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Take time out to remember - never forget

On that September day in 2001 I was the captain of a commercial jet heading out of JFK International Airport, N.Y., bound for the island of Aruba. It started as a beautiful “blue bird” day in the city and ended with the lives of thousands lost. That day will be etched in my memory forever; an eyewitness to the collapse of the twin towers that took so many lives.



Most people have vivid personal memories of what they were doing at the exact moment that this tragedy occurred. Many of us can remember how we held our friends and family a little closer in the days and weeks that followed. There was a greater unspoken appreciation for the life and love that can be taken so unexpectedly. Take a moment on September 11 and remember those who lost their lives that day and those who have given their lives since. Remember and never forget.

The Air Force Core values state; *Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in all we do.* Excellence is the subject I'd like to discuss today. As defined in the dictionary, excellence is “something in which something or someone excels.” Excellence begins when we know that being good or even competent won't carry the day, when

doing more or trying harder won't bridge the gap, when excellence is simply the only alternative. All of us have had moments when we succeed seemingly without effort, times when we perform superbly and gracefully, times when we hit the mark. Yet we are never quite sure how it all came together, how it happened, or if we can make it happen again. As Airmen, these times should be few and far between.

Because of the nature of our work and the lives that depend on it, excellence is essential. Excellence is really an attitude and one that all of us in the profession of arms needs to take to heart. The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle once said: *“Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”*

So, “*Excellence in all we do*” means just that; make excellence a part of every aspect of your life.

By the time you read this the 101 Critical Days of Summer will be over. The 349th succeeded in getting through this period without any major safety related incidents. Thanks to you all for that. Of course the end of summer means the start of fall and



**By Col. Abel Barrientes
349th Vice Commander**

the rainy season in Northern California. Please take all the precautions and make all the preparations for the fall weather.

Around the Wing: In August, members of the 349th started training in earnest for the IGX (aka ORI) slated for October of 2009. Although that may seem like a long way away, that's only 26 days for a Reservist. The 349th Wing Plans folks have an aggressive training program to help us all prepare. Take your training seriously and be ready. **Col. Al Lupenski** has just taken command of the 349th Operations Group. Congratulations to Colonel Lupenski - I'm sure he'll take the Ops Group to the next level. Congratulations also to **Master Sgt. Bob Wade** who was a Distinguished Honor Graduate at the Defense Information School. Kudos for all your hard work. And of course, let's not forget the 549 Airman from Travis serving on active duty throughout the world.

Lastly, thank you once again for doing the excellent job you do in the defense of your country. Be proud of your service because the nation is proud of you!

Knowing how people react to stresses: invaluable

by **Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Rowley**
349th Air Mobility Wing

Ever notice the wind here at Travis? Sometimes it is warm, sometimes, cold. Sometimes it blows really hard and sometimes you don't even notice any breeze. That is the way it is sometimes with people as well. Do you know people that at times are friendly and other times are distant? People that at times knock you over with their personality and others that you are hardly aware they exist? In careers that require you to deal with people there is a great advantage to those who have a wind-sock

out checking the direction and the strength of the wind. Knowing how people react to the stresses of life, knowing how they react to the blessing of life, and knowing if they change with different situations can help us out whether we are in a supervisory position or whether we are working for someone else. It even helps parents work with their kids and kids with their parents. As a parent, a supervisor and as a pastor who works with all types of people, I find it an invaluable tool to work with as I plan events and make changes. I frequently take the time to run scenarios in my mind to try to gauge how different people will react to a given

situation. Now I rarely get it perfect because people are people and do not always follow the plan. But, for the most part, it helps minimize conflict.



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Operation Gratitude, a great way to say ‘thanks’

by Technical Sgt. Elke Bentley
349th Mission Support Squadron

A 46" flat panel television, books, gift cards, boom boxes, DVD players and clocks to name a few of the items people received that day.

Was it a birthday? Was this someone's birthday list of what they would like to receive? Or was it a very special event?

Yes, it was -- it was Operation Gratitude!

