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IG reminds Airmen to report fraud, waste, abuse

Air Force military and civilian members have a duty to promptly report Fraud Waste and Abuse or Gross Mismanagement.

Fraud is any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of something of value or for an individual to secure from the Air Force a benefit, privilege, allowance, or consideration to which he or she is not entitled.

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Hurricane Hunters Get New Fin Flash

Hurricane Hunter WC-130J aircraft are getting a new look to go with their expanded mission. In addition to the darker gray tactical paint job they are also getting a new flash on the tails. Instead of the familiar black box with white "Weather" the new look is a bold blue box with white lettering the reads "Hurricane Hunters." **Read more on Page 16.**

J-eronimo!

Troops from the 720th Special Tactics Group are required to maintain their jump status. Aircrew from the 815th AS flew thier first personnel airdrop mission in a C-130J in March to help them stay qualified in static line jumps. **Read more on Pages 14-15.**

Commanders Call

The 403rd Wing Commanders Call is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 3 at the Welch Theater.

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Photo by SSgt. Linda Bauml, 403rd AMXS UPAR

(Above) There are dozens of systems and hundreds of points to inspect when an aircraft returns from a mission. Senior Airman Michael Staten, crew chief, 403rd AMXS, takes a look at the props of a WC-130H. (Right) Staff Sgt. Mary McClammy, 403rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, traffic management, became an NCO during Feb. UTA. Sergeant McClammy has a twin sister Carrie Seaman, whom is also in the unit and also became a staff sergeant. Lt. Col. James Shore, commander, 403rd LRS, presided over the ceremony.



Photo by SrA Richard Conner, 403rd LRS, UPAR



Photo by SSgt. Linda Bauml, 403rd AMXS, UPAR

(Above) After C-130s return from a mission, they receive a good check up from their crew chiefs. Senior Airman Michael Staten, crew chief, 403rd AMXS, inspects the utility hydraulic system on a WC-130H, checking for leaks, during its post-flight inspection. The utility hydraulic system is inspected before and after each flight, because it supplies hydraulic fluid to major aircraft components which are vital in keeping the bird in the air.



Photos by SrA Angela Albert, 403rd CES, UPAR

(Above) Learning cardio pulmonary resuscitation can pay off on the job and in civilian life. Airmen from many different squadrons take the training offered by the 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron during UTAs. In February, (left to right) Staff Sgt. David Swanson, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Mielcarek and Staff Sgt. William Noble, from the 403rd CES, participated in a refresher CPR course. During CPR class, troops learned the basic steps of rescuing a victim, from chest compressions to clearing a passageway.



Maintainers keep 'J' combat ready

By SSgt. J. Justin Pearce
Staff Writer

Like a child with a new red wagon, Tech. Sgt. Brett Keely was anxious to show the world what his new bird, the C-130J, could do.

A crew chief with the 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, he was about to embark with the 815th Airlift Squadron's Flying Jennies on a deployment that would make history as the first time the Air Force deployed a J-model aircraft into a combat zone.

In January, Sergeant Keely and Senior Airman Jason Leggett, another crew chief from 403rd AMXS, departed with the Flying Jennies to Southwest Asia.

There, they joined a team of active duty and National Guard maintainers, including other crew chiefs, all of whom had their aircraft to support.

"When we first arrived, there was some tension," he said. "It seemed like their attitude was that we had special treatment because of our J-model."

Nonetheless, Sergeant Keely and Airman Leggett hit the treadmill running, joining other crew chiefs from the Rhode Island Air National Guard who also maintained a C-130J.

Before flights, crew chiefs carefully inspected each aircraft to ensure everything was in top shape and made sure aircrews were supplied with enough fuel for their missions. As experienced crew chiefs, they knew their days were not over when the aircraft ascended into the sky; there were still many arduous hours left for Sergeant Keely and the others. They had to inspect their J-models and check and recheck critical systems after each and every flight.

The days were long and the work was steady, but showing off the capabilities of the J-model made it worth the effort, said Sergeant Keely. Among the highlight of his deployment was one of the busiest days he had in the theater. His efforts along with others led to the Jennies breaking the Air Force's C-130 record for hauling the most cargo in 24 hours — 31 pallets and 62.5 tons of cargo, about the same weight as 13 full-grown elephants.

"That was the most challenging day — we'd configure the aircraft, give it to the crew, and it would take off and



While deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Tech. Sgt. Brett Keely earned a top maintainer award for his work on the C-130J. Fellow crew chief, Senior Airman Jason Leggett, also earned one of only seven Top Maintainer awards.

come right back, and we'd do it all over again," he said. "Despite the harsh conditions, the C-130J performed well. It never broke."

