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Selfless service, a gift to cherish - along with a fond farewell

Happy Holidays! Another holiday season is upon us. Make this holiday season a special one, whether you are at home, on the one in defense of your country or at Grandma's house, try and make the holidays a great occasion for yourself and those around you. Cherish the gifts you give and receive every day and remember the gift you and your fellow Airmen give; the gift of selfless service to a grateful nation.

This is the time of year to give thanks for all of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us and it is also a time to help others who are in need. There are a great many opportunities at the 349th Air Mobility Wing to get involved, the Holiday Canned Food Drive and Operation Teddy Bear are just a couple of examples. I encourage you to help out where you are able.

This is also the season for Holiday



parties and all of the revelry that go with them. As you celebrate and enjoy some well-

deserved rest and relaxation, don't forget safety and the importance of being a good wingman for your fellow Airman. You are all an essential part of a great Air Force family and you and your family's safety is paramount.

Around the wing: At the end of October, the 349th sent a team to the Human Resources Development Council workshop, held this year in Atlanta, Ga. The McNeil Award for the best HRDC program in Air Force Reserve Command was up for grabs; the 349th garnered second place in AFRC and first in 4th Air Force. Congratulations for a job well done! HRDC's goal is to help make our Airmen the best they can be. With that in mind, the 349th does a phenomenal job of outreach, mentoring and recognition; hence the great accolades our HRDC's program receives. Each one of you is part of this success and you are the ones that will need to pick up the torch to continue this success. Get involved in HRDC, it is well worthwhile.

The 349th's eighth annual Wing Enlisted Workshop was an astounding success. Once again Command Chief Master Sgt. Christine Taylor did an outstanding job of creating an opportunity for mentoring our young enlisted Airmen. By all accounts the program was chock full



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

of great information, motivational talks and fellowship amongst those that attended. Make it a point to attend next year.

The Annual 349th Wing Awards Banquet was a resounding success. This is the one time each year that we gather to honor the best of the best in the Wing. Here are 2008's winners:

Airman of the Year:
Senior Airman Tyler Underwood, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

NCO of the Year:
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Kemp, 349th Operations Support Flight

SNCO of the Year:
Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Lepore, 301st Airlift Squadron

First Sgt of the Year:
Senior Master Sgt. Darlene Chaboude,

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Holidays are rooted in human desire for a better world

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

As the Holidays approach, our hearts' desires are to be "home for the holidays" with our families and friends enjoying their company and celebrating the bonds of our love. In addition to that, a person of faith may take the time to ponder the meaning of the religious holiday and apply its truths to daily living. It is a time to make



memories, remember past celebrations, and to ponder words like peace, joy, and love, whether filled with religious meaning such as

Christmas and Hanukkah, or rooted in the human desire for a better world. In December, we see kindness and love put into action as we collect food for the needy, spend time with those separated from their families, provide gifts, parties, and meals for those in need. It is a way to give of ourselves, serve others, and to make a direct and meaningful impact upon our world.

As members of the Air Force, we are familiar with the core value of "Service before self". In fact, our duty often impacts our family lives as the military sends us off to some far away land right before the holidays. Many of us have faced separation from our loved ones on holidays and during special events for our family. This is part of our profession and we accept that fact, even though it takes a

lot of strength to leave our loved ones during the holidays and go to distant lands. As we serve our Country, we see first-hand the cost of "Service before self" in wounds, both seen and unseen, as our Airmen deal with separation, battle, loss, and destruction. Some come back home to deal with loss of limbs, loss of quietness of soul due to trauma, and some come home having given all they could sacrifice for us and our country ... their very lives.

"Service before self" includes all these sacrifices, but it is also part of our daily routines. The United States Air Force Core

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He's making a list... a season to give back

**Story and photo by
Senior Master Sgt. Alice Munoz
349th Air Mobility Wing**

It's time again for the annual kick off of Operation Teddy Bear, the 349th Air Mobility Wing's largest and farthest reaching community outreach project. The brain-child of two civilian

employees, Mr. William Ronders and Mr. C. Villareal, this program began more than 25 years ago with wing members traveling to one local school and touching the lives of 35 children.

Through the years, this program has grown to encompass 12 local schools in four cities, from two different counties and reaching 1200-plus children annually.

