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Attendees stand at attention awaiting the parade of colors at the Travis 349th Air Mobility Wing's 8th Annual Enlisted Workshop, Oct. 16. Pictured left to right: Technical Sgt. Michaela Brown and Master Sgt. Kelly Sheets of the 349 Air Mobility Wing Communications Squadron, Col. Maryanne Miller, Commander 349th AMW, Col. Abel Barrientes, Vice Commander 349th AMW, Brig. Gen. Keith D. Kries, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command, Chief Master Sgt. Christine A. Taylor, Command Chief 349th AMW, Chief Master Sgt. Patricia A. Thornton, Command Chief 4th Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Lesley J. Morrissette, Command Chief 10th Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. David Conaway, Air Force Reserve Advisory Council Liaison, Chief Master Sgt. James Pascarella, Air Force Reserve Command. Visit website: [www.349amw/afrc.af.mil](http://www.349amw/afrc.af.mil) to see more on the 349th WEW.



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# Visit to Congress - letting them know about the 'best of the best'

Each year during the autumn season, I take a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit our Representatives in Congress. This year I was accompanied by Col. Abel Barrientes, 349th Wing vice commander, Col. (Dr.) Robert Singler, 349th Medical Group commander, Command Chief Christine Taylor, Maj. Robert Couse-Baker, Chief of Public Affairs, and Capt. Michelle Bonilla, my executive officer.

The purpose of this visit each year is to share with the congressional members the contributions made by the 349th around the globe and to demonstrate the Reserve Command's day-to-day impact on operations in every Area of Responsibility. I presented to the congressional members our wing demographics, the layout of 349th members living in each congressional district, our economic impact to the local area, our deployment



**By Col. Maryanne Miller  
349th Commander**



photo by Maj. Robert Couse-Baker, 349th Public Affairs

Member of the 349th stop in the Captial rotundra between meeting with congressional members and and their staffers during a visit to Washington, D.C., Sept. 23-25.

figures, and shared all the efforts with our surrounding communities in aiding our citizens and airmen in need.

After telling our story, our local congressional members were truly inspired and extremely grateful for the sacrifices and untold

contributions of the Air Force Reserve and the 349th. They understand the challenges and the balancing of life's priorities that we face every day while we wear the uniform. They understand that we are being asked to do more than in years past and we have to monitor our forces to look for signs of stress before it negatively impacts retention.

Our representatives truly understand the role we play in our mission at Travis Air Force Base and the mission around the world as we work hand-in-hand with our active duty and joint partners.

It is absolutely a dream come true to be able to represent the 349th AMW to our local members of congress. The 349th is truly an outstanding wing; in my opinion the 'best of the best!'

Lead on!

# Counting blessings, giving 'Thanks'

**by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gregory Stringer  
349th Air Mobility Wing**

As we enter this month some will pause on the 27th of November to say "thanks" to spouses, family members, friends, teachers, leaders, co-workers, and to God for all the blessings that touch us each day of our lives. It is right and proper to stop our

busy lives for a moment and count our blessings that abundantly surround us. This action changes our focus from what we still need to achieve and obtain to joyfully appreciating all the people, things, and opportunities that enhance our daily life. I encourage you to take some time to tell those who bless your life how they specifically make your life more meaningful. If you are a person of Faith, take some time to count your blessings from God's gracious hand. Yes, please do this more than on a National Day of Thanksgiving; it will change the climate of your life and of those around you.

While we are talking about being thankful, have you stopped and thought about how the Air Force's Core Value of Integrity has blessed you? Remember, it is

defined as: "... the willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking." It is an all encompassing value that touches us at home, in the very core of our being, in all our human relationships, at work, in our place of worship, or as we put the Air Force uniform on and serve locally or globally. On any given day, we have either been the object of someone's integrity or have been the instrument through which integrity touched someone around us. Whether we



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# I want to be rich! – How the ‘Get 1 Now’ program can be personally, professional rewarding

by **Patti Schwab-Holloway**  
349th Air Mobility Wing

The Air Force Reserve Command recruiting program ‘Get One Now’ is an awesome way to get great prizes and help get the best people to serve with you in the Reserve.

