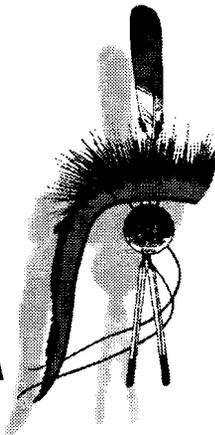


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931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

August 2001

## Airmen prep for deployment to France

By SrA James B. Pritchett  
Staff Writer

Members of the 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Group will deploy to Istres, France in September as the lead unit supporting the 16th Expeditionary Operations Group and its real-world mission over the war-torn Balkans.

This is not the first time the 931<sup>st</sup> ARG has supported the mission at Istres. Members of the unit scheduled for deployment were there during the outbreak of aggression in Kosovo.

The base has been home since 1994 to a small U.S. Air Force detachment located on a French air force base less than 100 kilometers from the French Riviera.

"It's going to be a bit easier this time," said SSgt. Tim Calhoun, 931<sup>st</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron. "The last time I was there was during the Kosovo crisis. I worked third shift and could always tell when we stepped up the campaign.

"We really felt it when we got back to the hotel at night. But, everything ran really smooth. We got all the birds out," he said. "The facilities are great and the people we worked with were very helpful."

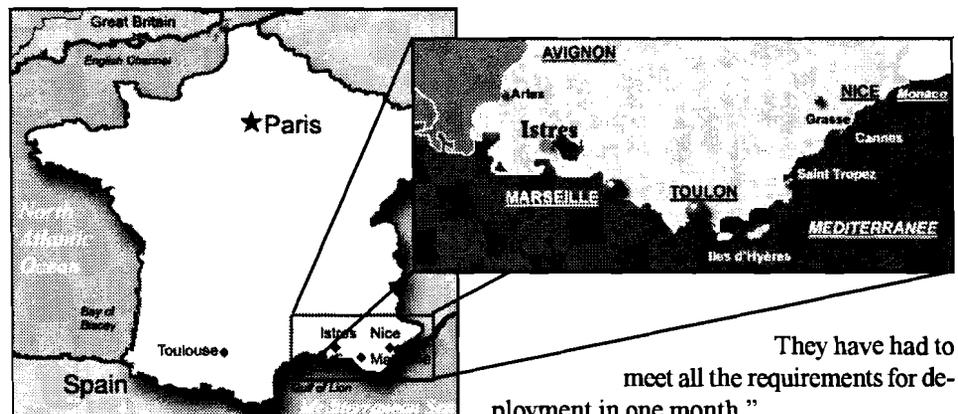
At Istres, the 931<sup>st</sup> will blend into the main unit based there, the 16th EOG. The group numbers anywhere from 150 to 200 airmen, about one-half pulled from the active-duty forces that stay for three-month tours. The rest are reservists or guardsmen serving two-weeks on a rotational basis.

The 16th EOG operates KC-135

Stratotanker aircraft that refuel U.S. and NATO aircraft patrolling the skies over the Balkans as part of Operation Joint Forge, the ongoing NATO peace-keeping mission in the region.

tection and anti-terrorism measures," said Lorenz.

"Some of our people have really been put through the wringer," she said. "Some who are deploying are not in mobility positions.



They have had to meet all the requirements for deployment in one month."

Air crews, maintenance teams and support personnel have been training for the deployment for about a month. Last minute preparations are now underway for those deploying Sept. 15.

More than 80 members of the 931<sup>st</sup> will team up with individuals from four other units to support the mission, said Master Sgt. Donna Lorenz, 931<sup>st</sup> Logistics Plans NCO. In all, more than 100 airmen from the 931<sup>st</sup> ARG, 452<sup>nd</sup> AMW, 916<sup>th</sup> ARW, 927<sup>th</sup> ARW and 434<sup>th</sup> ARW will spend 15 days at Istres.

"We are fulfilling safety reporting requirements, ensuring those who are deploying have chemical warfare and M-16 training, checking clearances and training force pro-

This is not just a routine training mission, said Lorenz. This is a chance for airmen to conduct their real-world wartime missions.