Fund raising for this project is on-going; in fact it never ends. Approximate cost for annual OTB visits is \$15,000 per year which is supplemented with infusions of supplies and donations from local merchants who partner with the Top Three to help foster community good will and holiday spirit for disadvantaged kindergarten children in local Title 1 schools.

The 349th Top Three is once again sponsoring this project. However, this year individual units are taking the lead, hoping to rotate the bulk of the preparations and work load through all squadrons in the wing in the coming years. This year, OTB lead units are the 349th AMW Chaplain's office in conjunction with the 349th Airlift Control Flight. However, we desperately need volunteers from Team Travis to ensure program success.

School visits are slated for the first three weeks of this month. We need volunteers to visit with the kids at the schools and to pack the bags before and after the visits. Come out and join us as we spread holiday cheer throughout the local community.

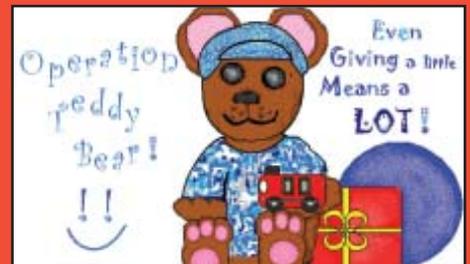
For more information on Operation Teddy Bear events or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Senior Master Sgt. Janice Lambard, 349th Aircraft Control Flight, (707) 424-5853, Janice.lambard@travis.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Alice Munoz, 349th AMW Chaplains office, (707) 424-1368, alice.munoz@ramstein.af.mil



Santa takes a peek into the classroom at Lincoln Elementary School, Vallejo, Calif., during last year's 349th Wing Operation Teddy Bear. Santa's stand-in was played (at all schools) by Staff Sgt. Bryan Nalette, a Loadmaster from the 312th Airlift Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Master Sgt. Alice Munoz)

School Visitation Schedule (subject to change)

Monday	Dec. 1	Travis Child Care Ctr	Show at 8:45 a.m.
		72 Preschoolers (no Santa)	
Tuesday	Dec. 2	Anna Kyle, Fairfield	Show at 8:30 a.m.
		120 Kindergartners	
Wednesday	Dec. 3	Anderson, Dixon	Show at 8 a.m.
		95 Kindergartners	
Thursday	Dec. 4	Lincoln, Vallejo	Show at 9 a.m.
		21 Kindergartners	
Thursday	Dec. 4	K. I. Jones, Fairfield	Show at 1 p.m. 15 Special Needs (no Honor Guard)
Friday	Dec. 5	Fairmont, Vacaville	Show at 10:30 a.m. 90 Kindergartners (no Santa)
Monday	Dec. 8	Crescent, Fairfield	Show at 10 a.m. 150 Kindergartners
Tuesday	Dec. 9	Markham, Fairfield	Show at 8 a.m. 130 Kindergartners
Wednesday	Dec. 10	Fairview, Fairfield	Show at 9:20 a.m. 80 Kindergartners
Thursday	Dec. 11	Bransford, Fairfield	Show at 8:20a.m. 80 Kindergartners
Friday	Dec. 12	Cleo Gordon, Fairfield	Show at 8 a.m. 80 Kindergartners
Monday	Dec. 15	David Weir, Fairfield	Show at 9 a.m. 80 Kindergartners
Tuesday	Dec. 16	DGMC/Fisher House	TBD (no Honor Guard)



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Eighth Annual Wing Enlisted Workshop - developing leaders across a nation

**Story and photo by
Mary Beth Bemis
349th Public Affairs**

The 8th annual Wing Enlisted Workshop was hosted by the outstanding members of Team Travis, Oct. 16-18. Attended by more than 130 participants from across the nation, the three-day workshop featured tips, challenges and information all designed to develop great airmen leadership.

“Over the next three days you will hear things that expand your mind,” said Col. Maryanne Miller, Commander, 349th Air Mobility Wing. “Take the next few days and get to know the people around you,” she said.

“Open your mind and hearts and make a commitment to grow in some way. Walk out the door a better leader,” said Colonel Miller.