Operation Gratitude is an annual event sponsored by the 349th Air Mobility Wing Top 3 Council. This year's event took place at the Veterans Home of California at Yountville, June 14.

The veterans were served a special brunch which included scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, fruit, and pastries. More than one hundred volunteers participated in this very special event for the sole purpose of thanking and honoring these veterans for their military service and for their sacrifices.

At each table where the veterans were

seated were tables covered with white tablecloths, sprinkled with confetti, along with vases of flowers and flags from the different military branches. Also in each vase were pictures taken at last year's Operation Gratitude event.

More than seven thousand dollars of donation were raised, of which more than five thousand dollars worth of gifts were donated in merchandise.

Committee members of Operation Gratitude, include Master Sgt. James Barber, Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Lepore, Technical Sgt. Elke Bentley, and Staff Sgt. Jose Aquilizan. These committee members took an enormous amount of pleasure in giving out the gifts.

Additional volunteers brought gifts to those who were unable to attend the festivities, as well as to the home's staff. Travis Team members took the rare opportunity to sit down one-on-one and talk with a great assortment of veterans.

Members of the Travis Honor Guard performed the "Missing in Action and Prisoner of War Ceremony: 'The Table of the Missing Man'" and the time honored "Flag Folding" ceremony. During these ceremonies, a lot of strong emotions felt by the veterans were openly displayed. Two veterans by the names of Rita Umphries and Everett Kimmel shared their World War II military



photo by Staff Sgt. Meredith Mingleдорff, 349th Public Affairs

Col. Maryanne Miller, 349th Air Mobility wing commander, listens to 'war stories' while she visits with residents at the Veterans Home of California at Yountville during Operation Gratitude June 14.



photo by Staff Sgt. Meredith Mingleдорff, 349th Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Tamara Brennan, 349th Security Forces Squadron Manager, visits with residents at the Veterans Home of California at Yountville during Operation Gratitude June 14.

experiences.

In order to ensure this remarkable and special event was successful and able to take place, many people were busy 'behind-the-scenes' doing whatever needed to be done. Such as fund-raising, to buying the gifts, to creating the decorations - and everything in between.

The 349th AMW Top 3 Council would like to give special thanks to the following people and organizations for donations and contributions: Mr. Stanley Davis; Travis Credit Union; Officer and Enlisted Spouses Committees; Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, especially Mr. Burt Gaulke; the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield, (especially Dr. Richard Lundin); the Blue Star Moms; Chief Master Sgt. Karen McMillan; Master Sgt. John Munson; and Mr. James M. A. Koppert. Along with everyone else who gave donations or who gave their time in collecting donations, a great many thanks go to all the members of the Operation Gratitude committee and those who volunteered or took a part in many unseen ways.

And lastly, to Col. Maryanne Miller and Command Chief Christine Taylor for their support.



Suicide: know risks, take action immediately

by Maj. Jennifer Burke
349th Medical Group

I am standing at the gas pump watching the digits roll by as I fill up my vehicle, fifty dollars, then sixty - they don't stop rolling until the price reads \$72.50! I know that I am lucky to be able to pay it. On my way home I see homes for sale, I wonder to myself which are foreclosures. One of my husband's army buddies has just had his tour extended *again*, his welcome home party postponed for the second time.

We are living through some tough times, our country is at war and for many of us, life right now is extremely stressful! If you are reading this article, you like me, are most likely juggling a civilian job, your role as a reservist and various roles in your personal life, which might include the role of parent and/or spouse among others.

For some of us the stress can become too much, especially when combined with relationship problems, financial worries or depression, putting a person at risk for committing suicide.

By taking a proactive approach the Air Force has reduced the rates of suicide, but the risk of suicide remains at all ranks and status as the questionable death of 3rd Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Thomas Tinsley at Elmendorf tragically illustrates.

Suicide cuts across all age groups and socioeconomic status. We all must take care of our fellow wingman by being engaged and aware. It is helpful to review the warning signs for suicide which include: comments that include thoughts or plans of suicide, a preoccupation with death, appearing to be depressed, major changes in performance at work, reckless or high-risk behavior and/or appearing overwhelmed by recent stressors.

