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**On the Front Cover:** — Thanksgiving gave Travis Airmen an extra opportunity to 'Give Thanks' by serving dinner at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville. A group of Airmen served up smiles and turkey with all the trimmings in the Main Dining Room and various wards around the campus Nov. 24.

For quite a few years now, this has been the tradition for the 349th Air Mobility Wing Reserve volunteers, to give up their own plans of the Macy's Parade, the turkey cooking ritual, and football, instead, sharing their day with veterans who paved the way for those still serving. (See story on Page 5)

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# Diversity - key to mission success

*by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley,  
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and  
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy*

Through decades of military and national security experiences, we have witnessed, that mission success hinges upon the diversity of our force throughout our ranks. Diversity, as broadly defined by the Air Force, aggregates our strengths, perspectives and capabilities in a way that transcends individual contributions. A performance- and merit-based organization composed of Airmen from across a broad range of backgrounds, enables the Air Force to think critically, to engage in innovative decision-making and to avoid "groupthink." Diversity is a necessity. Indeed, our experience has shown diversity allows us, as an armed force to deal more effectively with challenges to our national interests where they may arise.

In our global operations in defense of the Nation, cross-cultural competencies are key to mission success. On a tactical level, mission success requires the unique experiences and talents of Airmen of various backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders, and cultural experiences. On a strategic level, a diverse force empowers Airmen to transcend merely learning about other cultures, and to strive for deeper, more meaningful global relationships. As public servants and as military members who did not experience the current levels of diversity in the Air Force when we began our respective careers, we have been convinced, over time, that our improved diversity posture has substantially enhanced our Air Force. There is no substitute for living and working in a diverse military environment, while preparing for enduring global engagement and conducting global operations.

Embracing diversity enhances unit cohesion and the Air Force's ability to carry out our mission. We have consistently observed that the ability to identify with senior leaders who came to the Air Force from a familiar background is largely unrivaled in persuading an individual of his or her opportunities in the Air Force. In conducting missions throughout the world, we have found the sincerity of our beliefs in American values is often measured by the breadth of the people whom we deploy. Similarly, the respect and support of all our citizens is vital to our ability to recruit and retain the very best talent in this great country.

From our perspective, diversity throughout our Air Force is a military necessity. Therefore, consistent with our constitutional obligations, we will recruit, retain and develop Airmen representative of the full spectrum of the American people whom we serve. We will promote an Air Force culture that embraces diversity and provides the opportunity for all Airmen to reach their full potential, and provide the required supporting programs and resources. And, we will remain the world's finest Air Force by maximizing our warfighting capabilities through, among other virtues, the diversity of our Airmen.

# This holiday season, make it about the gratitude

by *Command Chief Master Sgt. Kathleen Buckner*  
*349th Air Mobility Wing*



**N**o matter what is happening in your life, try to focus today on this present moment in time. Live in the here and now, in this time and this instant. Concentrate on all that you DO have, from the 50 cents under the floor mat in your car, the clothes on your back, for the love from another human being or even your pet! Appreciate what you do have and be grateful you are growing toward where you want to be.

Be thankful for the 45-cent cup of coffee you just got out of the vending machine. It may not be Starbucks, but it is warm and brown and full of what you really need right now — CAFFEINE!

Be thankful for that “awful” job you have to go to - concentrate on the great people you get to see every day and don’t forget that “terrible” paycheck you get every two weeks.

Be thankful when you are stuck in that rush hour traffic that you actually own a car and do not have to rely on public transportation.

Be thankful when you change your children’s diapers - they will be the ones changing yours later!

Be thankful even when you lose a special someone - you were blessed enough to be loved and to love.

Be thankful for having to eat right and work out - your health

is one of the most important things in your life.

Be thankful for the supervisor who “gives you a hard time” - this means they see all that you are capable of and they care enough to help you get there.

Be thankful when you have to run the kids around to all their activities - the love of a child is a precious gift.

Change the world, one person at a time, one thank you at a time. Say thanks for even the smallest reason. The ripple effect created is larger than you can even imagine. Thank those who:

- help you laugh in good times and in bad
- love you regardless of the dumb things you do
- let you cry and hand you a tissue
- celebrates your achievements
- gave you a gift of their time, talent *or* wisdom
- work day after day, doing those mundane tasks which make our world, our country and our community a better place

Mark Twain put it best when he said “Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” We came into this world with nothing, and will leave with nothing. What we have done for others *will* live on.

