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Teamwork -- key to any successful organization



by Col. "Jay" Flournoy
349th Air Mobility Wing Commander

As a child, I can remember always wanting to be part of a team and a winning team at that. Whether it was the local backyard pickup football game, organized little league baseball or the neighborhood kick-the-can game that lasted well into the evening, I wanted to be part of a team. I think that if we're on a team, we all want to be part of a winning team, the ones with the fastest runners, the best hitters or the highest jumpers. Deep down inside I think we also want to be on the team with the coolest uniforms, you know, the ones with plenty of room to put your name on the back.

Over time I've come to realize that it isn't the team with the best free throw shooter, the fastest swimmer or the best curve ball pitcher that is the most successful. Every team has their own superstars, but if the rest of the team is not fundamentally sound and totally committed to each other and a common goal, then overall team success can never be achieved. The legendary coach Vince Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." The best pitcher in the league won't be successful if enough team members don't show up at game time and the team has to forfeit. The best field goal kicker can't kick the game winning extra point if the linemen allow the defense to block the kick. The fastest runner in the relay can't win if the other teammate drops the baton.

The individual abilities of superstars can only strengthen those teams who all work together as one, who respect their teammates, and who could care less which team has the coolest uniforms or how their names will look on the back. Coach Joe Paterno, one of the most successful coaches in all of football, once said, "It's the name on the front of the jersey that matters most, not the one on the back." Next time you happen to watch the New York Yankees — one of the most successful teams of any sport — play baseball, take notice of the fact that there are no player's names on the backs of their jerseys and only the team name on the front.

Team Travis — the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 615th Contingency Response Wing, the 15th Emergency Mobility Task Force, and the 349th Air Mobility Wing — are full of superstars. It is a fine team with a proven track record. Over the past year, we've seen some of our superstars move on to other organizations and received new superstars joining the ranks to take their place. We've stayed at the top of our game by welcoming our new players with open arms, making them feel part of the team. We have shared our vision and goals as a team so well that visitors to Travis always comment on our cohesion and the attitude that together, we can do anything. Together as a team, we will find success evenly distributed on the shoulders of all of our teammates marching side by side to victory in a uniform that we can all be proud of.

Change can only happen with you

By Chief Master Sergeant Victor M. Camacho,
349th AMXS Flight Superintendent

Chief's Corner column. Okay, you asked me about my thoughts, you really want to hear what I have to say? That was my answer to being asked to write something in this month's issue of the Contact. I felt like the first paragraph written by Chief Buckner in the December 2010 issue of the Contact. So many things to talk about, so much to say; how do you select one message for all to try and use on a daily basis. I tossed many thoughts around and was finally inspired by someone right under my nose: Giovanna Camacho, my daughter.

Perseverance. When I looked up perseverance I found the words insistence and resolve. I like the word resolve because it encompassed all the ideas I was looking for; it gave me a root word which I wanted to talk about. The word resolve is defined in the dictionary as: resolution, determination, steadfastness, tenacity, doggedness, and finally, firmness.

People said it would be difficult, almost impossible, but Giovanna did it. She got accepted into the U.S. Military Academy, West Point at the age of 17, as a female to boot! People said it would be difficult, almost impossible, but against the odds, she did it. In less than two years she raised the funds, secured the gym, and gained the interest of 15 women to start the first women's boxing team in West Point history.

If she had she given up, her dreams would have never come true. Like Dorothy (from the Wizard of Oz) said, "Dreams do come true."

That is just an example of what I believe the word perseverance (having resolve) means when put into positive action. Positive action and respect are the key words here. (This next sentence may make some supervisors cringe.) When things are going wrong or bad, first you need to know you are right and have justification, then, you need to seek resolution. Within proper protocol; use tenacity, have doggedness and finally, be firm! Most problems arise out of acceptance of things that were not dealt with. Financial and personal problems are two of the most common issues facing Airmen today.

I bring this topic up because our military is faced with its' highest level of suicides, depression, and personal problems (ask me, I've had them) which were caused by

not having proper resolution of the problem or despair that an answer cannot be found.

