

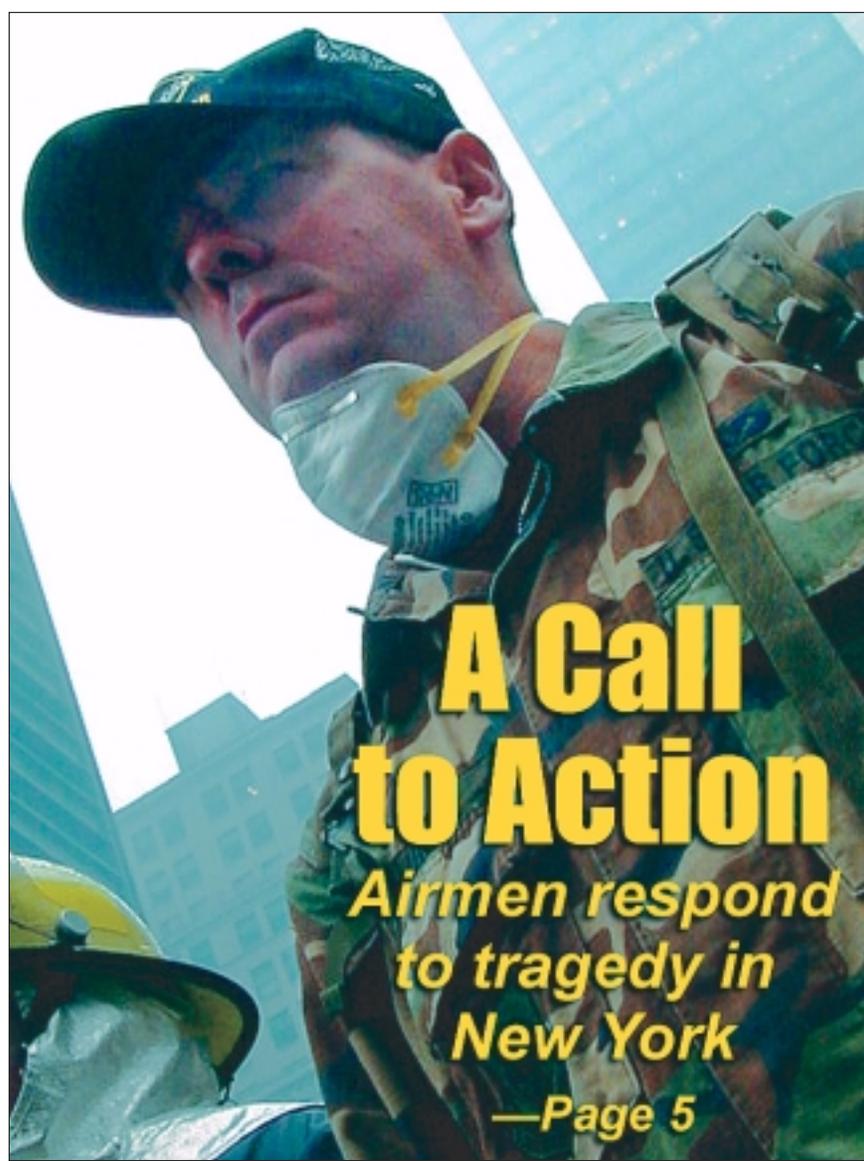
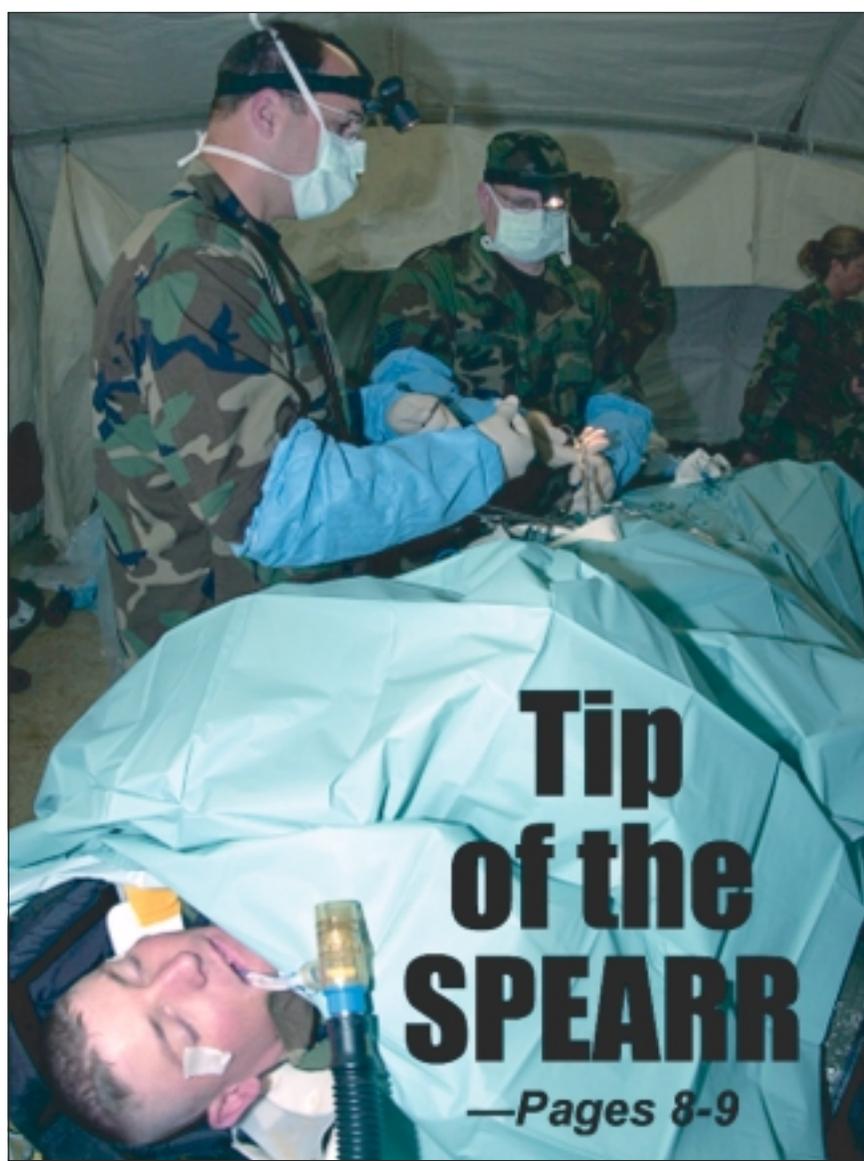
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News in Brief

