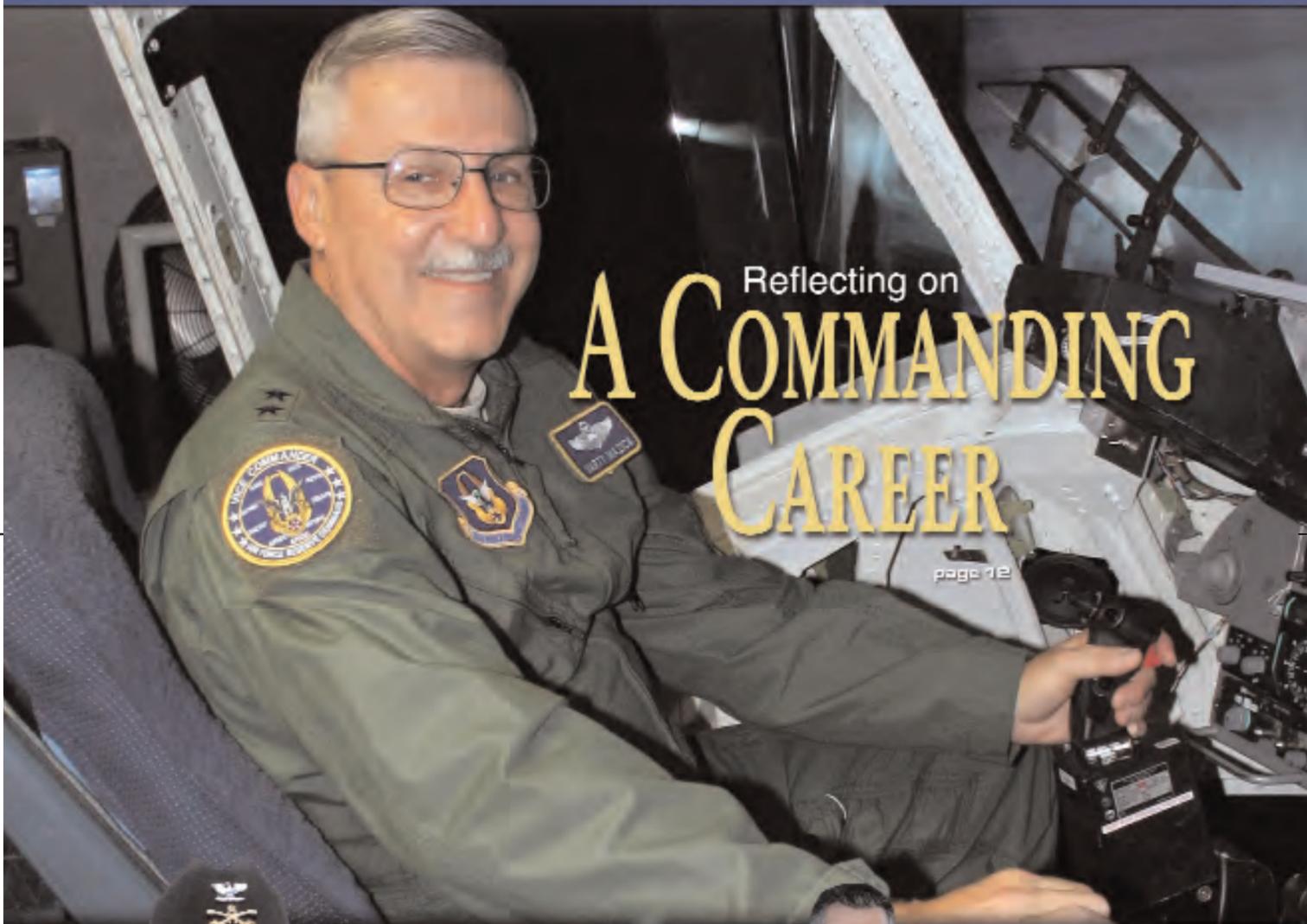


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By Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.  
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## Chief's View

By Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett  
Command Chief Master Sergeant,  
Air Force Reserve Command

### Wingman Day focuses on building resiliency

Last summer, the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff directed that every member of the Air Force team take a break from their busy schedules to focus on two extremely important topics — suicide prevention and motor vehicle accident prevention. Within the Air Force Reserve Command, we met with our friends and co-workers to learn more about these issues and discuss ways to become better wingmen.

I thank you for taking part in last summer's Wingman Day and ask for your help as we execute Winter Wingman Day 2011. Over the next two months, all Reserve units will meet to reinforce the wingman concept as the foundation for building resilient Airmen.

The goal is to improve resiliency through structured discussions and emphasize the importance of being vigilant

wingmen. In small groups, leaders will guide the discussions using slides with embedded video examples. Commanders and facilitators, selected for their own solid resiliency skills, will lead these events.

I realize that some of you may have already had your Winter Wingman Day. If that's the case, I hope you learned of ways to improve your own resiliency and recognize when one of your fellow Airmen may need help. If your organization hasn't had its Winter Wingman Day yet, I encourage you to pay close attention and actively participate in the small group discussions.

As Citizen Airmen, we face unique challenges and stresses in our day-to-day lives. However, as you will learn during the Winter Wingman Day, resiliency is a skill that can be learned and developed, and we can all be better wingmen. ★

### Reserve derives strength from its diversity

Our Air Force Reserve Command is more diverse than almost any other organization in our great nation. When I say diverse, I am not just talking about our appearance but also our education, experience and training. But, our greatest strength is the diversity in how we, as Citizen Airmen, think.

An organization made up of people who look alike, think alike, and have the same background and experiences will usually come up with the same solutions to challenges. Since you all bring to the table a lot of different experiences, not only from your civilian jobs but also from daily interaction with our fellow citizens, our strength as a command is in your diversity.

We would be less effective in the way we accomplish the mission, not to mention a pretty boring group, if we all thought the same way. As Citizen Airmen, we reflect the society we live in, and our organization reaps the benefits from our wide variety of talents.

Ultimately, we have to remember that because we are members of the greatest Air Force in the world, we have to uphold the standards and core values of this institution.

We are different, but we have to treat everyone with respect and dignity while expecting the same from our teammates. Every Airman brings skills to the AFRC team that we need desperately to ensure that we do our part to defend this nation.

We will face many fiscal challenges in the coming years that will affect our ability to organize, train and equip our future Airmen. Because you are a diverse and talented force, I am confident that you will find a way to meet these challenges and continue to push our Air Force forward.