Master Sgt. James Taylor, a communications and navigation maintenance NCO with the 931<sup>st</sup> AGS said he is ready for the real-world aspects of the mission. His maintenance team works on the flight line performing essential repairs to get the refuelers in the air. Maintenance crews have a limited time window to address problems before an aircraft can take off for a mission.

"There is a 20-minute window we have to make any needed repairs to equipment malfunctions found during pre-flight checks,"

See Istres Page 7

# Reservists stay busy in 2001

By Col. Jim Bouska  
931st ARG Commander

### Thanks

There never are enough thanks for everyone for the extreme amount of hard work that has gone into the last few months.



Col. Jim Bouska

This unit has accomplished some amazing things this year.

Fifty percent of our gradable UTCs went to Volk Field for an IGX evaluation and all were graded "green" with several individuals recognized by the IG as "Outstanding Performers."

The rest of our gradable UTCs will be complete by mid-November.

We are accomplishing in one year what all other wings are doing in two or more years.

To me this is the meat and potatoes for why we are here, to be combat ready.

We still have a very aggressive few months in front of us with a graded Initial Response exercise and one more IGX to participate in before the end of the year and a 4<sup>th</sup> Air Force SAV in January.

I was never this busy when I

was on active duty and yet this has become expected of the reservist. For all that you do I can't thank you enough nor reward you the way we should for all that you do as a "part time" fighting force.

### Summer Safety

I hope everyone is taking some time off and enjoying the summer with family and friends. But being a little selfish for the unit we want you all back in one piece.

We are always talking about safety and ORM/CRM but it all boils down to common sense.

If you're doing something and you have a twinge in your stomach or you do a double take it is time to stop and think things through and bring us back a war story not a horror story.

Again thanks, Live Long and Prosper.

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## Commentary:

# Network security depends on you

By Col. William T. Lord  
HQ AMC/SC

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.** — The security of Air Force networks depends on you. Without it, we can't leverage the immense power of information to increase the lethality of our warfighters.

Throughout the year, the entire Air Force is focusing on a unified campaign, "Global Vigilance, Reach and Power: Information Assurance in the 21st Century." This campaign is important to our Air Force because the next "Pearl Harbor" is likely

to begin with a massive assault on our information systems.

Because of our increased reliance on computer networks to defend our nation, each military member, civilian employee and contractor must constantly remember when one person uses poor security practices, he or she imposes increased risks on all who use our networks.

With this in mind, don't become the weak link in the security of our networks. Make a continual effort to identify and eliminate any weak security practices. Help your co-workers by taking time to correct them when they

use improper practices.

By making a continuous, conscious effort to improve security, you are doing much more than protecting your official e-mail or your administrative word processing files. You are protecting entire networks that have become integral to our national defense.

I encourage everyone to participate in and contribute to the 2001 Information Assurance Awareness Campaign activities, as the Air Force continues to provide world-class information superiority to warfighters. With diligence, we can stop the next Pearl Harbor before it begins.



## Around the Air Force



# Mission, people come first says Jumper

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON—The mission comes first.

It is a central theme to military service, played over and over from the first day of basic training until retirement.

But most commanders will say that because it takes good people to accomplish the mission, people are as important as the mission itself. Gen. John P. Jumper spent significant time addressing people issues during his senate confirmation hearing Aug. 1.

Jumper, currently commander of Air Combat Command, was confirmed Aug. 3 to become the next Air Force chief of staff, succeeding Gen. Michael E. Ryan, who will retire in September.

“Our young men and women in uniform today — (active-duty), Reserve and Guard

— are no less committed than any generation of Americans has ever been,” he said. “They look for leadership, and when you give them that leadership, they perform with all the patriotism and commitment of any generation.”

A number of initiatives designed to reward that commitment have been instituted in past years, including expanded re-enlistment bonus incentives and enhanced commissioning opportunities, Jumper said.

More, such as educational incentives for family members, are on the way, he said. One proposal is to transfer all or part of unused Montgomery GI Bill entitlements to family members has significant merit.

“I have always been a firm believer in the theory that we recruit the individual, but retain the family,” he said. “We’ll work to package the transfer of these benefits in the manner that best meets the needs of our air-

men.”

Similar proposals to assist Air Force men and women were discussed during a recent summit attended by representatives of each major command, along with the Air Force Personnel Center and the Air National Guard, Jumper said.

