total team effort we can make separations as smooth as possible. Members and their families should never hesitate to call us for help with what may even seem like the smallest of problems. We also have many fine agencies on base to help us help you.

The 931st is a family. Many of us that haven't left are very familiar with the problems associated with separations and are more than willing to help.

We will keep all of the families up to date on the activities of our deployed members. If and when we have a rotator, we will get the word out so "Care Packages" can be sent forward. Hopefully, world events will make our deployment a short one and, with the help of our deployed warriors, a very successful operation. My "Best Wishes" to all.



Jeffery Glass, Colonel  
931st ARG Commander

**UTASCHEDULE :**

**Next UTA: March 29-30**

April 12-13

May 3-4

Dear Members of the 931st Air Refueling Group:

You have embarked on a journey which will test your training and challenge you as airmen. America faces a great challenge in the days ahead. You, as the men and women of the United States Air Force, represent hope to all Americans in this time of crisis. I know you will perform your duties in the finest tradition of your country, your service and your squadron, providing critical refueling capabilities to support the mission of the United States Military. Thank you for your sacrifice and willingness to serve our Great Nation in the defense of Freedom and the protection of Democracy.

May God bless each of you and your families in the months ahead. My thoughts and prayers go with you.

Sincerely,



Sam Brownback  
United States Senator



## Priority #1: Our People

**Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray**  
*Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force*

As units throughout our Air Force are deployed, posture for deployment, or ramp up for accelerated operations at home, it's important to know that senior leaders are aware of how hard each of you is working, and that they are grateful for your dedication to the mission.

Nowhere is that appreciation more evident than in the President's recently unveiled 2004 budget proposal. In that proposal, the largest chunk of Air Force money is focused on you – our greatest asset. People and quality-of-life initiatives make up 34 percent of the \$93.5 billion in Air Force money.

The most tangible part of that budget for most of us is the proposed pay raise, which ranges from 2 percent for our E-1s to 6.25 percent for our most senior NCOs.

We have enjoyed several targeted pay raises in the past four years in an effort to bring military pay into a comparable scale with that of our private sector counterparts with the same level of education and experience.

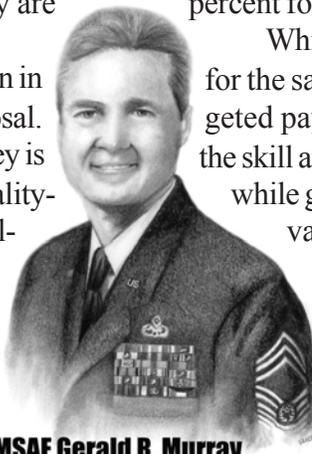
However, the gap between civilian and military pay wid-

ens at the NCO and Senior NCO ranks, with our senior NCOs in some cases earning only half of what their civilian counterparts with the same skills, education and experience level earn. The 2004 targeted pay raise proposal will continue to address that gap, giving an average pay raise of 4.6 – 4.8 percent to NCOs, and between 5 percent to 6.25 percent for senior NCOs.

While we know we can never pay you enough for the sacrifices you and your families make, targeted pay raises are a good way for us to reward the skill and experience of our retention-based force while giving our young airmen motivation to advance as they look up the pay scale.

In today's environment of high operations tempo, deployments and demanding missions, every member of our force is an integral part of the team, and we will continue to seek adequate pay and compensation for all you do. The Air Force needs

each of you to understand the immense value you are to the organization and to continue to carry your weight every day. Thank you for your dedicated service, and what you do for our Great Nation.



**CMSAF Gerald R. Murray**

# DOD to 'rebalance' active-duty, reserve missions

AFRC News Service

Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to the Department of Defense.

This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on reservists, families and employers but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden on the U.S. government and the taxpayers who pay for it, DOD is laying the foundation to "rebalance" the work load shared between the reserve and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the fore because DOD cut the active force 34 percent and the reserve components 25 percent after the Persian Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we thought the world would look like," Hall said. "Then, suddenly, 9/11, and the enemy was at the doorstep and the world was never going to be (the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command.