I know you know some terrific people and I am sure you have shared some of the great experiences you have had serving in the 349th Wing. So why not give them the ‘hook up’ to the remarkable personal and professional benefits of serving in the Air Force Reserve?

As a member of the Air Force Reserve you are already signed up for ‘Get One Now.’ Account information should have been sent to you in the form of a membership card with your ‘Get One Now’ log-in information. If you are new to the AFRC you will receive your card in about a month of joining.

What? You can’t find your membership card, or you need information? No worries, just visit <http://get1now.us/> and click on

the ‘contact us’ area and send an email asking for your account information or you may call 1-877-786-2372 to get any questions you may have answered.

If it turns out that the Reserve is a good fit for the person you referred and a good fit for the Air Force, then you get a little ‘thank you’ for being one of the best Wingman the 349th could ask for! You will then receive a postcard letting you know you have ‘earned a reward’ and then all you have to do is log in to your account and rake in the riches! Your cool new toy will be mailed out and should reach you in about ten duty days.

The bonus of the new and improved ‘Get One Now’ program is that you’ll be able to select what you want from a host of choices on the ‘Get One Now’ website. With one successful referral you could pick a digital music player, a DVD player or even satellite radio. So, let’s say you get four new people to join - then you could pick from a digital recording system, a digital camera, or a Global Positioning System navigational unit. That’s not all will

be eligible to win, along with rewards from AFRC, the 349th Wing may want to recognize you too. You could get the opportunity to stay in a Distinguished Visitor suite for one of your Unit Training Assembly days, win a gift card or two seats at the Annual Wing Awards Banquet – not to mention that it makes for a great Enlisted Performance Report bullet! The prizes only get better from there!

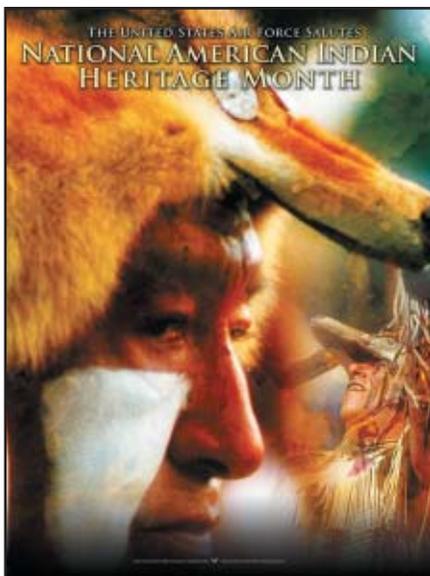
Now, are you ready to get started? What are you waiting for? Go! Just log in to the website and enter a referral. It could be a coworker, a friend or even a family member – anyone who you think would be an asset to Team Travis. Enter their name along with their contact information - then sit back and wait for the treasures to pour in! You can check on the progress of your referrals anytime, day or night, by logging into your account on the ‘Get One Now’ website at <http://get1now.us/>.

If you want more information on recruiting or the ‘Get One Now’ program, contact the 349th Air Mobility Wing recruiting office at (707) 424-3111.

## National American Indian Heritage Month

by **Staff Sgt. Tachaka Moore**  
349th Equal Opportunity

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first



Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose. Native Americans have survived atrocities at the hands of the earliest sojourners to this continent. Plagued by diseases, war, malnutrition, institutionalized racism and genocide, yet the indigenous people of this nation continue to thrive. To honor those individuals the month of November has been set aside to pay homage to the Indian people of America.