Outstanding performers

■ After a worker at a remote site was bitten by a fox, Senior Airman Kenneth Watson of the Public Health Flight convinced the site supervisor to fly him to Anchorage for treatment even before rabies tests on the fox were complete. The fox eventually tested positive, and Watson's action ensured the victim was treated in time to prevent the disease.

■ Senior Airman Gabriel Adams, Senior Airman Chris Reamsnyder, Senior Airman James Vandenberg and Airman 1st Class Jeffery Micciche comprised the 3rd Component Repair Squadron's Nestable Fuel Tank Buildup Team during the Pacific Air Forces Combat Employment Readiness Inspection. They completed all six tanks in seven and a half hours—more than four hours shorter than required.

Commander's shadow

Airman 1st Class Akendra Kent of the 3rd Medical Group is this week's commander's shadow.

Handicap housing

Handicap units are currently under construction in the new Boniface-Ship Creek housing area.

Anyone living on base or on the waiting list who may be qualified for



COURTESY PHOTO

High STEP-er

Tech. Sgt. Eva Kingrey, 611th Air Control Squadron, gets a new stripe from Lt. Gen. Norty Schwarz (left), commander of Alaskan Command, and supervisor Master Sgt. Dave Leffler. Kingrey was promoted under the Stripes to Exceptional Performers program.

a handicap unit must provide a written request to the housing office with the appropriate medical documentation. For more information, call 552-2547 or 4439.

Responding to tragedy

A web site highlighting the Air

Force's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been posted online by the Air Force News Agency.

"Responding to Tragedy" features stories, photos and information about how Air Force people responded to the attacks.

You can find the web site at www.af.mil/news/tragedy.

Action Line

Q Since July 1, every vehicle must have a base sticker or a pass in the window. I would like to know why this applies to motorcycles?

There is no place to put a sticker without ruining the paint on the bike. My fairing and windshield are plastic. So I've got a 30-day pass and it goes in my wallet. I have to stop anyway to show my pass and can just as easily show my ID. Bikes should be exempt for those who take care of their bike.

A Motorcycles need to be registered on base like all other vehicles. If you don't want to put the sticker on the motorcycle frame, you can purchase a bracket for the stickers, ensuring the paint is not ruined. Motorcycles are not exempt.

Q I live in Houston housing in a duplex. My neighbor just moved and had a shed we used to store our lawn mower and tools. Someone has moved the shed, and my tools and lawn mower are sitting outside in the rain to rust.

We have no garages in our housing area, so I can't store these

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your thoughts and questions—good or bad—directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil



Brig. Gen.
Doug Fraser

items inside. I've spoken with housing and the civil engineers, and their hands are pretty much tied because they are not getting any more sheds this year—and when they do get sheds, there are about 100 people on the list in front of me.

I'm not trying to take anything away from anyone, but couldn't those service members who have no garages have priority on getting a shed?

A We plan to provide sheds for families in the Houston, unrenovated New Sunflower, and Douglas housing areas—all houses without garages—in our long-term housing plan.

We conducted a survey of these

areas in March 2001 and identified homes without sheds and developed and submitted a funding request to PACAF. Unfortunately, because PACAF funds for housing improvements are limited, we do not have the money to provide sheds quickly. We will continue to get funding for these sheds.