After 9/11, most activated reservists were allowed to get off active duty after serving one year.

However, thousands of Guard and Reserve SF members were extended into a second year, and some of them are just getting off active duty as 9,000

members of the Army National Guard begin providing security at Air Force installations.

Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on reservists. He knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly.

"We cannot have a situation where we call you, as a guardsman or reservist, every year for three or four years," Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard and Reserve, and employ-

DOD proposals, will be dependent on budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services, office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives."

Although DOD cannot make sweeping changes without congressional approval, the services can shift responsibilities from unit to unit through force structure realignments.

For example, the Air Force an-

photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Schaepp



**18th Air Refueling Squadron crew members go through in-processing after receiving activation orders in support of current U.S. military operations. The Department of Defense is working on plans to remove some of the heavy burden placed on the reserves.**

ers might worry about employing you."

No date has been set for the rebalancing to go into effect. The plans must be reviewed, proposed and approved, as with any defense proposal.

Officials in the directorate of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC say they have not received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other

nounced in December 2000 plans to realign the Air Force Reserve's 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport, Ore., from combat search and rescue to an air refueling mission.

This year the unit is transitioning to eight KC-135 Stratotankers and transferring its eight HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and five HC-130 refueling aircraft to an active-duty unit at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

## **Initial Response Exercise canceled**

The Initial Response Exercise planned for the March Unit Training Assembly has been canceled.

## **Employer Flight/Day postponed**

Employer Appreciation Day has been postponed indefinitely due to the groups current commitment to U.S. military operations.

Applications already received will be honored when a rescheduled date is decided. Further applications will continue to be accepted.

Application forms are available at the 931st ARG public affairs office. To request a form via fax or e-mail, call (316) 759-3704.

## **Spring Fling postponed**

The semiformal party that was being planned for the spring in downtown Wichita has been postponed until further notice.

## **Single Kanza Spirit mailed for March/April**

This issue of the *Kanza Spirit* was expanded to 12-pages to supplement the April Unit Training Assembly because of the short two-week break in UTAs.

# *Deployment offers tax options, not filing not one of them*

## **AFRC News Service**

Mobilized Air Force reservists deploying overseas are not automatically excused from filing their federal income tax return, according to Air Force Reserve Command staff judge advocate officials here.

Deploying reservists have four options when it comes to filing taxes. They can file before they leave, authorize a spouse or trusted friend to sign and file for them, have a non-military or non-deploying spouse sign and file a joint tax return on their behalf, or use an extension if authorized.

If reservists have not received their Form W-2 in the mail before deploying, they can access it online by using a personal identification number via "My Pay" on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

Most active-duty locations offer a tax-assistance program. Servicemembers can electronically file their returns and opt for direct deposit of any refund into their checking accounts.

If a reservist wants to allow someone else to sign and file his return, he must: be absent from the United States for at least 60 days before the due date for filing the return, be unable to sign the return because of disease or injury, or get permission from the Internal Revenue Service office in the area to have another person file on his behalf.

Reservists can authorize their agents to sign and file by using a special power of attorney or by using IRS Form 2848, which is available on the Web at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-fill/f2848.pdf>

If filing a joint return, a special power of attorney or IRS Form 2848 is not required. Married couples filing separate returns cannot use this option.

Deployed military people can usually take advantage of a filing extension for service in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area. Before claiming these extensions, reservists should check with a tax preparer or a legal assistance officer to ensure that the area where they are deployed has been declared a combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area.

To find out what a state requires when reservists are deployed, they should consult with a tax preparer or a legal assistance officer. Some states have rules that are similar to the federal rules.

## **Tax Tips**

### **File for free**

Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to see if you are one of the many now eligible to file federal taxes for free.

### **Check W-4**

Activated members who claim the maximum number of dependents for UTA paychecks may want to adjust their W-4 to avoid a large tax bill next year.

# Key Information for

*Compiled by Maj. James Bishop,  
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It's happened. You've been called to active duty. Now all the planning pays off. Personal and family readiness will give you peace of mind to do your job while away.