One of the very proponent Native American Indians was Doctor Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe Indian, to call upon

the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens. The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of N.Y. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day however, it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

## New online benefit courses offered to civilian employees

by Maj. Beth Kelley  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Three new online courses for federal civilian employees offer training in the benefit-related areas of retirement, financial planning and new employee orientation. The training, available Sept. 12 on the automated Employee Benefits Information System web program, applies to Air Force-serviced civilian employees at all stages of their careers. Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

“Currently, EBIS offers civilian employees the ability to make benefit elections, such as health insurance, life insurance, Thrift Savings Plan, obtain a benefits summary, and run a variety of retirement estimates, all self-service from their home or office,” said Linda Hundley, technical support section chief for the Air Force Personnel Center’s civilian operations branch. “By adding the Benefit



eSeminars to EBIS, it just further enhances employee self-service,” Ms. Hundley added.

The new on-line training includes the following courses: Planning

for your Retirement, Financial Planning and New Employee Benefits Orientation.

Planning for Your Retirement gives employees a detailed understanding of the benefits civilians are entitled to under the civil service and the federal employee retirement systems. As well, the training helps civilian employees understand benefits related to the federal benefit programs of Social Security, Medicare, TSP, the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, Long Term Care insurance, the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program and the Flexible Spending Account program.

The Financial Planning course assists civilian employees with proper management of finances to enable them to meet life goals now, in the future and for retirement. The training focuses on the topics of insurance, taxes, investment options, investment planning and estate planning.

The third new course, New Employee Benefits Orientation, provides new civilian employees with an understanding of each federal benefit program, how each program works, and how to receive the maximum benefit from them.

“There is an obvious need for civilian financial education and pre-retirement seminars. There are currently 106,618 Federal Employees Retirement System

employees and of those that are eligible to receive matching agency contributions, 28,423, 27 percent, are not contributing or contributing less than 5 percent to the Thrift Savings Plan,” said Ms. Hundley. “Since TSP makes up one-third of a FERS employees retirement income, this figure is astounding,” she added.



The training also meets the regulatory requirements for required retirement, financial planning and benefits counseling, as well as supporting the Personnel Service Delivery goal of more efficient and effective delivery of services to civilian employees.

To take the eSeminars, civilian employees need access to EBIS via the Air Force Portal or the Air Force Personnel Center “Ask” web site’s secure link. Once logged into EBIS, click on the eSeminars icon at the top of the screen to see the list of courses available.

Employees with questions about the eSeminars or EBIS can also contact the 24-hour Air Force contact center at 1-800-616-3775.

## Great American Smokeout - an opportune time to quit

by Patti Schwab-Holloway  
349th Air Mobility Wing

This year’s Great American Smokeout is on Nov. 20. What better day to start stopping?

The decision to quit smoking is one that only you can make. Others may want you to quit, but the real commitment must come from you.

Researchers have looked into how and why people stop smoking. They have some ideas, or models, of how this happens.

The Health Belief Model says that you will be more likely to stop smoking if you:

- Believe that you could get a smoking-related disease and this worries you
- Believe that you can make an honest attempt at quitting smoking
- Believe that the benefits of quitting

outweigh the benefits of continuing to smoke

- Know of someone who has had health problems as a result of their smoking.

Quitting brings fast rewards says the American Cancer Society:

- After 20 minutes: Blood pressure, pulse and carbon-monoxide levels drop to normal.
- After 48 hours: Sense of smell and taste are enhanced and nerve endings start to regrow.
- After two to 12 weeks: Circulation improves. Lung function increases by up to 30 percent.
- After one to nine months: Coughing, sinus congestion and shortness of breath

decrease. Cilia function returns to the lungs.

- After one year: Risk of heart disease is half that of a smoker.
- After five years: Risk of lung cancer is half that of a smoker.
- After 15 years: Life expectancy is equal to that of a nonsmoker.

New research on quitting suggests that in addition to such medications as Zyban, nicotine replacements and exercise are very helpful.