As we move into 2011, you will prove that a diverse three-component Air Force made up of active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen is a very valuable tool in protecting our fellow citizens. ★

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**Capt. Daniel Keeney kisses his son, 4-year-old Jonathan, after returning from a recent deployment. Captain Keeney, 434th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of training, was among several Airmen from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., who completed deployments to different locations around the world, including Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. (Tech. Sgt. Mark R.W. Orders-Woempner)**



**Tech. Sgt. Melvin Cargill, 307th Security Forces Squadron tactics team, takes out an "aggressor" during a firing and tactics event at Camp Minden in Louisiana recently. The event was part of the first Global Strike Challenge at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. (Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston)**



**Juan Lemus reacts after feeling the effects of a TASER gun at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. He was one of several people who volunteered to be exposed to a TASER during training. Electrodes were attached to the volunteers' backs, and for five seconds they felt what it was like to be on the receiving end of the device's electrical shock. The 482nd Security Forces Squadron is the first AFRC unit to complete training with TASER guns, adding a new nonlethal option to their arsenal. (Ian Carrier)**



**A miniature C-17 Globemaster III replica passes St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City during the Veteran's Day Parade. The C-17 replica is a community relations tool built and maintained by Reservists from the 315th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. (1st. Lt. Joe Simms)**

**Technicians clear the ramp as an A-10 Thunderbolt II taxis out of the hot pit after a hasty refuel at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Hot pit refueling is a procedure usually performed in a combat situation to rapidly refuel aircraft while their engines are running to thrust pilots back into the fight. Crews from Air Force Reserve Command's 442nd Fighter Wing were practicing the procedure to keep their skills sharp. (Senior Airman Kenny Holston)**



# Round the Reserve

A brief look at what's happening throughout Air Force Reserve Command

## Active Associate Unit Stands Up at March ARB

March Air Reserve Base, Calif., is the home of the Air Force Reserve's newest active associate unit, the 912th Air Refueling Squadron. The new regular Air Force organization, which Air Force Reserve Command and Air Mobility Command announced in early 2009, will integrate with the

Reserve's 336th ARS and other units at the base and will fly the squadron's KC-135 Stratotankers.

"The benefit for the Air Force (of the associate unit construct) is an increase in capability and deployment assets in theater," said 912th ARS commander Lt. Col. Brice Middleton. "We're also going to have an entire squadron here full time. We'll be able to help provide continuity that the part-time folks sometimes can't."

An advance team arrived at March in October to get the new squadron off the ground. Colonel Middleton, Maj. Rob Walmsley, 912th ARS operations officer, Capt. Eric Doi and Tech. Sgt. Dan Beecher flew the squadron's first mission Nov. 23. The crew refueled a C-17 Globemaster III from the 729th Airlift Squadron at March ARB on an air refueling track off the coast of Southern California.

When the squadron is fully manned,

which is expected to be about August, it will have approximately 200 regular Air Force Airmen. There will be more than 30 aircrew members and 130 maintainers. The remainder of the squadron members will augment and support operations within the 452nd Air Mobility Wing in fields such as life support, intelligence, supply, command post, crew communications, medical and commander support staff.

Making the incoming Airmen's transition to March smooth is one of the primary focuses of the advance team.

"We're creating everything from scratch," said Master Sgt. Carlos Garcia, 912th ARS knowledge operations manager. "There are no guidelines on how to do anything. What worked at one base that's done Total Force Integration may not work here."

Sergeant Garcia and Major Walmsley said some of the challenges they face include transportation and housing for the junior enlisted Airmen and helping families find child-care services in the local community.

Several members of the advance team said it is the challenges of establishing a squadron from the ground up that made the assignment at March so attractive in the first place. (Megan Just, 452nd AMW public affairs)

## Online Resource Increases Civilian Job Opportunities

Members of the reserve components, as well as their family members, have a new, improved online resource available that increases their civilian employment opportunities as well as employer partners' access to skilled job candidates.

The Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces launched its new state-of-the-art web portal on Veterans Day.

The portal offers users a variety of features designed to help with their job search. For example, no longer do job seekers have to re-enter basic personal information every time a search is launched. Instead, users simply log in and the system can continue any previous activity.

Also, users may now set up a personal profile so they are able to save searches, search parameters and individual job

## Pope's Puns



CARTOON BY RETIRED MASTER SGT. W.C. POPE

## Combat rescue officer makes saves on the soccer field

By Capt. Christina R. Hoggatt

As an Air Force combat rescue officer, Maj. Thomas Butler saves lives for a living. Over the last few months, he's been doing a different kind of saving — keeping goal for the Air Force soccer team at the Armed Forces Men's Soccer Championship at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

As the starting goalkeeper, Major Butler defended against the U.S. armed services' best players to help the Air Force to a 2-1-2 record. His stellar play landed him a spot on the prestigious All Armed Forces team.

Not bad for a 34-year-old, affectionately called "Gramps" by his Air Force teammates. The only Air Force Reservist and oldest member of the Air Force team, Major Butler would have played with the All Armed Forces team in the Continental Championship for the Americas in Paramaribo, Suriname, but a knee injury kept him off the roster.

To earn a spot on the Air Force team, Major Butler, who works at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., spent months working out at the gym, playing and practicing with local teams, and working with personal coaches five to six days a week.

"I trained my butt off playing in two men's soccer leagues at the same time," Major Butler said. He also worked with local Warner Robins teams for three months leading up to the tournament.

"This was my first shot to try out, at the age of 34 no less," the major said. "Most of the guys on the team are in their early 20s, normally coming directly from playing collegiate soccer, which is obviously not the case for me."

"Yeah, they called me Gramps, but, you know, to be part of the 18 selected from the 55 who actually made training camp, I couldn't be more pleased. I really didn't mind the nickname," he said. "To be honest, it was truly a blast to get to work with and compete against young lieutenants and senior airmen."

Major Butler's boss, Lt. Col. Michael Stauffer, wasn't surprised the major made the team.

"Tom's a combat rescue officer," Colonel Stauffer said.



STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE JACOBS

As the oldest member of the Air Force men's soccer team at age 34, Thomas Butler (black shirt) competed, and more than held his own, against players in their early 20s. He was selected for the All Armed Forces team, but a knee injury kept him off the roster.

"That means he's physically and mentally tough from the word go, and he wouldn't know how to quit if the opportunity presented itself.

"But Tom not only brings his individual confidence with him, he also brings a terrific sense of humor and a spirit of teamwork that uplifts and motivates all of us who work with him. The soccer team must have benefitted from his presence, both in and out of the goal." ★

(Captain Hoggatt wrote this article while on assignment at the Headquarters AFRC public affairs office, Robins AFB, Ga.)

announcements within their own "dashboard." By activating the alert option, seekers will be provided with a notification whenever a desired position is posted.

The portal offers other useful features as well. The resume builder allows users to create and keep their resume available within the system. Service members have an additional feature that allows them access to the program support manager network for career counseling and resume assistance. The new portal's functionality improvements make the search and application process much more efficient, saving service members and other job seekers time.

Employers will find the new portal more useful as well. They are now able to enter position vacancies directly into the system and track those jobs, applications and views through their company dashboard. Employers may also reach in to the system and locate the resumes of qualified candidates who may not have had the chance to apply themselves. So, just by posting a resume, users may be contacted by prospective employers.

The link to the new website is the same as before: [www.EmployerPartnership.org](http://www.EmployerPartnership.org).

The Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces is a no-fee program that connects

service members, their families and veterans with employment opportunities. The program has more than 1,150 military-friendly employer partners across the nation. (Lt. Col. Matt Leonard, Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.)

## Survey Assesses Air Force Community Well-Being

Air Force Reserve Command officials are encouraging members of the AFRC team to take part in the 2011 Air Force Community Assessment.