“We approved 19 initiatives, including career assistance advisors, patient advocates, an enhanced spousal employment program and subsidized in-home childcare,” he said.

It is all about improving the lives of bluesuiters and their families around the globe, Jumper said. Doing that will allow them to better focus on the task at hand — defending the nation.

“Our youngsters out there look only for the opportunity to be a part of something that’s bigger than they are,” he said. “We should strive to improve the quality of their lives in every way we can.”

# Web site speeds up computer-buying process

By Staff Sgt. Cortchie Welch  
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Ordering and buying new computer hardware has become a quicker and cheaper process for Air Force people by virtue of a new Web site called Air Force Way.

AFWay is a virtual “computer store” that allows anyone with access to a computer to go on line and search, evaluate, select and purchase hardware — all in a single view.

The computer store lists several leading information technology vendors or channel partners that offer Department of Defense pre-approved and compliant

products at competitive prices.

“AFWay provides comprehensive computer shopping that allows users to configure their own PC while on line,” said Master Sgt. David McClellan, AFWay process manager at Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

“People can select and view the features they desire at prices they can afford,” he said.

Once customers submit their requirements, the system then queries the computer suppliers. Then the page displays the vendors’ side-by-side comparisons, ranked by cost and technology, allowing customers to make a best-value selection.

The system then accepts the customer’s selection and routes it to selected approval authorities.

Once a selection is approved for purchase, requests are electronically passed to the users’ government purchase cardholders to complete the transaction.

The new program requires little manual coordination, cutting the amount of time to get approval from weeks to a matter of hours.

“AFWay provides comprehensive item accountability at the point of purchase,” McClellan said.

“Every purchase is automati-

cally recorded with complete coordination and approved audit trails. AFWay’s design provides a single, streamlined electronic business flow for all facets of the IT lifecycle,” he said.

AFWay officially opened for e-business in June when Col. William Lord, director of communications and information for Air Mobility Command, bought a computer package while visiting the site.

“AFWay revolutionizes the way commanders make information technology investments,” Lord said.

For information about AFWay, visit the site at <https://afway.acc.af.mil>

# SUMMER SAFETY

## Keep cool, have a "splash" – Safely

By Tech. Sgt. Lloyd Robinson  
931st OSF

Hot! One word says it all. With warm weather, comes a variety of outdoor sports and recreations that allow all of us to "cool off" and to relieve some steam.

One of the most popular ways to stay cool is good old swimming.

Swimming is not only refreshing, it's also an activity that al-

most anyone can participate in.

As with any sport or activity there certain dangers. These associated dangers can be avoided if safety precautions are followed.

Below are excerpts of some swimming safety tips from Volume 13, #3 Summer 2001 issue of Road & Rec.

First and foremost, never swim alone; it is both dangerous and completely unsafe. Swim in supervised areas only and obey

all rules and posted signs. Also, be aware of such issues as being too cold, too tired, too far from safety, having too much exposure to the sun, or too much strenuous activity in or out of the water.

Under no circumstance, should you mix alcohol and swimming. Having your balance and coordination impaired while swimming, could have severe repercussions, as well as reducing you body's ability to stay warm.

These are only the basic safety precautions that should be followed in order to have a safe and enjoyable swim.

Think prevention, if the risk is too great, don't go in the water. And, if a swimming activity requires certain equipment, use it.

Swimming is one of the oldest and most enjoyed summertime activities, so enjoy yourself, have fun, and most importantly – be safe.

## Follow food safety rules when grilling out

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz  
931st MSF

Those who declare themselves Masters of the Barbecue know that safety begins long before the meat hits the grill. As a rule of flame, follow these tips to smarter, safer barbecuing.

### BBQ Preparation

- **Keep meat chilled.** Place meat in the refrigerator/freezer immediately after purchasing. Thaw meat before cooking. Allow meat to completely thaw in the refrigerator before placing on the grill. Marinate wisely. Marinate meat in a tight-sealing plastic container or use two re-sealable plastic bags, which help prevent leakage, especially when transporting meat in a cooler to a picnic or tailgate party.

- **Wash hands frequently.** When working with raw meat, wash hands with soapy water frequently.