## Don't lose sleep over this holiday season

by *Chaplain (Lt. Col.) LeBane Hall, 349th Air Mobility Wing*

**S**leep - I love it. I wish I had time to sleep ten hours a night. I feel so good after a good nights sleep - strong, vibrant, excited for a new day. Flat, rundown, groggy are my feelings after getting only a few hours of sleep during the night. Make that a few hours a few nights in a row and flat, etc., turns me into a ‘Zombified’ human. Sleep and I are friends and I hope to enjoy much more. You see, I am writing this article knowing I will be asleep soon. I also know, I may be putting some of you to sleep. Ironically, that is the opposite of my endeavor.

I wonder, why do we even need sleep. I mean, why did God create us needing one-third of our lives to sleeping? In the world of evolution, why didn’t we adapt to a point sleep was not required? Then I could enjoy life, work more, enjoy the family more and do those late night runs for food without guilt.

I also wonder why sleep even creeps into my day. Sometimes I am watching a perfectly good afternoon movie or sporting event and wake up hours later realizing I missed the ending and have no idea ‘who done it.’ Or I awake to see ads about the cost for the new fitness craze equipment or the skin cream that is *not sold in stores* - I realize that I fell asleep at the most inopportune time.

We sleep at night, on planes, cuddled close with someone we love, with our bed comfort setting of 47 while our loved one is at 71. How can they like it that way? We sleep with quilts made by talented seamstresses and knitters with intricate designs, emblems and quirky quotes. We often sleep in the same house with our loved ones or friends, but in separate rooms for privacy.

If we push our bodies too hard, deny ourselves the preordained requisite for sleep, we can create illness, overuse and deterioration of our eyes and other body failures. It can affect our overall physical fitness no matter the number of hours in the gym or foods we eat. Rest is an integral part of our health. Rest allows our mind to be at its sharpest, so fatigue and disorientation do not affect our focus and experiences.

Not all sleep is good. Having the bad guy say that we will soon be “sleeping with the fishes” is not an invitation to go to a zoo. However, the way I see it, when I succeed, perform at my best and relate to others it is often related to when I am getting my cherished eight delectable hours! When it is my turn to speak in front of an audience, many hours of sleep the night before helps me stay strong and alert and minimizes my nervousness. As a chaplain, I believe God made us this way for a reason. Sleep helps me to enjoy the waking hours more and to use them more effectively. We choose not to sleep, on occasion, and use some of those hours to pass a test, finish a good book, see the final play of the game and see who committed the crime and experience TV justice. But, sleep we must to be our best!

If you fell asleep while reading this, I will just assume my words made an immediate impact on you! Now as my mom would say to me while I was dozing on the couch, wake up and go to sleep!

# ***Being there - Reserve wing looking for a few good...key spouses***

***by Catherine Thews,  
945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Key Spouse***

**F**irst I would like to say how proud I am to be one of first Key Spouses for the 349th AMW family. Key Spouses are assigned to your unit to act as a liaison between you and your unit's leadership. We want to make sure your family's needs are being met during periods of separation.

My goal as a key spouse is to bring information directly to our families, improve communication, and ultimately improve the quality of life for families and their Airman. Key spouses help you "thrive and survive" during deployments by keeping you updated on unit and base events, communicating any problems you may have to the appropriate leadership, and connecting you with any services or resources you may need. They want to be there for you whenever you need them!

With more than 30 years as an Air Force spouse, I have watched and supported not only my husband, but also my children as they travel their paths in the U.S. Armed Forces. In short, I have been educated at the University of Life, with each experience affording me a wealth of information that I can and wish to share with others. It is my hope and desire to ensure that other spouses, families and significant others do not have to feel/endure what I or others before me have. There really is an easier way!

With the holidays quickly approaching, your commanders, chiefs and first sergeants want to ensure every Airman and their families are taken care of. Some of our Air Force family are not so fortunate. They will forgo being together with family because of circumstances they can't control. However the Air Force Family is always accessible! With that in mind we are looking for a few families to open their homes and invite an Airman or two to share in holiday festivities with you and yours.

If you want to be a host/hostess, please share with the section chiefs the following information: Name, address, and contact information, including phone, email, and planned activities, such as dinner time, menu, , and more. Please include RSVP instructions.