Most people know about the basic benefits of activation, such as pay, full commissary use, and health care. Below is a quick reference for answers to questions many activated reservists have. For a more complete guide to preparing for mobilization, see the Family Readiness pamphlet, "Mission Readiness."

## Family Support



**Master Sgt. Tina Proulx**  
*931st ARG Family Readiness*  
**(316) 759-3593**  
**1-888-708-3885**

Leave things as stable as possible at home. Most family members feel some sense of anger or loss at separation. It's not fun, but it's normal. The best thing to do is deal with the feelings. Communicate.

Other things that have worked include working out a family budget with the new pay scale, drawing up a chart for household chores, and making sure routine maintenance is

done before you leave. You may want to plan a going-away event, so you can leave with warm memories. The Family Support Program offers information, assistance, and support for your family while you are away.

They can connect your spouse with experts who will assist them one on one or in a workshop with financial management, job search, parenting, stress management, child care relief (if you're activated), and much more.

Call 931st Family Support at 888-708-3885, or in the local area (316) 759-3593.

## Job Rights

Two basic rights granted to you by law are the right to deploy and the right to return to your job. Your employer must let you report to your military station when you receive orders. You cannot be forced to take personal or sick leave while performing military duty. You should communicate with your employer about when you have to report, and how long your orders are for. Give them a point of contact number, and let them know if your situation changes.

If you have problems on the employer end, call the local ESGR, visit [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org), or call ESGR headquarters at 1-800-336-4590.

Mr. Jim Wishart at (316) 261-6341 is the local ESGR representative for the 931st. (If you're employed in a small business, let your employer know that some aid programs are available to small businesses suffering a loss from a call-up. Information is available at [www.sba.gov/reservists](http://www.sba.gov/reservists) or 800-U ASK SBA.)

## Financial Help

As an activated reservist, you may be eligible for emergency aid from the Air Force Aid Society for such things as basic living needs, car repairs, childcare problems, serious illness or death of an immediate family member, and other problems associated with an activation.

To contact the ADAS, call the nearest base family support center (McConnell is (316) 759-6020), or visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org). Last year the AFAS helped more than 20,000 Air Force members and their families with some \$26 million in assistance. If you need it, help is there.

Other helpful offices include the nearest base chaplain's office (McConnell's chaplain is (316) 759-3567), the USO, the Reserve Officer's Association (call 800-809-9448 or visit [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org) for information on organizations that help the military), the American Red Cross (877-272-7337 or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)), and social services—most are in a phone book.

## Deployment Guide

For a wealth of information for the reservist and families on preparing for deployment, deploying, and returning from a deployment, see the Deployment Guide, available from the 931st ARG Family Support Office at the number above.

## Medical Benefits

All active-duty service members are authorized to use military medical facilities and are enrolled in TRICARE Prime health care plan. Families of ser-

# Activated Reservists

vice members are covered through one of three options. These options will be explained to you in your in-briefing, or you can visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or call (316) 691-6300 in the local McConnell AFB area for TRICARE information.

## Pay

For information regarding pay and travel entitlements, please call the Financial Management office at (316) 759-3629/4633. You can access the Defense Finance website at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil), and you can sign up for a pin to let you access your leave and earning statement online at [www.dfas.mil/mypay/](http://www.dfas.mil/mypay/).

## ID Cards and Emergency Info

Family members must have ID cards and be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to receive medical and other benefits. Call customer service at (316) 759-3637 for more information.

## Legal

For wills, powers of attorney, and special powers of attorney, call the McConnell AFB Legal Office at (316) 759-3590 during the week, or contact the 931st ARG Legal Office during UTAs at (316) 759-3804. You'll also be given another chance to review or accomplish your essential forms when you report to the 931st.