- **Keep food and drink separate.** Two insulated plastic coolers - one for food, one for drink - The drink cooler is easily acces-

sible and the food cooler stays closed - free from bacteria that thrives in warm temperatures.

- **Keep it cool.** Place perishable food on bed of ice and cover tight with plastic to keep food cool and fresh.

### At the grill

- **Stick to plastic.** Glass containers are breakable. Use plastic disposable dishware at and around the grill to avoid accidents due to breakage.

- **Avoid cross contamination.** A prime cause of summer food-borne illness is the transfer of bacteria from uncooked to cooked meat. Use separate plastic containers and plates for uncooked and cooked meat.

- **Don't forget the cutting board.** Remember to wash all cutting boards and plastic containers that touched uncooked meat in hot, soapy water.

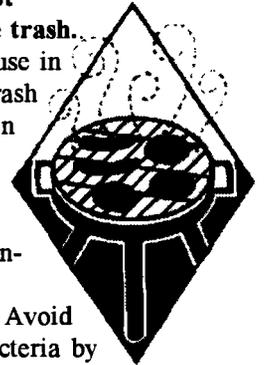
- **Use a meat thermometer.** Meat must reach a temperature of 160 degrees before it is safe to serve. Use a thermometer to avoid serving undercooked meat.

### After the feast

- **Take out the trash.**

Dispose of all refuse in a covered bin or trash receptacle. When possible, reuse plastic bags when storing garbage to prevent insect contamination.

- **Keep it cool.** Avoid overgrowth of bacteria by storing food in a refrigerator/cooler within two hours of serving. When the temperature rises above 85 degrees, food should generally be stored in a cool place within one hour of serving.
- **Pack it in plastic.** Leftovers should be packed in clean re-sealable plastic bags or shallow, airtight containers and put back in the coolers.
- **Throw it out.** Food left out more than two hours has often been contaminated as a result of heat exposure. When in doubt, throw it out!



# Make return to school safe for your child

By Ken Dodd  
931st ARG/CCE

The start of the 2001-2002 school year is just around the corner.

As the school year begins, please prepare yourself to again face inattentive children at crosswalks, the yellow and red flashing lights of school buses, and of course, another group of inexperienced teen drivers making their way to and from school.

The best advice is to slow down and pay greater attention to what is going on around you.

Parents also need to be involved in their child's return to school.

Do you know which route your child will take to school, if he or she is walking or riding a bicycle? If this is your child's first day of school (i.e. kindergarten) or attendance at a new school does he/she know how to get to school?

Have you checked your child's school start and end times? Are you ready to again be the family chauffeur?

If you're involved in a neighborhood carpool are the vehicles to be used in good condition?

Does each vehicle have

enough seatbelts for all your young passengers?

Just as you prepare for the new school year, your child also needs to prepare him or herself for the new school year.

If your child walks or rides a bike to school, remind them to obey all traffic signals and/or crossing guards; to walk their bike through intersections; to walk with a buddy; and to wear brightly colored clothes or reflective material to make them

more visible to street traffic.

Remind your child that school is supposed to be a safe place. However, they must know that they play a part in that safety. Positive behavior and common sense will go a long way in making every school day safe. They must obey school policies and rules.

Most schools are drug- and weapons-free zones. Schools are actively enforcing zero-tolerance policies in these areas.

Remind your child too, that everyone is an individual and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Encourage your child to value the differences of others.

Older children also need to be reminded of school safety. My son returns to Derby High School Aug. 17.

As a senior, he is already expected to know the dos and don'ts of acceptable behavior while at school.

However, as parents, my wife and I will discuss Derby's discipline and attendance policy with him prior to the first day of classes.

The rules don't stop there. For him, he must also obey traffic laws and other school policies associated with the privilege of driving to and from school.

Inattentive driving and speeding claimed the lives of 438 Kansas teenagers in 2000, according to an article in the *Wichita Eagle*, July 27.

Children, parents, schools, and every-day motorists all play a part in making our children's return to school a safe endeavor.

Do your part and be prepared for the unexpected when the first class bells ring!