“Some of you are here today because you know exactly what you want, others are here because you know it is a great opportunity,” said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Taylor, Command Chief, 349th AMW. “This workshop is about excellence,” she said. “It helps us keep soaring to reach our goals.”

Guest speakers for this event included the command chief master sergeants from 4th Air Force, 10th Air Force, chief master sergeants from the Reserve Advisory Council in Washington, D.C., and two chief master sergeants from the Air Force Reserve Command. Other Chiefs from various 349th squadrons spoke along with Staff Sgt. Juan Corrales of the 349th Aerospace Medical Squadron, Technical Sgt. Maria Chavez of the 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron and Senior Master Sgt. Victor Talani of the 349th Communications Squadron. Each of these sergeants related their personal experiences during recent deployments.

Other important information was provided to the attendees by the California Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, USAA, Travis Credit Union, and other insurance and financial institutions.

Probably the most entertaining and motivating speaker was the workshop’s keynote speaker, Brig. Gen. Keith Kries, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command.

General Kries spoke about leadership and the tools needed to be a strong and

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**--Chief Master Sgt.
Christine Taylor, Command
Chief, 349th Air Mobility Wing**

decisive leader.

“What is leadership?” asked General Kries. “It is getting people to think, believe, see and do what they might not have done without you,” he said quoting former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley. “However, the secret leadership skill is people skills,” said the general.

The general then continued to discuss how to lead people by using the leadership ABC’s: attitude, belief and connection.

“Attitude determines an approach to life,” said the general. “It determines a relationship with people. It is the key to how you treat people, and how you think about them. Attitude is the major difference between success and failure,” he said.

In the tradition of 349th AMW first-rate quality, the WEW committee conducted and hosted an outstanding forum providing interesting training to all airmen who attended. Resounding themes of attitude, excellence, and integrity were reiterated throughout the three days giving each attendee the opportunity to take back invaluable information and a new motivation to their squadrons.



Col. Maryanne Miller, Commander 349th Air Mobility Wing welcomes over 130 attendees to the 8th Annual Travis Air Force Base Wing Enlisted Workshop, Oct. 16-18. Also pictured left to right are Brig. Gen. Keith D. Kries, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (J3), U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command and Chief Master Sgt. Christine A. Taylor, Command Chief 349 AMW.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Wade, 349th Public Affairs

Many distinguished visitors attended the 349th Eighth Annual Awards Ball, Oct. 18, including Brig. Gen. (Ret) Thomas M. Gisler, previous 349th Air Mobility Wing commander. Flanking General Gisler are Col. Deborah Aspling, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander and Command Chief Master Sgt Christine Taylor, 349th Air Mobility Wing command.



The award finalists awaited an audience with Maj. Gen. John Howlett, the deputy director of U.S. Strategic Command Center, and Col. Maryanne Miller, the commander of the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Oct 18.

Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Wade, 349th Public Affairs

349th Annual Awards Ball



Photo by Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield, 349th Public Affairs

Col. Maryanne Miller, 349th Air Mobility Wing commander, presented the James Ernest Award to Tech. Sgt. Teresa Grieff, Base Honor Guardsman of the Year at the 349th Annual Awards Ball, Oct. 18.

Tech. Sgt. Teresa Grieff, Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Kernen and Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer LePore were award finalists in their respective categories at the 349th Wing Awards Ball, Oct. 18. Sergeants LePore and Grieff went on to win.



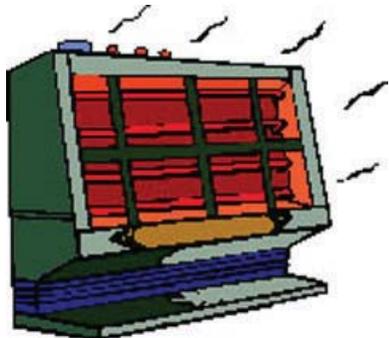
Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Wade, 349th Public Affairs

Keeping your home safe, warm

Follow these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to prevent injuries and deaths related to heating your home:

- Install a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department), and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or near an open door or window). Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue,



dizziness, and shortness of breath. If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air right away and contact a doctor for proper diagnosis.

- Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year.

- Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn, including bedding, furniture, and clothing. Never drape clothing over a space heater to dry.

- Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room

alone when a space heater is in use.