Further impacting this issue is the sad reality that service members are often less likely to seek help and to keep their problems to themselves. Reasons for this include: fear of negative impact on their career, fear of command having access to mental health records and a command climate that discourages help seeking.

If you feel that someone you know is at risk for suicide, take action immediately:

- Talk to the person privately. Find a place where you won't be overheard and you will not be interrupted. Give the

person your full attention and let them know that you are concerned about them both as a person and as a valued member of your team.

- Take the person's concerns seriously. Listen carefully and compassionately. Do not minimize their concerns but offer hope that, with help solutions can be found. Remember, suicide involves deep rooted issues and you may not know or need to know all that is bothering the individual. The following resources are available to help: chaplains, hospital, Family Advocacy Program, Airman and Family Readiness Center, and face to face counseling through Military OneSource.

- Get immediate assistance if the situation is urgent. If the individual is highly agitated or anxious, call the medical center or military law enforcement to help keep the member safe.

- If the person acknowledges thinking of suicide, take immediate action. Ask him directly if he is planning on committing suicide or hurting himself. If he says he is planning on committing suicide, he should not be left alone - call 911.

- If the member says that they are not planning on hurting themselves, offer support. Reassure them that thoughts of suicide are usually related to problems that can be treated and most who get treatment successfully recover. Provide phone numbers to the chaplain, Family Readiness and/or Military OneSource.

- Never promise confidentiality to someone who may be close to suicide.

- Follow-up. Continue to offer support, make sure the service member has contacted a chaplain or counselor and is getting the help he needs.

Most importantly, remember help is available. If a member of your team is thinking of committing suicide, get help quickly. Don't decide on your own about the best way to give help. Talk to your commander and remember both you and your unit leadership share responsibility for the well-being of your service members.

For more information visit the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program web site at: afsp.afms.mil.

Note: Information about warning signs are adapted from an article at Military OneSource.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SUICIDE

Q: I have a friend who has been talking about suicide, but I fear they'll lose their job if I tell. My friend has told me not to say anything. What should I do?

A: Take all discussions about suicide seriously. Most people tell someone before they kill themselves. Offer to accompany them to see a mental health provider. Ask them if they have a plan for suicide. If yes, ensure you contact someone such as their supervisor, Life Skills Support Center, etc., and don't leave them alone until they receive help.

Q: I know of a co-worker who was kicked out because the unit discovered they were going to mental health. How do I know it is safe to get help on my own?

A: The Air Force advocates self-help. In fact, people who seek help (95 percent or more) never have their career affected. But in some cases an emotional condition may interfere with a person's performance and is not compatible with continued military service.

Q: What should I do if my friend calls and tells me they have a plan for suicide?

A: Contact emergency medical services or security forces or police immediately. If you happen to be near the person, stay with them until help arrives.

Q: How much will my unit know if I seek help at the LSSC on my own?

A: Each provider is obligated to maintain confidentiality, but with limitations. Examples would be in cases of voiced self-harm or harm to others, child or spouse abuse, or UCMJ violations among others. The chaplain is the only one who can offer full confidentiality.

Q: Is it true if someone really wants to commit suicide, you can't stop them?

A: This is not true. Wanting to commit suicide is not inherent and works against our natural instinct to survive. Frequently after treatment, suicide no longer looks like an option.

Q: Where is the best place to go for help on base?

A: Helping agencies include the Chaplain (full confidentiality and spiritual matters), Family Support Centers, Health and Wellness Centers (HAWC), Life Skills Support Centers, and family, friends or supervisors.

(Editor note: Q&As compiled from web site: afsp.afms.mil)

General Schwartz to Airmen: Be proud

by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

On his first day after being sworn in as the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz wasted no time in getting his message out to Airmen.

“The key thing we need to do is achieve stability,” General Schwartz said. “At the same time, we need to focus on those things that are most important, specifically precision and reliability in everything that we do.”

General Schwartz takes over as the 19th Air Force chief of staff at a critical juncture when the service has faced criticism from media, elected officials and the public.