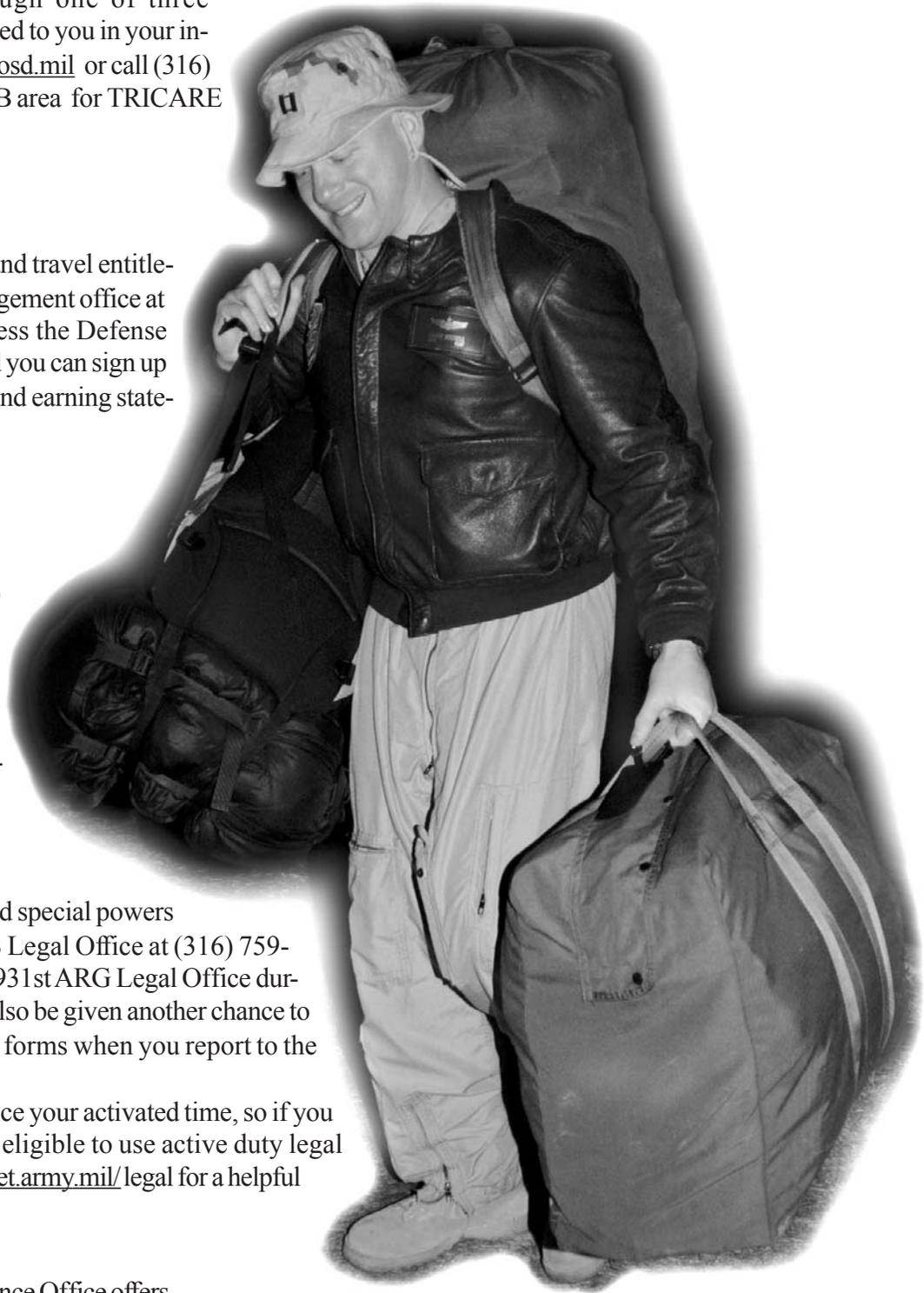
Your legal benefits extend to twice your activated time, so if you were activated for one year, you are eligible to use active duty legal services for two years. See [www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal](http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal) for a helpful military legal website.

