COMMENTARY

For Airmen, extraordinary things happen every day

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFNS) — As military members, most of us understand we’re a part of something special. I’m not sure I realized the full reality of just how unique our profession is until I stepped away from it. I didn’t stay away long, but when I returned, it was with a new sense of appreciation.

I served almost 10 years on active duty, but currently enjoy the privilege of serving part-time in the Air Force Reserve as an individual mobilization augmentee. My full-time career is in the private sector working for a large financial management corporation. Experiencing both careers side-by-side has allowed me to view my military experience in a new light and deepened my gratitude for the time I spend on active duty.

While I thoroughly enjoy my civilian job and have enormous respect for my co-workers, I’m convinced the business world falls far short when it comes to leadership and taking care of people. I say this not to disparage. Clearly what we do in the military is unique and to expect as much from a non-military organization is setting a very high standard. Each of us is taught a culture of “service before self” from our earliest days in basic training, and this is something very hard to translate into the business world.

Here are just a few examples of the uniqueness of our profession I’ve witnessed:

-- While serving in support of Operation Joint Guardian in the mid-90s, the vice chairman of the joint chiefs came to visit us during the holidays. The general learned that one of my team members recently lost a family member, but was unable to get home. The general quietly sought out the bereaved service-member and ensured he was on his personal helicopter and plane to the states. It was a small thing for the general to do, but it had a big impact on the service-member and to those of us who witnessed it.

-- A few years ago, I was planning to attend a conference at Langley Air Force Base, Va. My physical training test was due, and since I was going to be on orders, it was a good time to take the test. I notified the senior individual mobilization augmentee, a colonel, in Air Combat Command contracting, that I’d be testing at Langley AFB. When I showed up to test, I was surprised to see the colonel there in PT gear. He wasn’t due to test, he simply felt it was his duty to personally provide me a wingman to run with. It was a small thing, but I still appreciate the leadership he showed.

-- Recently, my first sergeant told me of the status on his efforts to prepare a squadron member for career development testing. He quizzed the Airman on possible test questions and as a result of their joint efforts, the young man is not only prepared to pass the test, but is also in a position to excel.

We take this type of thing for granted in the military, but I’m compelled to celebrate it as special when you compare it to other professions. The dedication military members feel to ensure subordinates are mentored and prepared for career advancement is a small thing to many, but I’m convinced it’s a treasure of our profession.

-- The sounding of retreat and the playing of the national anthem on base at the end of the duty day is something I tell my friends and civilian co-workers at home about. I’m not sure they understand, but I look forward to that loud-speaker. It reminds me of where I am and how good it is to be here. It’s one more small thing I miss when I return home to my civilian career.

Whether it’s a simple order from a general to make room for a grieving service-member, the first sergeant showing concern for his Airmen or the simple daily routine of playing the national anthem, once you’ve left the Air Force for your next chapter in life, you will one day look back and find what was once a routine experience is now viewed as an extraordinary occurrence. These small things are what make the profession we chose so very special.
45th AES command and control in Haiti

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Port-au-Prince, HAITI — As the aero-medical evacuation command and control center for Operation Unified Response in Haiti, the 45th Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron based at MacDill is responsible for the coordination and sustainment of all medical evacuation teams supporting the operations here.

“It is an honor that the 45th AES has been tasked as the command and control center for this operation,” said Lt. Col. C.J. Newhouse, commander of the 45th AES, which is attached to the 927th Air Refueling Wing.

Each AES crew includes three nurses and two medical technicians. The 45th AES owns one of the crews, but seven more are from around the country. These total-force crews include members on active duty, in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve.

Maj. John Lynch, 88th Medical Group Critical Care Air Transport Team, prepares a 3-year-old earthquake victim for aeromedical evacuation from Port-au-Prince, Haiti to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The 45th also commands a mobile aeromedical staging facility — a 13-person team from the 6th Air Mobility Wing — in Haiti where the AES teams pick up the patients and transport them to the United States for care. This team can keep the patients for up to 24 hours while they await transportation.