Additionally, we do not have a waiting list for sheds. When any Military Family Housing unit gets a government provided storage shed, that shed is part of the unit and should not be transferred or moved to a different location. We only know of one government shed moved this summer. The Housing Office spoke with the person and the shed should have already been returned.



The War against TERROR

In America's war against terrorism, everyone in the military family—active, retired, reserve,

guard, DoD civilian and family member—is in the front line. Beginning today, force protection, anti-terrorism and updates on this "new war" will be featured in this space to help ensure every member of our community knows his or her role.

For starters, here are some basic things you can do every day, wherever you are:

OBSERVE: Maintain situational awareness at home, at work or when traveling. Pay attention to strange vehicles, unexpected or unsolicited deliveries, and out-of-place or suspicious packages, boxes, brief cases, etc.

COMMUNICATE: Keep your family, neighbors and law enforcement informed.

PARTICIPATE: Be part of a neighborhood watch program, or consider starting one.

SECURE: Keep doors and windows locked at home, at the office and especially in your car.

REPORT: If you encounter anything suspicious—a person's behavior, a vehicle, a phone call, an e-mail, a request for information or a personal contact—don't hesitate: Report it immediately to one of the following organizations:

- Air Force Office of Special Investigations, 552-2256 or 2934
- FBI Anchorage, 265-9819
- 3rd Security Forces Squadron, 552-3421.

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George Woodward
Chief, Internal Information



3rd Wing History Moment



Sept. 15, 1921: The 1st Surveillance Group was redesignated the 3rd Group (Attack) at Kelly Field, Texas. The group was equipped with DeHavilland DH-4s like the one pictured.



An Elmendorf Welcome

Base opens its doors to stranded passengers

By Staff Sgt. George Woodward
3rd Wing Public Affairs

It was 6:15 a.m. when Master Sgt. James McCarty switched off the movie his son had been watching and saw the World Trade Center engulfed in flames.

When he arrived at his office, he heard the Federal Aviation Administration was grounding all U.S. aircraft.

"That's when I began to think we'd be called into action," McCarty said.

As the superintendent of the Family Support Center, McCarty is responsible for organizing and running noncombatant evacuation operations. So, McCarty dusted off his books and waited.

He didn't have to wait long.

"As I remember, we heard about a plane being diverted to Elmendorf around 0830," McCarty said.

The plane was a chartered commercial jet carrying about 260 military members, DoD civilians and

their families. It was just an hour into its flight from Seattle to Japan when it was diverted.

Before the plane was on the ground, McCarty and his team were preparing to accommodate 160 people—all the passengers without small children—in the Community Center. Elsewhere, the 3rd Services Squadron was working to get 40 families with small children rooms in Anchorage.

Before long, just about every support unit on base was helping.

"It was really moving to see the entire community coming together," said Maj. Chuck Armentrout, the 3rd Mission Support Squadron commander. "The AMC terminal folks, transportation, the civil engineers, the chaplains, the first sergeants, finance, the library, the Red Cross, the Armed Services YMCA, and particularly Services and the Family Support Center were incredible.

"As an example, the Family Support Center staff members each 'adopted' a hotel and contacted each

Thanks from a stranded passenger

I'd like to express my appreciation to those at Elmendorf responsible for our stay during the national emergency related to the horrific events that unfolded Sept. 11.

I and more than 250 others departed Seattle early that morning for a routine flight delivering DoD personnel and families to Japan. An hour after takeoff, we were diverted to Elmendorf.

Even though all of us were still in shock, the people of Elmendorf were hard at work trying to ensure that we were made as comfortable as possible. We were immediately

provided shelter, food and as many amenities as they possibly could provide, given the large amount of folks they were required to accommodate.

I would expressly like to thank those folks at the Elmendorf Community Center who had to put up with an awful lot during those three days. Many thanks to all those who spent untold hours providing assistance, from guarding doors, to providing transportation to ensuring we had clean towels.

—Master Sgt. David A. Charles
Misawa Air Base, Japan

of the stranded passengers staying there several times a day to keep them informed and check on their needs. They made several trips downtown to provide money, diapers, baby food, formula and even coats from the Airmen's Attic."

Back at the Community Center, McCarty and his team were dealing with all kinds of issues. On the first afternoon, for example, passengers reported difficulty in making phone calls. The Air Force Aid Society provided phone cards, and McCarty distributed 83 of them.

But not all of the issues were so easy to deal with.

"Two of the military people had immediate family members die back in the lower 48," McCarty said. "I was so impressed with how our people handled that. The Red Cross did a great job tracking these folks down here at Elmendorf, since they were supposed to have been in Japan. Then the chaplains and the 3rd MSS first sergeant, Master Sgt. (Stefney)

Dunson, worked to help these folks in their time of need. Finally, the (732nd) Air Mobility Squadron got them out on the next available flight."