So here's my message to all, especially after this holiday season. When you look at all the weight you may have gained, all the money spent, and maybe the loved ones you missed spending time with (isn't that enough?), you need to shake it off. Sit down and think about those who are worse off than you. (And there will always be someone). This may not be an easy task but dust yourself off and pick yourself up. Keep in mind we all can use help from time-to-time and there are many sources that WILL provide them.

Help sometimes is not an easy thing to ask for, but, if you ask, it is right there. Our military has many sources that are dedicated to assisting both Airmen and their families.

Military One Source is an excellent place to start. You can get virtually every type of agency you can think of, either by them, or from their network. Military One Source, at 1.800.342.9647, gets a 'five star' rating from me – it is an outstanding jumping off point for military support and resources.

Making things better and inviting change can only happen with your good ideas, so get out there and make a difference. Persevere!

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't say THANKS to the entire Travis Team and their families for all that they do. I want to leave you with a quote I keep in a frame on my wall to help you remember that no job is too small or insignificant.

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry, He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Filing an Inspector General complaint

*by Lt. Col. Lynn M. Marshall,
349th Mission Support Squadron*

As the wing Inspector General, I have been getting a lot of inquiries from people who are unsure of where to go when they have an issue. Below are some frequently asked questions concerning what, when, where and how to report a complaint through the IG system:

Who may file Air Force IG complaints?

If you have a concern and are unsure if you should file a complaint, contact the 349th Air Mobility Wing IG office for guidance. Any Air Force military or civilian member may file an IG complaint. However, many civilian complaints (e.g., discrimination, sexual harassment, and conditions of employment) must be addressed by agencies other than the IG. Anyone, including civilians with no Air Force affiliation, may file Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) disclosures. Depending on the circumstances, the IG may also accept complaints from dependents or relatives of active duty members and retirees and their dependents. However, it's always best for the actual "victim" or person who witnessed the alleged wrongdoing to file the complaint.

What types of complaints are appropriate?

Any FWA and violations of law, Air Force instructions, or policy should be reported through the appropriate grievance channels. The subject of your complaint must be an Air Force program or person. Bear in mind, however, the fact that you may disagree with your supervisor(s) over management styles or have what you believe is a "personality conflict" does not constitute an injustice or mismanagement. If you are not sure your concern is a reportable matter, contact the 349 AMW/IG office for guidance.

When are IG complaints appropriate?

Individuals should attempt to resolve FWA issues and personal complaints at the lowest possible level, using command channels before elevating them to the next higher level or to the IG. Further, complaints must be promptly filed within IG, command, or other grievance channels. IG's may dismiss a complaint if there is no FWA, recognizable wrong or violation of law, regulation, or policy. Also, complaints more than 60 days from date of occurrence will normally be dismissed, unless there are extraordinary circumstances or special Air Force interests to justify an investigation.

Where (or with whom) should complaints be filed?

Complaints may be filed with a superior or commander in your chain of command, an IG or other appropriate inspector, or within any established grievance channel. FWA complaints may be reported to the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA), Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), security police, or other proper authority. Promptly advise the AFOSI of suspected criminal misconduct or fraud.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 707-424-5298 or 707-424-5505. I can also be reached via email at lynn.marshall@us.af.mil.

Blame it on the rain

by Patti Schwab-Holloway,
349th Public Affairs

We are well into the winter months here and, as is typically Northern California style, we have had plenty of rainy days. Recently a nice gentleman, Mr. Jerry Barrios, husband to our own Ms. Jayne Barrios of the 349th Financial Management office, stopped by and asked if there was a way to remind our folks, especially those who may be from out-of-state, the importance of having your headlights on when it is overcast and raining. I said, “*sure*” and put together some helpful information on driving in the rain.

Not only is it imperative for safety but, it is now the law to turn on your headlights when using your windshield wipers and driving in the rain. Rain is blamed for thousands of accidents yearly. Many of these accidents are preventable, but are caused by drivers who don't realize the weather should always dictate how you drive.

When the road is wet, the film of the water on the road may cause tires to lose traction. Rain reduces driver vision — it's harder to see through the rain — and also decreases visibility through its action on headlights, windshields and the road itself. While most people know to slow down in the rain, there are definitely other tips that will help keep you, and those who share the road with you, from being in one of those preventable accidents.