## Useful Web Sites

-Veterans Administration Assistance Office offers medical, compensation, re-employment, insurance and home loan benefits — 800-827-1000 or [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

-Air Force Reserve Command — <http://www.afrc.af.mil/>. Note the red "Hot" button for mobilization guidance. This site can only be reached from a military computer.

-Air Force Crossroads — [www.afcrossroads.com](http://www.afcrossroads.com)  
-United Services Organization — [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)  
-Armed Forces Vacation Club — [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)



# Air Force gives go to Stop-Loss

*Waiver process implemented for 'unique circumstances'*

WASHINGTON - The assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs has authorized the use of Stop-Loss to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties will be affected by Stop-Loss.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G Roche. "Stop-Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop-Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop-Loss is being implemented across the active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve and Air National Guard for the affected career fields in the ranks of airman through colonel, said Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop-Loss seriously and

are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

## Virtual Take Off

### *Online Personnel Flight launched, ready for use*

**Senior Master Sgt. Corinna Seitz**

*Military Personnel Flight*

As much as we may not like it, our dependency on computers is increasing. The days of visiting the CBPO (for those old timers) or the Military Personnel Flight and interacting with a live person is decreasing. Many of the items you accomplished by visiting the MPF can now be completed from the your home or office.

By visiting [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) you will be able to access your personnel files for such things as:

- Ribbons print-out
- Proof of Service
- Records review RIP
- Duty History
- Survivor Benefits
- Record of Emergency Data (DD 93)

When you first enter this site, you will need to create a user ID and password to get you to the secure Air Force Personnel Center website.

You will be asked for your date of rank and payday. You will also be asked to supply your command. Your command is **Air Mobility Command**, **not** Air Force Reserve Command.

The Air Force is now requiring military members to access the Virtual Military Personnel Flight to complete DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data if you have any changes.

The MPF will no longer complete this form. A copy of this electronically signed form will be sent to the servicing MPF for file in their personnel records.

If you have any questions regarding the VMPPF, stop by the MPF and we can help you sign on the computer and get you started.

# From a 'Dollar Nineteen' to a Buck Thirty-five

931<sup>st</sup> serves nation  
with low 'inflation'

(Right) The C-119 "Flying Boxcar" served as the 931st's primary weapon system for nearly seven years.

**Tech. Sgt. Randolph Brown**  
931st ARG Historian

Back in the days before cars had muscle and the Jets had yet to win the "Big Game," the "Flying Hoosiers" flew a plane affectionately known as "A Dollar-Nineteen." Known by its NATO designation as the C-119 "Flying Boxcar," the cargo/airlift aircraft served as the 931st's first primary weapon system for nearly seven years.

During that time, the Dollar-Nineteen allowed aircrews to complete a variety of missions, including the capturing of satellites as they returned to earth. It performed airlift and cargo missions in Vietnam during the Tet Counteroffensive operations from January to June 1968.

The "Flying Boxcar" played an integral part in the 931st Tactical Airlift Group earning the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, with Palm campaign medal. Since then, the 931st has flown various aircraft, including the U-3 "Blue Canoe," O-2 "Skymaster," A-37 "Dragonfly," and KC-135A "Stratotanker."

Most recently, the 931st activated with the same mission tasking as that of its last activation, which was air-