The general said he has confidence in Airmen and has established three particular areas of emphasis that are his immediate goals as the chief of staff:

- Reestablish the Air Force’s credibility with its nuclear enterprise,
- Provide joint warfighters with as much Air Force capability as possible,
- Address acquisition processes.

Air Force requirements to purchase a new tanker and combat search and rescue

helicopter “need attention immediately,” General Schwartz added.

The general said he will be accessible and approachable to Airmen and “lead from the front.” His wife, Suzie, will accompany him on many visits so she can talk with family members and address their concerns as well.

“Suzie and I have been doing this for quite a long time — she’s all in,” General Schwartz said. “She cares, and I think she brings great value to our Air Force [and] certainly our joint team as a person who sees things, hears things, perceives things that I might miss. We have always been a team and will continue to be a team.”

General Schwartz and his wife enjoy running together as fitness is very important to them both. He’s also a reader and recently finished “Ghost Wars” by Steve Coll, a book about how the Taliban came into existence during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

“I also try to stay current and try to be as knowledgeable about aerospace as I can,” he said.

The 1973 Air Force Academy graduate spent the last three years as the head of U.S. Transportation Command, and the

bulk of his career as a special operations pilot, which gives him a unique perspective as the service chief, a position traditionally held by fighter and bomber pilots.

General Schwartz is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He participated as a crewmember in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, and in 1991 served as chief of staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force for Northern Iraq in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

General Schwartz sent out a 60-second video introductory message to all Airmen Aug. 12, pledging the Air Force will “keep our promise to our joint teammates and to our families.”

General Schwartz said he wants to reestablish faith and credibility in Air Force stewardship and pride in the service.

“We should be proud of what we do for all: for America, for the joint team, for our Air Force and for our Airmen and their families. I will strive to work hard every day and maintain the same high standards as each of you.

“And along the way, we’ll have fun, too,” he added.

“ABOVE ALL”

**349 AIR MOBILITY WING
ANNUAL AWARDS BALL**

October 18

Social: Six o'clock / Dinner: Seven o'clock
(Dancing will begin after the Formal Program)

**Delta Breeze Club Ballroom
Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

Military: Semi Formal / Mess Dress Civilian: Formal

Cost : \$30 for Club Members / \$32 for Non-Club Members

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 22 (20% late fee after that date)
See E-Invitation to register and for menu selection:
<https://invitations.afit.edu/349mww2008annualawardsball>