· **Exercise extreme caution after a long dry spell.** During a dry period, engine oil and grease build up on the road over time. When mixed with water from a new rainfall, the road becomes extremely slick.

· **Turn on your headlights,** even when there's a light sprinkle. The law in California is if your windshield wipers are on, then so should be your headlights – but it is best to turn on your headlights even on overcast days.

· **Allow for more travel time.** You should plan to drive at a slower speed than normal.

· **Brake earlier and with less force.** Not only does this increase the stopping distance between you and the car in front of you, it also lets the driver behind you know that you're slowing down. Also take turns and curves at a lower speed than you would in dry conditions.

· **Don't use cruise control.** If you hydroplane, there's the chance your car could actually *accelerate*. Cruise control also allows drivers to be less vigilant and to take their foot away from the pedals — not a great idea when reaction time is so important.

· If you see a large puddle up ahead, **drive around it or choose a different route.**

· **Stay toward the middle of the road** to avoid deep standing puddles.

· **Don't attempt to cross running water.**

· After you cross a puddle, **tap on your brake pedal lightly** to dry off some of the water on your rotors.

· **Watch out for pedestrians.** An ordinarily observant pedestrian may become distracted by fiddling with an umbrella or a rain slicker. Plus, raindrops deaden sound, so the usual audio clues for measuring car distances become obscured. Keep a sharp lookout for people in the road.

· **Pull over and wait it out.** If it's raining so hard that you can't see the road, or the car in front of you, it is best to wait it out at a safe location.

· **Give a truck or bus extra distance.** Their extra-large tires can create enough spray to block your vision completely. Avoid passing one, but if you must pass, do it as quickly as safety allows.

· **Defog your windows.** Rain will quickly cause your windshield to fog up. Switch on both front and rear defrosters and make sure the air conditioning is turned on. Most cars' climate control systems will automatically engage the A/C when the windshield defrost function is selected.

· If you start to **hydroplane, don't brake suddenly or turn the wheel,** or you might spin into a skid. Release the gas pedal slowly and steer straight until the car regains traction. If you must brake, tap the brake pedal (unless you have antilock brakes, in which case you can put your foot down.)

For more information on driving safely visit the Department of Transportation of California at: www.dot.ca.gov.



349th Family Readiness host awards - ties yellow ribbon around Airmen

**Story by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield
Senior Airman Amelia Leonard, 349th Public Affairs**

More than 271 Airmen and their families from the 349th Air Mobility Wing here traveled to the Town and Country Resort Hotel, San Diego, to attend a Yellow Ribbon event hosted by March Air Reserve Base Nov. 12, 2010.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program was established by Air Force Reserve Command to sponsor events that help Airmen and their families transition from the pre-deployment phase through post-deployment phases of an Air Force mission.

"It's designed to be fun and informative," said Master Sgt. Pamela Silas, Yellow Ribbon Program Coordinator, 349th AMW. "The servicemembers and their families will find out about benefits and services available to them that they never even knew existed," she said. "There are so many new services that have come onto the scene that were not available before."

Sergeant Silas threw herself wholeheartedly into the Yellow Ribbon Program at Travis, so much so, that she was recently selected as the AFRC Outstanding Airman and Family Readiness Center Enlisted Manager of the Year. She doesn't take much time to reflect on that, as she talks about the San Diego event just past, and the future events.

The event in San Diego lasted for three days, she said. About 525 attendees went to various workshops designed to help them prepare for, and cope with any financial, emotional, physical, or mental problems they

may encounter while activated. Workshops last anywhere from forty-five minutes to two hours.

The locations of Yellow Ribbon events are strategically planned out, and are localized by different regions throughout the country. The West region is comprised of California, Nevada, Washington, and Arizona Air Force bases.

"Many criterion determine the ultimate location of an event, but one of the initial criteria is that the area is a family-friendly environment," said Sergeant Silas.

"Because Yellow Ribbon events take place over a weekend in a family-friendly setting, many families opt to stay an extra day or two and pay for the additional hotel stay," she said. During the event itself, childcare is provided free of charge by an AFRC approved childcare provider serving children ages infant to 17.