Invitations to take the assessment were scheduled to be sent out Jan. 25 to 40,000 randomly selected Reservists and 10,000 spouses of Reservists. In addition, all appropriated fund civilians are being asked to participate in the survey.

A notification letter along with a link to the web-based survey was sent to the work e-mail address of each service member selected to participate. Spouses received a postcard in the mail with the web link. The survey, which will be available through March 25 and is completely anonymous, should take participants 30-45 minutes to complete.

Topics covered in the survey include personal and family adjustment, individ-

ual and family adaptation, community well-being, deployment, resiliency, post-traumatic stress, and help-seeking stigma.

The assessment is designed to assist chaplains and people working in installation-level Airman and family readiness centers, family advocacy programs, health and wellness centers, mental health clinics, and child and youth programs to better meet the needs of service members and their families.

"This important survey provides a means to ensure that community interventions are timely, focused and data-driven," said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, Air Force surgeon general. "In its 20-year history, the Community Assessment has been instrumental in determining the strengths and needs of Air Force communities and tailoring programs at the installation, major command and Air Force levels."

Data collected from the survey will be analyzed and briefed to wing and Air Force leaders. The information will help make community-wide program planning and resource allocation decisions, which ultimately enhance the quality of life, readiness and retention of Air Force personnel.

Previous survey results are credited

with expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families, developing a user-friendly support network for Air Force single parents, and setting up marriage-support seminars for junior enlisted members and their families. (Staff reports)

### Tricare Retired Reserve Sign-up Options Expanded

**G**ray-area retirees from the National Guard and Reserve who want to purchase Tricare health-care coverage now have a new way to get a Department of Defense self-service logon. Most will need a logon to qualify for and purchase Tricare Retired Reserve health coverage.

Since Sept. 11, 2010, members of the Retired Reserve who aren't age 60, the so-called "gray area" retirees, have been able to purchase TRR to provide health coverage for themselves and their eligible family members. To make purchasing TRR easier, gray area retirees can now get a DS logon by contacting the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System/Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office and remotely verify their identity.

Gray-area Reservists can use the DS logon to access the web-based Reserve

Component Purchased Tricare Application to qualify for and purchase TRR. If a gray-area retiree doesn't have a DS logon but has a retired military identification card, he or she can call the DSO at 1-800-538-9552 to request remote proofing documentation. The DSO will provide step-by-step instructions and the appropriate documentation to get a DS logon via remote proofing.

The DSO's hours of operation are Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time. The DSO is closed on all federal holidays.

To use the remote proofing process, gray-area retirees identify themselves with a Social Security number to the DSO. The DSO will then fax, e-mail or send via regular mail a document the retirees can take with their ID card to a notary public to remotely verify their identity. The retirees then return this document to the DSO, and, if the notarized photocopy of the ID card matches the ID card on file in DEERS, a DS logon can be issued.

Gray-area retirees who don't have a retired ID card and a DS logon can get both and complete the in-person proofing process at a RAPIDS ID card issuing site. To locate the nearest RAPIDS site, go to [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl). Alternatively, they may still go to a designated Veterans

Administration regional office to complete in-person proofing and get a DS logon. To locate a VA regional office, visit [www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp](http://www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp). (Tricare news release)

### Teen Summits Need Adult Volunteers

**A**dult volunteers are needed to assist with the three Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Summits scheduled for 2011.

Anyone interested in volunteering should complete and submit an application online at [www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit](http://www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit). Deadline is April 8.

Teen summits are scheduled for Dahlenega, Ga., June 19-24; Washington, D.C., July 24-29; and Estes Park, Colo., Aug. 9-14. The summits are open to children, ages 14-18, of current Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

For more information, contact either Brandi Mullins at 478-327-2090 or [brandi.mullins.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:brandi.mullins.ctr@us.af.mil), Kasey Bozeman, 478-327-2110 or [kasey.bozeman.us.af.mil](mailto:kasey.bozeman.us.af.mil), or Stacey Young, 478-327-0971 or [stacey.young@us.af.mil](mailto:stacey.young@us.af.mil). (Staff reports)

### Westover Plays Host for Special Tour

**T**he three Peter Pan buses looked like any other bus. Eager faces peered out the windows. But as the bus came to a stop and the oversized door opened to expose a wheelchair lift, it was clear that this was no ordinary bus tour.

This particular tour provided an opportunity for 45 terminally ill and seriously ill children and young adults to visit Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., as part of a winter adventure. There were supposed to be 46. However, one child died just before the trip.

The New York-based non-profit organization Kids of Courage arranged the tour. The group works to improve the lives of children and young adults with serious medical conditions.

A team of more than 165 volunteer physicians, nurses, physical therapists and trained lay staff accompanied the children.

"These are tough kids," said Dr. Stuart Ditchek, attending physician for the trip. "About 80 percent of them are already at or above their life expectancy."

At the base hangar, Col. Robert Swain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, told the 45 young people during his welcome, "You're out there facing life head on, showing us what people can do when they face obstacles."

Participants visited stations positioned around outside the hangar. Some toured a C-5B cargo bay and were lifted out of their wheelchairs and carried up a 25-foot troop ladder — with safety spotters — to see the cockpit.

The guests also sat in a fire truck, saw an array of robots and simulated explosives, and rode in a K-loader.

"So much of these kids' lives revolves around people telling them, 'You can't, you can't,'" said Ari Dobkin, program director for Kids of Courage. "We wanted to bring them somewhere and say, 'You can.'"

Their normal social interaction isn't at school but rather in a hospital, said volunteer Batsheva Katz. "They'll be talking about this trip for the next six months." (Lt. Col. James Bishop, 439th AW public affairs) ★

## It's Your Money

### Trade stocks like a pro

By Ralph Lunt

**I**t's time for you and I to quit fooling around and get down to the business of becoming — say it with me — "jillionaires." Enough of this dull, boring gig where we build up a cushion of cash and make regular monthly investments. It's time to buy and sell stocks for a living!

Here's the deal. All we have to do is bundle up, get out to one of the numerous free secrets of investing seminars and learn how to trade "like the pros do." Don't get me wrong. It's not going to be easy. Come ready to work, as this intense seminar lasts two whole hours! You'll want to bring something to put your free gift in. Oh, I almost forgot, be sure to bring a couple of grand to buy the books and computer program.

Yes, of course, I am being sarcastic. Please do NOT quit your job to trade stocks! But, know that I am not making this stuff up. "Deals" like these have been around for a while. The hook is to get you all worked up about how much money can be made in the stock market by using a "proven system" that's only on sale for that one day.

Consider this. The fine print in the pitch I saw made it clear that the company offering the seminar was not a registered investment adviser or a broker dealer. Hmmm, anyone want to send your kids to schools that don't have licensed teachers? Didn't think so! Why, then, would we go to a two-hour get-rich-quick seminar where the sole purpose is to sell you stuff you can get for free on the Internet?

