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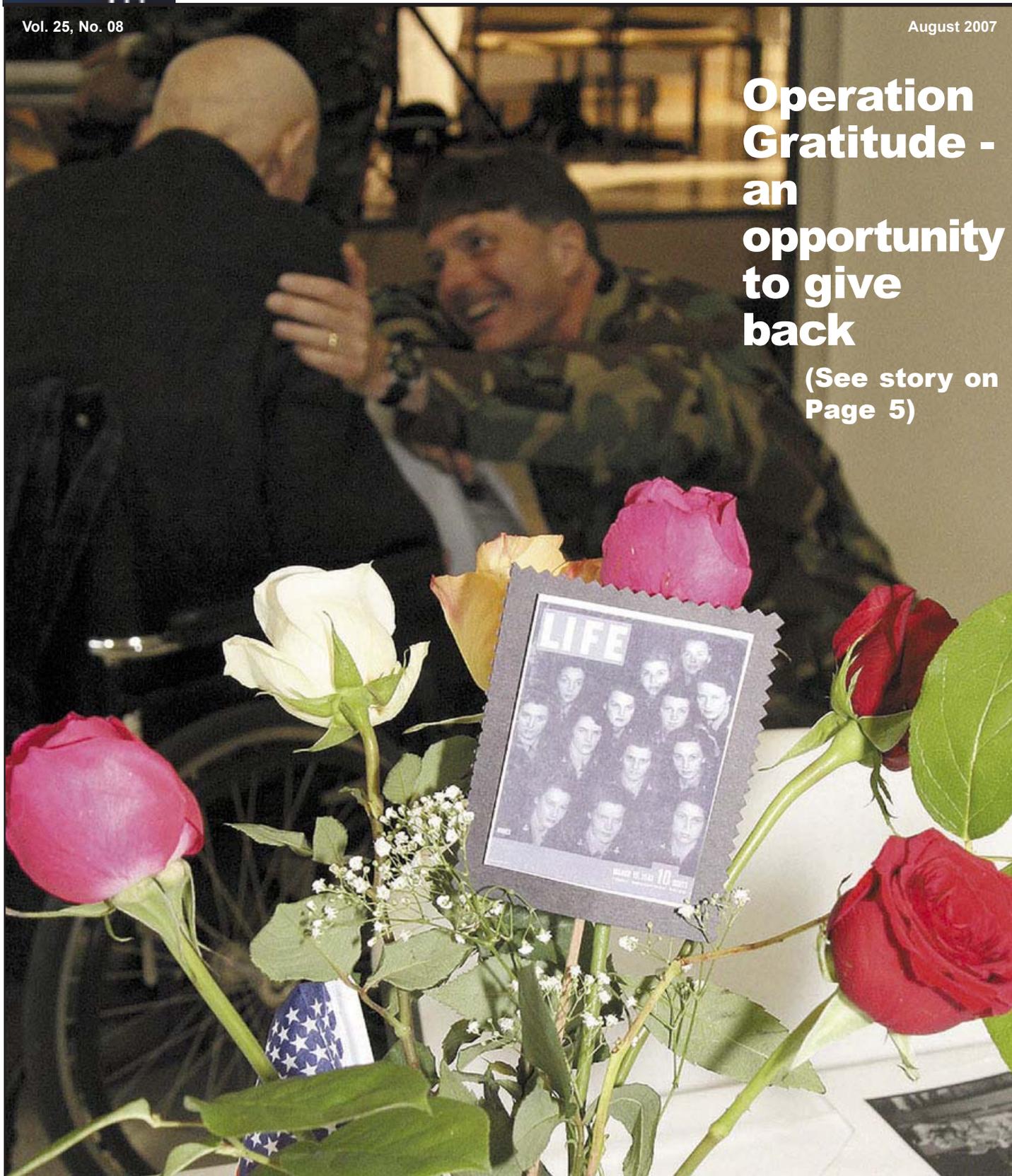
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# Wing named 'Best in 4th Air Force'

## - UTA weekends revised in Fiscal Year '08

**C**ongratulations 349th members! The 349th Air Mobility Wing was named the 'Best in 4th Air Force' and awarded the 2006 Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce coveted Raincross Trophy, last month. I have seen the synergy within this wing firsthand and the devoted members of our wing in action. It is because of our commitment we have stood out and been recognized amongst our peers.