- If you use a kerosene heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never put gasoline in a kerosene heater—it could explode. Before

you refuel the heater, turn it off and let it cool down. Refuel outside only.

- When using a kerosene heater, keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly. This will reduce the chance of carbon monoxide build-up in the room.

- Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed. Open the flue and use a sturdy fireplace screen when you have a fire. Burn only untreated wood; never burn paper or pine branches—pieces can float out the chimney and ignite your roof, a neighbor's roof, or nearby trees.

- If you use a wood-burning stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year. Make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and coals.

- Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

For more information visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org.

Holidays...

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Values, Air Force Pamphlet, 1 January 1997, includes other behaviors in this core value that are worth pondering.

We are reminded that we follow the rules of our profession of arms and of the Air Force knowing there are reasons for their existence. We can count on these rules being followed and exercised with good judgment, unless there are clear operational reasons for setting them aside for the moment due to unique circumstances. Again, this keeps the needs of the whole Air Force in focus and in balance with the needs of the individual.

Respect for others is central to this core value. All that we do starts with the certain knowledge that all persons possess a fundamental worth as human beings and then each person puts that into action as they work and live together. Leaders acting upon this principle place their Airmen and their needs before their personal comfort.

Discipline and Self Control are part of this core value. As human beings with feelings and frailties, we can get discouraged, angry, frustrated, feel sorry for ourselves, and at times can find ourselves feeling defeated; but we rise above these temporary set-backs to lead others. That is what "Service before self"

entails. It is our commitment to press on and find solutions to problems, while bringing confidence, hope, and optimism back into the mix. We help and support each other to regain our "bearings" and muster all the Discipline and Self Control to do the right thing and our duty, despite the personal costs and our current feelings. As a Chaplain, I would add that people of faith call upon God to provide these gifts to help them in this task. These abilities keep us from actions and words that would bring discredit upon ourselves, others, or the Air Force. "Service before self" also reminds us of the responsibility to use one's authority, position, and rank in a way that protects, helps, empowers, and supports others to accomplish the Mission.

Having faith in the system is integral to this core value. If the Chain of Command is not running as smoothly as it could, it is our duty to use our Chain of Command and improve its responsiveness as we go along. Therefore, we pledge to "roll up our sleeves" and work to make it better than we found it. This results in bringing benefits for those present and for those who come after us. By working within this system we honor those in Command and keep "Service before self".

As you can see, the core value of "Service before self" permeates the spirit of many of our holiday activities, enriches our lives together as Airmen and fellow human beings.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays to all!

Selfless...

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349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Year:

Capt. Michelle Bonilla, 349th Air Mobility Wing

Honor Guardsman of the Year:

Technical Sgt. Theresa Grieff, 349th Air Mobility Wing.

Congratulations to all our award winners for a job well done!

The ORI is rapidly approaching in October 2009 and we have already had some units participate in exercises which count towards our overall grade. The **70th and 79th Air Refueling Squadrons and the 312th Airlift Squadron** did an awesome job in their graded evaluations. Great job! Readiness is our job, so make sure you get the training you need not only for the ORI but to maintain the overall readiness of the 349th.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to have been assigned to the 349th Wing for 18 of my 19 years in the Air Force Reserve. In that time I have seen this wing serve proudly in operations around the world and at home. Though the past 19 years have brought many changes to the wing, one thing remains constant and that is the quality of the people who serve here at Travis. It truly is one of the finest Air Force wings in the nation and you, the people are the ones who make it what it is. Being able to serve as your Vice Commander for the past 10 months has been a great honor and a great pleasure. It has been an eye opening and career enhancing experience and I have relished every day I get to serve here. You are all part of the Best Air Force in the world, keep up the good work!



