

# Southern Flyer



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Photo by Jeff Melvin

908th Security Forces Squadron personnel proceed through the mobility line set up in the wing headquarters building. Most of the

908th's security forces were called to active duty Nov. 8 in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

## Security forces called to active duty

By Jeffery Melvin  
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Fifty-two members of the 908th Security Forces Squadron joined the legions of reservists and Guard members called to active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Operation Noble Eagle refers to U.S. military operations in homeland defense and civil support to federal, state and local agencies in the U.S.

The security forces contingent were called to active duty Nov. 8.

"The job of Air Force Reserve units is to train people for mobilization. The fact that our security forces folks are getting called is the culmination of all the training we've been giving them over the years," Col. Thomas R. Brown 908th Airlift Wing commander, said.

Shortly after the notification wing leadership and personnel swung into action to get the

mobilization under way. The next morning many of the soon to be newly activated reservists starting flowing into the 908th headquarters building to attend briefings and process the mobilization line.

Prefacing her remarks by saying, "No longer is the 908th the only reserve unit not mobilized, now we have the best unit mobilized," Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Christine Lafferty filled the group in on the day's planned activities.

The MPF had worked virtually 13 hours nonstop, she said, to set up "the quickest in processing" the group would ever see.

She then laid out a schedule of activities such as processing the mobility line, checking shots, required training, leave and earning statements, wills/powers of attorneys, classroom briefing by finance, family support and TriCare personnel, etc.

She concluded with an appeal to the group to

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## News Notes

### Gas masks need bar codes

All personnel who have gas masks at home, should return them to their units, so the masks can be bar-coded.

### SGLI grace period extended

The grace period to reduce or decline spouse coverage to be effective Nov. 1 for all personnel has been extended to Dec. 31. Anyone desiring to cancel SGLI Family Coverage should go to 908th MPF, Customer Service, Bldg. 1056, Room 109.

### Reserve Recruiting moves

Reserve Recruiting has temporarily moved to Bldg. 678, 2nd floor, while renovations are being made to Bldg. 903. Anyone needing assistance, should go to the new location. The phone numbers remain the same.

### 357th AS needs senior 3SO

The 357th Airlift Squadron is in search of an E-6/E-7 3S071 (personnel type) to fill the position of NCOIC of the Orderly Room. This position is an E-7 (MSgt) slot. Individual must be motivated, people oriented and must have completed NCO Academy. Broad experience within the Personnel Career Field is a plus. Those interested, should send their resumes to richard.cantrell@maxwell.af.mil NLT Dec. 1.

### Corley to get first star

Former 908th Airlift Wing vice commander, Robert L. Corley, currently MA to the director of plans and programs for Air Mobility Command, is one of 10 Air Force Reserve colonels nominated by the president for promotion to brigadier general. Additionally, four brigadier generals were nominated for promotion to the next higher rank.

Nominated for a second star are: Brig. Gens. **James P. Czekanski**, **Hugh H. Forsythe**, **Douglas S. Metcalf**, and **Betty L. Mullis**.

Along with Corley, nominated for promotion to brigadier general are: Cols. **Mark W. Anderson**, **John H. Bordelon Jr.**, **David L. Frostman**, **Linda S. Hemminger**, **Robert W. Marcott**, **Clay T. McCutchan**, **Harold L. Mitchell**, **James M. Sluder III**, and **Erika C. Steuterman**.

# Continue to prepare, cherish family, friends and enjoy the holidays



Col. Thomas R. Brown

By Col. Thomas R. Brown  
908th Airlift Wing commander

It's hard to imagine

Christmas is just a few weeks away, and New Years a week later. Between the aftermath of Sept. 11 and my own pending retirement, time has taken on a surreal quality.

As noted on the front page, 52 members of our Security

Forces Squadron were activated Nov. 8 in support of Operation Noble Eagle. For many of them, activation was merely a formality, since they have been supporting the 42<sup>nd</sup> Air Base Wing since Sept. 12. However, as they in processed for active duty, almost half needed to update their Emergency Data Card. That takes time in the processing line. If you have any doubt about the information on your AF Form 93, please see customer service and update it NOW. This was our first activation for the current situation – it may not be our last.

We have also deployed an alert aircraft for Noble Eagle operations. I expect that requirement will go on for the foreseeable future.