According to Sergeant Silas, if it weren't for the leadership at Travis, the Yellow Ribbon events would not be as successful. "One thing I can say about Travis is, our leadership is totally supportive of this program," she said. "Col. Nancy Brooks, (Commander, 349th Mission Support Group,) will bend over backwards to get people on orders and make sure our people get there."

Col. Jay Flournoy, Commander, 349th AMW, has attended every Yellow Ribbon event since joining Team Travis, Sergeant Silas said. "Jack Watts and Theresa Grieff,

award winning Yellow Ribbon Events in conjunction with transition program

(civilian workers in the Mission Support Squadron,) are also instrumental to the success of the program here,” she said.

The 349th AMW hosted a large Yellow Ribbon open house at Travis in September of 2009, with great success. They went on to host another huge Yellow Ribbon event in Reno, Nev. in July of 2010. The Wing is currently planning the next Yellow Ribbon event, which will again take place in Reno, and is scheduled for June 3-5, 2011.

For more information on the Yellow Ribbon program here at Travis, contact Sergeant Silas at 707-424-3936 or via email, pamela.silas@us.af.mil.



photo by Senior Airman Amelia Leonard

349th Wing Traditional Reserve Vacancies

AFSC	AFSC Title	Rank	AFSC	AFSC Title	Rank
11G3	Generalist Pilot	Officer	3S271	Education & Training	SSgt/TSgt/MSgt
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer	41A3	Health Services Admin	Officer
14N3	Intelligence Officer	Officer	42B3	Physical Therapist	Officer
1A071	In-Flight Refueling	TSgt	43P3	Pharmacist	Officer
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt/TSgt	44M3H	Internist	Officer
1A291	Aircraft Loadmaster	MSgt	44R3B	Diagnostic Radiologist	Officer
1N051	Operations Intell	TSgt	45A3	Anesthesiologist	Officer
1N091	Operations Intell	SMSgt	45B3	Orthopedic Surgeon	Officer
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt/MSgt	45S3A	Surgeon	Officer
2A656	Aircraft Elec & Env Sys	SSgt	45S3B	Surgeon	Officer
2A654	Aircraft Fuel System	SSgt	46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer
2A675	Aircraft Hydraulic Sys	TSgt	46M3	Nurse Anesthetist	Officer
2E173	Ground Radio Comm	TSgt/MSgt	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer
2F051	Fuels	SSgt	46N3E	Clinical Critical Nurse	Officer
2G071	Logistics Plans	MSgt	46N3H	Clinical Nurse	Officer
2T271	Air Transportation	TSgt/MSgt	46S3	Operating Room Nurse	Officer
3E252	Electrical Power Prod	SSgt	48A3	Aerospace Medicine	Officer
3E291	Pavement & Const	MSgt/SMSgt	4A091	Health Services Mgnt	SMSgt
3E451	Utilities Systems	TSgt	4N051	Aerospace Medical Svs	SSgt
3E473	Enviro Controls	MSgt	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svs	TSgt/MSgt
3E791	Fire Protection	SMS/CMSgt	4N071C	Aerospace Med, IDMT	TSgt/MSgt
3E800	Explosive Ord Disp	SMS/CMSgt	4N091	Aerospace Medical Svs	SMSgt
3E591	Engineering	MSgt	8F000	First Sergeant	MSgt
3D052	Cyber Sys Opers	SSgt	5J051	Paralegal Assistant	SSgt
3D152	Cyber Trans Sys	SSgt	5R051	Chaplain Assistant	SSgt

For more information about these vacancies, go to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/MainMenu.asp>.
 For more information about ART vacancies contact the ART Recruiter office at 530-634-5189 or go to <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