Despite the difficult moments, McCarty said the hard work helped get him through what was a tough week for all Americans.

"Staying busy during those first few days kept me from wandering to the 'what if' questions," he said. "The attitude of those 260-plus people was terrific, and they were what motivated me.

"Every unit and agency involved provided top-quality service. If we asked for it, we got it. We serve in the greatest Air Force known to man."

TOP: Michelle Morgan reads a novel to pass the time as her husband, Tech. Sgt. Tim Morgan, sleeps. They were among more than 260 people stranded here after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks forced the Federal Aviation Administration to ground aircraft.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG BOWMAN

About 160 of the 260 passengers were housed in the Community Center.

Uniform prices to rise

Uniform prices will increase Oct. 1 at all Military Clothing Sales Stores as a result of the Defense Supply Center's annual price change.

Visit the Military Clothing Sales Store in the Joint Military Mall by Sept. 29 to avoid the higher prices.

Aid to attack victims

The Air Force Aid Society is accepting donations to assist victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Donations may be made by cash, check, credit card or allotment, and should be earmarked for the AFAS "September 11 Attack on America Fund." One-hundred percent of contributions benefit Air Force members affected by the attack.

For credit card donations, call (800) 769-8951. For more information, visit the AFAS web site at www.afas.org or call 552-4943.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center has the following events scheduled:

- Learn how to have a successful job interview and get the salary you want Monday at 1 p.m.

- Spouses of deployed or remote tour members meet at the Hearts Apart Coffee Break Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

- Help your kids get ready for your next move at a Kids' Smooth Move Workshop Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

- Get tips and advice on parenting teens and preteens Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

- Find out what resources are available for new and soon-to-be parents at Bundles for Babies Thursday at 9 a.m.

- Get help on the road to a new life following divorce or separation at a rebuilding workshop at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

For information or reservations for these classes, call the family support center at 552-4943.

Pacific Airlift Rally wraps up

517th aircrews train for humanitarian missions with Pacific Rim nations

By Staff Sgt. Sandra Harden
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Crews from the 517th Airlift Squadron returned home this week after participating in Pacific Airlift Rally at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

"We were able to get in some dynamic airlift training," said Capt. John Moldovan, the 517th's mission commander at the rally.

The original vision of the rally was to give the airlift crews from nations throughout the region an opportunity to get together and assist one another, but has since grown to focus on how best to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

"We got the chance to hone our skills in a simulated humanitarian relief effort," Moldovan said. "And we have the additional skills of working with multinational forces."

Most of the nations represented at this year's rally agreed it was of great value.

"This is a good exercise," said Col. Azizool Arif, commanding officer of the 14 C-130 aircraft in the Royal Malaysia Air Force. "We're learning how to work in a multinational coalition of cooperation. We feel this is very important in terms of humanitarian assistance, and so we've brought along our experiences to share in these discussions."

Although this is New Guinea's first time attending the rally, officials there, too, see the rally as an important regional tool.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO

An aircrew from the 517th Airlift Squadron crosses the Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, flightline to a C-130 before a Pacific Airlift Rally airstrip landing training flight.

"We see this as vital to refocus our attention to these issues of humanitarian support," said Charlie Andrews, squadron leader for New Guinea's defense forces. "The planning part let us see the types of demands that would be put on the various agencies. It was a realistic plan."

Airmen respond to New York tragedy

By Capt. Jim Fuchs

Air Force Public Affairs, New York Office

NEW YORK (AFP)—Senior Airman Edward Blunnie was watching television in his Bayridge, Brooklyn home when “breaking news” cut in to tell him an aircraft had crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

The south tower collision, minutes later, served as a call to action. Blunnie called 14 other local airmen who all took a leave of absence from their civilian jobs and arrived at ground zero several hours later.

“I just couldn’t sit at home and just watch this happen,” said Blunnie, a rapid runway repair specialist with 514th Civil Engineer Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. “There are a bunch of us, Brooklyn recruiters, two guys from (Stewart International Airport, Air National Guard), other guys from my unit, that decided we needed to get together and do what we can to help the situation.”

Arriving at “ground zero,” Blunnie quickly discovered that he and his contingent were not alone. Among the hundreds of civilian rescue workers at the crime scene, Blunnie was surprised to see a vast contingent of military people doing whatever they could to aid in the recovery operations.

“It was great to see so many people who felt that morally this is the right thing to do,” Blunnie said.

“There’s not a lot of Air Force guys in the New York City area. I don’t know where they came from but they’re here to help so that’s all that matters.”

Among those Blunnie encountered was Staff Sgt. Carlos Aponte, a member of the 514th Communications Squadron at McGuire. Although they are from the same Reserve unit, the two first met while “chain-hauling” rubble away from the crash site. Chain-hauling is the process by which workers line up and form an assembly line to quickly move rubble or necessary supplies.