## School Bus Safety Tips

If your child rides a bus to school he/she should follow these safety tips from the National Safety Council:

- Wait for the bus in a safe place, away from traffic and the street
- Stay away from the bus until driver gives his/her signal to approach
- Use the handrail to enter/exit the bus
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. The bus driver can see the child best when he/she is back away from the bus.
- Be aware of the traffic around the bus. If your child must cross the street, after being let off the bus, be sure traffic in both directions have stopped; then and only then should the child cross the street. Although drivers are required to stop when the bus' lights are flashing red, and its stop sign is out, not all do.
- Protect yourself and watch out.

## Cellular phones, dangerous or not?

By Tech. Sgt. Lloyd Robinson  
931st OSF

Well it's summertime and it seems like everyone's eager to get out on the open road and take off.

While many of us are setting out on our summer fun, we often forget about safety. There are many ways to stay safe and still get where you are going.

Recently there is a huge push to ban cellular phone usage while driving.

The media plays a vital role in perpetuating such misleading and unsubstantiated facts. You may have heard about how "dangerous" it is to use a cellular phone while driving. However, it's not as risky as it may sound, according to a report from Automotive Association of America's Traffic Safety Foundation in its May/June 2001 newsletter.

The article points out that in all most all states, the law is primarily the same, "A person can operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone or a

citizen's band radio so long as one hand stays on the steering wheel at all times."

The bottom line is that according to a survey based on 26,000 vehicle accidents reported by the North Carolina Police (from 1995 to 1998), cellular phones are "less" dangerous than "eating" or "adjusting the radio" while driving.

Since cellular phone usage was a factor in only 1.5 percent of the accidents surveyed, compared to 18.8 percent for those eating or drinking, it's easy to see



why the media has blown the cellular phone usage issue out of proportion. No matter what you are doing while you are driving, keep one thing clear in your mind - safety.

It is safer to pull off to the side of the road or at a rest stop if you need to do something that would distract you from driving.

If you must use your cellular phone while driving, invest in a "hands free" unit, they are inexpensive and well worth it.

# Spirit Shorts

## Knucklebuster's Banquet

The 21st Knucklebuster's Banquet is slated for Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emerald City Ballroom. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leo Marquez. Cost is \$14 (non-club members will pay additional \$3 each surcharge). Dress is military BDUs (sleeves down); non-military guest dress casual (no shorts/t-shirts). See your squadron banquet rep or maintenance chief for seat reservations.

## Honor Guard

The 931st Air Refueling Group is seeking members to serve on the Honor Guard. Serve those who served us. The Honor Guard needs dedicated volunteers for Color Guard/Pallbearers/Firing Party. For information, call MSgt. Smith at Ext. 5989 or SMSgt. Hiebert at Ext. 3747.

## SGLI Updates

According to AFI 36-3002, the 931st MSF is responsible for handing in updated SGLI Forms to the VA for processing members insurance. Due to this factor, and having upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> AF SAV the Customer Service section in the MSF is requesting that all assigned personnel complete the new \$250,000 SGLV 8286 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate. For information, call Ext. 3458.

## First Sergeants Needed

CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant, is accepting applica-

tions for two squadron first sergeant positions for the 513th Maintenance Squadron and the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Applications must be turned into the 507th Military Personnel Flight prior to noon Oct. 12. For more information, call CMSgt. Robert Kellington at DSN 884-6379.

## Diabetes Walk

The walk for Diabetes is firing back up. The walk is scheduled for Sept. 22. MSgt. Bryan Lawley is the POC for the 931<sup>st</sup> and is seeking an assistant. Walk volunteers are raising money for the cure. Last year the 931<sup>st</sup> team raised more than \$700 for the event. This year's goal is to break \$1,000. Look for flyers posted in 850 and 1169 AGS orderly room area. For information, contact Lawley at 759-6252 or at home 789-9335.

## Airman Leadership School

Senior Airmen with 48 months time in service are eligible to attend ALS. Interested members may contact Group Training for further information. The last date for this fiscal year is: Sept. 18-Oct. 19.

## Movin' On Up

Congratulations to the following members for completing Professional Military Education or formal technical training.