Although my successor hasn't been named formally, the tentative plan calls for a change of command ceremony Feb. 9. Stand by for further changes!

Many of our friends in uniform will spend the holidays in the 'stans' floating in the Arabian Sea or in some other garden spot instead of with their families. For those of us who are

fortunate enough to be home during the holidays, I hope you will take time to appreciate and cherish your time with family and friends. It may give you some perspective when dealing with your relatives to take a moment to remember those who will not be so lucky this year.

As you travel to be with family, please be careful. The holidays are a lousy time to spend in the hospital — or to have a funeral. So make sure you are rested before heading "over the river and through the woods," always buckle up, and take it easy with the Egg Nog.

Heartfelt thanks to all who put together my retirement bash and golf tournament last month, you really outdid yourself. Special thanks to Col. Brad Lynn who headed up the planning; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David Lionberger and Tech. Sgt. Wendy Henley who spearheaded the golf tournament; and Staff Sgt. Bree Mann who produced a super program. I would also like to thank all who worked on the program committees. For those who missed it, Lt. Col. Bill Forshey performed a skit, of some old guy, that drew quite a reaction from the crowd. Carole and I really enjoyed it.

Carole and I send our best wishes for a joyous holiday season to all in the 908<sup>th</sup> family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2002.



## Who Cares! We should all care

By Tech. Sgt. Don Smith  
908th Civil Engineering Squadron

Okay, here's the scenario. You are at a convenience store. A clerk behind the counter waits on a customer. An elderly gentleman looks at something on one of the shelves. Suddenly, you hear that familiar buzz as the door opens, and another man walks in. He is wearing BDU pants, black T-shirt, and his boots are bloused. He is not wearing a blouse or a hat. Is he just someone who picked up his clothing at the local army surplus store? No. He is a member of the armed forces. *Who cares?*

Next scenario. As you head into Wal-Mart one Saturday evening you notice someone in uniform. You can tell he's in the military by all the patches and the rank insignia. But lo and behold, this guy isn't wearing his hat! And he's walking across the parking lot. *Who cares?*

Once more, you are in a restaurant. You have been dining with some friends this evening. You happen to notice some guys in BDUs and Air Force blues. Two of the guys are wearing their hats. *Who cares?*

Here's another. As you are walking in the local mall downtown, you notice several people in military uniforms.

One is a guy who is wearing BDUs and one is a woman wearing blues. The woman's uniform looks sharp. Her shoes are highly polished and she is wearing her hair and make-up in accordance with standards. However, the guy in BDUs is looking kind of scruffy. His uniform looks like he was rolled over by a greasy truck and his hair is over his ears. His sideburns are an inch below his earlobe! *Who cares?*

*We all should care!* The way we present ourselves to the public is critical. The Reserve and National Guard have been viewed as unprofessional weekend warrior wannabes at times! That is not an image that we — as *professionals* — want to reinforce. We have a proud heritage and we a part of a bigger picture. We have a duty to project the proper image and give John Q. Public the impression his money's wellspent. We make major sacrifices to be in the Reserve and National Guard. We selflessly serve our country. The nation relies on a strong and professional military force.

So, when you see someone wearing his or her uniform incorrectly, don't be afraid to say something to correct it. Wear your hat when you are supposed to. Polish your boots (civilians love to see spit shined boots) and keep your shirts on in public. We are all in this thing together and we have an obligation to adhere to the standards. *Be a professional!*



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## ... Called to active duty



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Col. Tom Brown speaks to 908 SFS members before the start of mobility processing and briefings. He's accompanied by (from left) Plans Technician Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney, Military Personnel Flight Commander Maj. Troy Vonada, and Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Christine Lafferty.

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 “take care of each other and to let us know if you have any problems.”

While the processing, briefings and question and answer sessions went smoothly, there were no pat answers or ready cures for two concerns, the uncertainty of not knowing when/where or if they were going away and concern for their families. All in all the group proceeded in a businesslike manner, masking their concerns.

Several shared their concerns, however. Senior Airman Derrick Salley admitted being “kind of scared. This is my first time. I’ve only been in two years. I don’t know what to think. I don’t know where we’re going.” He then said although he was nervous he was “excited. Hopefully we’ll get the job done and come back home.”