At the end of the 45-day deployment, Sergeant Keely said the other crews' attitudes had changed.

"By the time we left, they wanted us to stay," he said.

Sergeant Keely and Airman Leggett

played their part in earning the C-130J its respect in the combat theater.

They were both selected as Top Maintainers during the deployment; only seven out of 32 crew chiefs who deployed received the award.

Sergeant Keely and Airman Leggett's work enabled aircrews to transport 2,581 passengers and 844 tons of cargo, or about 170 elephants.

Photo by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

New technicians join MEO team

Two newly-trained technicians joined the 403rd Military Equal Opportunity office in March.

Tech. Sgt. Janet Moore and 1st Lt. Shari Crenshaw joined Lt. Col. Jamie Correll to round out the MEO staff.

Sergeant Moore and Lieutenant Crenshaw both recently completed the MEO technical school at the Defense Equal Opportunity Military Institute at Patrick AFB in Cocoa Beach Fla. They were among 120 students from all branches of the military to complete the course. Moore and Crenshaw both graduated in the top 20 percent of their classes.

Each of the new staffers brings unique perspectives and expectations to their new jobs.

Sergeant Moore, a 13-year military veteran and mother of two, credits her travels, ethnic background and heritage with focusing her awareness of equal opportunity issues.

"I am fascinated with people, their cultures, experiences and backgrounds," she said.

Because she likes learning as much as she can about people and their cultures and also enjoys sharing her own personal experiences, Sergeant Moore applied for a job working in Military Equal Opportunity for the 403rd Wing.

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young Airmen," she said.

The MEO staff is responsible for services that include Human Relations Education, climate assessments for the wing and its units, and assistance of members through the complaint system.

"A unit's human relations climate can impact mission accomplishment, and our people are the first line of defense in ensuring it is a positive impact," said Colonel Correll.

The colonel explained that the primary objective of MEO is to ensure mission readiness by eliminating potential barriers to equal opportunity and treatment for all.

"Everyone benefits from MEO," said Sergeant Moore.

Lieutenant Crenshaw, like Sergeant Moore, said she is enthusiastic about working in MEO, and understands the importance of awareness about other cultures and heritages.

When she started her career in the Air Force, the lieutenant picked a non-traditional path, joining the Security Forces as an enlisted female in a predominantly male career field.

"Over the years, many of those 'non-traditional' career fields are just as open to women as they are to men," she said. "The Air Force has made great strides toward diversity. There are greater numbers of female pilots, security forces, maintenance workers and a

wealth of other opportunities."

"We've come a long way," said Colonel Correll.

The MEO chief said her new team is ready and capable. When she came on board the chief's position had been vacant for six months, had one computer for the staff, and no dedicated classrooms or private office for consultations.

Today they have overcome these challenges and are ready for business. With enthusiastic new staffers the MEO is also more involved in the Human Relations Development Council and Ethnic Observance Events.

From Staff Reports



Mission Complete

There were waves of applause barely audible over the engines of the C-130J bringing aircrew and maintenance crews home from Southwest Asia in early March.

Families arrived early enough to watch their loved ones arrive aboard a C-130J flown by the Rhode Island National Guard.

Aircrews and maintenance people supported Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in two rotations for a total of 90 days. A third rotation of maintenance personnel deployed in March to support J-models still in the theater; they are expected home in the near future.

Operators and maintainers agreed that the C-130J performed above expectations and changed attitudes among those who had a chance to become familiar with the newest in the Hercules line of airlifters.



(Facing Page, Bottom Left) Master Sgt. Michael Lee, 403rd MXS, is welcomed home by sons Austin and Joseph.

(Facing Page, Right) The family of Master Sgt. Steve Schaff, 815th AS, await his return. Sergeant Schaff's wife, Dawn, gets a photo of the aircraft arriving as daughters, Brittany (center) is flanked by younger sisters Sidney and Savannah who were very proud of their "Welcome Home Daddy" sign.

(Left) Tech. Sgt. Thomas Daniels, 403rd MXS, was greeted by his family including daughter, Heather.

(Below) Maj. Mark Heinold, 815th AS, holds his daughter moments after stepping off a C-130J returning him and other 403rd people from a deployment to Southwest Asia.

(Below) Master Sgt. Steve Schaff gets reacquainted with daughters Sidney and Savannah.



Bowling Bonanza

By SSgt. J. Justin Pearce
Staff Writer

Dental patients on laughing gas would have had trouble topping the morale that circulated inside the 403rd Wing's Super-Bowling Party.