**Senior Airman John Babbitt**, Aircraft Generation Squadron, completed Airman Leadership School in residence.

The following recently completed PME via correspondence: **Senior Airman Kevin Dark**,

**ARS, ALS (course 01); Staff Sgt. Mike Walker, MSF, NCOA (Course 6).**

The following recently completed or will soon complete formal training:

**Airman Tyrel Askren, MSF, Security Forces 3-level school; Senior Airman Juana Hernandez, MSF, Computer Systems 3-level school; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reisch, AGS, Avionics 7-level school; Staff Sgt. Cole Rogers, AGS, Avionics 7-level school; Airman Basic Tanya Tessmann, MSF, Personnel 3-level school.**

## Fitness Walk

There is no fitness walk this month. The next fitness walk will be held Sept. 23, at 8 a.m. at the track by CE. Monitors, if any of your members are walking, be sure there is someone there to record their times.

## Family Support Center

The McConnell Family Support Center provides free seminars on a wide variety of topics each month that 931<sup>st</sup> members may attend. To schedule, just call 759-6020.

## SGLI extended to families

The President has signed legislation to effect Family Coverage under SGLI effective Nov. 1. This program will extend SGLI insurance to spouses and children. In all cases the member will be the beneficiary of any proceeds. Children will be covered automatically and no premiums will be charged for their coverage. Spouses will be covered automatically and premiums will be charged based on age. Premium brackets could be every five years, but probably every 10 years, at least initially and the Reserves are included. The VA will be developing new forms that include spouse coverage. The customer service office will need to know who our married members are, and the spouses name and date of birth. Listed below are the rates as follows (member must have coverage):

Spouse's age:	Monthly rate per \$1,000	Monthly cost of \$100K
Under 35	\$ .09	\$9
35 - 44	\$ .13	\$13
45 - 49	\$ .20	\$20
50 - 54	\$ .32	\$32
55 & older	\$ .55	\$55

VA believes it would be beneficial to include more brackets, even if the same premium is charged for those brackets, as rates and brackets may change in the future. For programming purposes, they recommend the following brackets:

Age	Rate per \$1,000	Age	Rate
Under 25	\$ .09	50 - 54	\$ .32
25 - 29	\$ .09	55 - 59	\$ .55
30 - 34	\$ .09	60 - 64	\$ .55
35 - 39	\$ .13	65 - 69	\$ .55
40 - 44	\$ .13	70 - 74	\$ .55
45 - 49	\$ .20	75 and over	\$ .55

# Team Readiness ready for win

By Maj. Dave Fruck  
Chief of Public Affairs

One-tenth of a point! That's all it came down to. For almost a year a group of McConnell civil engineers have had to think about how close they were to winning last year's Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.

Having learned from their experience of a year ago, the 10 members of McConnell Team Readiness are getting ready to go back to Washington, D.C. to compete Sept. 13-19 for this year's award.

They were nominated for their second, and final, chance by Air Force Reserve Command.

The team has developed a sturdy, cost-effective contamination and control system designed to help troops decontaminate themselves in the event of a chemical or biological attack.

The system is lighter, more easily deployable, more durable and cheaper than anything else on the market.

McConnell Team Readiness is one of 20 teams competing from the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. Each team is required to give a briefing on their project to a panel of general officers, followed by a question and answer session. All teams are then scored and the top five are chosen as Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award winners.

"We believe we are number one," said Tech. Sgt. Morris

## A Team Effort

Members of McConnell

Team Readiness are:

Senior Master Sgt. Bob Homan

Tech Sgt. Morris Findley

Tech Sgt. Dave Lumadue

Tech Sgt. Vic Vaughn

Tech Sgt. Melvin Veach

Staff Sgt. John Bryan

Staff Sgt. Hector Andrade

Staff Sgt. Rick Williams

Staff Sgt. Jim Vause

Capt. Joe Wible

Findley, who led the team throughout the creation of the CCA system. "We built the best groundcrew CCA support equipment package in the Air Force and we were the first true total force team to go to the national level competition."

Team members say that although they were disappointed by last year's results, there was

never any question about trying again this year.

"We have a winner here," said Capt. Joe Wible, facilitator for the team. "We've refined our presentation and the guys have worked extremely hard on this project. I believe this will be the year they'll be recognized at the highest levels for their innovation and effort."



Senior Master Sgt. Bob Homan, Staff Sgt. Hector Andrade and Tech. Sgt. Morris Findley set up the team's display booth at last year's CSTEAC competition. McConnell Team Readiness will travel to Washington Sept. 13-19 to compete for the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.