Senior Master Sergeant

Dianne L. Valdez, 312th AS



Master Sergeant

Melanie L. Pascua, 349th MDS
Christopher B. Stotler, 349th SFS



Technical Sergeant

Jose M. B. Aquilizan, 349th AES
Andreas Csepely, 45th APS

Brandon C. Durbin, 45th APS
Rosalyn G. Pearson, 349th AMDS
Ryan P. Phillips, 70th ARS
Robert M. Rossman, 70th ARS
Jeremy M. Smith, 55th APS



Senior Airman

David K. Johnson, 349th AMXS
Stephanie R. Worden, 55th APS



Airman First Class

Daniel M. Butler, 749th AMXS



Airman

Joshua C. Allen, 349th EMS

(Enlisted promotions effective Nov. 1, 2008)

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT PROGRAM

The Military & Family Life Consultant Program was put in place to support service members and their families with short term, situational, problem-solving counseling. The program provides psycho-education to help military service members and their families understand the impact of stress, deployments, family reunions following deployments and the stresses of the military lifestyle. The MFLC is meant to augment existing military support services, where services can be provided on or off military installations. If you have any questions please call the local MFLC office at (707) 416-6416, or visit their web site at www.mhngs.com.

You, traditional Reservists, well qualified to be 'niche recruiters'

by Col. William B. Anholt
349th Maintenance Group

We, the airmen and officers of the 349th Air Mobility Wing, are 3,500 potential recruiters and ambassadors to everyone we know and come in contact with in our daily lives. Would it not be great for you and your 3,499 fellow Airmen to become "niche recruiters" and persuade capable, motivated people to join the Air Force?

What a difference we could make in people's lives! We would be doing our country, the United States of America, a great favor, and we would also be doing a great favor to those whom we encourage to join the Air Force!

Recruiting requires specific criteria, like fishing with a spear, and the tool for this approach is called the "Get One" program.

The task of bringing on this new talent is the job of our hard working, professional Air Force Recruiting office led by Chief Master Sgt. William Lane. Our

local recruiting office consistently exceeds their production goals, but they still need our help. In order to keep our Air Force the top-flight organization that it is, the Air Force must attract and enlist new people. This need is obvious, as older and more experienced Air Force officers and airmen retire or leave the Air Force for other opportunities, the ranks of the Air Force must be replenished with young, capable, motivated individuals.

Recruiters employ two recruitment strategies: (1) volume recruiting and (2) niche recruiting. By far, the "Get One" program provides our recruiters with the best leads.

You, the traditional Reservist, are well qualified to be a "niche recruiter." Think about it. With the "Get One" program you can singlehandedly shape the future of our Air Force, help pick the people you want to serve with and compete for tangible

awards. The people that interact with you, the traditional Reservist, already have some concept of military life by simply knowing you and your dedication to the Air Force. You can build on that base and use their good impression of you and the Air force when educating them on the many opportunities and benefits in joining the Air Force.

To learn more about how you can "Get One" visit get1now.us/ or call the 349th Recruiting Office at 707-424-0981.



Employer award nominations sought

The Department of Defense has opened the nomination season for the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees.

Nominations will be accepted at the Freedom Award website through Jan. 19, 2009. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. government to employers for their outstanding support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. For more information, visit the Freedom Award website: www.freedomaward.mil.

Seventh Annual Tree Festival of Trees

The Seventh Annual Travis Fisher House Holiday Tree Festival and Auction, will be held on Dec. 3 from 4-9 p.m. The date for this event has moved up one day due to

conflicts with the previously announced date. Event coordinators are seeking donations of fully decorated artificial trees to auction. If you are unable to donate a tree, they are accepting cash donations. All donations will be given to the non-profit Travis Fisher House where families stay while their loved ones are being hospitalized at the David Grant Medical Center. If you have any questions, please contact Technical Sgt. John Farrow at (707) 290-9027, or Airman First Class Courtney Casper at (707) 424-5875.

Wing Chaplains Annual Food Drive continues

The annual Wing Chaplains' Holiday Food Drive continues. Please join with us as we collect food for "Mission Solano" in Fairfield. A copy of the flyer and letter sent by our Wing Chaplain to the units is attached to the e-mail version of the Topics for Commanders' Calls. Previously delivered food bins will be collected through Dec. 15 as all bins will be picked up that week. Thank you for giving generously to those in need in our local community. If you have any questions please call the Chaplains' office at (707) 424-0308.