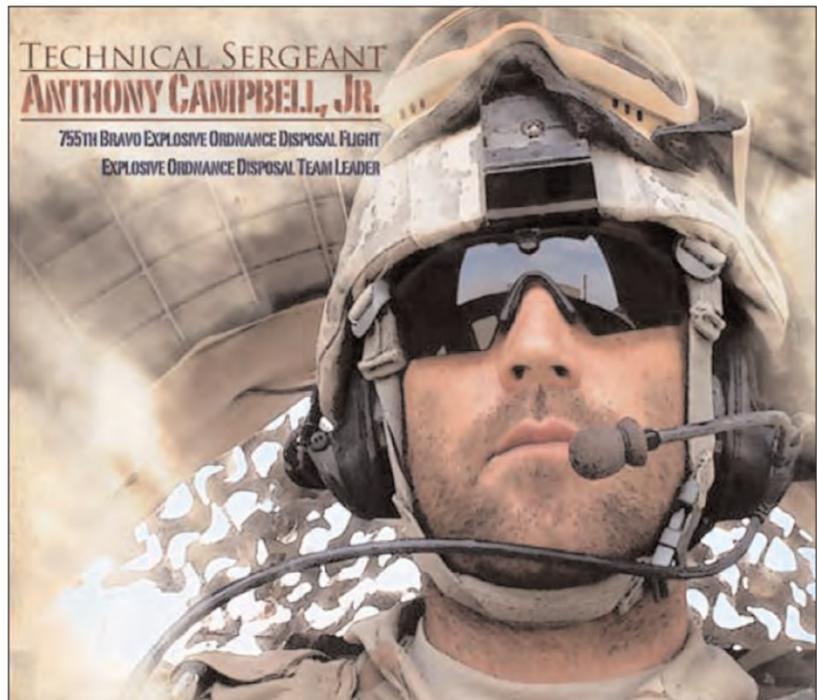
Given the recent run in the stock market, I felt a gentle reminder about the risks of investing was in order. I've been doing this for 18 years, and if was easy and you could get rich quick, I'd tell you all about it from my vacation home in Florida! If you want to learn about investing, I'd suggest you start by visiting two websites: [FINRA.org](http://FINRA.org) or [SaveandInvest.org](http://SaveandInvest.org).

Finally, I want to thank the fine Airmen of the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for having me as a guest speaker and giving me VIP treatment at their professional development seminar. ★

*(Editor's note: This feature is designed to provide financial advice and information of a general nature. Individuals should conduct their own research and consult a financial adviser before making any financial decisions. Based in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Lunt is a certified financial planner and vice president of a financial planning and consulting firm. He is also a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve, serving as the reserve forces director for the Great Lakes region of the Civil Air Patrol adviser's program.)*



**'PORTRAITS IN COURAGE' —** Tech. Sgt. Anthony Campbell Jr., an Air Force Reservist who lost his life while serving in Afghanistan, is among 18 Airmen honored in the Air Force's latest publication of "Portraits in Courage." The stories describe extraordinary Americans who accomplished extraordinary deeds despite harrowing challenges. In the preface, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy said the collection "serves as an unremitting tribute to the spirit and accomplishments of all Airmen, poignantly reminding us of the sacrifices that are required, by service members and their families, to secure the many blessings of liberty." Sergeant Campbell, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist from the 932nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., was killed during a cordon and search mission while attempting to steer his team clear of an improvised explosive device at an entry control point. "Portraits in Courage" is available on the web at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-101209-019.pdf>.



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After nearly four decades of service,  
Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick reflects on ...

# A COMMANDING CAREER

By Bo Joyner

**W**hen you ask people to talk about Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, there are two themes that surface again and again. The first is that he is a tremendous leader and motivator. The second is that he is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet.

"Nice guy" and "great leader" don't always go together, but throughout his military career, General Mazick somehow managed to be both.

When General Mazick walked out of his office in the command section of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., for the last time just before Christmas, he left as one of the most popular and effective senior leaders the command has ever had.

"Not only is General Mazick a great friend and trusted adviser, he is a tremendous leader who has served his country with distinction for nearly 40 years," said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander. "His very significant contributions to this command are greatly appreciated, and he will truly be missed."

Before retiring Dec. 24, General Mazick had served as AFRC's vice commander since April 2009. In this role, he was responsible for the daily operations of the command, which employs more than 76,000 Citizen Airmen located around the world and comprises 34 wings, three flying groups and 620 mission support units. Needless to say, this was a huge task. But it was one that General Mazick managed with tremendous tact and profound proficiency.

Serving as AFRC's vice commander was the pinnacle of a distinguished career that led the general and his family to assignments throughout the United States and saw him flying aircraft around the world.

Growing up in Fanwood, N.J., General Mazick never considered a career in aviation or the military. He kind of stumbled into both when he needed an elective to fill out his schedule during his freshman year at Rutgers University, and his roommate suggested he sign up for an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps class.

"I had never even been on an airplane in my life," the general recalled during an interview just days before his retirement. "But I decided I would give ROTC a try."

As it turned out, he enjoyed the class and soon started entertaining the idea of becoming an Air Force pilot. The general entered the Air Force in 1972 as a graduate of the Rutgers ROTC program and immediately headed for undergraduate pilot training at Laredo AFB, Texas, and then onto C-141A combat crew training at Altus AFB, Okla.

General Mazick spent the first part of his military career

flying C-141s. Included in his early missions were a number of memorable aeromedical evacuation missions. In 1974, he recorded his first AE save when he airlifted to safety a loadmaster severely injured in a C-5 crash in Vietnam. In 1976, he and his crew helped save the life of a critically ill 6-day-old baby boy when they flew him from Guam to a waiting medical facility.

The general made the switch from active duty to the Reserve in 1979, but he continued to fly Starlifters. In all, he spent 19 years as a C-141 pilot before moving on to KC-10, KC-135 and C-5 flying and command assignments. A command pilot, General Mazick has nearly 9,000 hours in the cockpit. He has countless more hours in key leadership positions throughout AFRC. He's been a group commander, wing commander, the Reserve adviser to the commander of Air Mobility Command, AFRC's director of operations and a numbered air force commander.

His career has taken him from Laredo to Altus to Norton AFB, Calif., to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to McChord AFB, Wash., to Barksdale AFB, La., to Scott AFB, Ill., to Tinker AFB, Okla., to Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., to Robins, to Dobbins ARB, Ga, and finally back to Robins. General Mazick's oldest son has been through seven permanent change-of-station moves, while his youngest has experienced five.