We simply could not accomplish today's dynamic mission without the dedication and the 'above and beyond' attitude that continues to carry this wing forward in all that it undertakes. The members make the wing, and this wing is great! I am proud to be your commander and to associate with such exceptional "Citizen Airmen."

Here is an issue that continues to challenge all of us - OPSEC. I want to impress upon you the importance of making sure everyone is aware of the proper handling of classified materials, and also sensitive and Privacy Act information. Too many times in the recent past, we have found personal information about our members carelessly discarded. In an era of increased identity theft, it is essential that we double our efforts to safeguard our members' personal information. When in doubt, SHRED IT!

This wing has functioned with three UTA weekends per month for almost its entire history here at Travis AFB. I am about to change that. We have studied for some time all the variables that play a part in providing effective drill weekends. I believe it is now time for this wing to move to two UTA weekends per month. I believe the positives now out-weigh the negatives. Effective October 2007 we will have only two UTA weekends per month. I know there will be some growing pains and there will be some disruptions with long lead planning items that were already scheduled. I ask you to be as flexible as possible in adjusting to this new UTA schedule. A significant item that we will face with the new UTA schedule will be an increased population on each UTA. This will require efficient and timely communication for scheduling lodging on your part. Potentially the dining facility lines could be longer. To mitigate this there will be published a staggered eating schedule for every squadron to follow. This process should help to mitigate any longer lines and wait times to be fed. It will be very important for each squadron member to adhere to your squadron time schedule. We will have published the new FY 2008 UTA schedule by the time you read this. Much time and effort has gone in to making this possible and I want to thank



By Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler, Jr.

all who participated to make this a reality. It is not perfect and will be improved upon as we go. In conjunction with this new UTA schedule starting in October we will be operating a UTA shuttle flight only on the "B" UTA weekend. There will be more details to follow describing these shuttle flights.

Remember that safety must remain a top priority. This has been a very good summer for us and I want to thank each of you for your solid safety practices. Now is not the time to let up but really to increase our efforts to ensure that we operate in a safe manner everywhere. It does not matter whether you are at work, home, traveling, or at a recreational site, take the extra time to plan ahead and mitigate any potential safety issues. Use sound judgement and do not allow yourself to cut corners or to operate in a haphazard manner.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and always remember safety first. Continue the good work, strive for excellence, and have a wonderful UTA!

## Whining, one way to build relationships

by Chaplain (Maj.) LeBane S. Hall  
349th Air Mobility Wing

**I** recently heard a sermon and the minister said that he was in his living room when he heard his 22-month-old son cry. It was not a scream that said that he was hurt or in trouble, but rather a whiny, give-me-attention cry. He did not respond immediately and soon his son was busy doing something else.

I thought about what it is like being a supervisor or a commander over a group of people. So often there is one person (sometimes more than one) that constantly lets you know what is wrong. They express their displeasure not only often, but with animation. To the recipient, it often sounds like whining and complaining

with little merit.

I wonder how often God hears us whine and complain. I believe millions of people pray to God in any given day. How many of them are screams of agony and despair. I am sure there are many. How many of them are fussy, selfish, mutterings. I bet a lot.

Do you know what I think we should do with those mutterings? Nothing! Keep praying those prayers, keep expressing those thoughts to the boss as I am sure that 22-month-old will whine toward his mom and dad. Why? The kid learns a lot about what is

important and how others will treat them when they whine.

Respect shown for a "difficult" employee allows them to express themselves and it provides an opportunity for the boss to practice patience. The

superficial prayers can still build a relationship with God and helps us understand that God is not going to answer every prayer the way we want it to be answered.

Value in the lack of a response can be as important as a full response.

God's blessing upon you and your family!



# Raincross Trophy winners - congratulations, well done

**W**ow! I just returned from southern California after attending our 4th Air Force Commanders, Command Chiefs and Spouses Conference and the annual Raincross dinner where the trophy for the best wing in 4th Air Force was presented. Of the many wings in 4th Air Force, we won!

Am I surprised? No. Why? First of all, Mr. Terry Cotter, USAF Major, retired, currently our director of staff, was the author of the package. He has a wonderful ability to capture the essence of the excellence of our wing. But he would not be able to expound on anything without material, and that's where all of you are involved! It boils down to this - because of the amazing performance each of you put forth every day we won this trophy! Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

As we work through the second half of

this calendar year and the closeout of the fiscal year, we have many coming attractions. Here are a few:

-Operation Teddy Bear Golf Tournament: Friday, Sept. 28, at Cypress Golf Course. Point of contact is Master Sgt. Leslie Yu, (707) 424-0470, or email at [leslie.yu@travis.af.mil](mailto:leslie.yu@travis.af.mil).

