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Air Force Implements Stop-Loss

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The assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs has authorized the use of Stop-Loss to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties will be affected by Stop-Loss.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop-Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop-Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop-Loss is being implemented across the active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve and Air National Guard for the affected career fields in the ranks of airman through colonel, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief

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of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop-Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our air-

men, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," General Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Secretary Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," General Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop-Loss, people can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop-Loss Control Center at (210) 565-2374 or DSN 665-2374.

ACC Cancels Red Flag Again

For the second time this year, Air Combat Command officials at Langley Air Force Base, Va., cancelled a Red Flag exercise because of emerging Air Force deployment requirements.

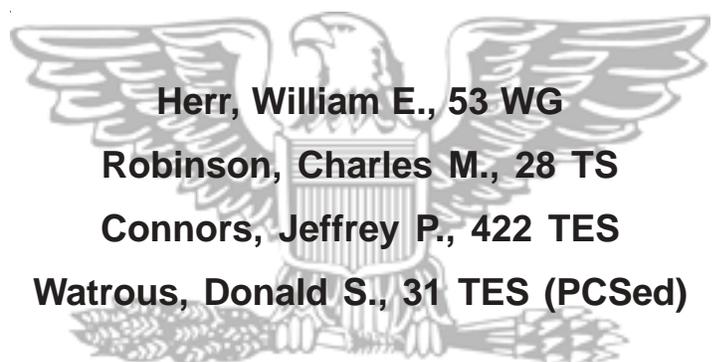
The exercise was originally scheduled to be held later this month at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Red Flag, a realistic combat-training exercise involving the armed forces of the United States and its allies, is conducted on the bombing and gunnery ranges at Nellis.

The exercise lasts two, four or six weeks depending on its specific purpose and is held several times a year. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)

Four 53d Wing Members Selected to Wear Eagles

Congratulations to the following members of the 53d Wing who were selected for promotion to colonel:



Career fields affected by Stop-Loss

All apply to primary Air Force specialty code regardless of prefix or suffix (except where indicated)

Officer

11AX Airlift Pilot	12KX Trainer Navigator	44MX Internist
11BX Bomber Pilot	12RX Recce/Surv/EW Navigator	45AX Anesthesiologist
11EX Test Pilot	12SX Special Operations Navigator	45BX Orthopedic Surgeon
11FX Fighter Pilot	12TX Tanker Navigator	45SX Surgeon
11GX Generalist Pilot	13BX Air Battle Manager	46FX Flight Nurse
11HX Helicopter Pilot	13DXA Combat Rescue	46MX Nurse Anesthetist
11KX Trainer Pilot	13DXB Special Tactics	46NXX Critical Care Nurse
11RX Recce/Surv/EW Pilot	13MX Airfield Operations	46SX Operating Room Nurse
11SX Special Operations Pilot	14NX Intelligence	48AX Aerospace Medicine Specialist
11TX Tanker, C-12 Ctp Pilot	31PX Security Forces	48GX General Medical Officer
12AX Airlift Navigator	32EX Civil Engineer	48RX Residency Trained Flt Surgeon
12BX Bomber Navigator	43EX Bioenvironmental Engineer	51JX Judge Advocate
12EX Test Navigator	43HX Public Health	71SX Special Investigator
12FX Fighter Navigator	43TX Biomedical Laboratory	4B0XX Bioenvironmental Engineering
12GX Generalist Navigator	44EX Emergency Services Physician	4E0XX Public Health