Senior Airman Rinickey Snell said, “I feel I’m ready and if I’m not ready then I’m going to get ready.” Snell, like many of the security forces personnel, has been voluntarily augmenting the host base security forces since Sept. 13.

Snell sees the activation as even more of a chance to help. She, too, expressed concern about the uncertainty but quickly volunteered “but I know I’ll be taken care of regardless of where I am because all of us are together.”

Tech. Sgt. Michael Talley also voiced concern about the uncertainty of not knowing where he was going or how long he would be away but he was upbeat. “My family is taken care of -- I made sure of that. They’re just concerned about how long I’ll be gone.”

He has no doubt “it’s the right thing to do. I enlisted 13 years ago to

serve my country... I feel it’s my duty. It’s what I signed up for. I’m ready.”

Commenting on his unit’s call to active duty, Maj. Steven Barnett, SFS commander, said, “It all comes down to sacrifice. Every member within our squadron has had to make major sacrifices in their lives to become activated. Whether it’s leaving one’s job, being the owner of your own business, leaving college in the middle of a semester, turning in your police badge and car, and more importantly leaving your family and loved ones, it’s a sacrifice myself and others within the squadron knew someday we might have to make.

“We have the easy job. The families, employers, customers, and the public in general are the one’s making the real sacrifices. As long as we have their continued support we are trained and prepared to meet any challenge presented us.”

Colonel Brown agreed. “It’s a lot more difficult task than just picking up the phone and saying, ‘Come in.’ These people have lives in their communities. Whether they have spouses or not, they have residences and cats and things like that they must make arrangements for. Even if you’re single and living, say, in Atlanta you have an apartment or a house you have to find someone to look after. ...”

He isn’t worried about how they’ll handle themselves even though “we seem to have quite a few young folks in security forces.”

He isn’t worried because the unit was mobilized virtually in tact, including the unit commander and first sergeant.

“I think those kids are going to do great,” Brown said.

## 357th duo earn shot at commissioning, pilot training

By Jeffery Melvin  
 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Despite different paths and circumstances two young college graduates are nearing common goals and destinations – commissioning, flight training and entry in the 908<sup>th</sup> family.

John R. Moody and Brandon C. Hemphill will get the opportunity to become Air Force Reserve officers, add pilot wings to their uniforms and fulfill their military service commitments as members of the 908<sup>th</sup>’s 357<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

The duo were introduced to

squadron members during a swearing in ceremony Nov. 3 after being notified of their selection for specialized undergraduate pilot training by the HQ AFRC OTS/ SUPT/SUNT (specialized undergraduate navigator training) Selection Board that met at Robins AFB Sep. 25.

The board selected 37 candidates for SUPT and two for SUNT. Applicants are considered using the “whole-person concept” i.e., education and aptitude, potential and adaptability, private flying experience, grade point average and type and level of degree awarded.

How Moody and Hemphill reached this milestone features common elements as well as some notable differences.

Similarities. Both come from families with military connections. Moody’s father is a decorated Vietnam War helicopter pilot; Hemphill’s father served in the Air Force.

Both young men were Eagle Scouts. Both have ties to the area. John grew up about 90 miles east of Montgomery in Newnan, Ga. Brandon has had a Montgomery connection since his high school years when his family’s military

travels brought them here to Maxwell AFB.

And the two pilot candidates’ academic credentials are impressive. Hemphill graduated Cum Laude from Rhodes College in Memphis with a bachelor’s degree in biological science and a minor in religious studies. He also participated in student exchange program in Northern Ireland.

Moody graduated Cum Laude from Newnan High School. From there he enrolled at the University of Georgia, graduating with a degree in finance.

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# TAC Week = hard work, quality training, fun

By Jeffery Melvin  
908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The weeklong slate of concentrated tactical flying training activities Oct. 13-21 was an exam of sorts for the people throughout the wing who participated and according to one of the 'instructors' who designed the 'test', the exam takers received high marks.

"TAC Week was very successful. I would give it an 'A' rating. Ninety percent of most aircrew goals and tactical requirements were met, seven flight evaluations were administered, 88 percent of the missions that were scheduled flew, and maintenance performed a chemical evacuation exercise of an aircraft," Maj. Don Richey, tactics officer, 357<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, said. Richey did a large amount of the preliminary planning for TAC Week missions.