If you know of a family struggling or you are that family, we are here for you and want to provide you with a lovely holiday dinner. Please contact your Section chiefs; all we need is your contact information, which is kept confidential.

If you have any questions regarding other resources or need information, please contact the 349th AMW Airman and Family Readiness Center at 707-424-1616, or contact your key spouse.

If you wish to become a key spouse contact Mrs. Anne Flournoy at [jaflournoy@aol.com](mailto:jaflournoy@aol.com) or 703-477-9084 (Key Spouse Mentor) or me, Mrs. Cathy Thews at [cthewskeyspouseetafb@gmail.com](mailto:cthewskeyspouseetafb@gmail.com) or 707- 332-4165.



Catherine Thews, Key Spouse for the 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, wife of Senior Master Sgt. Darren Thews. (Courtesy photo)

# Operation Give Thanks, a chance for fellowship

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

**A**h, Thanksgiving - what better, than to wake up to your home filled with the redolent smells of roasting turkey and the morning coffee brewing. You all fill your cups, hug the cook, and settle in to watch the 85th anniversary edition of the Macy's Parade...

For a number of years now, a group of Travis Airmen have been leaving all that comfort of home behind to spend their time with a special group of people at their home. Airmen from the 349th Air Mobility Wing give thanks by serving dinner at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville. Along with their friends and family, they share fellowship and a scrumptious turkey dinner with the men and women who, with their service

and sacrifice, have paved the way for the modern day military.

Organized and given their marching orders by Senior Master Sgt. Dottie Deerwester, the group of 100 'helpers' served up some conversation, smiles and turkey with all the trimmings in the Main Dining Room and at the hospital Nov. 24.

Wing Commander, Col. John "Jay" Flournoy, brought along his entire family to help and visit with the residents. His oldest son, Andrew, was celebrating his 17th birthday with the veterans. Lt. Col. Patrick Williams brought along his son, as did Master Sgt. Tony Barker and Master Sgt. Mike Alcoriza. Chief Master Sgt. Mike Beck and Maj. Sam Dickson uncorked the wine and sparkling cider with style and flare, while at the next

table, volunteers filled glasses for tableside serving.

Mr. Stanley Davis, Travis Honorary Commanders Program Golden Bear alumni, Travis Regional Armed Forces Council member and friend of the base, never misses this chance to thank the veterans, using the opportunity to make a donation to the Home on behalf of the 349th. Several of Solano County's teen beauty pageant queens also dropped by to share their day, complete with rhinestone tiaras and sashes!

The joy in the day was multiplied in sharing our Thanksgiving with these veterans, who reward us with their stories, smiles, hugs and gentle thanks. Of course, it didn't hurt that the volunteers shared in their sumptuous turkey dinner, too!



Senior Amn. Joseph Jarratt, seen here visiting with some special veterans during Operation Give Thanks, was especially thankful this Thanksgiving. He was just named the Airman of the Year for the 349th AMW. He is assigned to the 349th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

# 349th Air Mobility Wing Annual Award V

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year -  
 Tech. Sgt. Christopher S. Dempsey  
 – 70th Air Refueling Squadron  
 (Tech Sgt. Dempsey was unavailable accepting  
 behalf is Lt. Col. Richard Casto pictured below)



Company Grade Officer of the Year  
 Capt. Charles Marquez  
 – 55th Aerial Port Squadron



Civilian of The Year-Category II  
 Mr. Kale K. Pascua  
 – 349th Logistic Readiness Squadron



First Sergeant of the Year  
 Senior Master Sgt. Aretha R. Chandler  
 - 349th Civil Engineering Squadron



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# Winners

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**Recruiter of the Year**  
**Master Sgt. Cathy M. Monteon**  
 – Western Recruiting Squadron



**Civilian of The Year-Category I**  
**Mr. Gary L. Charles**  
 – 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron



**Chairman of the Year**  
**Senior Amn. Joseph M. Jarratt**  
 349th Logistic Readiness Squadron



**Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year**  
**Master Sgt. Mitchel M. Cooper**  
 - 349th Force Support Squadron