-Air Force Reserve Command Senior NCO Leadership Course: Dynamic leadership refresher for master sergeants-chief master sergeants, Sept. 29-30, a non-UTA weekend, at the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Bldg. 206. Point of contact is Master Sgt. Debra Chappell, Wing Training, (707) 424-1615, or email at [debra.chappell@travis.af.mil](mailto:debra.chappell@travis.af.mil).

-The 7th Annual 349th Wing Enlisted Workshop: three-day leadership development workshop, Oct. 17-19, Wednesday-Friday before the UTA, 349th Aerial Port Squadron, Bldg. 921. Point of



**By Command Chief Master Sgt. Patricia A. Thornton**

contact is Chief Master Sgt. Holly DiDomenico, (707) 424-2931, or email at [holly.didomenico@travis.af.mil](mailto:holly.didomenico@travis.af.mil); to attend, see your first sergeant to sign up.

Our upcoming Wing Enlisted Workshop is the perfect venue to receive all the information you need about all the changes that are about to impact our professional military and civilian lives. What changes do I mean? New Enlisted Performance Reports and Officer Performance Reports requiring a passing fitness score of 75 or greater in order to meet standards and rates receiving feedback and signing the performance report before it's officially submitted. How about the new fitness panels that will be held to assess individuals who have consecutive poor fitness scores for 12 months? What about the Community College of the Air Force degree requirement for senior rater endorsements on EPRs for master sergeants-chief master sergeants? Then there's the brand new 349th Recognition Road Show. All of this and more will be addressed at our upcoming WEW. How do you make the best decisions? With current, accurate information about the areas in which you have interests. What better way to stay current than at this three-day event jam-packed with great speakers and information that can change your lives? Hope to see you there!

Again, thank you for all that you do! We are so proud of our wing. We say this all the time and I'll never stop saying it - the 349th personnel, including families and friends, ROCK! I know my country is in good hands because we are there, side-by-side, supporting the larger cause, *"Guardians of freedom and justice, my nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life!"* Raincross winners, always remember, you are the rock for the rest of our world.



photo by Master Sgt. Bill Kimble, 4th Air Force

**And the winner is:** Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler, Jr., 349th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sergeant Patricia A. Thornton, accept the Raincross Trophy on behalf of the 349th at the annual 4th Air Force Commanders' Conference dinner, hosted by the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Riverside, Calif., July 16.

# Operation Gratitude - giving to those who gave

by Senior Master Sgt. Marvin Meek  
349th Public Affairs

Led by the Travis AFB Reserve Top Three Council, more than 120 members from Team Travis and community members descended on the California Veterans' Home in Yountville, Calif., June 16, to deliver food, fun, and a heartfelt thanks to the residents there.

The Veterans' home is located on Highway 29 in Yountville, nine miles north of Napa.

The event, named "Operation Gratitude," has become a tradition for the Reserve-led Top Three Council, further cementing the council's reputation for providing service to others.

Operation Gratitude starts with a simple premise – "feed as many veterans as we can, to say thanks in a small way for the sacrifices they have made for our country." By the end of the day, however, it always ends up being a whole lot more.

Volunteers arrived early to turn an ordinary hospital recreation room into an elegant dining room - complete with white linen table cloths. Keeping with military tradition, they also decorated a special POW/MIA table. The menu: Champagne brunch with ham steak, eggs, pancakes, and

all the fixin's. This year "Operation Gratitude" was able to serve more than 300 veterans.

The volunteers not only served up a hearty meal, but also a healthy dose of good cheer and gratitude. Many of the committee volunteers bring their families along to help make the event more cheerful and easygoing.

Even though the day's events can be humbling and fulfilling - it also takes hard work. The planning for the event starts a year in advance with fund raising; the day of the event starts with the set up the opening ceremony, preparing and serving brunch, decorating the facility, escorting guests, and, last but not least, performing pre- and post-operation cleanup activities.

Community businesses donated gifts to the veterans and military dignitaries, such as Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler, commander, 349th Air Mobility Wing, shared some of his memories with the veterans and reassured them that the military will never forget them.