“It’s like a family out here,” Aponte said. “I’ve always felt that way about the 514th, but out here we have a lot of people who don’t want any credit, they just want to help.”

Aponte is an emergency medical technician who works for Medicaid in Patterson, N.J. He arrived at the site two days after the attacks, and intends to work in whatever capacity he is needed until the recovery operation is ended.

“I couldn’t just sit home and watch TV,” he said. “I’ll take every vacation day I have from work if that’s what it takes.”

From obvious pieces of airplane wreckage to documents marked by what floor they came from, the volunteers are constantly being reminded of how real and how recent this tragedy is. Yet despite all of these emotional reminders, they press on



US AIR FORCE PHOTO

Senior Airman Edward Blunnie of the 514th Civil Engineer Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., waits for heavy equipment to finish its work before going back to chain-hauling at the World Trade Center.

with little or no sleep while holding on to a strong sense of hope.

“We’re not heroes, we’re just Americans trying to help other

Americans,” Blunnie said. “Until everyone is accounted for, we’re going to work night and day to find our countrymen.”

Open Ranks

By Staff Sgt.
George Woodward
3rd Wing Public Affairs

You know the world has changed when you turn on your TV late one night and find David Letterman and Dan Rather weeping together.

Here you have two men who are paid millions of dollars to project an image—Letterman of a sarcastic, irreverent cynic, and Rather of an unbiased, professional newscaster.

Neither one gets paid to cry. In any other time, in any other circumstance, that could jeopardize their reputation and career.

Yet there they were, on national television, crying for the world to see. It was a stunning and moving thing to watch.

But it was *when* they cried that most interested me. It wasn't discussing the dead and missing that did it—perhaps because the scale of the tragedy is too huge for any of us to really grasp.

The subject that brought tears to the eyes of these to cultural icons was America.

Letterman wiped away tears as he talked about the rescue workers, the military and New York's mayor. America.

Rather wept every time he spoke of our nation's spirit, of its strength in fighting evil and oppression. America.

Their very public—and unexpected—show of emotion is indicative of what's happening all over the country. American flags fly everywhere you look. Patriotic tunes play on the radio. "God Bless America" shouts from billboards, signs and windows.

Even in other countries, the feeling is strong. Who would have thought you'd ever hear "The Star Spangled Banner" played during London's changing of the Guard? Who could have imagined the outpouring of support from countries like Russia, China, Iran and even Cuba?

Why all this sentiment? Partly, of course, because of the enormity of the tragedy.

But mostly because America is—truly—the greatest nation on earth. It really is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I lived for two years as a private citizen in Sweden—a free, prosperous and wonderful country. I loved it—but I couldn't wait to come home to America. Truth be told, most Swedes would have given their left arm to at least visit America.

Why? Because America is the epitome of freedom, courage, strength and justice. So fly her flag proudly.

Arctic Life

Great Living in the Great Land

Preparing for Winter

What you need to know to have a safe season

By 1st Lt. Johnny Rea
3rd Wing Public Affairs Office

Alaskan winters can be breathtaking and beautiful. They can also be dangerous and deadly.

With the "termination dust" accumulating on the nearby Chugach Mountains, now is the time to prepare for Old Man Winter's arrival, according to Bob Madara, 3rd Wing ground safety manager.

"The key to enjoying a safe winter in Alaska is to be prepared," he said. "Many of the injuries and deaths which have occurred during Alaska's unforgiving winters could have been prevented with a little preparation."

Winterize your vehicle

Make sure you have a good battery designed for winter temperatures. If your battery is several years old, consider changing it now before it's too late. Check all lights to ensure they're working, including flashing hazards.

Having tires with plenty of tread is a good idea. Studded tires are a great idea.

Consider changing to a lighter grade of oil for the winter months. Thick oil may turn to mush when the temperatures drop below zero. An engine heater with a heavy-duty extension cord may also come in handy.

Test your antifreeze and ensure you have windshield washer fluid designed for extremely low temperatures.

Every vehicle should have a survival kit, Madara said. As a minimum, it should include: a flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, pocket knife, blankets or sleeping bag, matches, gloves, boots, wool cap, small sack of sand or kitty litter, small shovel, booster cables, snacks that won't freeze and basic tools.

Slips, trips and falls

Slips, trips and falls represent a major cause of accidental deaths and injuries year round, according to Madara, but are especially dangerous during the winter. In fact, falls are the second leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States with about 12,000 people losing their lives each year.

In addition to being alert, Madara recommends a good pair of shoes or



boots. "Like a vehicle attempting to gain traction on snow and ice, the proper equipment is necessary for grip and stability," he said.

Soft-soled shoes or boots with good tread and adequate ankle support are vital for walking on snow or ice. Look for firm support and slip-resistant soles when purchasing a new pair.

Winter clothing

Everyone in your family should have the proper gear to stay warm. Dress in layers so you're prepared for weather changes, and consider purchasing fleece or polyester material versus cotton. Cotton absorbs moisture and keeps it close to the skin, which depletes body heat.