TAC Week, he said, was exceptionally beneficial to all who participated, from the aerial porters, to the flight crews, maintenance, intelligence, and life support personnel.

"TAC Week was designed to give everyone involved a realistic look at how we would perform if activated, and to challenge us by increasing our ops tempo to a real world level. It was designed to concentrate on completing training requirements first, then focusing on upgrade training. We varied the training profiles to introduce techniques and procedures that we normally do not have the flexibility to train with on a day-to-day basis. I feel that if the ball were to drop tomorrow, the 908th would be better prepared to do their job based on the training TAC Week provided. Special thanks are in store all 908AW personnel who took the time to participate, and also to Maj. Lee Pittman and the folks at the 42OSS, for putting in the extra hours to support our flying ops and keeping the airfield and assault strip open over the weekend," Richey added.

Pilot Scheduler Capt Jeremy Mickelson who flew as a aircrew member on one of the aircraft during some of the multi-ship formations gave TAC Week a resounding thumbs up, too.

"TAC Week is especially exciting because it gives us an opportunity to fly with these large formation of



C-130 drops bundles at the drop zone.

Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

airplanes versus what we might do routinely around here for training (usually 1- or 2-ship formation)."

Along with expanded training, TAC Week also offers old-fashioned fun. "I would say that I speak for most people in this unit when I say as far as C-130 flying goes the most exciting part is the tactical side, the low level airdrop mission," Mickelson commented.

Aerial Porters gave TAC Week good reviews, too and for similar reasons. Air cargo processor Tech. Sgt. Adriel Carr said although TAC Week meant extra hours for him and his fellow aerial porters it also represented an unmatched training opportunity.

Co-worker Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sara Terry liked TAC Week for another reason – after the hard work culminating in the successful airdrops there's an element of fun – driving the 'toys' such as the units armored personnel carriers and other heavy equipment back from the drop zone.

TAC Week, they said, is eagerly anticipated each year.

Mickelson agrees. In fact, he could only think of one suggested improvement – "TAC Week once a quarter instead of once year." The idea is already under advisement, he said.

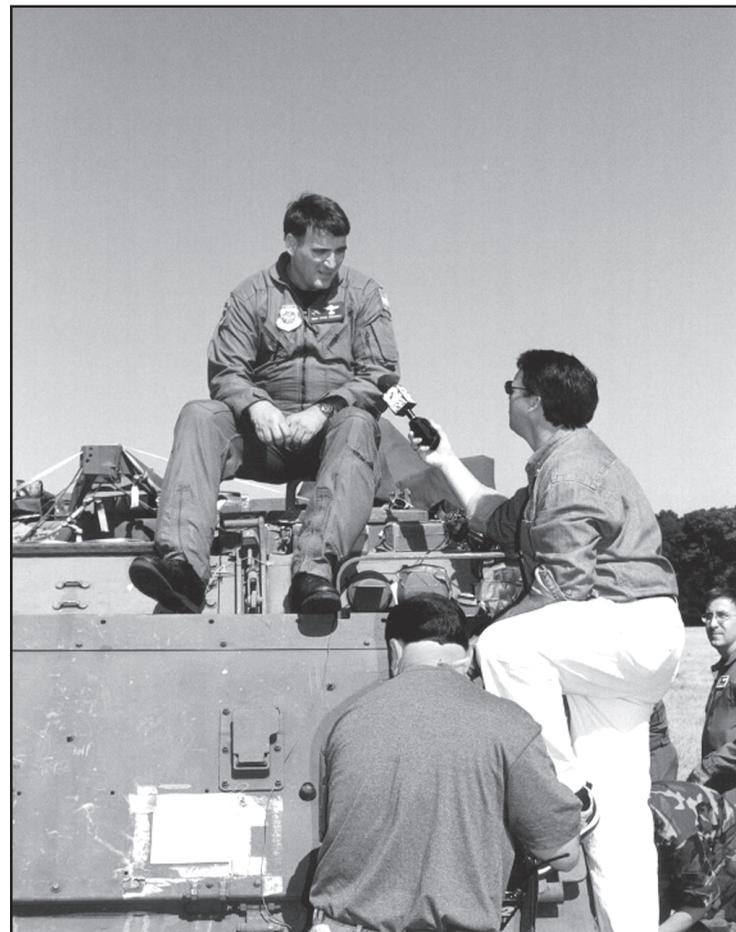
His reason for wanting more. "It only benefits us, sharpens the skills of all the crew members, maintenance, flight management – everybody."