Once alerted about an upcoming mission, an
National African-American History Month is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African-American culture. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February and the United Kingdom in the month of October.

National African American History Month honors the rich heritage of African-Americans and provides us an opportunity to pay tribute to the many contributions made in shaping and molding our great Nation. In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson recognized the need to provide our country a more detailed understanding of the African-Americans’ past along with the rich and diverse cultural make-up of the contributors.

The remembrance originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as “Negro History Week.” Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African-Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass. He founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and established the first Negro History Week. Through the pioneering efforts of Dr. Woodson and the hard work of the association, this observance officially became Black History Month in 1976.

The African American History Month Committee has several activities planned for African American History Month. The month will be opened by the Wing Commander signing the proclamation at the beginning of the monthly Wing Run.

The second week we will be offering a Health Fair with help from the HAWC Wed. Feb 10. The luncheon will be Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Surf’s Edge Club with Col. (Ret) Nathan Thomas as the guest speaker. We will close out the month with a mentoring panel Feb. 19 in the Dining Facility from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a variety of panel members to mentor to the young Airmen.

Telecommunications: You Are Subject To Being Monitored

Q. Why is that DD Form 2056 sticker on my telephone?

Q. Why does the notice and consent banner pop up on my computer screen every time I log in to begin work?

Q. Why do I have to click “OK” in order to have my computer move on to the next process?

A. Because the Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program (TMAP) requires all users of Department of Defense telecommunications systems or devices to be informed that by using the DoD device they are consenting to monitoring.

The purpose of the TMAP is to protect classified and/or operationally significant information from unauthorized disclosure. One aspect of the protection program is Operational Security (OPSEC). TMAP is a key part of the Air Force’s OPSEC efforts. AFI 33-219 permits monitoring of unsecured telecommunications systems to determine vulnerability to hostile signal intelligence exploitation. The TMAP evaluates and reports on one of the major factors of OPSEC posture – the proper use of telecommunications equipment.

The Air Force uses numerous unsecured telecommunications such as telephones, radios and computer networks subject to adversarial exploitation. During normal everyday use of these unsecured systems, we can inadvertently provide an adversary with information about military capabilities, limitations, intentions, and activities. Adversaries can easily monitor these unsecured systems, which can provide enough information to make DoD units, weapon systems, defenses, and operations vulnerable to attack.

The Air Force monitors unsecured DoD telecommunications and analyzes information to identify and report OPSEC vulnerabilities and their potential effects on military operations. Reports provide operational commanders and planners with near real-time reports of classified or sensitive information disclosures that may adversely affect U.S. and allied operations.

Notice and Consent to Monitoring. Notification must be given to all users of DoD telecommunications systems or devices that they are to be used for conducting official government business and that all activities on them are subject to monitoring. Users of government telecommunications are placed on notice that their calls, e-mails and faxes are all subject to monitoring. Use of these systems and devices constitutes your consent to this monitoring. Legal reviews are conducted biennially during even numbered fiscal years to certify that users of telecommunication devices have been provided sufficient notice of consent to monitoring. Methods of consent notification include:

Installation Telephone Directory. Prominently displaying the following notice and consent statement on the front cover of telephone directories: DO NOT DISCUSS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON UNSECURE TELEPHONES. OFFICIAL DOD TELEPHONES ARE SUBJECT TO MONITORING FOR COM-
MUNICATIONS SECURITY PURPOSED AT ALL TIMES. DoD telephones are provided for the transmission of official government information only and are subject to communications security monitoring at all times. Use of official DoD telephones constitutes consent to communications security telephone monitoring in accordance with DoD Directive 4640.6.” This banner is also required on the top of the first page of the electronic version of the telephone directory.

Telephones:
• Affix a DD Form 2056, Telephone Monitoring Notification Decal, on the front of all official telephones.
• For telephones with secure voice capability that can be used in the unsecure mode, such as Secure Telephone Unit, Secure Terminal Equipment, etc., remove the words “DO NOT DISCUSS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION” from the form.