After clocking in with the roosters on Saturday morning, Reservists huddled at the Gaude Lanes bowling alley to mix relaxation with competition. The tournament, held March UTA, was sponsored by the 403rd Special Events Committee to raise money for Family Day in Christmas, which will replace the traditional summer Family Day this year.

As the night progressed, so did Reservists' eagerness to root and cheer for the next player.

While traffic sped down the bowling highway, some balls preferred to drive on the side of the road.

"Gutter ball! Oh no!" hollered Shari

Crenshaw as her ball veered off the lane to avoid a series 12 obstructions. But it was a laughing matter - the troops just wanted to have some fun.

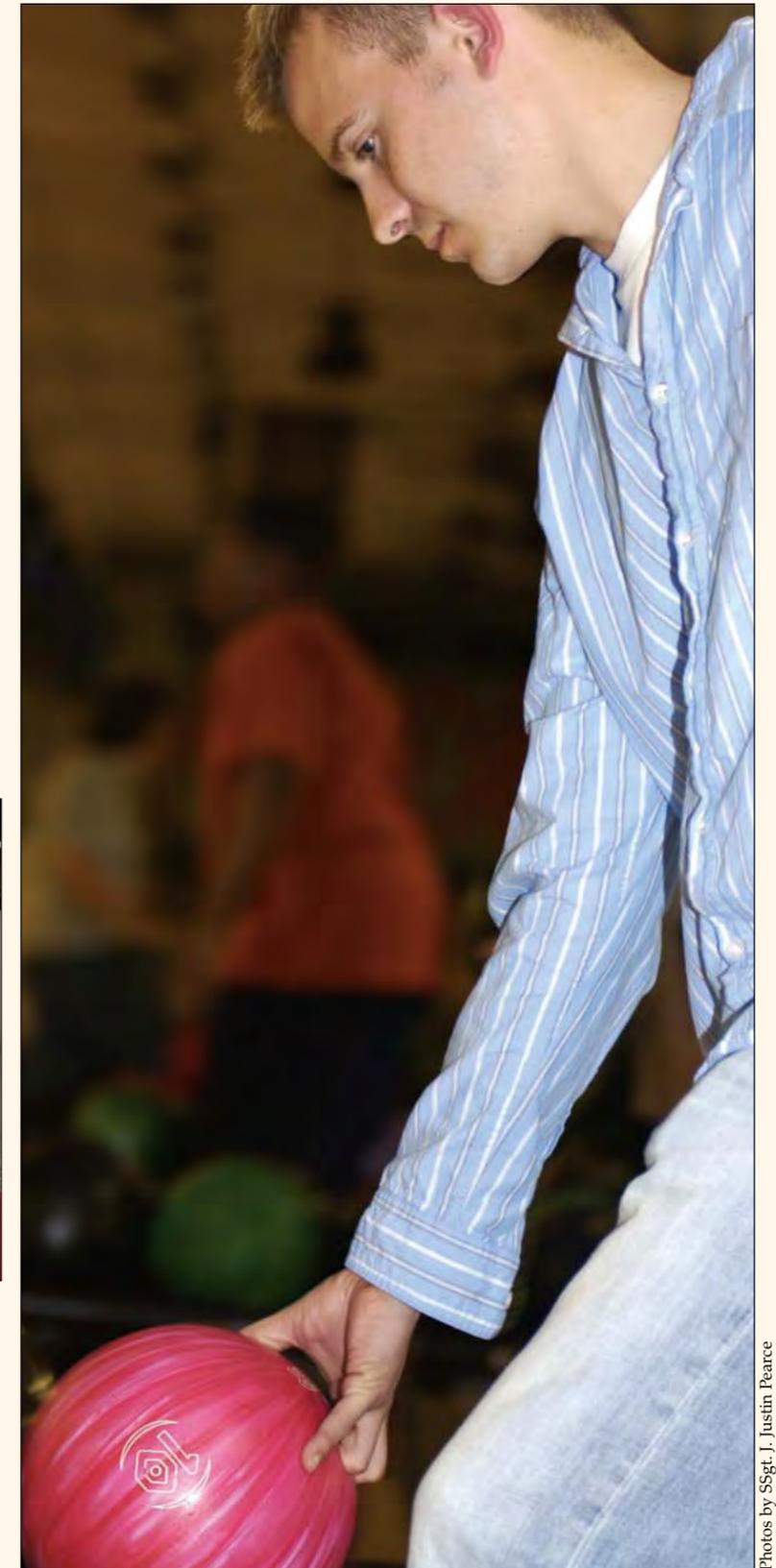
"We do this for our reservists and their families," said Staff Sergeant Jessie Armstrong, a chairman of the committee. "It's not just about the money, if we have money, why not spend it and raise it back up? It's a



The tension builds in Shelia Konelick and Callie Jones, as they watch one of their troop's send a spinner soaring down the lane. As the pins fell, these cheerleaders jumped up and down in celebration.