If money is an issue, try the Airman's Attic or thrift shop for used items. Both facilities have plenty of winter clothing to choose from.

Reflective gear should also be part of your winter attire as the hours of daylight begin to dwindle. Wear reflective vests, straps, belts or tape to give yourself a better chance of being seen by drivers.

Driving or sliding?

Driving safely on snow and ice takes skill and practice. Some common sense approaches include reducing your speed while increasing distances between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Keep all of your windows completely clear. Driving with a three-inch open space on the passenger side is neither safe nor smart.

Get the "feel" of the road when

you start driving and never lock your brakes. Your wheels must be turning for you to have control of the steering.

Never use your cruise control and always watch for danger spots ahead. Temperature affects traction, and ice is most slippery near the freezing point. When going uphill, apply enough power to maintain speed but not enough to cause the wheels to spin.

Don't forget the house

Prepping your home for the winter takes time, but it'll be time well spent as you're likely preventing a disaster. Removing all outside hoses and installing winter covers on outside faucets should be your first step. Consider installing insulation kits on drafty windows and keep windows closed, especially when you're not at home. Also have heat control problems fixed before it's too late.

Check your garage door for a proper seal and consider installing insulation or blankets to keep the cold out. Inspect your dryer, range and bathroom vents for proper operation. They should be closed when not in use.

Many winter prep items are available at the U-Fix-It Store for base housing residents, including window insulation kits, door sweeps, weather strips, hose bibs, pipe insulation wrap, garage door blankets and ice melt. Stop by the store for details.

For more information on winter safety, contact Madara at 552-6857.

Keys to a safe winter outing

- Dress properly: Choose clothing that is windproof and allows water to evaporate from the body. Layering is the most effective and flexible way to dress.

- Be ready: Make sure you have survival gear. As a minimum, have identification, emergency medical information, money, extra food, extra clothing, compass, map, flashlight, matches, first aid kit and sunglasses or goggles.

- Beware of hypothermia: Hypothermia can quickly kill you. Signs include pale or blue skin, slow movement and inability to

reason properly. If you see the signs, get help immediately.

- Use the buddy system: Always take a friend with you, and make sure you both know basic first aid and cold-weather survival methods.

- Plan your outing: Plan your trip carefully and learn all you can about where you're going. Get the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts before you leave. More importantly, tell someone exactly where you're going, when you're leaving and when you expect to return.

At the tip of the SPEARR

Mobile medical team trains at Arctic SAREX

By Army Spec. William Shelton
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

This year's International Arctic Search and Rescue Exercise experienced a welcome addition—a 3rd Medical Group team representing expeditionary medical care for the 21st century.

Surgeons, physicians, nurses and other medical personnel deployed a Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response—or SPEARR—team, to provide emergency surgery and intensive care support to international pararescue teams from the United States, Canada and Russia participating in the exercise.

The SPEARR team has become the rapid deployment, high-payoff module upon which the Air Force has developed its Expeditionary Medical Support, or EMEDS, systems to meet the health needs of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force.

“The SPEARR team is designed to be fast and effective in a crisis situation,” said Maj. David Copp, senior team surgeon. Copp’s team displayed its effectiveness as they quickly assembled the self-contained surgical suite. Made in Alaska and labeled the “Alaskan Shelter,” the suite is compact and can be rapidly transported by truck, plane or helicopter.

From the shelter, the SPEARR team provides a broad spectrum of services—from emergency surgery and trauma care to public health and sanitation consulting.

Capable of providing anything a deployed air task force would need for health services, the team is highly effective and extremely

mobile, and that’s exactly what Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Air Force Surgeon General and principle architect of EMEDS, had in mind.

Carlton envisioned the EMEDS as the answer to the broad spectrum of medical needs the Air Force is being called to support, including disaster relief, peace operations and combat.

For his part, Copp said his team was more than capable of meeting the standards of the Air Force Surgeon General.

“In a field environment, my team, once on site, can start treating patients in 10 minutes,” he said.

Two hours after arriving, the team is fully capable.

“Full capability,” Copp said, “means a complete shelter with electricity and a fully active intensive care unit.”

The team can care for up to 20 patients at one time.

Arctic SAREX was the first time the SPEARR team had the



STAFF SGT. CRAIG CLAPPER

Arctic SAREX gave the 3rd Medical Group's SPEARR Team a chance to work with pararescue troops like Senior Airman Ron Fritt of the Air National Guard.

opportunity to work with other countries, according to Air Force Lt. Col. Jeff Worrell, SPEARR team anesthesiologist.

“Any time you work with another country you learn to break the language barrier,” he said. “Working with foreign militaries helps you work out the glitches in your operation and teaches you new ways to deal with problems in the field.”

Copp agreed, adding that the recent events in the Lower 48 have brought a new element into the exercise.