Enlisted

1A0XX In-Flight Refueling	1S0XX Safety
1A1XX Flight Engineer	1T1XX Aircrew Life Support
1A2XX Loadmaster	1T2XX Pararescue
1A3XX Airborne Communications & Electronics Systems	2E2X1 Com, Network, Switching & Crypto Systems
1A4XX Airborne Battle Management	2F0X1 Fuels
1A5XX Airborne Mission Systems	2T3X2A Special Vehicle Maintenance (Fire Trucks)
1A7XX Aerial Gunner	2T3X2B Special Vehicle Maintenance (Refueling Vehicles)
1A8XX Airborne Cryptologic Linguist	3C0X1 Communications - Computer Systems Operations
1C0X1 Airfield Management	3C2X1 Communications - Computer Systems Control
1C1XX Air Traffic Control	3E000 Electrical (Cem)
1C2XX Combat Control	3E0X2 Electrical Power Production
1C3XX Command Post	3E4X1 Utilities Systems
1C4XX Tactical Air Command & Control	3E4X2 Liquid Fuels Systems Maintenance
1C5XX Aerospace Control & Warning System	3E5X1 Engineering
1N0XX Intelligence Applications	3E7X1 Fire Protection
1N1XX Imagery Analysis	3E8X1 Explosive Ordnance Disposal
1N200 Signals Intelligence Analysis Manager	3E9X1 Readiness
X1N2XX Aircrew Signals Intelligence Production	3H0X1 Historian
1N3X4 Far East Cryptologic Linguist	3N0XX Public Affairs & Radio/TV Broadcasting
1N3X5 Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist	3P0XX Security Forces
1N3X6* African Cryptologic Linguist	4A1XX Medical Material
1N3X7* Turkic Cryptologic Linguist	4A2XX Biomedical Equipment
1N3X8* Polynesian Cryptologic Linguist	4H0XX Cardiopulmonary Laboratory
1N3X9* Indo-Iranian Cryptologic Linguist	5J0X1 Paralegal
1N4XX Signals Intelligence Analysis	7S0X1 Special Investigations
1N5XX Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation	8D000 Linguist Debriefing
1N6XX Electronic System Security Assessment	9L000 Interpreter/Translator

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The Feathers

of the wingspan

Unit: Detachment 1, 28th Test Squadron

Location: Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Commander: Lt. Col. Pete Zuppas

Personnel Strength: 66

Unit Mission: Detachment 1, 28th Test Squadron is responsible to Air Combat Command for planning and execution of operational tests for A-10, F-15C, F-15E, F-16 and F/A-22 aircraft, armament, and avionics. The unit determines operational effectiveness and suitability of newly acquired weapons systems in an operational environment. It develops future combat employment techniques and tactics. The detachment also conducts advanced programs testing, foreign materiel exploitation, and space integration in direct support of HQ ACC and SAF/AQL tasking.

Current top projects

Litening II targeting pod Operational Utility Effectiveness testing and integration on F-15E and F-16
 F-16 Modular Mission Computer / Common Configuration Implementation Plan
 Emerging Technologies Close Air Support Tactics Development & Evaluation
 German Air Force Mig-29 air-to-air missile firings exploitation / evaluation
 Panoramic Night Vision Goggles Operational Utility Effectiveness testing
 F-15E Suite 5 and Radar upgrade operational test and evaluation
 AIM-9X Initial Operational Testing and Evaluation
 Inertially aided munitions / GPS aided weapons
 JSOW certification on F-16 Block 40
 A-10 Suite 2 avionics upgrade
 Double Digit SAM analysis



GI Mail Provides Secure, Reliable E-mail Link to Loved Ones

By Cynthia Bauer
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

With airmen deployed away from home, the opportunity to communicate with loved ones takes on greater importance.

"To provide a link back home, Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force's official community Web site, offers a secure and reliable e-mail program through Global Internet Mail to help families keep in touch," said Capt. Greg Whitaker of the Air Mobility Command Network Operations and Security Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"Although there are other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services available, military members need to understand GI Mail is sponsored and maintained by the Air Force. We can't verify the operational capability or security of other such services," he said.

Registration for GI Mail is free for those eligible through the Air Force Crossroads Web site at: www.afcrossroads.com. Airmen

can log in to the Web-based system from any computer with Internet access. Eligible users include active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or civil service employees and their authorized family members.

Captain Whitaker said there are three great reasons to use GI Mail: security, bandwidth and availability.

"You've probably heard about the various break-ins and hacker attacks at free commercial e-mail providers," he said. "GI Mail is a Department of Defense system, employing the same great security you've grown accustomed to," he said.

Concerning bandwidth, there is no advertising or "spamming" from junk mail distributors on GI Mail, unlike commercial providers. "Not only will the service remain speedy even in the most remote or forward locations, users will not spend time sifting through mountains of junk mail," said Captain Whitaker. "And GI Mail is a DoD product provided for morale. Unlike civilian services, the system will get the attention and

maintenance that our deployed personnel deserve."