25APS personnel pack chutes.



Above, parachutes bearing 25APS' 'toys' float to the ground. Left, a television news crew interviews loadmaster scheduler Senior Master Sgt. Donald Tarrance.



## ... Duo earn shot at commissioning, pilot training

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Just as there are many similarities between the two there are some differences, including how they arrived at this juncture.

Moody has dreamed of flying since childhood, inspired by his father who flew helicopters in Vietnam. "I saw the home videos he took over there and it really sparked an interest in the military," he said.

His father always steered him toward the military.

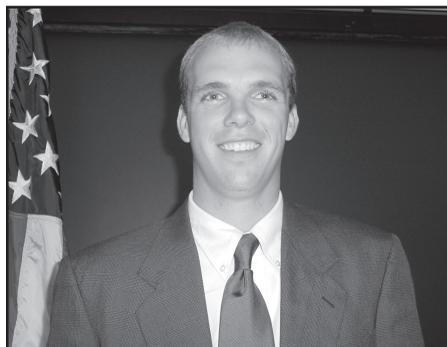
"I was a Boy Scout, an Eagle Scout and I did some flying in high school. I let it slide during college to focus more on my academics. Then during my last semester, I picked it back up and finished my pilot's license over the summer."

He also took one year of ROTC in high school. Although he didn't take ROTC in college, he had friends who did.

"I just wanted to be a kid and have some fun in school but I knew this (the military and flying) was where I was going to end up."

While his military service may have been preordained, his association with Maxwell and the 357<sup>th</sup> was pure coincidence.

He had heard about the Air Force Reserve from some friends at Dobbins ARB and was shopping around for a unit. Returning to Newnan from an interview at



**Brandon Hemphill**

Keesler AFB, he thought, "Why not stop in at Maxwell and check it out."

It was his lucky day. He was able to talk to 357<sup>th</sup> AS Commander Lt. Col. Michael "UK" Underkofler and learned a meeting with all applicants interested in being nominated for the OTS SUPT/SUNT selection board was scheduled for the next day. Underkofler told him to return the next day if he was interested.

"I came back. I met a lot of the officers. I felt real comfortable here and I got selected. It was luck of the draw that I showed up one day before the interview day. Luckily I got selected and got sponsored," Moody said.

Hemphill's Maxwell connection has less of an element of luck associated with it. He has family ties to area, stemming from his father's military service, and his participation in an emerging family business enterprise, a Montgomery-based



**John Moody**

Photos by Jeff Melvin

healthcare company.

However, one could argue that there's an element of chance or fate associated with his new career as well.

"I was on my way to medical school. Everything I had done was in preparation for going to med school. ... In doing volunteer work with ophthalmologists the more I realized it wasn't for me. So I started looking around. I took the summer off after my senior year and began pursuing the opportunity of flying."

Hemphill's interest in flying wasn't as pronounced as Moody's but he said he definitely knew that he enjoyed flying. He recalled how much he enjoyed trips when the family flew to their destinations.

Flying had another appeal, challenge. "Most of the things I learned in college were because I enjoyed learning. I enjoyed being challenged and finding new

obstacles. And what I found in flying was a great enjoyment. Being able to fly is relaxing. I found it's a great intellectual challenge as well and I'm always searching for challenges to pursue."

Just as flying was his second career choice, the Air Force Reserve wasn't his first choice, either. Fortunately, Hemphill has a knack for picking winners the second time around.

Initially, he sought the chance to pursue his new interests via the active duty route.

"Then I found a few friends who were pursuing pilot slots through the Reserve. Everything I heard was leading me to believe this was the best-kept secret in the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve. I got rather excited. Then I came and talked to Lieutenant Colonel Underkofler and found out what I needed to do. I've been preparing for this for a better part of this year."

Different paths and circumstances, common goals and destinations – commissioning, flight training and entry in the 908<sup>th</sup> family.