349th Air Mobility Wing 8th Annual Wing Enlisted Workshop

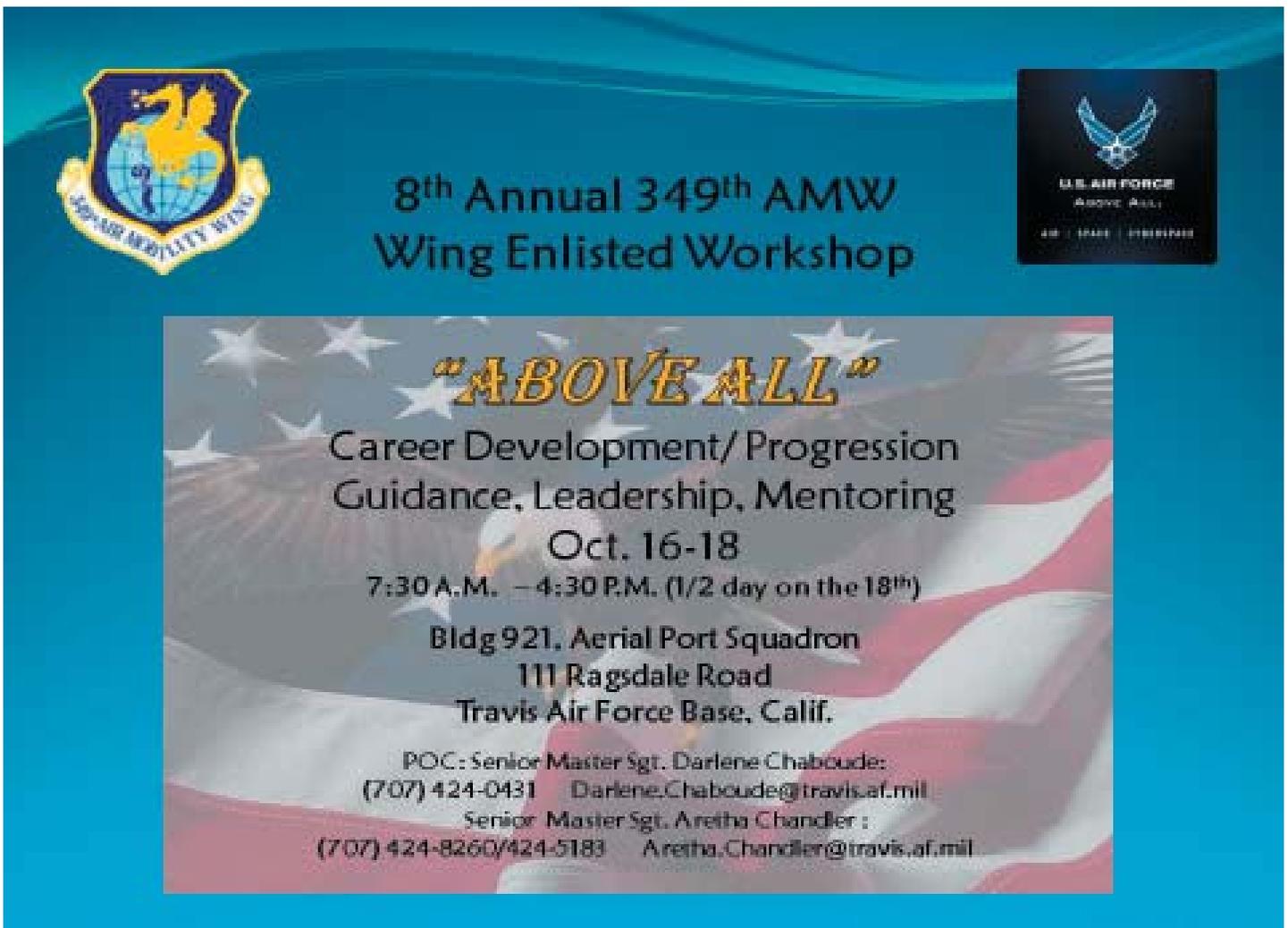
The 349th Air Mobility Wing has scheduled the 8th Annual Wing Enlisted Workshop from Oct. 16-18, in the Aerial Port Training Center, Bldg. 921, Travis Air Force Base.

Last year's event hosted more than 200 attendees from across Air Force Reserve Command.

Junior enlisted Airmen are highly encouraged to attend this informative event. Some of the topics planned for discussion include how to write an enlisted performance report, career progression, the Air Force "Fit to Fight" program, and healthy living. Mentoring is also an important topic of discussion and Airmen are encouraged to participate in networking opportunities made available through the workshop. Scheduled activities include a senior vs. junior enlisted softball game and social mixer.

Air Force Reserve Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh is scheduled to take part in the chief's panel, which will provide the enlisted force a unique opportunity to hear first hand from several of our highest-ranking noncommissioned officers just what it takes to be a success in the Air Force Reserve.

Details for the event are still being worked out by members of the Wing Enlisted Workshop Committee. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Senior Master Sgt. Darlene Chaboude via e-mail at Darlene.Chaboude@travis.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Aretha Chandler at Aretha.Chandler@travis.af.mil for more information.



**8th Annual 349th AMW
Wing Enlisted Workshop**

"ABOVE ALL"
Career Development/Progression
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7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. (1/2 day on the 18th)
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*Countdown to ORI***349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron prepares for Operational Readiness Inspection**

by Master Sgt. Robert Wade
349th Public Affairs

The 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron began preparing for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for October 2009 with training for 41 unit members who will be participating in the exercise.

The 349th AES team, will be assessed on their knowledge of “ability to survive and operate” doctrine among other inspectable items and processes.