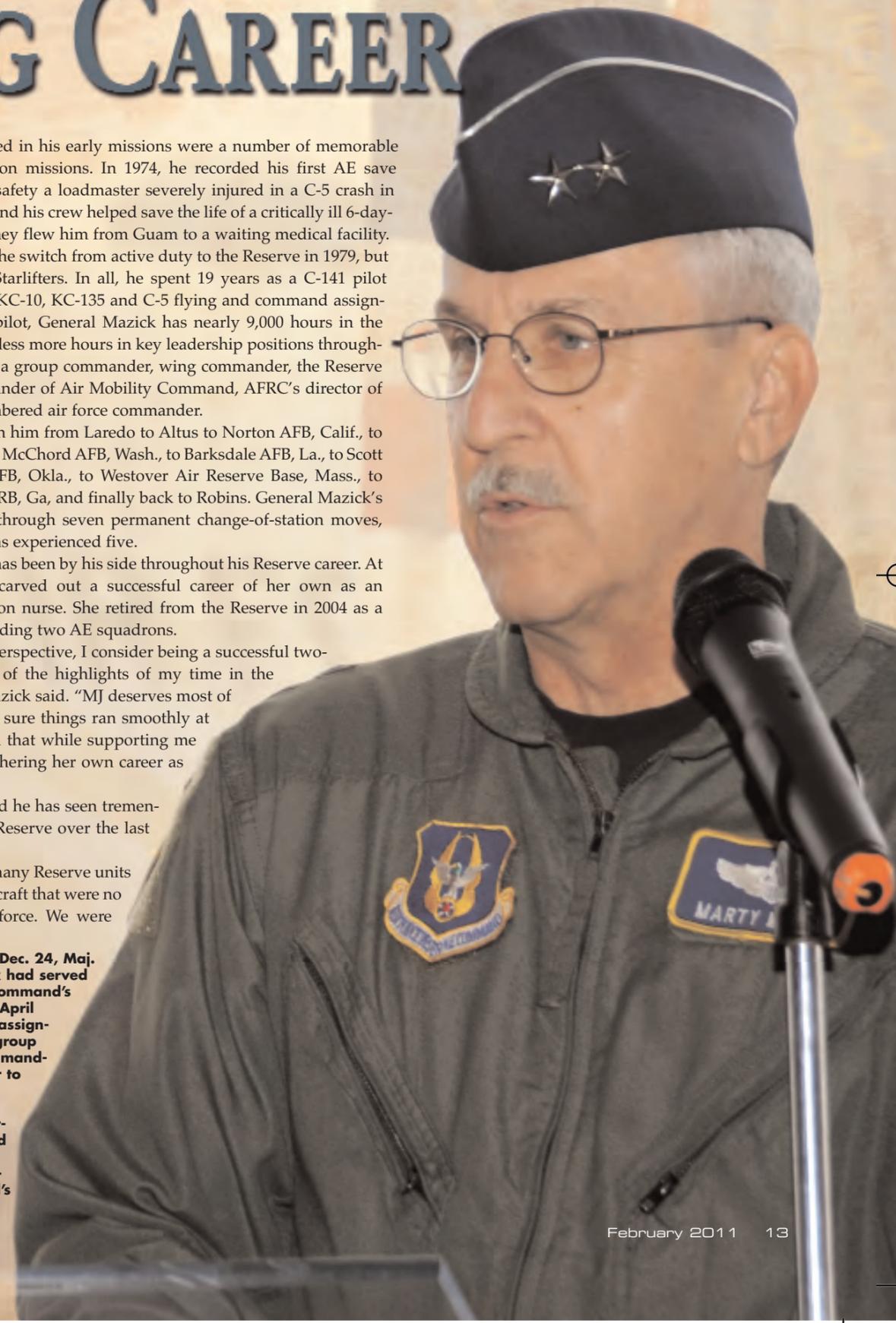
His wife, Mary Jo, has been by his side throughout his Reserve career. At the same time, she carved out a successful career of her own as an aeromedical evacuation nurse. She retired from the Reserve in 2004 as a colonel after commanding two AE squadrons.

"From a personal perspective, I consider being a successful two-Reservist family one of the highlights of my time in the Reserve," General Mazick said. "MJ deserves most of the credit for making sure things ran smoothly at home. ... and she did that while supporting me in my career and furthering her own career as well."

General Mazick said he has seen tremendous changes in the Reserve over the last 30 years.

"In the late 1970s, many Reserve units were flying legacy aircraft that were no longer in the active force. We were

**Prior to his retirement Dec. 24, Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick had served as Air Force Reserve Command's vice commander since April 2009. Before his final assignment, he served as a group commander, wing commander, the Reserve adviser to the commander of Air Mobility Command, AFRC's director of operations and a numbered air force commander. At left are a few snapshots from the general's distinguished career.**



truly a force in reserve that trained to be ready for the 'big one.'  
 "In the 1980s, we became involved with more active-duty missions and started flying newer aircraft, and we were included in more real-world responses," he said. "In the '90s, we became, in essence, a peacetime augmentation force as we were called upon more and more to support a smaller active-duty Air Force. Whatever world events the Air Force was involved with in the '90s, Reservists were there, participating in a volunteer status.

"Since 9/11, the Air Force has had an even greater reliance on the Reserve, and today we are an active partner in the business of every major command."

The transformation the Reserve has experienced since the 1970s has been dramatic, and General Mazick said he believes there will be even more changes in the near future. When he looks into his crystal ball, he sees more integration between the Reserve and active duty, more reliance on the Reserve components and more growth for AFRC. The challenge, he believes, will be to manage this growth in an environment of tight defense budgets.

"We have to continue to focus on negotiating efficiencies and staying involved in all mission areas," he said, adding that he believes the command is postured well for the future because of its strong leadership. "We have some talented people leading the command today, and I think we're doing a really good job of preparing the leaders of tomorrow."

The general said that mentoring the command's future leaders has always been one of his top priorities.

"I was lucky to have some great people to work for throughout my career, and I can honestly say that I learned something from every boss I ever had.

Whenever I've taken on a new assignment, it was my goal to leave it better than I found it and to set up the person coming behind me to do the same."

Col. Robert Swain, commander of one of General Mazick's old units, the 439th Airlift Wing at Westover, is just one of the many officers throughout AFRC who considers him to be a mentor.

"General Mazick is one of the most outstanding officers I have had the privilege to serve with," Colonel Swain said. "He is honest, forward looking, inspiring and highly intelligent. He questions the status quo and is not afraid to challenge leadership when all others acquiesce to the boss."

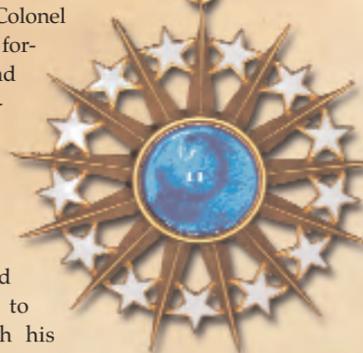
As he eases into retirement, General Mazick said he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and doing some traveling with his wife. He said he will truly miss the people he has worked with throughout his distinguished career and plans on keeping in touch with his extended Reserve family.

When asked if he had one piece of advice to offer members of the AFRC team, the general said he would encourage people to be flexible and ready to take on the challenges of an uncertain future.