It takes many months of planning, scores of volunteers, and strong leadership to execute Operation Gratitude. Special thanks goes to the following committee members who were key to the project, start to finish:

- Master Sgt. Jim Barber (Chairman), 349th Maintenance Operations Flight;
- Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Lepore, 301st Airlift Squadron;
- Staff Sgt. Brittan Stockert, 349th Mission Support Squadron;
- Technical Master Sgt. Suzana Lacomia, 349th Air Mobility Wing;
- Master Sgt. Carmen Ochoa, 349th Civil Engineer Squadron;
- Master Sgt. Ida Hambrick, 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron;
- Master Sgt. Timothy Woods, 349th Logistics Readiness Flight;
- Master Sgt. Loren Nickell, 349th LRF;
- Staff Sgt. Mario Lopez, 349th LRF;
- Technical Sgt. Marlon Barriosvillagran, 349th LRF;
- Staff Sgt. Alexis Herrera, 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron;
- Chief Master Sgt. Marcus Okuda, 349th Component Maintenance Squadron;
- Chief Master Sgt. Michael Protsman, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;
- Staff Sgt. Neelie Bradley, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Randy White, 45th Aerial Port Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Jensen, 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;
- Senior Master Sgt. Charles Downtin, 349th AES;
- Senior Master Sgt. David Sessler, 349th AES;
- Senior Master Sgt. Kari Sumner, 349th CMS;
- Ms. Elaine Frank, 349th AMW
- Master Sgt. Anthony Barker, 349th AMW;
- 1st Lt. Dave Gentile, 60th Maintenance Group;
- Mr. Stanley Davis, Friend of Travis.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help plan for next year's "Operation Gratitude" events, contact Master Sgt. Jim Barber at (707) 424-4558.



photo by Master Sgt. Wendy Weidenhamer, 349th Public Affairs

Operation "Chow-Down": Residents of the California Veterans' Home in Yountville, many confined to wheelchairs, enjoy a breakfast of ham steak, eggs and pancakes while they listen to Ms. Shirley Ancheta, secretary for the 349th Maintenance Group commander, sing along with help of a karaoke machine. The breakfast was cooked by members of the 349th AMW from Travis AFB, during their annual "Operation Gratitude" event, June 16, at the Veteran's Home cafeteria.

# Historic journey - 301st Airlift Squadron, 99

by Master Sgt. Wendy Weidenhamer  
and Mr. Ronald Lake  
349th Public Affairs

The vision was to establish camaraderie, a bond with its sister squadron—and the moment was now.

At 0645 hours on June 2, in a crowded aircrew briefing room at Travis AFB, the 301st Airlift Squadron began a five-day journey to the United Kingdom. A journey to turn a vision into reality when members from the squadron visited its new sister squadron, the 99 Squadron, Royal Air Force at Brize Norton, and at the same time explore their own history. A history that began more than 60 years ago during World War II.

The idea for a sister squadron initially occurred to Lt. Col. Dave Pavey, who at the time was the 301st's operations officer, while he was attending C-17 pilot training at Altus AFB, Okla., with members of the 99 Squadron. Now the 446th Operations Group commander at McChord AFB, Wash., Colonel Pavey's idea was now a reality and only hours away from "first contact."

Planning for the trip was a four-month "labor of love" and a lot of work for Lt. Col. Dave Degavre, the 301st's flight commander. There were military units and civilian agencies to coordinate with, transportation and lodging to arrange, along with a multitude of other details necessary to make a trip like this successful. So, at the end of the day, a bunch of tired crew was grateful that each day melted seamlessly into the next without any major problems with the biggest frustration being the decision about what to eat for dinner.

Also joining the team was Col. Lloyd C. Neblett, USAF, retired, who was one of the early commanders of the unit that preceded today's 301st, the 301st Troop Carrier Squadron. Colonel Neblett was, in a way, a charter member of an American and British sister squadron relationship when his unit was based at Merryfield, England, during World War II. Then Captain Neblett, was a 25-year-old C-47 pilot who flew over Normandy to drop paratroopers behind German lines in advance of the D-Day landings by the combined allied forces of America, England and Canada on

June 6, 1944. So a sister squadron relationship between the 99 Squadron and the 301st AS was more like rekindling an old friendship.

This historic journey began with a very long flight to England. From the beginning a real "sister-squadron" spirit was present with the team made up of members from different squadrons, each with a specific mission, yet all seemed to see no boundaries when it came to getting the job done. No matter whose job it was, everyone pitched in to make the load lighter.