**Editor's note: According to 357AS Commander Lt. Col. Mike Underkofler, the 357th had more people selected for UPT than any other AFRC unit. A third candidate, Capt. Luke Bentley, came from the active duty ranks.**

# Reserve Affairs offers help for called up reservists

By Rudi Williams  
Americans Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The military can't build a bridge, fly a tanker or air defense sortie or do much of anything without help from the National Guard and Reserve. That's because the reserve components make up nearly 50 percent of the total armed forces,



Craig W. Duehring

according to Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

So far, more than 40,000 guardsmen and reservists have been called up to reinforce active duty units participating in Operation Enduring Freedom. Some are freeing up active duty service members for overseas duty while others are being deployed overseas.

The citizen-soldiers from all the services, including the Coast Guard, are doing everything from law enforcement, medical and intelligence to combat air patrol, air refueling operations and port security operations.

Duehring, a retired Air Force colonel and Silver Star medal recipient who flew more than 800 combat missions during the Vietnam War, serves as the senior deputy to the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs in policy development and overall supervision of Reserve forces.

When Enduring Freedom started, reserve affairs officials composed a set of rules and guidelines giving units ideas and directives about the mobility process and their time on active duty. The information is also available on the reserve affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/>.

"We get a lot of questions from service members and their families who are going through this very disruptive process," Duehring said. "To help them, we've created a family tool kit. This is also available on our Web site, where you'll find answers for virtually every issue that could possibly come up. There are answers for everything from pay questions to the duration of the mobilization, to whom do I contact if I have an emergency while the military member is gone. There's also information about handling problems before the service members is called up."

"How long?" is probably the first question reserve component personnel and families have been asking, he said. "Not exceeding 12 months," Duehring noted. "That doesn't mean they're actually going to stay on active duty that long, but this was our best guess as to what we thought was reasonable for publishing the orders. It also allows service members to take advantage of some of the medical programs that have 'tripwires' to cross before they can activate them."

However, he said there would be exceptions to

the 12-month rule on a case-by-case basis.

The call ups for Enduring Freedom have been an "unsettling time" for guardsmen and reservists and their employers, Duehring said, pointing out that the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve has been busy seven days a week. "Committee members across the country talk to employers and reservists in an effort to resolve specific problems," he said.

Service members and employers seeking information can call 1-800-336-4590, or tap into the employer support Web site at [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org). People with questions that are not answered on the Web site are welcome to call the reserve affairs public inquiries line at (703) 693-8617.

"The employers, who are critical components of the Reserve family, have been absolutely wonderful," Duehring said. "These are the people who sign the paychecks so that our people can eat, so that our families can buy clothing, can go to school, can live.

"So we've asked employers to sign a statement of support for their employees who are members of the Reserve components," he noted.

Reserve affairs is encouraging employers to try to find ways to show their support for guardsmen and reservists who work for them. Some companies, for instance, make up the difference in military and civilian pay so their employees don't lose any money while on active duty, Duehring said.

"There are other ways, too, they can help our people out — perhaps working with the families or in different areas that might be unique to the individuals and their personal situations," he noted.

Help is also available for reserve component personnel and their families at several places around the country, Duehring said. "Every military organization has a family support center to help families cope with the absence of service members," he noted. "Family members can go to the closest military facility — and don't worry if it's a Navy facility, an Air Force or an Army facility, they'll be the same. You can get your questions answered there if you'd prefer to talk to somebody face to face."

Service members and employers have rights and obligations under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, or USERRA. The act guarantees that service members must be allowed to go when mobilized and return to his or her job or a job of like pay and status in the same organization, Duehring said.

Mobilization pay and allowances are handled exactly the same way as for active duty members. For example, guardsmen and reservists called up can take up to 30 days' advance pay to cover unexpected bills that might crop up before they have to leave. But, primarily, pay and allowance issues should be the same as those of active duty members.

Duehring said members can pay back the 30-day advance in installments.

"Once members come on active duty, they're covered by TRICARE," he said. "If they come on

active duty for more than 30 days, their families are also eligible for TRICARE Extra or TRICARE Standard. We have some special provisions in effect for Enduring Freedom. For example, we'll cover the deductible cost that's associated with TRICARE Standard. The families of individuals on active duty for 179 days or more are also eligible for TRICARE Prime, which has very low co-payments and no deductibles."