You can go to the [www.cancer.org/](http://www.cancer.org/) smokeout to learn more about how to volunteer or find support for quitting smoking in your area. You can also find information on how to adopt a quitter, plan a health fair, help ban smoking at school events, even march on the state capitol for laws that will save lives.



# Warm welcome home!

Family and friends await arrival of Technical Sgt. Khalid Ali, 45th Aerial Port Squadron, Sept. 23. Pictured left to right: Mom, Brigitte Jackson, girlfriend's nieces Madison and Lindsay, girlfriend's mom, Fran Castelo, girlfriend Nesha Castelo and her sister Brenna Hill.



Technical Sgt. Roberto de la Cerda, 82nd Aerial Port Squadron receives a hearty welcome home from Chief Master Sgt. Sue White of the 349th Mission Support Squadron.



Staff Sgt. Garrison Simpson of Travis Air Force Base greets daughter upon his return from Iraq, Sept. 23.



With arms and heart full, Master Sgt. Doug Ben... Squadron is enthusiastically greeted by his child



Senior Master Sgt. Robert Ivey, 55th Aerial Port Squadron, greets and briefs Airman returning from deployment, Sept. 23.



Master Sgt. David McCormick had a large welcoming party awaiting him at Sacramento Airport, Tuesday, Sept. 23. Pictured left to right: Maizy (daughter), Cole (son), in-laws, nieces and nephews, and wife Gena on far right.



Master Sgt. David McCormick of Travis 55th Aerial Port Squadron hugs daughter, Maizy, upon his return from Iraq, Sept. 23. When asked what she missed most about her dad, Maizy said, "I miss him coaching my soccer team. He is the best coach ever. And I miss him helping me with my homework, he's a genius!"



Senior Airman Aaron Ray of Travis 82nd Aerial Port Squadron is warmly greeted by (pictured left to right) girlfriend Jamie Hensley, niece Amaya and his mom, Terri Abner upon his return from Iraq, Sept. 23.



Senior Airman Anthony Wilder of Travis 45th APS, is greeted by his girlfriend, Kristen McEuen (pictured right) and her sister, Courtney McEuen.



"Happy to be home," said Technical Sgt. Khalid Ali, 45th APS, upon his arrival from Iraq, Sept. 23. Pictured with Sergeant Ali are his mom, Brigitte Jackson and girlfriend, Nesha Castelo.

**Photos by Technical Sgt. Mary Beth Bemis**

# Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

by Technical Sgt. Mary Beth Bemis  
349th Air Mobility Wing

**A** mobilizing reservist has many challenges when facing deployment. One is explaining to young children the reason mommy or daddy is going away. To help ease that tension a mock deployment by the name of KUDOS (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations) has been created, allowing children from the ages of 4–11 participate in an event filled day.

“Children see things on TV or hear things from their friends that are scary,” said Master Sgt. Pamela Silas, Family Readiness, 349th Air Mobility Wing. “During KUDOS we focus on the good parts so they won’t be afraid,” she said.

Every year hundreds of children from both the 60<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing and 349th Air Mobility Wing participate in KUDOS. Sergeant Silas believes the greatest benefit is that it helps children relate on their terms what mom or dad are doing when they get ready to deploy, leave and return home.

When children come to KUDOS they are

given a mock briefing from the commander, issued ‘marching’ orders, dog tags and ID cards, get to wear a helmet, have their faces painted with camouflage paint and come into contact with other equipment and military processes.

“It’s very hands-on,” said Sergeant Silas. “We try to have them experience every step.”

The focus in the Family Readiness Center is on the “Welcome Home” part of the program, said Sgt. Silas. The department partners every year with the 60th Air Wing Mobility and supplies the music, the banners and the celebration for the mock return home, she said. Other organizations across Travis Air Force Base participate and get involved, said the sergeant.

“Even though I know they just went to the other side of the base, it still chokes me up when they return,” said Sgt. Silas. “With the music playing, families clapping, and everything, it is

such a moving experience.”