Besides GI Mail, the Air Force Crossroads Web site also offers forums and online chat rooms, and has online videoconferencing tools under development. Access the Web site and click on "Communications Center" for additional information.

According to CeCe Medford, chief of AMC's Family Matters Branch, families who do not have computers or Internet access can rely on family support centers for help.

"Our family support centers have gone the extra mile to ensure families can stay in touch, even without a home computer," she said. "The FSCs have computers with connections to Internet service providers available for families to use."

Medford said that family readiness non-commissioned officers can explain videoconferencing, how to borrow digital and video cameras, how to sign up for morale calls, and special family activities.

News Briefs

Change of Command

The 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony on March 28 at 10 a.m. at the Air Force Armament Museum.

Lt. Col. James F. Sanders will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Scott L. Dunn.

Dress will be uniform of the day for military and business attire for civilians.

Colonel Dunn will host a reception following the ceremony at the museum.

FWP Luncheon

The National Women's History Month luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on March 26 at the Eglin Enlisted Club.

Cost is \$10 for a Southern luncheon buffet.

Speakers for the event will be Ann Jenkins, technical director for the Joint Direct Attack Munition office, and Capt. Cara Howard, an electronic warfare officer at Duke Field.

For tickets or more information, call Karen Lloyd, 53d Wing Federal Women's Program manger, at 882-8646, or Pat Dreaden, assistant 53d Wing FWP manager, at 882-5964.

OWCC Scholarships

The Hurlburt Field Association of Chief Master Sergeants provides a scholarship for up to two academic years of full-time study

at Okaloosa-Walton Community College.

The deadline to apply is March 28 for the 2003-04 academic year.

Applicants must be a dependent of an active duty or retired enlisted person, demonstrate financial need, and have a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. Scholarships are open to Okaloosa, Walton or Santa Rosa County high school graduates.

Interested applicants should complete the general scholarship application form in the OWCC scholarship booklet that is available at all six OWCC locations, including centers at Eglin and Hurlburt Field, or available on line at: www.owcc.edu/financialaid.

For more information, call Kathy Martin in the OWCC Financial Aid Office, located in Bldg. C of the Niceville campus at 729-5370 or contact the OWCC Foundation office at 729-5357.

Enlisted Force Development

The Air Force Senior Leaders Management Office, Force Development Division, is hiring a senior master sergeant and a master sergeant to serve as action officers for Enlisted Force Development at Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington D.C.

Duties will include assisting in the creation and management of Enlisted Force Development policies and initiatives, conducting IPTs, briefing and participating in conferences, drafting revisions to AFIs, and other assigned duties. Applicants must be able to work effectively with top-level of-

ficer, civilian, and enlisted leaders. Both positions will report to the chief of Enlisted Force Development.

Applicants should have the following qualifications:

- * Significant and reasonably broad leadership and supervisory experience.

- * Skilled communicators (oral and written).

- * Team players - must work well with others in exploring solutions to complex problems.

- * Completed CCAF and SNCOA by correspondence or in-residence.

- * Deployment, training, and some special duty experience are plusses, but not required.

The bottom line is that the office is looking for smart, solid, field-proven enlisted leaders with the ability to contribute to the creation and implementation of far-reaching Enlisted Force Development initiatives.

Applicants must send an electronic package no later than March 28 to Chief Master Sgt. Michael Gilbert at: michael.gilbert@pentagon.af.mil or fax DSN 329-4065.

Packages must include a very brief volunteer statement with contact data and the names and DSN numbers for the candidate's command chief master sergeant and commander, a biography, and last five enlisted performance reports.

Top candidates will be interviewed. Selection is tentatively scheduled for the first week of April. The June 1 report date is negotiable.



Wing Blood Drive

The bloodmobile will be in front of Bldg. 351 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on March 19.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the 53d Wing blood drive.

Kudos

53 CSS News

Congratulations to the following 53d Computer Systems Squadron quarterly award winners:

Airman - A1C Chris Whitlow
NCO - TSgt David Williams
Senior NCO - MSgt Fred Heiler
CGO - 2Lt Phil Hoard
Civilian (GS 10-12) - Al Sosh
Contractor - Ron Davidson

Congratulations to Carol Wheeler for winning the Air Combat Command's Communications and Information Professionalism Annual Award for her category. She will now compete at Air Force level.