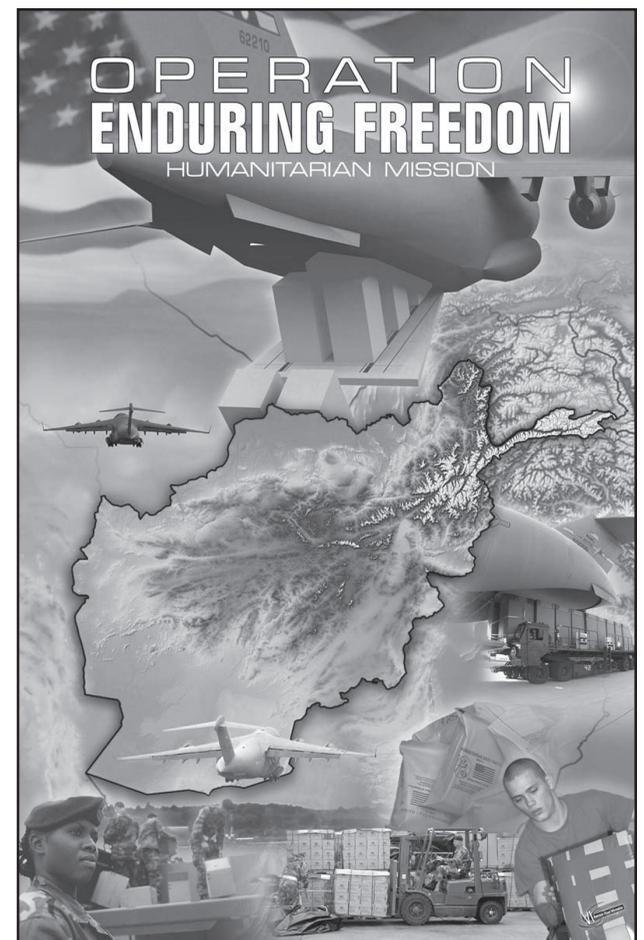
Service members have another option for medical care: They can elect to keep their own healthcare benefits, which they may have privately or through their employers. "In this case, we will pay up to 115 percent of the TRICARE costs associated with a particular treatment," Duehring said. "If this gets a little bit confusing, just contact your local TRICARE provider to answer the questions.

"After members' active duty time is over, they can keep TRICARE in effect for up to 30 days or until such time as another healthcare insurance policy comes into effect," he said.

Duehring said college students who are called up should contact the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, or SOC, for help in solving any problems they may encounter.

"We've been absolutely flooded with telephone calls, e-mails and letters from people who wish to volunteer their services in defense of their country," he said. "But we don't have an organized program for volunteers at this time."

He suggested that those who want to volunteer discuss the possibility with their service's reserve personnel centers. "Or, they might seek to volunteer in another capacity at a local level to help our country through this very trying period," Duehring noted.



**December UTA Schedule**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/OPR</u>
<b>Friday, Nov. 30, 2001</b>			
1600	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC
<b>Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001</b>			
<b>0730</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0900	Lab/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Amn/NCO/SNCO Quarterly Boards	Bldg. 1056 & Community Ctr
0830	1200	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD/Flu only)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefing (30-minute Brief)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	1630	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 849/Upstairs Training Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 112, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Manager's (UDM) Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Command Post CAT Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1400	CDC Testing (Crse 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom Only, Firing Sun)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1300	1500	Joint Inspection (Cargo Prep)	Bldg. 846, APS Hangar
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
<b>Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001</b>			
<b>0630</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0730	0800	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0800	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	1130	Pallet Buildup Training	Bldg. 1055/ CES Classroom
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (all units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
1000	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1130	1200	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/HC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 501/Rm 115/DPMT
1230	1430	Pallet Buildup Training	Bldg. 1210/SFS
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Maxwell Community Center, Bldg. 834
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1400	1500	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's office
1600	TBD	Sign-Out	Orderly Rm

**Support functions' schedule**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Dates &amp; hours of operation</u>		<u>Location/Ext.</u>
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
	1200-1600		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Billeting office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