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

# What do you do to avoid injuries and keep your family safe during the holidays?



Tech. Sgt. Carlos Vadespeno,  
349th Medical Squadron

**“We wear the right clothing and gear for the weather.”**



Tech. Sgt. AJ Bolding,  
349th Aerospace Medicine  
Squadron

**“I clear all the ice and frost from the car windows.”**



Staff Sgt. Samaniego,  
349th Maintenance Squadron

**“Burn the turkey, not the house.”**

U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Robert Wade

## WING CHAPLAINS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



The 349th Air Mobility Wing Holiday Food Drive is underway. Here, Chaplain (Col.) Tyler Guy, 349th Air Mobility Wing chief chaplain, gets a helping hand from Margaret Ann Sullivan, five month old daughter of Staff Sgt. Kenyetta King, chaplains assistant. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Rita Houchin)

The annual Wing Chaplains' Holiday Food Drive continues. Previously delivered food bins will be collected through Dec. 15. The 349th AMW Holiday Food Drive is going strong due to the Aerial Port Squadron and 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's generous donations.

During the November A-Flight, Staff Sgt. Kenyetta King, 349th Chaplain's office took the opportunity, worked diligently and set up a little shopping mart area for members of the 349th to 'shop' due to the large number of food donations. Thank you for giving generously.

Unit donations as of Nov. 6:

- #1 = Aerial Port Squadron @ 3,671 lbs
- #2 = 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron @ 276 lbs
- #3 = 349th AMW/Force Support Squadron @ 48 lbs
- #4 = 349th Security Force Squadron @ 27 lbs

# Travis finished Logistics Compliance Assessment Program with overall rating of excellent for 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings

*60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs*

**T**ravis finished out the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program with an overall rating of excellent for the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings. The Airmen of the Travis Team are used to working long days and nights and were prepared for the recent Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection, and obviously, it paid off.

Staff Sgt. Robert Purcell, 60th Aerial Port Squadron special handling shift supervisor, said inspectors in his area of responsibility observed and inspected safety, security and every little thing his shop does.

“They were looking at everything from what we’re doing properly or improperly to how clearly posted warning signs may be,” Purcell said.

John “Buck” Buchanan, 60th APS ramp operations flight chief, said when these inspections occur it’s all about getting down to the nitty-gritty.

“It’s less about what individuals are doing and more about what we’re doing as a squadron,” Buchanan said. “We all have to be on the same page and on our game and we’ll be fine.”

Purcell said his shop had been studying the basics, core data and technical orders to prepare themselves.

“A lot of times after being in a work environment for a while you

may begin to skip steps in certain processes, but that isn’t acceptable,” Purcell said. “We needed to make sure we’re doing everything the right way and in the right order every time.

It’s about more than just getting the job done,

Purcell said. “It’s our responsibility to accomplish our goals with the safety of Airmen and equipment in mind.”



Senior Airman Joshua Ferrulli, 570th Global Mobility Squadron and Senior Airman Matthew Huston, 571st Global Mobility Squadron, put in place a steel grate on the next generation small loader for joint inspection during the LCAP (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. John Ayre)



Tech. Sgt. Eric Yount, LCAP evaluator speaks with Staff Sgt. Robert Purcell, 60th APS special handling shift supervisor, during the LCAP. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. John Ayre)

## ORI REMINDER:

**ORI 13-02B: Feb. 3-10, 2013**

### PREPARATION:

**ORE #1: May 4-12, 2012, Travis Air Force Base**

**ORE #2: Sept 14-22, 2012, Travis Air force Base**

**ORE #3: Dec 1-9, 2012 Flyaway, location be determined**

**Be trained!  
Be ready!**

## *349th Wing Traditional Reserve Vacancies*

AFSC	AFSC Title	Rank	AFSC	AFSC Title	Rank
11G3	Generalist Pilot	Officer	3M071	Services	MSgt
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer	3S271	Education & Training	SSgt/TSgt/MSgt
11M2A	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer	41A3	Health Services Admin	Officer
11M3S	Mobility Pilot	Officer	43H3	Public Health	Officer
11M3Y	Mobility Pilot	Officer	43P3	Pharmacist	Officer
12M3	Mobility Navigator	Officer	44F3	Family Physician	Officer
14N3	Intelligence Officer	Officer	44M3H	Internist	Officer
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt/TSgt	44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	Officer
1A291	Aircraft Loadmaster	TSgt/MSgt/SMS	45S3A	Surgeon	Officer
1C371	Command Post	TSgt	45S3B	Surgeon	Officer
1N071	Operations Intell	TSgt	46A3	Nurse Administrator	Officer
21A3	Aircraft Maint	Officer	46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt/MSgt	46M3	Nurse Anesthetist	Officer
2T251	Air Transportation	SSgt/TSgt	46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer
2T271	Air Transportation	MSgt/SMSgt	46N3E	Clinical Critical Nurse	Officer
2T351	Special Purpose Vehicle	SSgt	46N3H	Clinical Nurse	Officer
2W071	Munitions Systems	TSgt	48A3	Aerospace Medicine Sp	Officer
3E252	Electrical Power Prod	SSgt	4N071	Aerospace Medical Svs	SSgt/TSgt/MSgt
3E251	Pavement & Const	SSgt	4N071C	Aerospace Med, IDMT	TSgt/MSgt
3E451	Utilities Systems	SSgt	4N091	Aerospace Medical Svs	SMSgt
3E651	Operations Management	SSgt	8F000	First Sergeant	MSgt/SMSgt
3D073	Cyber Security	TSgt	5J051	Paralegal Assistant	SSgt
3E851	Explosive Ordnance Disp	SSgt	52R3	Chaplain	Officer