349th Wing Full-Time Vacancies

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GS/SERIES</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	
349th AMW	GS-0545-07	Supervisory Military Pay Technician	CIV
45th APS	GS-1702-09	Training Technician	ART
45th APS	GS-2101-10	Transportation Specialist	ART
82nd APS	GS-1702-09	Training Technician	ART
82nd APS	GS-0303-07	Resource Management Assistant	ART
349th LRF	GS-2001-09	General Supply Specialist	ART
349th FSS	GS-1702-09	Training Technician	ART
349th FSS	GS-0203-05	Human Resource Assistant	CIV
349th CES	GS-0301-09	Readiness/Emergency Mgmt Spec	ART
349th MAS	GS-0303-07	Services Assistant	ART
349th AMDS	GS-0303-07	Medical Administrative Assistant	ART
349th MXS	WS-8801-13	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
349th MXS	WG-8852-10	Aircraft Mechanic	ART
349th AMXS	WG-8602-10	Aircraft Engine Mechanic	ART
945th AMXS	WG-2892-10	Aircraft Electrician	ART
749th AMXS	WS-8801-09	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
749th AMXS	WG-8852-10	Aircraft Mechanic	ART
349th OG	GS-0301-11	Executive Officer	ART
349th AES	GS-0301-09	Resource & Aviation Mgmt Spec	ART
349th AES	GS-0301-10	Aeromedical Evacuation Specialist	ART
349th AES	GS-0301-12	Medical Administrative Officer	ART
349th OSF	GS-0303-07	Wing Operations Center Controller	ART
349th OSF	GS-2181-13	Airplane Flight Instructor	ART
79th ARS	GS-2181-12/13	Airplane Flight Instructor	ART

Covey Classes for FY11

Feb 23-25	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Mar 24-25	Focus + 4 Lenses
Jun 1-3	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Jul 7-8	Focus + 4 Lenses
Aug 17-19	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Focus: Achieving Your Highest

Priorities - Focus is the first course in our Covey series. This course teaches productivity skills integrated with a powerful planning system that helps employees clarify, focus on, and execute their highest priorities - personally and professionally.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People - Offered to anyone who has taken Focus. A three-day course developed by Dr. Stephen Covey that teaches you how to develop habits of effective personal and interpersonal leadership. It illuminates the differences between effective and ineffective people. It contains key ideas and application exercises designed to enhance the use of the 7 Habits.

4 Lenses Temperament Discovery - This is an enlightening half-day session included with our Focus classes. The 4 Lenses is an interactive class that identifies an individual's personality preferences. It will dramatically aid you in understanding individual differences and uncovering new and better ways of working and interacting with others both professionally and personally.

Classes are open to 349th AMW reservists, DoD civilians, and spouses. Approval from supervisor and Senior ART or Unit Commander is required. You may sign up at any time; seats are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited to 16 participants per class.

To sign up please email Lt. Col. Wil Link at wilfried.link@us.af.mil or if you have the forms you may fax them to 707-424-1610 or in person at the Process Manager Office, Bldg. 228, Room 223.

Annual Awards Banquet

**Col. John C. Flournoy
Commander, 349th Air Mobility
Wing**

**requests the pleasure of your
company at the
2011 Annual Awards Banquet**

**Saturday, twelfth of February
Social: Six o'clock in the
evening**

**Dinner: Seven o'clock in the
evening**

**Delta Breeze Club
Travis Air Force Base, California**

Dinner Buffet

**\$35 Officers, E-6 & Above &
Civilians**

\$25 E-5 and Below

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Holman-McClendon, 707-424-1148
or 916-730-5974
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Top 3, Rising Six meeting

The Top 3 and Rising Six will meet on the Saturday of each UTA at the Delta Breeze Club from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Felipe Nuno, 707-424-1643.

Lake Memorial Quilt chronicles a life lived with joy, grace

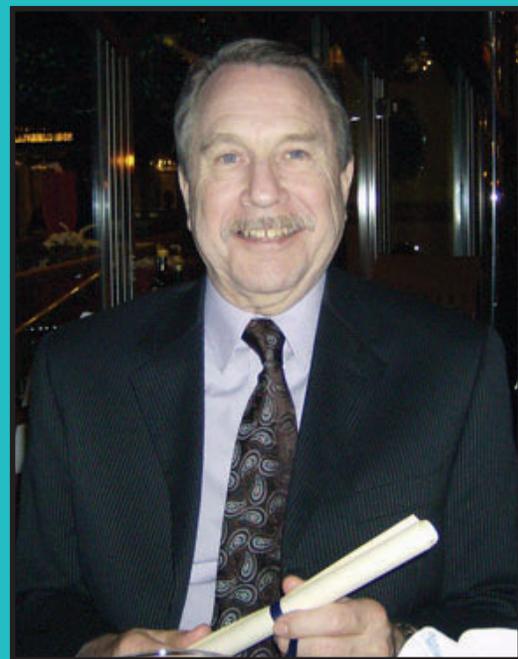
*by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield,
349th Public Affairs*