**FY 02 UTA Dates**

**Jan. 12-13; Feb. 9-10; March 2-3;  
April 6-7; May 4-5; June 8-9; July 13-14; Aug.  
10-11; Sep. 7-8**

**December UTA Lodging**

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- \* Input your unit's authorization code
- \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- \* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

**If you have a question please contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Godwin at:**

Commercial: (334) 953-7332  
DSN: 493-7332  
Email: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil  
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the December UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

**Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.**

**Airlift Schedule**

**Aurora Airlift**

**UTA pick-up schedule Friday:**

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:**

**Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530**

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local  
Depart Aurora at 1845 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

**Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift**

**UTA pick-up schedule Friday:**

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:**

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

## Take Note

**Congratulations to the following people.**

### Promotions

... to Senior Master Sergeant

**Chad Heaton, CES**

... to Master Sergeant

**Darrell Bogan, AES**

**Robert Brettin, CES**

**Nicholas Monday, MSS**

**Sherrie Richards, CES**

**Guy Shields, 25APS**

... to Technical Sergeant

**Lee Cobb, CES**

**David Garrett, 357AS**

**Maurice Guffey III, OSF**

**Darryl Kinney, 25APS**

**Valeria Knight, ASTS**

**Anjanette Lane, ASTS**

**Wilfredo Navidad-Perez, 25APS**

**Albert Washington Jr, 25APS**

... to Staff Sergeant

**Richard Neal, 357AS**

... to Senior Airman

**Cynthia Abner, ASTS**

**Gregory Davis, MXS**

**Richard Valarezo, OSF**

### Fall CCAF graduates

**Tech. Sgt. Andrew Butler, 908MSS,**  
Personnel Administration

**Tech. Sgt. Myers Hawkins III, 908MXS,**  
NonDestructive Testing Technology

**Staff. Sgt. Nov Ing, 908AES, Food &**  
Nutritional Science

### Sharp Troop Award winner

**Tech. Sgt. Sharon Jones, 357AS**

## "RedHat" Corner

The following is a list of recent wing expert shooters; all firing was done on the CATS machine (Combat Arms Training Simulator). 40 is a perfect score for the M16 Rifle, and 36/36 is perfect for the M9 Pistol.

### M16

Senior Master Sgt. O. Watkins CES 39

Capt. K. Fuqua CES 38

Tech. Sgt. T. Jones 25APS

### M9

Tech. Sgt. W. Floyd AW 36/36

Tech. Sgt. H. Goolsby 25APS 36/36

Maj. M. Ternus AES 36/36

Master Sgt. J. Weber AES 36/36

2nd Lt C. Weed LSS 36/36

Tech. Sgt. B. Wilson 357AS 36/36

Lt Col. D. Boyer ASTS 35/36

2nd Lt. T. McCollum AES 35/36

Staff Sgt. W. Orth ASTS 35/36

Senior Airman S. Scarcliff AES 35/36

Tech. Sgt. M. Searcy 357AS 35/36

Master Sgt. M. Richards 357AS 34/36

Maj. A. Click 357AS 33/36

Tech. Sgt. M. Higgins 25APS 33/36

Staff Sgt. A. Nivson CF 33/36

Senior Airman J. Towery AES 33/36

Master Sgt. E. Champagne 357AS 32/36

Senior Airman L. Jursa ASTS 31/36

Master Sgt. W. Frost SFS

Staff Sgt. T. Haney AES

Maj. K. Moore 357AS

Maj. J. Starr AES



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## Top student

357AS's operations technician Staff Sgt. Richard Neal earned the AETC Commanders Award after graduating from the 1COX2 (Operations Resource Management Apprentice) Tech School. According to his supervisor, Master Sgt. Scott Ratcliff, "You have to maintain at least a 98 percent average but it is geared more toward being a class leader versus just academic scores. It's for superior academic achievement and high standards of leadership, teamwork, and character. He was the class leader as a Senior Airman. Out of six tests he only missed one question." Neal, credits his 10 years of prior active duty service with being a contributing factor in his standout performance. He's worked in the 357th since January.

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To the Family of:



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## Med tech at work

Senior Airman Monica Stallworth, 908ASTS, administers at TB tine test during the November UTA. Stallworth and other medical services

technicians routinely provide medical services such as the TB test and the flu shot immunizations they're administering now.