UNIT VACANCIES

AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#	AFSC	AFSC Title	Grade	#
11M3A	Mobility Pilot, C-5	Officer	2	3E791	Fire Protection	SMSgt	1
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, C-17	Officer	2	3E851	Explosive Ord Disposal	SSgt	1
11M3Y	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer	1	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	SMSgt	1
12M3Y	Mobility Navigator	Officer	1	3E891	Explosive Ord Disposal	CMSgt	1
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt/TSgt	3/1	3E951	Readiness	SSgt	1
1A251	Aircraft Loadmaster	SSgt/TSgt	6/1	3E591	Engineering	SMSgt	1
1A271	Aircraft Loadmaster	MSgt	2	3P091	Security Police	SMSgt	1
1C351	Command Post	SSgt/TSgt	1/1	3P051B	Sec Forces/Combat Arms	SSgt	1
1N051	Operations Intelligence	SSgt	1	3M051	Services	SSgt	1
1N071	Operations Intelligence	TSgt	2	3S251	Education & Training	SSgt	5
1N091	Operations Intelligence	SMSgt	1	44M3	Internist	Officer	2
2A551J	Aerospace Maint, C-5	SSgt	5	44R3B	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	1
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt	2	44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	Officer	3
2A573B	Intergrated Avionics Sys	SSgt	1	45A3	Anesthesiologist	Officer	1
2A655	Aircraft Hydraulic System	SSgt	3	45B3	Orthopedic Surgeon	Officer	1
2A672	Aerospace Ground Equip	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer	2
2A691	Aerospace Propulsion	SMSgt	1	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer	3
2A675	Aircft Hydraulic System	TSgt	1	46N3E	Clinical Critical Nurse	Officer	6
2A751	Aircraft Metals Tech	SSgt	2	48A3	Aerospace Medicine Sp	Officer	1
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	SSgt	2	48R3	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer	3
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	TSgt/MSgt	1/1	4A091	Health Services Mgmt	SMSgt	1
2S051	Supply Mgt	SSgt	3	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svc	TSgt/MSgt	1/1
2F051	Fuels	SSgt	1	4N071C	Aerospace Medical IDMT	TSgt	1
2T271	Air Transportation	SrA/SSgt	2/5	4N091	Aerospace Medical Svc	SMSgt	1
2T291	Air Transportation	TSgt/MSgt	4/2	51J3	Judge Advocate	Officer	1
3E052	Electrical Power Prod	SSgt	1	5J051	Paralegal	SSgt	3
3E451	Utilities Sys	SSgt	1	5J071	Paralegal	TSgt	1

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

AFRC commander sends Holiday Season well wishes

“As we look forward to this Holiday Season and the start of 2009, I want to express my gratitude to each of you, your families and employers for the sacrifices you make for our great country each and every day.

Much has been asked and each reservist and family member has given of themselves for their country. You’ve stepped up to the challenge smartly, without hesitation.

For those who are able to celebrate this Holiday Season with friends and family at home, I ask that you remember our brave men and women who are serving around the world far from family and friends.

About 2,000 of our Air Force Reserve warriors are serving overseas with incredible distinction in global operations every day by saving lives and thwarting terrorism. The entire Air Force Reserve family has you in our hearts and looks forward to your safe return.

The holiday season provides an opportunity to remind us all to set aside time for friends and family who share and support those sacrifices.

Dee and I wish you and your families the very best this Holiday Season and for 2009!”

--Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.
Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

Operation HOLIDAY CHEER

Take a little of your time to brighten the holidays for many

Who: Everyone is welcome

What: Decorate the Veterans Home and spend a little time visiting

When: 5 Dec. 5, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

And/Or: Return to help take down on Jan. 9 2009

Where: America's largest Veterans Home – Yountville Calif.

Why: Brighten the holidays for those who served before us

• UOD will be **BDU/ABU** – We'll only be taking 70 volunteers each trip so sign up now

• Meals in the cafeteria are around \$5.00 or bring your own

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Change in ID issue policy

The Department of Defense and Homeland Security Department have added additional steps to the ID/CAC card issuing process. Please note the following changes/requirements:

- **Two picture IDs** (State or Federal) are now required to obtain an ID/CAC card;
- Documents (original or certified copy) are now scanned and approved by DEERS before an ID can be issued.

Please advise your personnel that they must bring **two forms of picture identification to get an ID card and the approximate waiting time can be up to 45 minutes**. If you have any questions, please contact Master Sgt. James Miller, Chief of Customer Support, at (707) 424-1664.