If you look at a handmade quilt, it tells a story. Vicki Adams's quilt tells a particularly poignant tale, as it is a memorial to a special man.

Her life partner, Ron Lake, died suddenly July 12, 2010, from the complications of a stroke. He was just short of his 63rd birthday, and they had many plans for their life together. Those plans were cut short, as was Ron's life.

Ronald Colin Lake was a fixture around the 349th Air Mobility Wing, and Travis Air Force Base, for more than 23 years. After an active duty tour from 1966 to 1970, he joined the Air Force Reserve and the 349th Military Airlift Wing at Travis in 1979, dedicating his career and life to public affairs and the Air Force. He retired from the Reserve in 2003, and continued on as the civilian deputy chief at the 349th AMW until retiring, again, in 2009.

He had just begun a new cycle of life in retirement, and was planning to move to Florida to be close to his brothers, Russ and Ken and their families, to enjoy the sun and surf, maybe add to his tee shirt collection.



Courtesy photo

Mr. Ronald C. Lake,
1946-2010



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield

Ms. Vicki Adams' (above) life partner, Ron Lake, died suddenly July 12, 2010. To help with her grief, the idea for a quilt came when she was sorting through the tee shirts Ron had accumulated from all their many trips together, from his travels in the Air Force, and some even dating back to his youth.

laughter and grace, and of all the fun they had together over 25 years.

Sorting through Ron's clothes to ready them for donation, Vicki discovered that he had a tee shirt from all their trips together, from his travels in the Air Force, and some even dating back further, to his youth. Inspired by his collection, and with the help of her sister in Tennessee, an avid quilter, the idea for a quilt came together in about a week. Creating the quilt helped Vicki heal and work through her grief.

It gave new purpose to Ron's many tees, and gave her comfort, as she kept Ron's memory alive, and close. The tee shirt quilt is a mantle of warmth on cold nights, as was Ron's love for Vicki.

Finally, it is a chronicle of a life lived with joy,



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield

349th Air Mobility Wing members, once again, give back in a big way

by Patti Schwab-Holloway, 349th Public Affairs

Even with the late start and less donation collection barrels, the men and women of the 349th Air Mobility Wing have once again stepped-up and generously contributed 3,827 pounds of food to the 349th Chaplain's Annual Holiday Food Drive.

This year's total far exceeded 2002 which was the first year the wing held a holiday food drive. The total of that first drive was 1,400 pounds of food but the bigheartedness of the Travis Reserve members only increases each holiday season. This year's donations will be used to help feed those in need in the local area.

"I am never surprised by the generous nature of the people in this wing," said Tech. Sgt. Stacey Jackson, 349th AMW chaplain assistant. "People know there are many people out there who are struggling and they want to help even if they themselves may be going through more challenging times."

Remember the need for donations continues thought out the year. For Individual groups or squadrons who may want to know more on how to help or would like information on organizing a food drive as a unit project contact the Wing's Chaplain's office at 707-424-0308 and they will give you some pointers on how to get started.



photo by Senior Airman Amelia Leonard

Chaplain, (Lt. Col.) Gregory Stringer along with Technical Sergeant Stacey Jackson, 349th Air Mobility Wing, sit amongst the bags of the donations for the holiday food drive here during the annual food drive.

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS

MASTER SERGEANT

RUTTEN, AMIE	82nd APS
HUNTER, MARSHALL	945th AMXS
HERMANO, ROSEMA	349th OG
KLUZ, BRIAN	945 AMXS

TECHNICAL SERGEANT

TOOLE, MELISSA	349th AMDS
BRANNAN, LISA	349th LRF
BARROS, JAY	749th AMXS

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