The ORI members attended an eight hour ATSO training session Aug. 9 at the base passenger terminal, which included operation security, force protection, self-aid buddy care and a thorough review of the Airman’s Manual.

During the ORI, inspectors will assess the participating members knowledge of ATSO to determine the units overall readiness.

“The inspectors will come up with scenarios and you’re not expected to know verbatim the page number where it is, but you have to know basic SABC things,” said Maj. Julie L. Wible, a 349th AES medical administrator and unit deployment manager.

“The things that you have to perform are in all those ATSO pieces,” said Colonel Ramirez. You have to know the mission oriented protective posture levels and be able to get into your MOPP gear within a certain amount of time, she added.

The participating members are scheduled to attend the survival skills piece of ATSO training in September. Quizzes and games will be developed to ensure unit members learn ATSO, added Major Wible.



photo by Staff Sgt. Meredith Minglehoff, 349th Public Affairs

Readiness Assessment Team members and Operational Readiness Inspection members, who will be assessed on their knowledge of “ability to survive and operate” doctrine among other items attended an eight hour ATSO training session Aug. 9 at the Travis Air Force Base passenger terminal.

Stresses...

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For instance, my children are a couple years apart in their ages and have completely different personalities. I remember when Bob died, (Bob was one of our turtles) one child crumbled into tears and when I walked through the door that afternoon I was immediately hit with a request to hold a funeral service for him. The other child simply said that he looked like he was sick for some time and it was probably best for him to die so he would not

suffer any more and informed me that it was silly to hold a funeral for a dead turtle.

People are not some mass of humanity unless we allow them to be. People become persons when we begin to notice the differences. In our workplace or in our homes it helps when we take time to deal with the individual as often as possible and not the employees, the children or the boss(es). Everyone comes at life from a different set of circumstances and with a different perspective. Taking time to notice where they are coming from and treating them with respect and as individuals and not just a part of a larger

unit, can make all the difference in the world when it comes to change and the unforeseen events of life. The way you present ideas, direction or rules may influence whether there will be conflict or harmony. Take the time to know the people you are with and do not let them just become invisible entities. Accept them for who they are and treat them with respect. You never know which way the wind will blow, but a good sailor (or in our case, Airman) can always get where he or she wants to go by redirecting the wind and knowing how much wind to hold in the sails.

Lieutenant Colonel

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(Enlisted promotions effective Aug. 1, 2008)

Enhancements improve new evaluation forms introduced last August

The Air Force Personnel Center here recently introduced several new technological enhancements to four Air Force evaluation forms as part of its ongoing commitment to improve and refine its processes.

Enhancements were made to the following forms:

- Air Force Form 910 Enlisted Performance Report (E-1 to E-6)
- Air Force Form 911 Enlisted Performance Report (E-7 to E-9)
- Air Force Form 931 Performance Feedback Worksheet (E-1 to E-6)
- Air Force Form 707 Officer Performance Report (O-1 to O-6)

Some of the specific improvements included upgrading the forms' digital certificate preferences (each certificate option is now shown in clear text allowing evaluators to distinguish between certificates), standardizing font sizes for the various signature blocks, clarifying the text in some of the boxes, streamlining sign-in privileges, as well as other digital improvements in the software.

On Aug. 1, 2007, Air Force officials began phasing in new, streamlined officer and enlisted evaluation forms. These changes were directed at reducing the work load associated with preparing the reports while providing an accurate portrayal of performance.

For more information on evaluation programs, see Military Personnel Flight Memorandums 07-44 and 07-45 found on the Personnel Services Delivery on AFPC's "Ask" Web site: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The use of the revised forms, dated June 18, will start immediately. Reports currently in coordination do not need to be redone. (AFPC)

New travel card distribution has begun

Citibank officials began mailing out new government travel charge cards Aug. 13 and will continue through Sept. 19. Initial distribution will begin with cardholders at overseas locations and migrate from the west to the east coast.

The new cards will be sent to addresses on file with Bank of America, so all cardholders must ensure their information is current. Any mail sent to an incorrect address will be returned to Citibank.