Technical Sgt. Teresa Grieff, Family Readiness, 349th AMW said, “This is the first year that I get to participate, and I’m really excited. It should be a fun day for everyone involved.”

# KUDOS

## Thanks...

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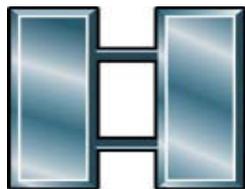
realize it or not; whether it was an action seen or unseen; or a decision made privately or communicated openly in public; we have been affected by people’s decisions to hold their ground and be a person of integrity. Wow, what a privilege and what a humbling responsibility! Having said that, I would like to say “thank you” to you and your families, who have touched our community and country with your integrity and the actions that flow from “doing the right thing when no one is looking.” You have made our nation a safer, fairer, and a more trustworthy place to live. For that reason I and many people are indebted to you even if we only

drove through your local community and felt safe as we filled our car’s gas tanks, or safely walked the streets of your town while we window shopped. Your actions flowing from your personal integrity joined with others made the difference for me and



many individuals. See how important integrity is for all of us. As Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, a past Chief-of-Staff of the Air Force, stated: “Integrity is the cement that binds organizations together, the cornerstone of mission accomplishment.”

Whether it is the Air Force, the squadron, our marriage, or our relationships with family members, friends, or co-workers, our individual integrity certainly is the cement that binds us together and enables us to be a blessing to and for one another. It is my hope and prayer that you would not say, “integrity schmeegrity” and discount its importance, but that you would recognize and appreciate what integrity is and means, and see how huge and far reaching your part in “this thing we call integrity” affects all aspects of our lives together.



## Captain

Leticia Curiel, 349th ASTS,  
Feb. 25, 2009  
Fernando Echeona, 82nd APS,  
Oct. 1, 2008  
David P. Gentile, 349th EMS,  
Jan. 1, 2009  
Leah Rae Gilliland, 349th MDS,  
Dec. 30, 2008  
Joshua Hopper, 79th ARS,  
Feb. 18, 2009  
Kathryn Padilla Hunter, 312th AS,  
Dec. 17, 2008  
Elizabeth M. Lavalley, 945th AMXS,  
Dec. 30, 2008  
Jennifer Marie Leone, 349th MDS,  
Oct. 1, 2008  
Leah Marie Peracca, 349th MDS,  
Oct. 1, 2008  
Tyler T. Russell, 79th ARS,  
Oct. 1, 2008  
Francis J. Tobias, 55th APS,  
Dec. 24, 2008



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Courtney R. Davis, 349th MDS,  
Dec. 19, 2008  
Raychaelle F. Marquez,  
349th ASTS,  
Feb. 17, 2009  
Janette S. Miguel, 349th AES,  
Jan. 4, 2009  
Julie D. Reinhardt, 55th APS,  
June 23, 2009  
Cheryn E. Watkins, 349th AES,  
Oct. 20, 2009