The crew utilized the extended flight time to incorporate valuable training time

in the Globemaster III. Since the C-17 is new to the 301st, many of its members are still transitioning from the C-5 to the newer, sophisticated aircraft. During the flight, Capt. Troy Ogle, a 301st C-17 pilot, was being evaluated in performing the duties of an aircraft commander. A six-member 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron team also practiced the art and meticulous task of assembling, using and disassembling patient litters.

The long flight was over in the early morning of what was to be a very long day. The C-17 landed and taxied onto its spot at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, UK. It was time to practice flexibility, something in



The 301st Airlift Squadron (U.S. Air Force), No. 99 Squadron (Royal Air Force), and No. 36 Squadron (Royal Air Force) assemble in front of their C-17s on the flightline at Royal Air Force Brize Norton, United Kingdom. From left to right: Wing Commander John Gladston, 99 Squadron commander; Wing Commander [Name], commander of the 301st Troop Carrier Squadron, predecessor to the 301st. The crews met for the first time since they came back to World War II.

# Royal Air Force become Sister Squadrons

which flight crews are well versed.

Everyone made the transformation into service dress, changing in a flash like Superman in a phone booth, only it was in the local command post's restrooms. Then they were off for a full day of ceremonies celebrating their squadron's history with their Royal Air Force counterpart, Flight Lieutenant Matthew Doncaster, a C-17 pilot for the 99 Squadron, as their escort and guide, also in his service dress uniform.

The heritage crew drove to the Cambridge American Cemetery at Cambridge to pay tribute to two 301st TCS aircrew who were killed in a C-47 crash in

July 1944 while being transported to a hospital in Scotland. The crash occurred about three miles from the coastal village of Portpatrick. While Colonel Neblett placed flowers on the graves of his former comrades, taps played clearly in the morning English sun.

As the day wound down, the team, who had changed back into flight suits, boarded their aircraft for a flight to RAF Brize Norton, the home base of their sister squadron.

At Brize Norton, it was a sunny day and a cool English wind gently ruffled the flags nearby as the U.S. Air Force C-

17 taxied into place between a C-17 from the British 99 Squadron and a C-17 from the Australian 36 Squadron—a perfect fit.

After posing for group photographs of the three allied country's respective aircrews, it was off to a ceremony and presentation of gifts the 301st had brought for their sister squadron. The commander of the 99 Squadron, Wing Commander John Gladston also presented plaques to the 301st commander, Lt. Col. Stephen Rickert, and No. 36 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force commander, Wing Commander Linda Corbould.

"We are very, very pleased and honored to host the 301st, who, like the 99 Squadron, has an extremely distinguished history, particularly during World War II," Wing Commander Gladston said.

"It makes complete sense that the 99 Squadron and the 301st should become sister squadrons. The body of a squadron is defined by its history and that history distinguishes what we actually stand for and what we're fighting for currently. We're both supporting combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an extremely important cause.

"All those things together makes this an extremely worthwhile and valuable visit," he concluded.

"If you look back in history, no nation has fought wars alone. It was the allies coming together to fight in World War II together that equaled success," Lt. Col. Rickert said.

"It was quite an achievement getting us all together," Wing Commander Gladston said at the ceremony. "We do have a special relationship with the Americans," he added.

"It's extremely important that we form and maintain these ties. The 301st is now officially our sister squadron."

"We totally appreciate your support," Lt. Col. Pavey commented. "Not just as military person, but as a person, America appreciates your support" Pavey said of our allies in the continuing efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. "I don't think we'll get a photo like that again," he added referring to the lineup of the three Allies' C-17s on the Brize Norton flightline.

"I first started (military) flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force," Colonel



photo by Master Sgt. Wendy Weidenhamer, 349th Public Affairs

adron (Royal Australian Air Force) C-17 flight crews and aircraft maintenance personnel on, June 4. In the front row are the squadron commanders: Lt. Col. Stephen Rickert, 301st AS commander Linda Corbould, 36 Squadron commander, along with Col. Lloyd Neblett, retired for the first time as sister squadrons, reestablishing a relationship with the British that goes

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# Reserve, Guard officer PME enhanced

by Lt. Col. Linda Haseloff  
Air University Public Affairs

Leaders of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve have long recognized the importance of professional military education for career progression.

However, Guard and Reserve officers traditionally have had limited availability for on-base seminar programs. Due to increased operations tempo and the need to fulfill full-time civilian jobs, a small number of Air Reserve Component personnel are able to attend PME in residence. Consequently, Guard and Reserve leaders sought other means to increase PME opportunities for guardsmen and reservists while enhancing their learning experience.