Those who do not receive a new card by Oct. 1, should contact their local agency program coordinator. The new cards will not be active until Nov. 30, so cardholders will continue to use the Bank of America cards until then.

Upon receiving the new card, all cardholders will need to verify receipt by following the instructions affixed to the card.

For more information, contact a local APC. (AFPN)



349th AMW NCO INDUCTION Ceremony



Oct. 4
10 a.m.
Location TBD

Military - Uniform of the Day

Civilian - Casual Dress

See your First Sergeant for more information

UNIT VACANCIES

AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#	AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#
11M3A	Mobility Pilot, C-5	Officer	1	3E452	Liquid Fuel Sys Maint	SSgt	1
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, C-17	Officer	2	3E851	Explosive Ord Disposal	SSgt	2
1A051	In Flight Refueling	SSgt	2	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	SMS/CMSgt	1/1
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt	2	3E951	Readiness	SSgt	1
1A251	Aircraft Loadmaster	SSgt/MSgt	6/3	3N090	Public Affairs	SMSgt	1
1C351	Command Post	SSgt	1	3P091	Security Police	SMSgt	1
1N051	Operations Intelligence	SSgt	1	3P051B	Sec Forces/Combat Arms	SrA/SSgt	1/1
1N071	Operations Intelligence	TSgt	3	3M051	Services	SSgt	1
1N071	Operations Intelligence	SMSgt	1	3S251	Education & Training	SSgt	7
21R3	Logistics Readiness	Officer	1	41A3	Health Services Admin	Officer	2
2A551J	Aerospace Maint, C-5	SSgt	11	44M3	Internist	Officer	3
2A551L	Aerospace Maint, KC-10	SSgt	2	44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	Officer	3
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt	1	45A3	Anesthesiologist	Officer	1
2A573A	Intergrated Avionics Sys	MSgt	1	45B3	Orthopedic Surgeon	Officer	1
2A651	Aerospace Propul, Jet Eng	SSgt	1	46N3	Flight Nurse	Officer	2
2A652	Aerospace Ground Equip	SSgt	4	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer	2
2A654	Aircraft Fuel Sys	SSgt	1	46N3E	Clinical Critical Nurse	Officer	6
2A655	Aircraft Hydraulic System	SSgt	3	48A3	Aerospace Medicine Sp	Officer	2
2A656	Aircraft Elect & Envir Sys	SSgt	1	48R3	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	3
2A672	Aerospace Ground Equip	TSgt/MSgt	1/2	4A051	Health Services	SSgt	1
2A675	Aircft Hydraulic System	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	4A091	Health Services Mgmt	SMSgt	1
2A751	Aircraft Metals Tech	SSgt	1	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svc	MSgt	1
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	MSgt	1	4N071C	Aerospace Medical IDMT	TSgt	1
2R151	Maint Schedule	SSgt	1	4N091	Aerospace Medical Svc	SMSgt	2
2T251	Air Transportation	SrASSgt	14/4	51J3	Judge Advocate	Officer	1
2T271	Air Transportation	MSgt	1	51J3	Chaplain	Officer	1
3E052	Electrical Power Prod	SSgt	3	5J051	Paralegal	SSgt	3
3E291	Pave & Const Eqp	SMSgt	1	X4N000	Medical Services, Aircrew	CMSgt	1
3E451	Utilities Sys	SSgt	2	X4N071	Medical Services, Aircrew	TSgt	1

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



349th AMW Top Three

“Operation Teddy Bear”

Golf Tournament 2008



4-Man Scramble, Best Ball
Friday, Sept. 12
 Cypress Lakes Golf Course
 Noon Shotgun start
 Registration begins at 9 a.m.

~ Longest Drive ~
~ Closest to the Hole ~

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 -- E1 to E4: \$35.00
 -- E5 and above / DOD Civilian: \$46.00
 -- Guests: \$50.00



POCs: Master Sgt. Leslie Yu (707) 424-5353
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 (707) 424-1368

Send team entry to: Leslie.yu@travis.af.mil
Entry Deadline is Sept. 10



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