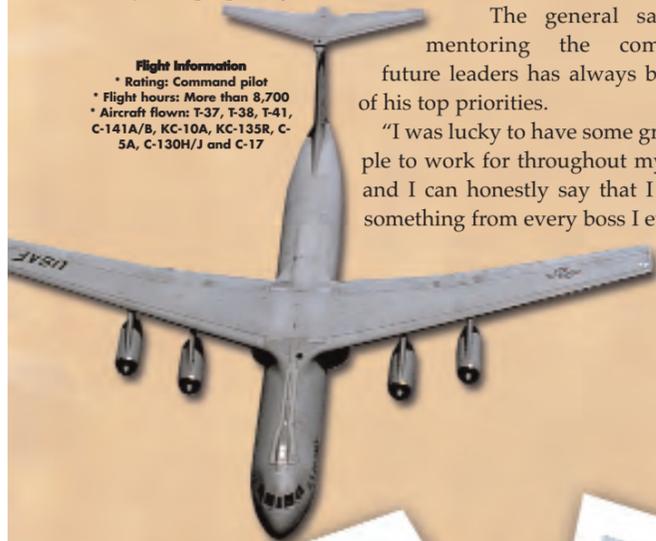
"These are dynamic and challenging times," he said. "I would ask each of you to be prepared to walk through the door that has not yet been presented to you." ★

*(Editor's note: General Mazick's replacement as AFRC vice commander is Maj. Gen. Craig Neil Gourley, former mobilization assistant to the commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. General Gourley is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in a variety of aircraft, including the F-117A, F-16A and F-16C, and has flown combat missions in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.)*

- Major Awards and Decorations**
- Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
  - Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
  - Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
  - Air Force Commendation Medal
  - Air Force Achievement Medal
  - Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster
  - Combat Readiness Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
  - National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
  - Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
  - Humanitarian Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
  - Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass
  - Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award



**Flight Information**  
 • Rating: Command pilot  
 • Flight hours: More than 8,700  
 • Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-41, C-141A/B, KC-10A, KC-135R, C-5A, C-130H/J and C-17



# 2011 RESERVE PAY FOR FOUR DRILLS

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O-6	782	860	916	916	919	959	965	965	1,019	1,116	1,173	1,230	1,262	1,295	1,359	1,385	1,385	1,385
O-5	652	735	786	796	827	846	888	918	958	1,019	1,047	1,076	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,108
O-4	563	652	695	705	745	788	842	884	913	931	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939
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All numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar. Figures represent a 1.4 percent raise over 2010 pay levels. February 2011 15

The 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., is a combat wing with a focus on strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike. Reactivated in January, the wing also has a B-52 air crew training and bombing mission.



Reactivated 307th Bomb Wing embraces the challenge to ...

# Deter and Assure

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

A crowd of more than 900 people turned out for a ceremony Jan. 8 at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., to deactivate the 917th Wing and re-designate it as the 917th Fighter Group, and reactivate the 307th Bomb Wing.

Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III accepted the 307th BW's colors from Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander, and in doing so accepted the charge of leading members of the unit in the accomplishment of a new mission as well as upholding the wing's honor and traditions.

General Mooney said he is thankful for the opportunity he has been given to strengthen the Air Force's nuclear enterprise.

"The 307th Bomb Wing is first and foremost a combat wing with a sole focus on strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike," he said. "We will embrace (the challenge to) 'deter and assure.' At our heart will be a culture of rigorous compliance and continued dedication to excellence."

The new Air Force Reserve wing will also focus on B-52 aircrew training and the bombing mission.

The 307th BW traces its lineage back to 1942 when it was activated as the 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy). The unit was deactivated Sept. 30, 1975, after the end of the Vietnam War.

The wing will report to the 10th Air Force at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, and will be gained by the Air Force Global Strike Command. Headquarters Air Force at the Pentagon directed these new actions in support of AFGSC, which is also located at Barksdale and will oversee Air Force nuclear weapons training and operations at the new unit.

Scattered throughout the audience at Hoban Hall for the reactivation ceremony were approximately 40 alumni of the 307th BW from the Korean, Vietnam and Cold War eras. Most traveled many miles to witness the reactivation.

"I expected this would be my last great adventure," said retired Master Sgt. Loren Longman, an 88-year-old veteran of the 307th, who traveled to Barksdale from Tampa, Fla., by car. "It was my honor to be a part of the reactivation."

To show the alumni how their heritage will be kept alive, Reservists escorted them through the 307th BW headquarters

building where historic artifacts and photos are prominently displayed throughout the hallways. Many of the veterans expressed their gratitude for the unexpected briefings at B-52 and A-10 displays after the ceremonies.

The 917th FG, an A-10 Thunderbolt II close-air support unit, is now part of the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo. Col. Eric Overturf, 442nd commander, was on hand to accept the new flag from General Stenner.

"I'm proud to be your commander," Colonel Overturf told members of the 917th FG. "Make no mistake; you can rest assured when the nation calls on the 917th for airpower, we'll answer the call, and we'll be ready."

"We're losing the A-10s (previously assigned to the 917th WG) to Whiteman, but they'll still be here," General Mooney said. "We will still support them, but we are focusing on the bombers."

The 917th WG was activated at Barksdale in 1963 as a troop carrier wing. ★

*(Sergeant Walston is assigned to the 307th BW public affairs office at Barksdale AFB.)*



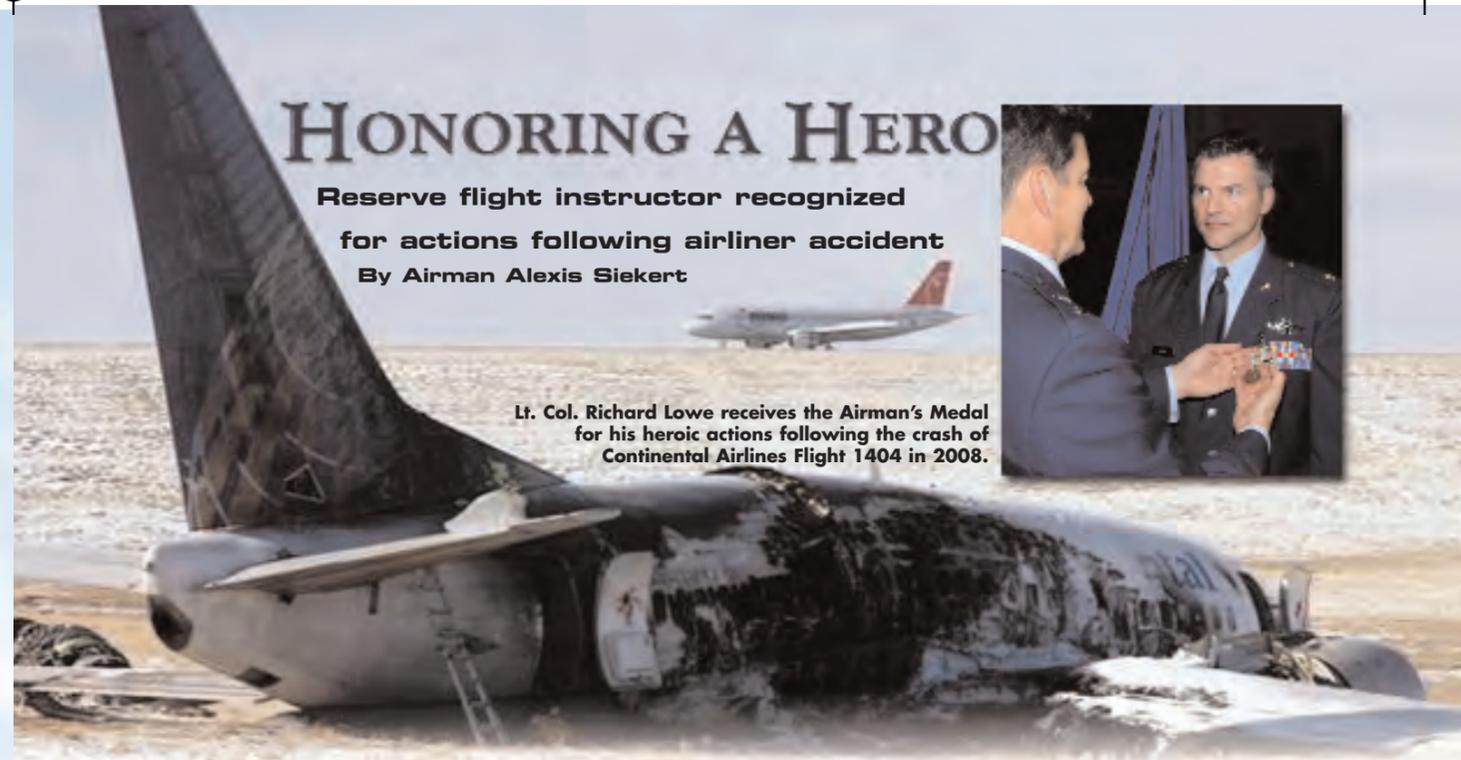
The 307th BW has a rich history that dates back to 1942. For many years, the 307th operated B-47 Stratojets.