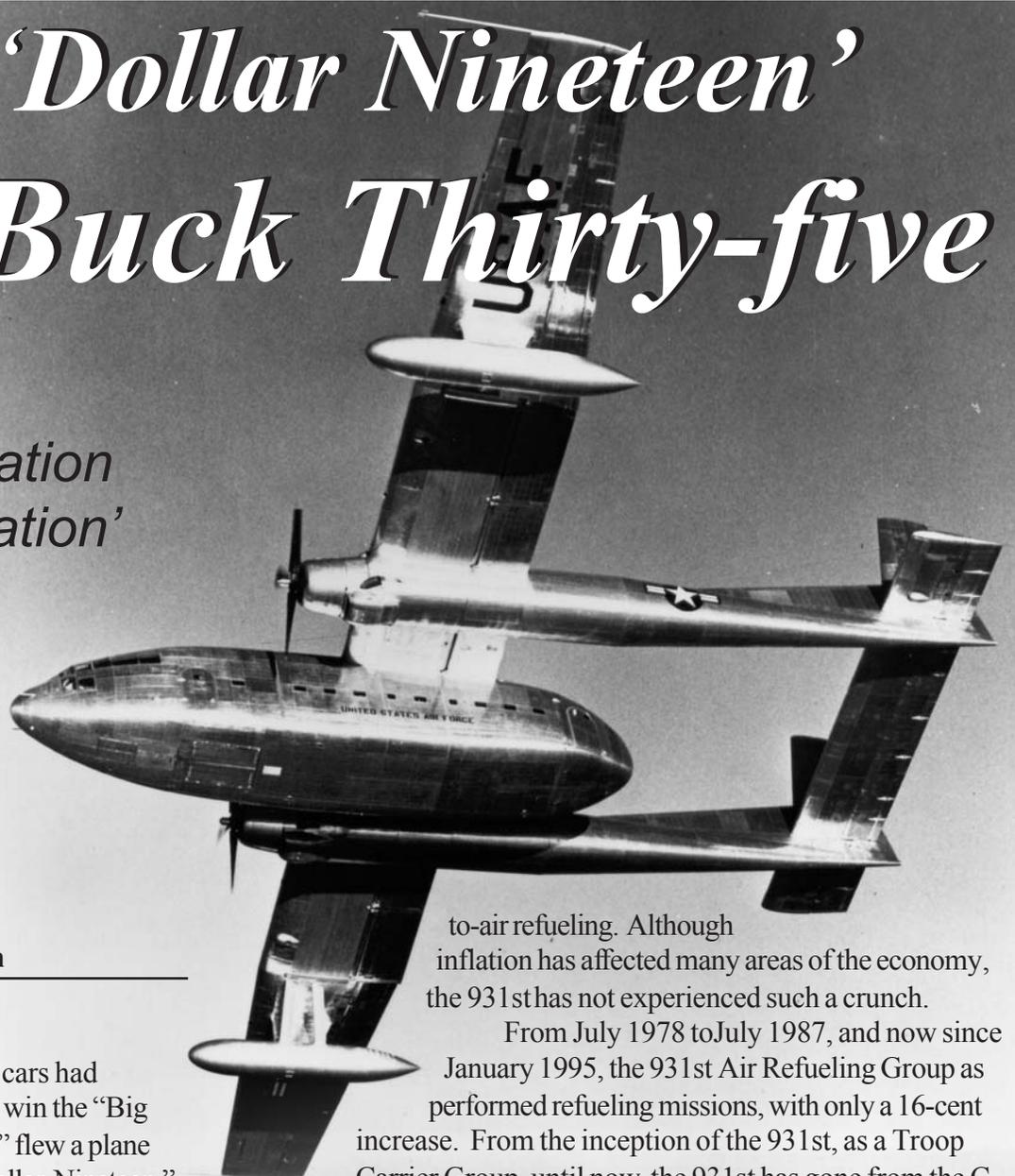
to-air refueling. Although inflation has affected many areas of the economy, the 931st has not experienced such a crunch.

From July 1978 to July 1987, and now since January 1995, the 931st Air Refueling Group has performed refueling missions, with only a 16-cent increase. From the inception of the 931st, as a Troop Carrier Group, until now, the 931st has gone from the C-119 to the KC-135.

Even though the change of designation might have been small, the impact of aircrews and support personnel has not. In the eight years since the reactivation of the group, two Air Force outstanding unit awards have been earned. This equals the total earned in all previous activations.

And, despite not earning a combat medal or campaign ribbon, the flying unit assigned to the group, the 18th Air Refueling Squadron has participated in operations in Kosovo, and in more recent operations such as – Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

In an era of "getting more bang for the buck," the 931st has proven to be a good steward of assigned assets, and capable of "providing mission ready reservists to fly, maintain and support global reach for America."