The Air Command and Staff College Air Reserve Component Seminar Program was designed in 2004 to fulfill that need.

"The ARCS program is conducted in student-led seminars with Guard and Reserve facilitators," said Lt. Col. Joyce Guthrie, ACSC ANG component liaison. "This type of learning helps convert some of the 'square filling' attitudes toward those of learning and enjoyment of PME."

Participants in the program spend the initial two weeks in seminar at ACSC at Maxwell AFB covering material from

blocks one and two to include taking tests for those blocks. After returning home, they complete blocks three, four and five (including tests) on their own via the distance learning program. Blocks six and seven, along with the final tests, are completed back in seminar at ACSC for the last two weeks.

Upon completion, students are awarded an ACSC nonresidence diploma.

Maj. Paul Gifford, a weather officer with Joint Forces Command's 953rd Reserve Support Squadron, said when he initially enrolled in ACSC through its distance learning program, it was difficult getting started, trying to find time to study between family and job responsibilities.

"We started class on June 18, and these two weeks here at the Air Reserve Component Seminar have kept me focused on learning and got me jazzed about the ACSC material," he said. "The work load is

greater than I expected but it's been enjoyable to just take time, sit and be focused on the readings. I will definitely complete ACSC this time and get my diploma."

According to Colonel Guthrie, the intent of the program is to facilitate Guard and Reserve officer completion of Air Command and Staff College, promote networking and interaction among majors in the field, and allow them to share in the academic experience provided by Air Command and Staff College.

For more information on the ACSC ARCS program, contact Colonel Guthrie at (334) 953-9820.

An ARCS also is conducted for Guard and Reserve Air War College distance learning participants. Twice yearly, guardsmen and reservists from around the United States gather to cover the first block of instruction in the AWC DL program. The program differs from the ACSC program in that AWC ARCS participants must complete the program on their own without returning the following year.

For more information about the AWC ARCS program, contact Col. Steve Hagel, AWC Reserve Liaison at (334) 953-4367 or information on other education programs, contact the base education center at (707) 424-3444.



## Sister squadron...

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Neblett said, "and those years held some of my fondest memories." But, "I couldn't be more flattered to be here with you to share this as a climax to my career," Neblett, now 88 years old, said softly, his voice filled with emotion.

"People are the same, made of the same character and fiber as back in 1944," said Master Sgt. Steve Burke, 301st loadmaster. "I hope this breaks the ice and I'd like to see others squadrons go down the same path we did and dig up their heritage."

After a flight aboard a British VC-10 refueling mission, the team de-planed at Prestwick Airport. Once at Glasgow, they were welcomed to Scotland by Sandy Rankin, who had written a history of the C-47 crash and was host to the group as he led the way in the drive to Portpatrick.

Arriving at the centuries old harbor, the group was greeted by an entourage of about 100 local townsfolk and the entire class of the local Primary (elementary) School 6, aged 6 to 11 years. The welcoming committee included the town council members; the local pastor; Jimmy Brown, a bagpiper who played "Flowers of Scotland" during the memorial service; the district Lord

Lieutenant Mrs. Terry Brewis, who represents Queen Elizabeth at such functions; and Mrs. Christine Wilson, secretary of the Portpatrick Antiquarian Society, who helped coordinate the visit.

The 301st presented another C-47 print to the town and a bronze plaque commemorating the flight and sacrifice of the crew who perished in the flight. Mrs. Leslie Cerexhe, chairman of the Portpatrick Community Council (the equivalent of an American mayor) presented the 301st with a commemorative plaque and a clock recovered from the wreckage of the C-47. The school children then gifted each of the heritage crew with local mementos and accepted 301st squadron booster club tokens in exchange.

At the end of the 301st's visit and the blur of a whirlwind trip began to slowly come into focus with farewells and mementos garnered from the 99 Squadron booster club, a solid friendship between individuals and two squadrons had been formed. A relationship where we don't see others as different from us, but perhaps we begin to see ourselves in others.

"It's been a very humbling experience and I feel fortunate to have been chosen to participate in this event," said Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer LePore, a C-17 loadmaster. "I have more empathy for them now. You begin to understand that they are just like we are; same concerns and issues, they are doing the same exact job we're doing."

# Employer Appreciation Day application 2007

## Employer Information

EMPLOYER:            Mr.            Ms.            Mrs.            Dr.            Other:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Person to be Notified in Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Emergency Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code and Number)

**Note:** An Air Force Certificate of Appreciation will be prepared for each employer using the name you provide. Please insure that the name above is clearly legible and correctly spelled so the certificate is correct when presented by the Commander.