Facsimile Machines. Both of the following actions are required to notify users of facsimile machines:
• When a cover sheet is required for fax transmission, DoD 4525.8-M, AF Sup1, Official Main Manual, requires the mandatory use of AF Form 3535, Facsimile Electro Mail Transmittal, which has a notice and consent statement printed on it. If any other cover sheet is used, the following notice and consent statement must be printed on it: “Do not transmit classified information over unsecured telecommunications systems. Official DoD telecommunications systems are subject to monitoring. Using DoD telecommunications systems constitutes consent to monitoring.”
• Affix the DD Form 2056 on all facsimile machines.

Portable Electronic Devices (e.g., text pagers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones, etc.)
When issued the device, require personnel to sign a form that includes the following notice and consent statement: “Do not transmit classified information over unsecured telecommunications systems. Official DoD telecommunications systems are subject to monitoring. Using this telecommunications system or device constitutes consent to monitoring.” The signed forms will be retained by the office issuing the device until six months after the device is returned.

Hand-Held Radios/Land Mobile Radios (LMR).
• Affix the DD Form 2056 on all hand-held radios/LMRs or---
• Sign a form that includes the statement listed in AFI 33-219, A3.3.4.1. The signed forms will be retained by the office issuing the device until six months after the device is returned.

Computer Systems:
• Put users of official computer systems, including computers connected to a network, stand-alone computers, and portable laptop computers, on notice that their use constitutes consent to monitoring as specified in the banner below. Install the following log-on banner on all computers. Place the banner on the computers in such a way that the user must press a key to get beyond it, thereby demonstrating acceptance of its provisions. The banner must read:

“This is a Department of Defense computer system. This computer system, including all related equipment, networks and network devices (specifically including Internet access), are provided only for authorized U.S. Government use. DoD computer systems may be monitored for all lawful purposes, including to ensure that..."
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Complete surprise is how one teen felt when he won the My-AirForceLife.com T-shirt competition at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. recently.

Nick Berglund, son of Rich and Robin Berglund, won the competition out of 61 submissions in the youth category.

Col. Lawrence Martin, the commander of the 6th Air Mobility Wing, presented the award to Nick at his quarterly town hall meeting in a packed base theater. Nick was brought by his family on the promise of seeing a free movie following the meeting.

During the Year of the Air Force Family portion of the meeting, Dora Mays and Lisa LeConte, YOAFF project coordinators, briefed com-
their use is authorized, for management of the system, to facilitate protection against unauthorized access, and to verify security procedures, survivability, and operational security. Monitoring includes active attacks by authorized DoD entities to test or verify the security of this system. During monitoring, information may be examined, recorded, copied, and used for authorized purposes. All information, including personal information, placed on or sent over this system may be monitored. Use of the DoD computer system, authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to monitoring of this system. Unauthorized use may subject you to criminal prosecution. Evidence of unauthorized use collected during monitoring may be used for administrative, criminal, or other adverse action. Use of this system constitutes consent to monitoring for these purposes.

For non-standard and legacy systems where it is not cost effective to install a banner on the system, as determined by the MAJCOM/SC, affix the notice and consent warning banner on all computer monitors of those systems. Any telecommunications devices not otherwise referenced in this article must have a DD Form 2056 affixed or the person to whom the device is issued must sign a receipt statement including the following statement:

“This telecommunications device is subject to monitoring at all times. Using this device constitutes consent to monitoring.”

The signed forms will be retained by the office issuing the device until six months after the device is returned.

Web Pages must have the current notice and consent banner prominently displayed IAW AFI 33-219, Atch 3.

- Private/Intranet Web Homepages: Prominently display the Notice and Consent banner
on the first page of ALL unit private/intranet web homepages, or place a link to the Notice and Consent banner.

NOTE: Public Web Sites/Pages Notice and Consent banner requirements (AFI 33-219) do not apply to public web sites/pages. See AFI 33-129, para 7.1, for Privacy and Security Notice banner requirements for public web sites/pages.