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he said. "If it can't be fixed in that time, the aircraft may not be able to launch and the crew may have to switch to another aircraft. We want to get them in the air on time, because there are receivers already in the air awaiting fuel."

Pilots and crews will refuel a variety of aircraft from the U.S. inventory as well as those of NATO allies over the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas. The KC-135 Stratotanker, can carry up to 200,000 pounds of fuel, and gas

up a dozen fighter planes each time it flies a sortie.

Being a part of and supporting the NATO peace Implementation Force will allow the unit to fly real operational missions, and provide more realistic training during seven-day-a-week, 12-hour shift operations. Maintenance and support personnel will operate under the same conditions.

Taylor and many of those he works with who have prior service, have experience in manning these kinds of operations.

"I've been off active duty for three years," he said. "But, this

deployment is just an extension of what I have done in the past. It's not much different than what I used to do."

Other members of the unit will have a chance to perform missions they aren't able to train at home.

Lorenz is among those who will do a part of her mission she has never had a chance to do before. Though she has conducted many troop deployments, she has never supervised the redeployment process.

"Since I have never supervised a redeployment, there are so many unknowns," she said.

"I am confident the job will get done and I will learn a great deal from it."

Members of the unit may also have a chance to see some of the sights while in France.

"We only had one day off during the last deployment to Istres. I really look forward to seeing more of the country," said Calhoun.

"This is an opportunity to work in another part of the world I haven't seen before," said Taylor. "I look forward to the two weeks out of the year that we get to deploy and do our jobs in a new environment."

## Wichita Weekend

### **Never Too Late**

Aug. 16-Sept. 23 Crown Uptown, 3207 E. Douglas, 681-1566. Dad's over 60 and mom's in her 50s and baby's on the way! Good old-fashioned comedy about a middle-aged couple who have long since given up the concern of an unexpected pregnancy. Monday-Saturday Buffet 7 p.m., Show 8 p.m., Sunday Buffet 6:30 p.m., Show 7:30 p.m.

### **Honky Tonk Tailgate Party**

At Cotillion set for Aug. 17 at 11120 W. Kellogg. 9 p.m. Aug. 17 featuring Rhett Akins, Daryle Singletary and Jeff Carson. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale for \$15 at all Select-a-Seat Outlets, The Cotillion and the plant employee clubs. Presented by Kissin 102.

### **Rocky Horror Picture Show**

The summer's surprise hit returns to the historic Wichita Orpheum Theater Aug. 18, 200 N. Broadway. See what the buzz is about. This is a benefit show for the Orpheum restoration fund, sponsored by WB33 and 92.7 FM. The movie will feature audience participation and a perfor-

mance by Wichita's own Justice League of Denton! For more information, call 263-0884 Admission: \$10.

### **Summer Jam 2001**

Newsong, Anointed, Greg Long, Joy Williams, Jake and more Aug. 18 — SUMMER at Century II, 225 W. Douglas performance in the Convention Hall. Show begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6.

### **Photographing the Gardens**

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens is hosting this program Aug. 18 from 7-9 a.m. Participants will have an opportunity to photograph the Gardens in the morning when Botanica is not normally open to the public. \$5.

### **Food Show**

The 2001 Dillon's Bakery/Deli Food Show Convention is set for Aug. 18 at Century II, 225 W. Douglas. Convention Hall, 3-5:30pm.

### **Baseball World Series**

The National Baseball Congress World Series ends Aug. 18 at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium.

## ATWIND grows

By Sam Parker  
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**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL.** — Around The World In Ninety Days, or ATWIND, is quickly turning into the most popular military summer promotion ever.

"This may be a bold statement, but it's easily backed up," said Col. Terry Meyer, director of Air Mobility Command Services.

Less than six-weeks into the 12-week promotion, ATWIND had posted some incredible statistics, said Meyer. "The statistic most folks are impressed with is that we have awarded over 4,800 prizes, and will award over 11,000 prizes during the ATWIND program."

The goal of ATWIND is to increase awareness and participation in programs, services and activities. ATWIND flies high through the end of August. For information call the ATWIND Hotline, toll-free, at 1-888-597-9960 or contact your local Services Squadron.

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