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Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Note:** An orientation flight is offered to employers pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation. Space is limited; one employer per reservist. Reserve members may accompany their employer if space is available.

## Employer Appreciation Day dates

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**\*(Note: number added from previous issue)**

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Stephen J. Weiss, 349th CS  
Ross A. Wood, 55th APS



**Staff Sergeant**

Darnell J. Bailey, 749th AMXS  
Nickolas A. J. Bolding, 349th AMDS  
Scott F. Castillo, 349th CS

Paul S. Cousins, 45th APS  
Gregorio T. Enriquez IV, 45th APS  
Kathleen M. Fowler, 349th AMDS  
Chia Yi Hsu, 349th AMXS  
Atasha N. McClurg, 79th ARS  
Angela M. Netzke, 349th CMS  
Meliza M. Puzon-Frost, 349th MDS



**Senior Airman**

Mister Q. Braxton, 349th CES  
Christopher A. Grove, 349th CS  
Paul H. Lawrence, 349th CS  
Brian D. Lawson, 82nd APS  
Cassandra T. Lock, 349th ASTS  
Autumn R. Ohlendorf, 349th AMXS  
Jorge A. Silva, 349th CS  
Heather A. Souza, 349th LRF  
Tyler J. Underwood, 349th ASTS



**Airman First Class**

Gabriele E. Rendon, 349th ASTS

All promotions effective July 1, 2007

**REENLISTMENTS**

The 349th Wing congratulates the below individuals on their recent reenlistment: Master Sgt. Arthur J. Baxter, 70th Air Refueling Squadron; Technical Sgt. Monte R. Borchert, 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Technical Sgt. Christian J. S. Celis, 349th Medical Squadron; Senior Airman Ernesto Correa, 749th AMXS; Staff Sgt. Camila A. Garcia-Amariz, 349th Operation Support Flight; Master Sgt. David W. Glasgow, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Master Sgt. Robin J. Henryhand, 749th AMXS; Master Sgt. Peggy J. Kelly, 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Senior Airman Megan D. Moorhead, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Staff Sgt. Eric S. Pennington, 349th Maintenance Operations Flight.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**349th Maintenance Group  
Quarterly Award Winners  
4th Quarter 2007**

Senior Noncommissioned Officer  
**Master Sgt. William E. Nuttal**  
349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer  
**Staff Sgt. Brenda L. Mejia**  
349th Component Maintenance  
Squadron

Airman  
**Senior Airman Phillip Yacovitti**  
349th Component Maintenance  
Squadron

**UNIT VACANCIES**

<b>AFSC</b>	<b>AFSC Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>AFSC</b>	<b>AFSC Title</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>#</b>
11M3A	Mobility Pilot, C-5	Officer	3	2T291	Air Transportation	SMSgt	1
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, C-17	Officer	7	2T351	Spec Veh & Equip Maint	SSgt	2
1A071	In-Flight Refueling	TSgt	1	32E3G	General Civil Engineer	Officer	1
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt	3	3E051	Electrical Sys	SSgt	1
1A251	Aircraft Loadmaster	SSgt/TSgt	1/2	3E451	Utilities System	SSgt	1
1A271	Aircraft Loadmaster	MSgt	1	3E472	Liquid Fuel Sys Maint	TSgt	1
1C371	Command Post	TSgt	1	3E551	Engineering	SSgt/TSgt	1/1
1N071	Operations Intel	TSgt/SMSgt	1/1	3E651	Operations Mgmt	SSgt	1
1T071	Surv, Evas, Resist & Esp	TSgt	1	3E851	Explosive Ord Disposal	SSgt	6
21R3	Logistics Readiness	Officer	3	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	SMSgt	1
2A551J	Aerospace Maint, C-5	SSgt	5	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	CMSgt	1
2A551L	Aerospace Maint, KC-10	SSgt	12	3E951	Readiness	SSgt	1
2A553A	Intergrated Avonics Sys	SSgt/TSgt	1/1	3M051	Services	SSgt	1
2A571	Aerospace Maintenance	TSgt	2	3S271	Education & Training	MSgt	2
2A573A	Intergrated Avonics Sys	TSgt	1	41A3	Health Services Admin	Officer	2
2A651A	Aerospace Propul, Jet Eng	SSgt	13	42G3	Physician Assistant	Officer	1
2A654	Aircraft Fuel System	SSgt	3	44F3	Family Physician	Officer	2
2A655	Aircraft Hydraulic System	SSgt	2	44M3	Internist	Officer	5
2A656	Aircraft Elect & Envir Sys	SSgt	2	44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	Officer	1
2A656	Aircraft Elect & Envir Sys	SSgt	2	45A3	Anesthesiologist	Officer	1
2A656	Aircraft Elect & Envir Sys	SSgt	2	45B3	Orthopedic Surgeon	Officer	1
2A672	Aerospace Ground Equip	TSgt/MSgt	1/2	46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer	6
2A675	Aircraft Hydraulic Sys	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer	4
2A751	Aircraft Metals Technology	SSgt	2	47G3A	Dentist, Comprehensive	Officer	2
2A753	Aircraft Structural Maint	SSgt	2	48A3	Aerospace Medicine	Officer	1
2E151	Satellite/WB Comm Equip	SSgt	1	48R3	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	4
2E153	Ground Radio Comm	SSgt/TSgt	1/2	4A151	Medical Material	SSgt	1
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	MSgt	1	4N051	Aerospace Medical Svc	SSgt	1
2T251	Air Transportation	SrA/SSgt	9/16	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svc	MSgt	2
2T271	Air Transportation	TSgt/MSgt	1/3	5J071	Paralegal	SSgt	1