For those with base intraweb access, you can print your own cost effective labels by using the electronic version of DD Form 2056 (not required to be printed in red). Electronic versions can be downloaded from the Wing Information Assurance website at: http://intraweb.macdill.af.mil/6msg/6cs/scbs/TMAP/tmap_downloads.htm

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THIS TELEPHONE IS SUBJECT TO MONITORING AT ALL TIMES.

USE OF THIS TELEPHONE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO MONITORING.

DD FORM 2056, MAY 2000

Previous editions may be used

Details concerning procedures, wording and authority may be found in AFI 33-219, Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program (TMAP). For more information, call Pam Hartnagel DSN: 968-4460.
Adm. Eric Olsen, Commander, Special Operations Command and Col. Larry Martin, 6th Air Mobility Wing Commander prepare to greet U.S. President Barack Obama at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 28, 2010. President Obama and Vice President Biden landed at MacDill in Tampa, Fla. prior to conducting a townhall-style meeting at the University of Tampa. (US Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tanika Belfield /Released)
Col. Larry Martin, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, greets U.S. President Barack Obama upon arrival at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 28, 2010. President Obama and Vice President Biden landed at MacDill prior to conducting a townhall-style meeting at the University of Tampa.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Swafford Jr.

U.S. President Barack Obama greets the MacDill Air Force Base community upon arrival here, Jan. 28. President Obama and Vice President Biden landed at MacDill prior to conducting a townhall-style meeting at the University of Tampa.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tanika Belfield

Col. Larry Martin, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, greets U.S. President Barack Obama greets upon arrival at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 28, 2010. President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden landed at MacDill AFB prior to conducting a townhall meeting at the University of Tampa. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rylan Albright/Released)
Nick immediately jumped out of his seat and joined Colonel Martin on stage. “My mom told me about the contest and said I should enter, so I decided to,” said Nick when Colonel Martin asked if he was surprised. “I am completely surprised that I won.”

Racking up 765 out of 3,839 votes in the youth category landed Nick a fully-loaded Apple MacBook valued at $2,000 including the Adobe creative suite 4 design premium package.

Last year, Air Force Services Agency officials launched MyAirForceLife.com, an interactive site to help Airmen stay connected, informed and engaged in programs as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

“The theme of our campaign is ‘The Air Force is a great place to live, work and play,’” said Mr. Mike Bensen, deputy to the commander of Air Force Services Agency. “Our focus is to make it even better for our Air Force family. The Web site highlights the core ‘Year of the Air Force Family’ programs and activities.”

“The site features programs and competitions that will roll out through the year. We are focusing on the ‘play’ part of ‘The Air Force is a great place to live, work, and play’ campaign,” said Ms. Debbie Karnes, Air Force Services Agency spokeswoman. “There’s something for everyone: short story, video short, original song, and photography competition. The site also offers a place for visitors to provide quips and quotes on how the Air Force has enriched their lives in the ‘Roger That’ section. There’s even a new, fun InstaPoll to participate in.”

To find details about the current short story competition and to enter, Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force MWR programs can log on to http://www.myairforcelife.com.


CONTEST
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Retiree Activities Office Tax help

The Retiree Activities Office is now taking appointments for 2009 Tax Returns. To make an appointment call the office at 828-0248.

Lifeguard Position Available

MacDill Air Force Base is now recruiting for Lifeguard position. Qualifications include: approved and nationally recognized certification in lifesaving and water rescue methods and skills; basic first aid training; CPR (both child and adult) training. Logon to www.macdillfss.com click on EMPLOYMENT, then click on DOCUMENTS AND FORMS and look for Lifeguard Application Package. Prior military will need to submit a copy of their DD Form 214 (Member 4 Copy). Applications can be mailed to 6FSS/FSMH, 8011 Tampa Point Blvd, 3rd Floor, MacDill AFB, FL 33621. You may also submit your applications in person to our office; we are located in Building 373 on the 3rd floor across from MacDill Inn. To fax your applications, please fax to DSN 968-5450 or Commercial (813)828-5450. For information please call (813) 828-2911 or visit us at www.macdillfss.com to view additional vacancies.