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Kent C. Tierney, 349th AMDS



**Master Sergeant**  
Kelly M. Sheets, 349th CS  
Charles C. Russell, Jr., 79th ARS



**Technical Sergeant**  
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Benjamin R. Stern, 349th OSF

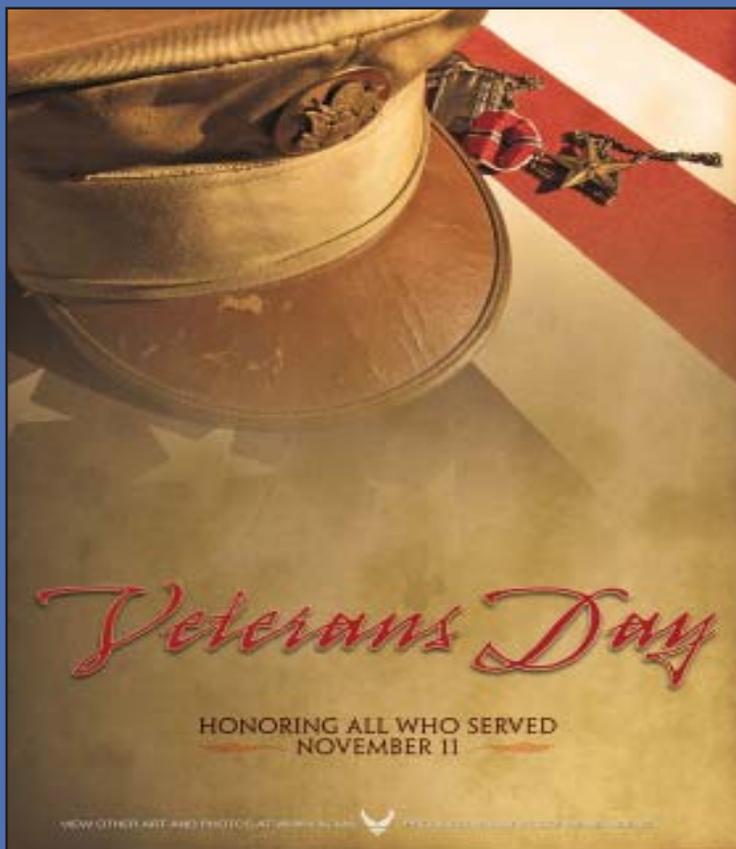


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Eugene B. Virata, 349th ASTS  
Adam S. Lemcke, 45th APS  
Juan S. Lumantas, 55th APS  
Daniel P. Lopez, 349th CES  
Brandon M. Brown, 349th MAS  
Gabriel R. Iturbe, 349th SFS  
Josh C. Smithers, 349th SFS  
Carl J. Mendoza-Hernandez,  
349th AMXS  
Victor Ruedas, 349th AMXS  
Emilio N. Salazar, 349th CMS  
Tinna H. Kroll, 301st AS



**Senior Airman**  
Marc C. Sibal, 349th AMDS  
Stephen R. Zorro, 45th APS  
Marvin J.M. Ramos, 945th AMXS

(Enlisted promotions effective Oct. 1, 2008)



# Annual tree auction set for December

by Master Sgt. James Barber  
349th Maintenance Operations Flight

The 349th Maintenance Operations Flight and 60th Maintenance Squadrons are sponsoring the “Seventh Annual Travis Fisher House Holiday Tree Festival and Auction,” Dec. 3 from 4-9 p.m.

This is a base-wide event established to benefit the Fisher House. The Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facilities or have transportation available. There are 38 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations, with Travis Air Force Base being one of them.

Fully decorated artificial trees and various donated holiday gifts will be displayed in Building S-31, the

Maintenance Headquarters for a silent auction. There will be entertainment, food, drinks and an appearance by Santa Claus. The festival is open to all. Proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House to support the families who have loved ones stay at the Fisher House while they’re being treated at David Grant Medical Center.

If you or your organization want to donate a tree, quilts, gift cards, gift certificates, baskets, etc., please contact one of the following points of contact: Master Sgt. Jim Barber via e-mail at james.barber@travis.af.mil, or by phone at (707) 424-4558; Airman 1st Class Courtney Donovan via e-mail at: courtney.donovan@travis.af.mil, or by phone at (707) 424-5875; Ms. Tammy Jankowski via e-mail at: tammy.jankowski@travis.af.mil, or by phone at (707) 424-4901; or Mrs. Frosie Dickerson via e-mail at: frosied2@aol.com, or by phone at (707) 437-1484.



Courtesy photo

## Travis AFB reservists attend original WWII women aviators' final reunion

The final reunion for the original Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II was held on Sept. 25-28, in Irving, Texas. The purpose of this final reunion is to preserve the heritage and promote the history of the WASP.