## SPIRIT SHORTS

### **DOD offers free protection software for home PCs**

A new website will allow active Department of Defense military and civilian employees to access anti-virus, anti-hacker and anti-spam software from their home computers. Home use of security products lessens the threat of employees transferring malicious logic onto DOD networks.

McAfee's VirusScan 7.0 Home Edition software is available to Department of Defense employees free of charge for their home use. With McAfee VirusScan, users can scan and protect their computers from the thousands of viruses, Trojans and other malicious code that may harm PCs. McAfee VirusScan also comes with an integrated personal firewall that blocks hackers from gaining access to users' systems.

DOD users can download these services at [www.mcafee.com/dod/](http://www.mcafee.com/dod/).

Questions or issues regarding the website can be directed to Randy Valentine at [rvalentine@mcafee.com](mailto:rvalentine@mcafee.com).

### **First FY03 Fitness Walk scheduled for April UTA**

The first fitness walk for fiscal year 2003 is scheduled for April 13 at the Civil Engineer Squadron track. The walk will begin at 3 p.m. All members need their monitor there to keep times.

### **Advisory council forming, group needs members**

The group commander is looking for sharp, motivated junior enlisted members to join a new Unit Advisory Council. Members who want to share their independent thoughts and ideas concerning the 931st are considered prime candidates to join.

Call Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz at (316) 759-3625 for more information.

### **Free phone cards**

Deployed reservists can request free cards through the following website:  
[www.operationuplink.org/request.cfm](http://www.operationuplink.org/request.cfm)

### **931st AMXS 5th Annual Chile Cook-off**

The group maintenance squadron is scheduled to sponsor its annual Chili Cook-off April 12, the Saturday of the April Unit Training Assembly.

All group members are invited to bring a pot of chili for competition no later than 10:30 a.m. to the AMXS orderly room.

Everyone attending the cook-off will be provided an entry ballot at the door to vote for their favorite chili.

Entry fee is \$3 and includes all-you-can-eat chili, crackers, cheese, onions and drink. Call Vickie Hayden at (316) 743-6228 for more information.

### **Reserve service for retirement lowered**

The reserve service required for retirement has been lowered from eight years to six years.

The permanent change reinstates a temporary lowering that expired Dec. 31, 2001.

## SPIRIT SPOTLIGHT

**This month's selectee is a Lindsborg, Kan. native who has been in the Air Force 1 and 1/2 years.**

**Job title:** Avionics technician

**Civilian job:** Probably a student unless I'm activated

**Favorite way to relax:** Fishing

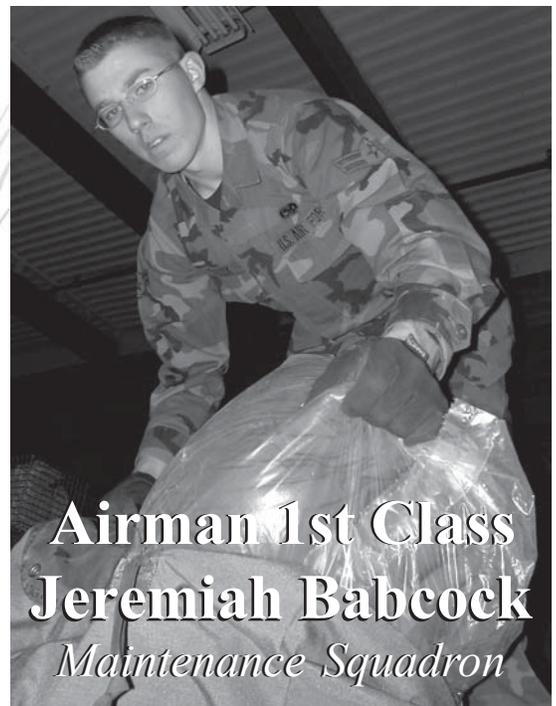
**Easiest way to annoy me:** There is none

**Most influential person in my life:** My father, Master Sgt. Ralph Babcock, 931st Maintenance Squadron

**What I'm reading now:** CDCs

**What I'm listening to now:** 92.3 "The Zone"

**If I won \$1 million, I would:** Buy a house and a new truck



**Airman 1st Class  
Jeremiah Babcock**  
*Maintenance Squadron*



## *Champs Again*

The 931st Air Refueling Group won the McConnell Air Force Base Over-30 Intramural League Championship for the second straight year. From left to right, team members are (back row) Nate Brown, Travis Clark, Jay James, Joe Oline, Lauren Harper, Ray Patterson (front row) Milton Willhight, PJ Johnson, and Wayne Seitz. Team members missing from the photo are Jeffery Glass and Cliff Rosen.