For more information about these vacancies, go to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/MainMenu.asp>.

## What do you do to be the best warrior you can be?

**“I try to read the paper everyday and come into work with an open mind. I also try to have a good attitude to make the day the best I can for everybody.”**

--Master Sgt. Clarence McNamer, 349th Component Maintenance Squadron



**“As a First Sergeant and Chief it’s about serving people. My goal is to assist them in gaining knowledge, by mentoring - helping people in their career path to help them to succeed.”**

--Chief Master Sgt. Donna Greene, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



**“I’ve only been in the reserves for the last four months so to do my best I’m working on my upgrade training, keeping my physical fitness up and go out everyday with a positive attitude.”**

--Senior Airman Anthony De Carlo, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

# NCO LDP GRADUATION



photo by Master Sgt. Wendy Weidenhamer, 349th Public Affairs

**Ready to lead:** Recently twenty-three 349th Air Mobility Wing enlisted members graduated from the Travis Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program. The two-week course, offered locally to military members, assists in their career growth and development of leadership skills. For more information about the course, contact Master Sgt. Debra C. Chappell, 349th Mission Support Squadron, (707) 424-1615.

Row one: Staff Sgt. Alyson Angeles-Kimbrell, 349th Communication Squadron. Row two left to right: Staff Sgt. Eberachi Lynch, 349th Mission Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Margarita Perez, 349th CS; Senior Airman Lisa Aguilar, 55th Aerial Port Squadron; Technical Sgt. Teresa Serrano, 82nd APS; Staff Sgt. Stacey Jackson, 349th Air Mobility Wing. Row three left to right: Staff Sgt. Richard Brumbaugh, 349th CS; Technical Sgt. Stephanie Ladd, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jason Dado, 749th AMXS; Technical Sgt. Mark Cordes, 945th AMXS; Staff Sgt. Jerry Dean, 349th CS; SSgt. Ariel Zamora, 749th AMXS; SSgt. Michael Wilson, 349th AMXS. Fourth row left to right: Staff Sgt. Brian Dooley, 349th CS; Technical Sgt. Michael Holmes, 349th CS; Technical Sgt. Nakie Nunley, 349th AMW; Technical Sgt. Theodore Carnes, Jr., 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Staff Sgt. Kyle Max, 349th LRF; Staff Sgt. James Boston, 945th AMXS; Technical Sgt. Marlon Barriosvilligran, 349th LRF; Technical Sgt. Gilbert Luna, 349th EMS.

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## Operation Teddy Bear Golf Tournament

**Four-Man Scramble Best Ball  
Friday, Sept. 28, 2007  
Cypress Lakes Golf Course  
1200 Shotgun start  
Registration begins at 9 a.m.**

Cost:  
E1 to E4: \$35.00  
E5 and above, DOD Civilian: \$45.00 Guests:  
\$50.00  
POC: Master Sgt. Leslie Yu  
(707)424-0470  
Send team entry to: [leslie.yu@travis.af.mil](mailto:leslie.yu@travis.af.mil)  
Entry Deadline is Sept. 22.