Maj. Sheryl Davoren, Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams, Master Sgt. Chrystal Grow and Senior Airman Autumn Ohlendorf were the four reservists assigned to the 349th Air Mobility Wing who participated in the historic event.

Current and retired women aviators from across the country assembled at the reunion to honor the courage and dedication of the WASP. One of the many scheduled events was the official “last flight” of the WASP, where original WASPs had the opportunity to fly on a modern C-130 cargo plane, flown by an all female aircrew from Air Force Reserve Command’s 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

In November 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill providing veteran’s status to the WASP. Of the 1,800 Women Airforce Service Pilots, who participated in the program during World War II, about 300 are still living and 150 of them attended the reunion.

Air Force Reserve Command’s Human Resource Development Council worked with the WASP to stage the reunion.

## FY09 Covey class schedule announced

The FY09 349 AMW Covey class schedule was recently released. Each class seats 16 on a first-come first-served basis. The first three classes on the schedule are free for wing members; the materials are already on hand and there will be no fee charged to your GTC or unit GPC. If you have any questions, or want details on how to sign up, please contact Lt. Col. Wil Link, 349th AMW Process Manager at (707) 424-4783.

## DoD teams with YMCA, free membership

In two recent Defense Department-led initiatives, a military-family support program launched its nationwide expansion, and the Armed Services YMCA introduced a new offering to families whose loved one is deployed. Families of deployed Reservists can get free YMCA memberships during pre- and post-deployment: “The Defense Department signed a new contract with the National YMCA Sept. 15 that will provide free family YMCA memberships to families of National Guard or reserve members at the more than 2,000 participating centers in local communities. Beginning in October, free family memberships will be available for 18 months—while the servicemember-spouse is deployed—and for three months before and after the deployment. YMCAs offer fitness centers with free child-watch while the parent works out, as well as family and youth programs, swim lessons, personal development classes and more.” For more details and the full story, go to: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) or <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=51181>.

## Newly elected Top Three announced

The 349th recently announced the newly elected FY09/10 Top Three Council members:

Master Sgt. Kathleen Covert, 349th AMDS, President  
Senior Master Sgt. Janice Lambard, 349th ALCF,  
General Treasurer

Master Sgt. Pracale-Tellechea, 349th ASTS, General Secretary  
**A-Flight**

Master Sgt. Felipe Nuno, 349th MDG, Vice President  
Chief Master Sgt. Roxie Walker-Jones, 349th AMDS, Secretary

### **B-Flight**

Master Sgt. Andrea Mastro, 349th AMDS, Vice President  
Master Sgt. Kent Tierney, 349th AMDS, Secretary