“After what has happened in New York, everyone knows that they may be doing this as a real world mission some day,” he said. “That makes this exercise that much more important.”

FAR LEFT: Maj. David Copp and Tech. Sgt. Roman Schara of the 3rd Medical Group SPEARR Team “operate” on a victim during Arctic SAREX.

LEFT: Pararescue crews unload a victim from a helicopter before taking him to the SPEARR Team’s “Alaskan Shelter.”



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American Pride

Kealee Hudson, daughter of Airman 1st Class James and Melissa Hudson, gets a "hand" from Denali Child Development Center worker Tanya Rodriguez after making her contribution to the center's giant American flag.

Once upon a time...

Elmendorf youth get an opportunity to bring 'Sleeping Beauty' to life

By Mary M. Rall
3rd Services Marketing

Virtually every child has had an opportunity to open a storybook and read the words, "Once upon a time." Few, however, are granted the chance to bring those fairytales to life by experiencing the magic of performing them on stage.

That will soon change, though, for 50 to 60 youth from the base who will experience the world of "Sleeping Beauty" when the Missoula Children's Theater visits here Oct. 15 to 20. The group is the nation's largest touring children's theater, and has performed from Montana to Japan during the last 28 years.

The theater group's actors and directors will arrive here

with a set, lights, costumes, props and everything else necessary to put together a production—except for the performers.

An open audition for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade will be held Oct. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kashim Club Ballroom. Potential thespians who would like to sign up for the auditions may do so now through Oct. 14 at the Youth Center, Community Center, and School Age Programs.

Available parts to be featured in this rock n' roll fairytale musical include Sleeping Beauty, the king, the queen, Spot, fairies, trolls, palace attendants and butterflies. However, although there are numerous parts available, there is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the production.

There is no advance preparation necessary for the group audition, but participants should come with their best smile and ready to have a good time.

Rehearsals for the production will be held Oct. 15 to 20 from 4 to 8:30 p.m., and although all cast members will not be needed at every session, those auditioning must be available for all the rehearsal dates. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions, and cast members should bring a sack lunch, supper or snack to the rehearsals.

Once the rehearsals have concluded, the curtain will go up Oct. 20 at 3 and 7 p.m. when the youth take to the stage at the base theater to perform for the Elmendorf community.

And when the lights fade after the final performance, the memories will last a lifetime.

For more information on how to become a part of this unique experience, call 552-2674.

▶ **BEAT FEET:** Take to the road and get the Combined Federal Campaign off on the right sneaker by participating in the 5K Kickoff Run today. The start time is to be announced through the Fitness Center. **552-5353**

▶ **MOVIE:** *The Score* (R). Robert DeNiro is a retired thief (wonder what *that* IRA looks like) who is blackmailed into pulling off one last job by Edward Norton. 7 p.m.

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▶ **XTREMELY FUN:** Get two hours of Xtreme Bowling and shoe rental for \$12 per person from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. Purchase the Xtreme Punch Card and get five Xtreme sessions for \$50. Starting times for Xtreme bowling may vary according to scheduled leagues. **552-4108**

▶ **MOVIE:** *The Score* (R). See Friday. 7 p.m.

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▶ **GET YOUR FILL:** Put your appetite in its place by joining us for Sunday Brunch at the Susitna Club from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$11.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 6-12, and free for children under six. Nonmember adults add \$3. **753-3131**

▶ **MOVIE:** *Original Sin* (R). Antonio Banderas sends away for a mail-order bride and gets Angelina Jolie. So *that's* how she got hooked up with Billy Bob Thornton! 7 p.m.

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▶ **MONEY HUNGRY:** The clubs are grateful for all of their many loyal members, and want to show their appreciation by awarding \$1,500 each to one enlisted and one officer member in September. Although the clubs are open to everyone, only members will be entitled to these cash awards, so hustle over to the clubs to become qualified for the ultimate thank you. Both prizes will be awarded at each club's Social Hour Oct. 19, and individuals need not be present to win. All current and new members are eligible. **753-3131**

▶ **NASCAR DREAMS:** Get the ultimate racing experience by watching the race-day action on the Polar Bowl's 20 television screens while the acoustic sound system makes you feel like you're in the driver's seat. Call for dates and times. **552-4108**

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▶ **Basic Sign II**, today from 5-7 p.m. for \$30 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Basic Sign III**, today from 7-9 p.m. for \$30 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Automotive Maintenance**, today from 6-8 p.m. for \$20 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Basic Sign I**, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$30 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Scrapbooking**, Sunday from 7-9 p.m. for \$15 at the Skills Development Center.