## **Congratulations PME Graduates**

**Staff Sgt. James Koch--OSF**  
*7-Level School*

**Tech Sgt. David Lofton--CES**  
*NCO Academy via Correspondence/  
Environmental 3-Level School*

**Tech Sgt. David Moore--CES**  
*NCO Academy via Correspondence*

**Tech. Sgt. Troy Powers--AMF**  
*NCO Academy  
via Correspondence*

**Senior Airman James Sanders--MSF**  
*Airman Leadership School*

**Tech Sgt. Aaron Wright--AGS**  
*NCO Academy*

# WICHITA WEEKEND

## College Baseball

March 28-30 – Wichita State hosts Illinois State at Ech Stadium at WSU. March 28th game begins at 7 p.m. March 29th game is a double-header beginning at 2 p.m.

April 11-13 – Wichita State hosts Indiana State at Ech Stadium at WSU. April 11th game begins at 7 p.m. April 12th game is a double-header beginning at 2 pm. April 13th game begins at 6 p.m.

## Comedian Jay Mohr

April 11 – Comedian Jay Mohr is scheduled to appear at Wichita State University's Hughes Metro Complex at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the university student union or at Select-A-Seat outlets.

## Arena Football

March 29– The Wichita Stealth host the Arkansas Twisters at the Kansas Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Select-A-Seat and the Coliseum.

## Shrine Circus

April 11-12 – The Shrine Circus comes to the Kansas Coliseum. April 11th showings are 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 12 showings are 10 a.m., 2:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at Select-A-Seat locations.

## Base Bowling Center

Fridays– Super Cell (Cosmic) bowling from 7 – 11 p.m. Pizza, Pins & Pop special from 5– 9 p.m.

# At The Movies

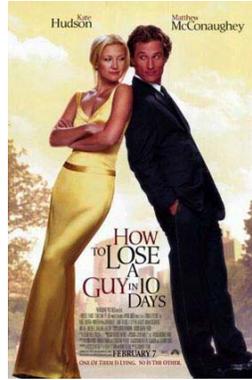


## DARK BLUE

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 7pm

1 hrs. 56 min. Kurt Russell is an LAPD cop tutoring a rookie just days before the acquittal of four white officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King and subsequent LA riots.

**MPAA Rating:** R for violence, language and brief sexuality



## HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 7pm 1

hr. 50 min. Matthew McConaughey is a regular ladies man who bets his friends he can stay in a relationship with Kate Hudson for more than 10 days.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for some sex-related material

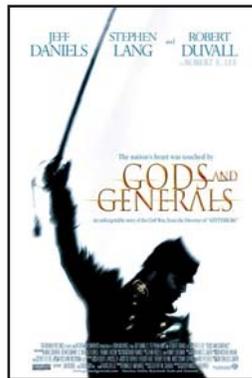


## CRADLE 2 THE GRAVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 7pm

1 hrs. 40 min. DMX is a gang leader whose daughter is kidnapped by an international criminal. Jet Li leads the search for the daughter as a government agent aided by DMX's gangsters.

**MPAA Rating:** R for violence, language and some sexual content



## GODS AND GENERALS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 7pm

3 hr. 49 min. The prequel to the film Gettysburg, this film is a sweeping epic charting the early years of the Civil War.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for sustained battle sequences

*Movies are shown at the McConnell Air Force Base Theater and are subject to change. Admission is \$2.25 for adults, \$1.50 for children 12 and under.*

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