## HONORING A HERO

Reserve flight instructor recognized for actions following airliner accident  
By Airman Alexis Siekert



Lt. Col. Richard Lowe receives the Airman's Medal for his heroic actions following the crash of Continental Airlines Flight 1404 in 2008.



A flight instructor described as an ordinary guy who did an extraordinary deed was recognized for his heroic actions that saved the lives of passengers and crew members aboard a commercial airliner after an accident at the Denver International Airport.

Lt. Col. Richard Lowe of the 39th Flying Training Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, received the Airman's Medal, the highest non-combat-related award in the Air Force, during a ceremony Dec. 10 in the base theater.

On Dec. 20, 2008, Colonel Lowe, a pilot for Continental Airlines, was a passenger on Flight 1404 from Denver to Houston. During takeoff, the aircraft skidded off a runway, crashed into a ditch and burst into flames. The colonel leapt into action and made several trips in and out of the wreckage to help people to safety.

"We started down the runway, and I was reading my book," Colonel Lowe said. "As we were approaching about 100 knots, I felt the aircraft suddenly yaw (tilt) hard to the left. We were traveling very fast, and I remember the woman next to me grabbed my arm and looked at me as if to say, 'Is that normal?'"

As the aircraft moved sideways, Colonel Lowe said he could feel the wheels skipping down the runway and hear the engines at full throttle.

"The only thought in my head was, 'My God, we're out of control,'" he said. "I could hear rocks and debris hitting the underside of the aircraft, and I could feel the pilot applying full right rudder and tiller in an attempt to correct. People were beginning to panic as I heard screams, and I remember seeing luggage, personal items and people bouncing around the cabin."

The plane skidded off the runway, went over a taxiway and across an access road, and was briefly airborne before coming to rest in a ravine and catching fire.

"Once we stopped, everyone seemed to go into self-preservation mode," Colonel Lowe said. "The passengers were very concerned that the aircraft was going to explode."

"The aircraft was on fire on the right side, so everyone hurried to the exit over the left wing, creating a bottleneck. A lot of people were injured, and I was motioned by the first-class attendant to come to the

front of the aircraft where the other passengers had already exited."

Colonel Lowe grabbed two women and took them with him toward the front, where he helped them get out. After seeing that they were safe, he went back and helped the cockpit crew members, who were injured and badly shaken, get out of the plane. He went back a second time to help the first-class flight attendant, who, it appeared, was suffering from a broken ankle. When she was safely outside the plane, Colonel Lowe went back one last time, against his better judgment, due to the growing fire and the smell of jet fuel, to see if he could help anyone still onboard. The only two people left inside were another pilot, who, like the colonel, had hopped aboard the flight, and the aft galley flight attendant. They got out OK on their own.

"Although there were many injuries, some very serious, everyone made it out alive in what I estimate to be under 90 seconds, a true testament to the training and professionalism of the in-flight cabin crew," Colonel Lowe said.

The aircraft came to a stop about 200 yards away from a fire station. Within minutes first responders were on the scene assisting passengers and extinguishing the fire.

"We were all very fortunate to be alive, and the folks at Denver really had a great contingency plan after the incident," the colonel said.

Maj. Gen. Frank Padilla, 10th Air Force commander, was on hand at Randolph AFB to present the Airman's Medal to Colonel Lowe. He told those in attendance that the men and women of the Air Force Reserve "don't settle for just enough, they are the best of the best."

"I'm humbled and honored that my peers would nominate me for this award," Colonel Lowe said. He credited his military training to "stay calm and slow down to go fast" for helping him save his life and well as the lives of others.

In addition to the Airman's Medal, Colonel Lowe also received a presidential citation from the Air Line Pilots Association for his actions. ★

*(Airman Siekert is assigned to the 502nd Air Base Wing Operating Location B public affairs office at Randolph AFB. This article also includes information taken from an article written by Gabriel Myers of the 12th Flying Training Wing public affairs office at Randolph.)*

# An Extraordinary Partnership

**Retired Army Vietnam War veteran forms close bond with Reserve aeromedical unit in Colorado**

By Ann Skarban

At first glance, Bill McPherson appears to be a simple, outgoing southern Colorado community leader with a deep appreciation for local military members. But it's only after you get to know this highly decorated Army veteran who retired as a colonel after 30 years of service, and his story of being shot down in Vietnam, that you learn just how close he is to the 302nd Airlift Wing's Air Force Reserve aeromedical unit.

In October 2008, Mr. McPherson, city administrator for the small mining town of Cripple Creek, Colo., was invited to participate in a community relations tour to McChord Air Force Base, Wash., sponsored by the 302nd AW. The tour, part of a program that allows Air Force organizations to reach out to local civic leaders, took Mr. McPherson, who's now known by the wing as "Colonel McPherson," and 24 other leaders from the Colorado Springs and Denver areas to the Pacific Northwest where they learned more about the Air Force Reserve.

It was during the two-day tour that Col. James Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander at the time, learned about Mr. McPherson's military career, including his experience as a combat helicopter pilot and the important role that Air Force aeromedics played in saving his life in Vietnam.

## Combat Mission 197

On June 24, 1966, Mr. McPherson, then a chief warrant officer and a seasoned helicopter gunship pilot on his 197th combat mission, was flying a close-air support mission to assist U.S. special forces whose camp was under attack by North Vietnamese Army regulars.

"(The special forces) called for support, so I went in fully armed and provided close ground

support to the camp," Mr. McPherson said. "All of a sudden, enemy fire was directed at me, so my aircraft received several hits of ground fire. I received three wounds in the abdomen. The rounds from the ground fire badly damaged the aircraft, and, as a result, I was shot down."

Mr. McPherson's helicopter crashed inside the special forces compound, the impact tearing the transmission from its fasteners and killing the co-pilot.

"My crew chief saved me by pulling me out of the aircraft as it started to burn," he said.