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▶ **Home School Classes**, Monday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Wilton Cake Decorating**, Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for \$35 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Parenting Class**, Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. in Building 10480, Room 108. **552-4664**

▶ **Ceramics Marblizing**, Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills Development Center. **552-2470**

▶ **Boss and Buddy Night**, Thursday from 4:40-7:30 p.m. at the Kashim Club. **753-6131**

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▶ **Flight Kitchen** rates for ground support meals, flight meals, meals ready to eat and Space-A or duty passenger meals will increase Oct. 1 by 5 cents in some categories. **551-4631.**

Be vigilant, safe, prepared

By Gen. William Begert
Pacific Air Forces Commander

It was just last month that Pacific Air Forces implemented a theater-wide program emphasizing the need to focus on force protection. We did this because we recognized the very real threat represented by worldwide terrorism and terrorist organizations. The horrific events in New York City and Washington D.C. have unfortunately proven us right.

The terrorist assault on America was a brutal attack meant to instill fear in all Americans and test the resolve of this country, but as stated by President Bush, we will pass this test. Make no mistake about it, America is in a state of war—this is not “business as usual.”

We have seen how quickly everyday events and equipment can be used against us in a manner never imagined. To meet the challenge of deterring terrorism, we will have to be creative. We must find newer, better ways of detecting, routing out and neutralizing this threat. All of us will need to contribute to this effort.

I’m not sure where the current contingency will take us; however, I am sure you will do your duty—individually and collectively.

We have taken and will continue to take appropriate force protection measures—I need each and every one of you thinking and operating in the right perspective. Be vigilant, be safe, and be prepared!

Winning this ‘new war’ will take the whole military family

By Maj. John Kennedy
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Terrorism has hit America. It’s not the first time and certainly won’t be the last.

Terrorism has been a distinct reality for more than 30 years. It has many faces—from hostages during the Olympic Games in Munich to hijackings, from guerilla style attacks to throwing rocks—but never has it hit home as hard as with the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Some have labeled those attacks a criminal act. President Bush has called them an act of war on the United States. Either way, the fallout from last week’s terrorist attacks will be long lasting.

President George W. Bush recently said, “...I know that an act of war was declared against America. But this will be a different type of war than we are used to.” Bush has also said that the war against terrorism will not be easy or short.

He is right. For those of us in the military, we are much more aware of just what that “war” entails. We have all gotten various briefings and training on force protection and anti-terrorism measures, particularly when traveling overseas.

Today, that training takes on a much greater and immediate impact than it did just over a week ago.

Today, it applies to American shores.

“I know that this is a different type of enemy than we’re used to. It’s an enemy that likes to hide and burrow in, and their network is extensive. There are no rules. It’s barbaric behavior. They slit throats of women on airplanes in order to achieve an objective that is beyond comprehension. And they like to hit, and then they like to hide out,” said Bush.

Now is the time to remain vigilant, to lean forward and question suspicious personnel or activity you see around the base. Report suspicious contacts from off the base. Operational security is a must to prevent terrorist from exploiting any perceived weaknesses on our part.

It’s also time to refresh our training on standard anti-terrorism practices and, more importantly, to help train our families as well. We must remain pro-active for ourselves, for our families and our nation to help eradicate this insidious threat.

Starting this week, Page 2 of the *Sourdough Sentinel* will feature weekly anti-terrorism tips as a training aid. Read them, use them, teach them in your shops and in your homes.

Winning this “new war” depends on every member of the military family—active, Reserve, guard, civilian and family member. America—and the world—is counting on you.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Youth Sports Director Larry Williams sets up the tee for Korey Schulte during the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition Saturday on base. Schulte won the 8- to 9-year-old boys division.

Punt, pass and kick winners

Youth Center

The winners of the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition held Saturday at Paxton Park were:

■ Girls 8- to 9-year-old division: Kathryn Culver, first place.

■ Boys 8- to 9-year-old division: Korey Schulte, first place; Ethan Best, second place.

■ Girls 10- to 11-year-old division: Ebony Joiner, first place.

■ Boys 10- to 11-year-old division: Sean Booker, first place; Kreg Jones, second place; Tyler Pollock, third place.

■ Girls 12- to 13-year-old division: Michelle Jeans, first place.

■ Boys 12- to 13-year-old division: Christian Joyner, first place.

■ Boys 14- to 15-year-old division: Kyle Jones, first place.

A total of 16 people participated in the competition. First-place winners will go on to compete at the next level, with dates and locations to be announced.

Youth hoops

Coaches, officials, and volunteers are needed for the upcoming youth basketball season. For more information or to volunteer, call 552-2266.

Lifeguards needed

Fitness center officials are seeking lifeguards for all shifts at the base pool. The center provides training and Red Cross certifications for those selected. For details, call 552-5353.

Eagle Glen

The Eagle Glen Golf Course will host a customer appreciation day Thursday featuring free hot dogs, soda, door prizes and golf. Free golf carts will also be offered to players with a punch card or season pass.

For more information, call the course at 552-3821.

Triathlon

The New Moon Mini-Triathlon, featuring a 3.2-mile run, a 9.5-mile bike ride and a 300-meter swim, will be held Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Individual and team entries will be accepted. Call 552-5353 for information.