## UNIT VACANCIES

AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#	AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#
11M3A	Mobility Pilot, C-5	Officer	2	3E291	Pave & Const Eqp	SMSgt	1
11M3G	Mobility Pilot, KC-10	Officer	2	3E451	Utilities Sys	SSgt	2
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, C-17	Officer	3	3E791	Fire Protection	SMSgt	1
11M3Y	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer	1	3E851	Explosive Ord Disposal	SSgt	2
12M3Y	Mobility Navigator	Officer	1	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	SMSgt	1
1A051	In Flight Refueling	SSgt	2	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	CMSgt	1
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt	4	3E951	Readiness	SSgt	1
1A251	Aircraft Loadmaster	SSgt/TSgt	6/3	3M051	Services	SSgt/TSgt	1/1
1A271	Aircraft Loadmaster	MSgt	3	3E591	Engineering	SMSgt	1
1C351	Command Post	SSgt/TSgt	1/1	3P091	Security Police	SMSgt	1
1N051	Operations Intelligence	SSgt	1	3P051B	Sec Forces/Combat Arms	SSgt	1
1N071	Operations Intelligence	TSgt	2	3M051	Services	SSgt	1
1N091	Operations Intelligence	SMSgt	1	3S251	Education & Training	SSgt	6
2A551J	Aerospace Maint, C-5	SSgt	6	44M3	Internist	Officer	3
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt	2	44R3B	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	1
2A573A	Intergrated Avionics Sys	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	Officer	2
2A652	Aerospace Ground Equip	SSgt	2	45A3	Anesthesiologist	Officer	1
2A655	Aircraft Hydraulic System	SSgt	3	45B3	Orthopedic Surgeon	Officer	1
2A691	Aerospace Propulsion	SMSgt	1	46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer	3
2A675	Aircft Hydraulic System	TSgt	1	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer	3
2A751	Aircraft Metals Tech	SSgt	1	46N3E	Clinical Critical Nurse	Officer	6
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	48A3	Aerospace Medicine Sp	Officer	1
2S051	Supply Mgt	SSgt	1	48R3	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	2
2F051	Fuels	SSgt	1	4A091	Health Services Mgmt	SMSgt	1
2T271	Air Transportation	SrA/SSgt	7/5	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svc	MSgt	1
2T291	Air Transportation	TSgt/MSgt	4/2	4N071C	Aerospace Medical IDMT	TSgt	1
2T271	Air Transportation	SMSgt	1	4N091	Aerospace Medical Svc	SMSgt	1
3C071	Com Systems Ops	SSgt	1	51J3	Judge Advocate	Officer	1
3E052	Electrical Power Prod	SSgt	2	5J051	Paralegal	SSgt/TSgt	3/1

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

## 349th Air Mobility Wing Holiday Food Drive

The annual Wing Chaplain's Holiday Food Drive will run now until Dec. 15. The goal is to collect as much food as we can to help as many people as we can this holiday season.

Collection bins will be located in each squadron and clearly labeled, all canned and non-perishable food will be accepted. Donation may also be dropped off at the Wing Chaplain's Office in Bldg. 237, Bay F, first floor.

The goods donated will be given to Mission Solano in Fairfield. Mission Solano provides over 96,000 meals annually along with showers, clothing, and transitional and residential housing programs (over 17,000 bed nights annually).

Due to the current economic downturn, the supply of food is at a critical level and all of the food delivered will be greatly appreciated. The need will only grow as families get closer to the holidays and the economic woes continue.

Please encourage the members to deliver their goods to those bins or directly to the Chaplain Team office. If the bin becomes full (or should it be said, when it becomes full), please contact the Chaplain Team office and we will come to collect the food donated. An empty bin may simply be dropped off in place of the filled one.

Put up a challenge to a different unit. A friendly competition to see which of you can collect the most canned goods. The Chaplain Team office can weigh the goods and determine the unit that collects the most food.

Last year we raised thousands of pounds of food that was gladly, gratefully consumed and it kept many people from going hungry.

Thanks for helping to add to the season of joy - together we CAN make a difference!

For more information or to volunteer to help, please call (707) 424-0308.



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# ORI 2009 Travis AFB IT HAS STARTED!

36 Spartans from the 70<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup>  
Aircraft Refueling Squadrons have  
met the challenge and earned  
ORI credit  
You may be next!

- Training to enlighten us December, February and April
- Exercises to guide us: Nov. 1, Mar. 2-8, July, September
- Primary exercise (IGX) October 2009, only 22 UTA days away!
- The 349<sup>th</sup> Wing will endure and as a team - emerge on top together!

## An Opportunity to Contribute and Excel

**349th AIR MOBILITY WING  
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Once again  
it's time for  
us to make our  
annual  
contributions to the  
Combined Federal  
Champain. The  
campaign will run  
through Nov. 26th.



ARTS and  
civilians may donate through payroll  
deductions. Traditional Reservists may  
contribute with a one-time check or cash  
donation. Once again I look forward to  
witnessing the generosity of the member of  
the 349 AMW.

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**Jim Barber - (707) 424-4558.**

**Medical Group – Senior Master Sgt.**

**Cindy Harris – (707) 424-3406.**

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