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

### *ENLISTED PROMOTIONS*



#### **SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT**

BARRAZA, WENDY, 82nd APS  
HARRIS, EMILIANA, 349th ASTS



#### **MASTER SERGEANT**

HAMMER-COFFER, MICHELLE, 945thth AMXS  
JOHNSON, JEREMY R., 349th MXG  
LOPEZ, MAIRA, 349th ASTS  
MENIL, BRADLEY B., 349th MXS  
PILKINGTON, MELISSA L., 312th AS  
SULLIVAN, BRIAN M., 349th AMXS  
WILLIAMS, GARLAND, 82nd APS



#### **TECHNICAL SERGEANT**

AVERILL, LEANNA M., 349th AMW  
BLAKELY, SETH A., 45th APS  
CRAIG, BRANDON S., 749th AMXS  
HAASCH, ELVA, 349th FSS  
KANE, RICHARD W., 945thth AMXS  
MACHADO, SERINA M., 349th AMDS  
MANGLONA, THERESA, 349th ASTS  
MIZER, JOSEPH, 349th ASTS  
OLBREI, JOSHUA T., 349th ASTS  
SKEES, ERICA R., 45th APS



#### **STAFF SERGEANT**

BELL, ANDREW F., 55th APS  
CARRION, MARCUS, 349th AMXS  
CLARKE, DAVID M., 349th AES  
GWENDO, MICHAEL, 82nd APS  
ROBERTS, KIRK J., 349th AMXS

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# Forty-one earn Associate in applied Science Degree from Community College of the Air Force

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349th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
*Logistics*

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Camilla Jasmine L. Asuncion**  
349th Air Mobility Wing  
*Aviation Management*

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349th Air Mobility Wing  
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Paralegal*

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82nd Aerial Port Squadron  
*Transportation*

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349th Security Forces Squadron  
*Criminal Justice*

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Chief Master Sgt. James A. Henley

With deepest regret, I must announce the untimely passing of Chief Master Sgt. James A. Henley, Chief Enlisted Manager of the 349th Medical Squadron, who died Saturday, Oct. 29, in Hawaii from complications of pancreatic cancer. He was 43.

Chief Henley brought diverse experience and knowledge to his position in the 349th Medical Squadron. In civilian life, he was a life-flight paramedic and prior to joining the Air Force Reserve, he had served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy. The chief's decade-long tenure with the 349th included service as the first sergeant of the 349th MDS, and later, of the 349th Mission Support Squadron. He is survived by his son, Kyle; his former wife, Janice; and many friends at Travis Air Force Base and in the civilian community.

Please keep Chief Henley's loved ones in your thoughts and prayers in this time of bereavement.

-- JOHN C. FLOURNOY, JR., Colonel, USAFR  
Commander, 349th Air Mobility Wing



**August 13, 1968 - October 29, 2011**

Shown here during the 349th Air Mobility Wing Enlisted Workshop, October 2011, Chief Master Sgt. Jim Henley gave a special presentation. The chief addressed the importance of having your affairs in order for your family.

The Chief lost his battle against a virulent cancer while on vacation in Hawaii with his son and ex-wife. The Chief talked specifically about preparations for minor children, living wills, trusts, SGLI, working with the Veterans Administration and more.

Chief Henley was a member of the 349th Air Mobility Wing since 2000 and had more than 24 years of service to the United States Air Force. He will be greatly missed.