Free Pancake Breakfast

The MacDill Family Resource Center, 710 Oakfield Drive, Suite 153 in Brandon will host a Pancake Breakfast Sat, Feb. 6 from 8:30-10:30 am for families affected by a deployment. Families of service members currently deployed, as well as those who are preparing for or recently returning from a deployment are also invited.

Civil Engineer Customer Service has moved

The Civil Engineer Customer Service Center has moved to building 11. To get to the cust
er service welcome desk, you may park in the parking lot off of Hangar Loop between the CE warehouse compound and CE Readiness building (Bldg 12). Walk through the pathway of Bldg 347 and over to the front entrance of Bldg 11 “6 CES Customer Service.” For directions to the new location call 828-4351 or 828-4352.

**Base Pool Closure**

The Base Pool is closed for repair. Reopening date to come.

**Union Representation**

Bargaining Unit Employees are reminded that under Section 7114(a)(2)(B) of Chapter 71, Title 5, U.S.C., employees have the right to be represented at any examination in connection with an investigation if: a. the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee, and b. The employee requests representation. For more information, contact 6 FSS/FSMC at 828-4511.
Aeromedical Operations Evacuation Team gets the medical equipment loaded into the vehicles to be taken to the C-130 aircraft, set up the aircraft and check to make sure there is enough food and water for the crew.

Once the AES crew arrives, it checks normal flying duties and begin final preparation for the mission. After a crew brief on mission specifics, the team reviews patient records and prepare oxygen tanks and other medical equipment for use if necessary on the flight.

After more than three hours of flight, the AES crew lands and receives the patients from the MASF team. Two at a time, the patients are loaded onto the aircraft and begin receiving normal care – as if in a normal hospital. After the aeromedical evacuation flight, the patients are picked up by ambulances and transported to the local hospital nearest where they land.

Overall, eight missions have been flown so far and approximately 120 patients have been cared for.

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**EVENTS**

**Friday**

**Bayshore Club**
There will be a Membership Breakfast from 6:30 until 8:30 a.m. at the Bayshore Club.

**Surf's Edge Club**
The New “Meals in Minutes” Lunch Buffet will be having Seafood from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**SeaScapes Beach Club**
There will be Live entertainment at Tommy “Bahama” Arnold at the Tiki Hut starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Surf's Edge Club**
Drive by Pizza will be every Friday from 4 until 6 p.m. Large Cheese: $7 Large Pepperoni: $9 AP Club Members Save $1 use a Mac’Deal” Buck

**Sunday**

**SeaScapes Beach Club**
The Big Game! Bar opens at 3 p.m. Grill open 4 until 10 p.m. Enjoy complimentary bar snacks. Random giveaways & football pool to win a portable TV.

**Tuesday**

**Surf's Edge Club**
The New “Meals in Minutes” Lunch Buffet will have Soul Food from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Wednesday**

**Short Fitness & Sports Center**
Sweetheart 5K run Feb. 10 at 7 a.m. at the Fitness Center. An official King of the Road Event – sponsored by Stadium Toyota* *No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

**Outdoor Recreation**
There will be a Valentine Craft Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg 2017.

**Surf's Edge Club**
The new “Meals in Minutes” Lunch Buffet will be having Homestyle meals from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Surf's Edge Club.

**CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

**Protestant services**
Sunday - 9 a.m., Traditional Service
10:30 a.m., Religious Education, Noon, Gospel Service & 9 a.m., service, FamCamp Multipurpose Center
Tuesday - Noon, Promise Keepers
Wednesday - 10:30 a.m., Women of the Chapel
Thursday - 11:30 a.m., Officers’ Christian Fellowship
For more information regarding the Chapel or Chapel services, call 828-3621.

**Catholic services**
Saturday - Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Monday to Thursday: Mass, 12:10 p.m.
Saturday - Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m., (or by appointment)
Islamic services
Friday - 1:15 p.m.
Jewish services - Call 828-3621

**AT THE MOVIES**

$4 for adults / $2 for children 828-2780

**Friday - 7 p.m.**
Invictus (PG-13)

**Saturday - 3 p.m.**
No showing

**Saturday - 7 p.m.**
Its Complicated (R)