## The Rescue

Mr. McPherson was then loaded onto another helicopter evacuating the special forces Soldiers from the remote camp. A flight medic provided emergency treatment to his wounds until he reached the Army's 93rd Evacuation Hospital based at the town of Long Binh. There, he received emergency surgery for spinal injuries and the bullet wounds to his abdomen. As soon as he was stabilized, Mr. McPherson was whisked away to an awaiting Air Force C-141 Starlifter at nearby Ton Sun Nhut Air Base.

"There were several nurses and medical technicians on the aircraft," he said. "They were hovering over me throughout the whole flight (to an Army hospital in Camp Ho Zama, Japan). They were angels of mercy.

"For service members who are critically injured, it is the aeromedics who may be their last thought," Mr. McPherson said.

**Retired Army Col. Bill McPherson serves as the honorary commander for the 302nd Airlift Wing's 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.**

"The aeromedics could remind them of their mother, wife or daughter — they are in their thoughts during their last moments of life. I was saved by U.S. Air Force aeromedics."

### An Extraordinary Partnership

Recalling his conversation with Colonel Muscatell, Mr. McPherson said the former commander suggested he become an honorary commander with the 302nd AW's 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Less than six months old, the 34th AES was in need of a civilian counterpart to participate in the 302nd AW's honorary commander program, which pairs subordinate organizations with local civic leaders.

"As the first commander of the new aeromedical evacuation squadron, I had several recommendations for an honorary commander, but none were the ideal fit," said Lt. Col. Kathleen Flarity, 34th AES commander. "When Colonel Muscatell shared his experience of meeting Colonel McPherson, I jumped at the chance to meet him."

Two years later, Mr. McPherson has proven to be an incredible match for the 34th AES.

"Colonel McPherson is one of the most patriotic and committed men I have ever met," Colonel Flarity said. "At 76, he has more energy and passion than most 40-year-olds. He has sacrificed so much for our great country over the years, yet he is humble and unassuming."

### The Mentorship

Mr. McPherson's record of participation with the 34th AES is flawless.

"I've missed only one (unit training assembly) in the two years I have been the honorary commander," he said. "I'm a mentor."

He routinely draws on his 30 years of military service and 54 months of combat duty between Korea and Vietnam, allowing



TECH. SGT. DAVID D. MORRISON

**Lt. Col. Kathleen Flarity, commander of the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, said Mr. McPherson "is one of the most patriotic and committed men" she has ever met.**

him to share his experiences with Reservists.

"He quickly established rapport with every member of our squadron, as a coach, guide, mentor and role model," Colonel Flarity said. "He sends the message that he not only cares, but supports those who care for our nation's heroes."

"He gives a talk to our new members about what they bring to the fight: They allow the Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine to know they will be cared for if ill or injured. When you hear it from a Soldier who has been shot down and critically injured, it is a lasting emotional bond."

"Being able to work with and talk to the young men and women of the Air Force Reserve is special," Mr. McPherson said. "I am 76 years old, and it is just wonderful to see dedicated men and women give of their precious time. I am sometimes overwhelmed at the sacrifices it takes to be a part of the Reserve and to serve our country." ★

(Ms. Skarban is assigned to the 302nd AW public affairs office at Peterson AFB.)



**A chief warrant officer and helicopter gunship pilot at the time, Mr. McPherson was shot down and injured during a close-air support mission in Vietnam in 1966. His experience with aeromedical specialists at the time helped lay the foundation for the close bond he shares with the aeromedics of the 34th AES.**



# SAVINGS ON THE GO

New program brings mini-commissaries to Reservists

By Bo Joyner

**"T**he commissary ... It's worth the trip." That's the motto for the chain of supermarkets located at military installations throughout the United States and around the world. Unfortunately, for members of the Guard and Reserve who do not live near a military base, driving a long distance to shop for groceries and household items at the nearest commissary simply isn't worth the trip.

"People on active duty almost always live either on base or very near to their base so they have a commissary close by," said Doug Hammer, Guard and Reserve outreach coordinator for the Defense Commissary Agency. "But there are a number of Reservists and Guardsmen who are not stationed near a traditional commissary. That's why we've initiated the commissary on-site sale program."

Under the Defense Department-sponsored program, the DCA delivers a commissary to people who don't have convenient access to one of their own. "We basically bring a mini-commissary and hold a weekend sale at a requesting unit's location," Mr. Hammer said. For example, the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base commissary, located in Ohio, recently conducted an on-site sale in Red House, West Virginia.

Commissary officials brought hundreds of the store's most popular items and set up shop at the Joint Forces Reserve Center on a Saturday and Sunday.

The sale was open to National Guard and Reserve members, military retirees, active-duty military service members and dependents who could present an appropriate Department of Defense ID card that authorizes commissary privileges.

"We're trying to get the word out to all Guard and Reserve units about how they might request an on-site sale and how to find out about existing ones," Mr. Hammer said, explaining that a host commissary will work with Guard and Reserve units that have at least 150 members stationed in an area that is at least 50 miles or a 60-minute, one-way trip to the nearest commissary. The host commissary will select items to offer to these individuals during the sale.

Reservists and Guardsmen interested in having a sale in their area should contact their unit. Unit officials can then call the nearest commissary to discuss the possibility of having a sale. A list of upcoming sales and more information about the on-site sale program can be found at [http://www.commissaries.com/guard\\_reserve\\_sales.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/guard_reserve_sales.cfm). ★

Shoppers look for bargains at a recent commissary on-site sale program event in Marietta, Ga.



American artists have documented every war since the Revolution when Archibald Willard painted "The Spirit of '76" and Emmanuel Leutze captured the heroism of a future president when he painted "Washington Crossing the Delaware."

Today, the Air Force Art Program carries on the tradition of documenting the military way of life through the medium of art by inviting prominent artists on officially sponsored trips to Air Force installations. Artworks produced from officially sponsored trips are donated to the Air Force and accepted on behalf of a grateful nation by the secretary of the Air Force.

Each year, Air Force Reserve Command invites artists to record the activities of Citizen Airmen involved in a wide variety of missions. Within the past year, artists accompanied Reservists on humanitarian missions after the earthquake in Haiti, documented Citizen Airmen involvement in Operation Arctic Care in Alaska, and visited the newly established 302nd Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

"This is a great way for us to tell the story of Air Force Reserve Command through the universal language of art," said Betty Kennedy, AFRC historian. "These talented artists capture the actions of today's Airmen and record them for posterity."

On display here are just a few of the paintings that were turned in at the most recent presentation of paintings ceremony at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

For more information on the Air Force Art Program, visit [www.afapo.hq.af.mil/](http://www.afapo.hq.af.mil/). ★



**"Manas to Bagram Redeye"**  
By Richard Taylor

# The Air Force Art Program



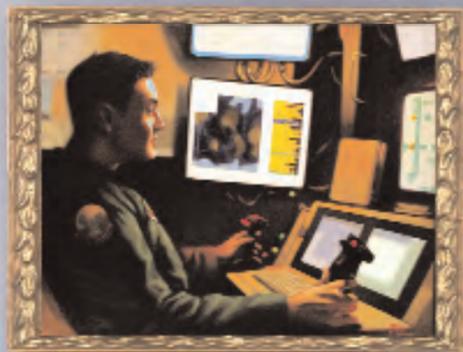
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