OTS Selectee

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. James Gorsuch who was selected to attend Officer Training School.

Sergeant Gorsuch works in the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron's B-2 Section, known as the Bat Cave.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science with a 4.0 GPA (Summa Cum Laude) from Troy State University.

After graduating from OTS, he will transfer to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for his first assignment as a communications officer. Sergeant Gorsuch departs for OTS on April 8.

53 WEG Bowlers

Congratulations to SMSgt. Maurice Bell, 83d Fighter Weapons Squadron, and TSgt.

Demetricus Woodard, 53 Weapons Evaluation Group staff, who are members of the Air Education and Training Command-Tyndall Air Force Base Bowling Team. The team was ranked overall second place at the AETC Championship Bowling Tournament at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Sergeant Woodard bowled a perfect 300 game and came in 10th place in the men's overall standing at the tournament.

Eglin Annual Awards Luncheon

The Team Eglin Annual Awards Luncheon will be held March 25 at 11 a.m., at the Officers' Club.

Attendees and nominees must sign up in the 53d Wing personnel office no later than 3:30 p.m. on March 18.

When signing up, complete club card number and expiration date must be provided to get the member rate of \$7. Cost for non-members is \$9.

Lunch is smoked turkey breast on fresh croissant, pasta salad, fresh fruit and pickle spear, coffee, tea and water.

The 53d Wing's nominees for the Team Eglin Annual Awards are:

Airman - A1C Jeffrey Stanton, 16EWS
NCO - TSgt. Shane Ware, 53WG
SNCO - SMSgt. Chris Rans, 16EWS
CGO - Capt. Michael Schnabel, 85TES
Civilian (GS 1-6) -
Mary Renee Jones, 36EWS
Civilian (GS 7-9) -
Margaret Lefebvre, 36EWS
Civilian (GS 10-12) - Dale Yates, 36EWS

For more information, call Kathy Thompson or Donna Loughney at 882-2266.

Fitness Workouts OK After Smallpox Shot

By Wayne Amann
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

Air Force fitness center patrons who receive the smallpox vaccination got a welcome shot in the arm concerning their fitness routines thanks to some common sense rules.

Vaccinated gym-goers can go about their workouts by simply following the precautions prominently posted in the various fitness facilities.

"The main reason for the rules is just close contact with bare skin," said Maj. John Dice, the officer in charge of the Immunizations Clinic at Wilford Hall Medical Center and a physician in the Allergy and Immunology Clinic.

"A vaccinated upper arm shouldn't touch someone else or a common object like a shirt or towel, thereby transmitting the vaccine virus that sits on the skin," he said.

— The only off-limits area is the sauna

or steam room. The risk of transmitting is much higher in these rooms since people are sitting close to each other wearing very little clothing.

— A band-aid or bandage must cover the vaccine site. As the first layer of protection, they effectively reduce the side effects of transmitting the virus.

— No tank tops are allowed, only shirts with sleeves that cover the immunization site. They provide another barrier.

— Equipment must be wiped down after use with a solution provided by the fitness center. Normally a 60 percent alcohol-based solution is good. However, the virus can be inactivated by cleaning with hot, soapy water. Wiping can be done with a paper towel or common towel over any sweaty area like a chair.

"The chance of transmitting something down your arm onto equipment is fairly small, but not zero," Dice cautioned. "So it's better to inactivate anything still on there."

— Showers can be used.

But, how do they differ from the sauna or steam room?

"It's not much of a risk because you're using hundreds of gallons of hot, soapy water," Dice explained. "That's pretty good at diluting the virus down the drain. Just keep the vaccine site clear of others in the shower."

— When the scab falls off, return to normal gym use. The vaccine-site will heal and form a scab, which holds a little virus. Generally it takes about three weeks for the scab to fall off, leaving normal flat skin.

"That's your marker. That means the site's completely healed over and there's no virus on the skin surface," Major Dice said. "Your arm's back to normal."

Local base immunizations desk and public health office workers can help answer common questions regarding the smallpox vaccination. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)