(Top) Kicking off the games, Boyd Huff, 403rd Communications Flight, scatters some pins to gain points for his team. 403rd CES placed second in the tourney. (Above) Shari Crenshaw, 403rd MEO, sure isn't bringing down the mood. She has her favorite pink ball number 10, and she's ready for action. (Right) Richard Conner, 403rd LRS, was also caught bowling with Crenshaw's little pink ball. Conner's father, who recently retired from active duty at Keesler, bowls here in two leagues.



Photos by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

morale builder, and it gives people something to do on UTA weekends."

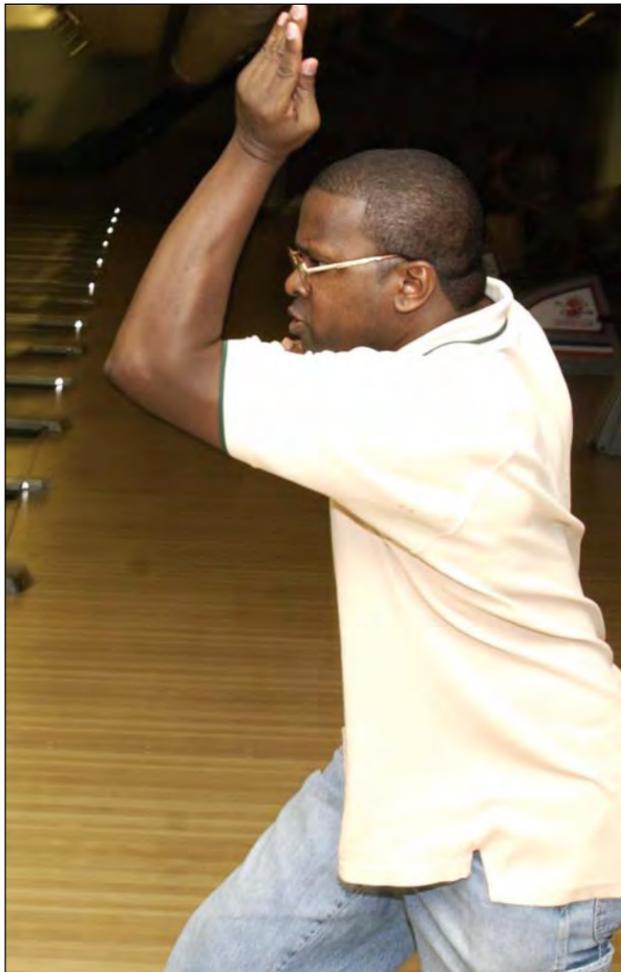
The tourney raised a net gain of \$300. The committee is looking for good ideas for fundraisers. To submit an idea or learn more about the Wing's newest committee, contact Master Sgt. Sonia Hayes at 377-4004 or Sergeant Jessie Armstrong at 377-2082.

The Top Three Teams at the tourney were: in first place, the 41st APS team of Beaudrean, Brown, Childs,

Hodges and Holmes with a score of 2,501, second place went to 403rd CE's team of Neglia, Vogel, Blake, Grubb and Williams with a score of 2,330 and third place was awarded to 403rd SFS's team of Day, Green, Hanberry, Hogan and Messersmitt with a score of 2,305.

Alan Campbell took High Series with 738 as well as High Game with 284.

Dale Bass also picked up a trophy for a Low Game of 35 and series of 190.



(Above) Bowling pointers are valuable. Rupert Bradshaw, 403rd CF, passes along a few tips to Michelle Raymond, 403rd Career Enhancement, before she fires her ball down the lane. (Top Right) With the focus and precision of a Samurai, Vernon Forde, 403rd CF, sends his bowling ball on a crash course with the pins. Forde pinned on Technical Sergeant stripes this month. (Right) For a moment, Dudley Briar, 403rd CES, has his whole world in his hands as he focuses on how his ball is going to tackle those pins.



Photos by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce



Lefty or Righty? Swap it

If you shoot the M-16 left handed, you will not be able to fire properly when wearing a gas mask straight from the factory - the filter must be swapped from the right to left side. Before attempting to swap the filter, visit the 403rd Readiness, or at M-16 training see your instructor for a new gasket for the mask; the old one is unusable and ineffective once removed. (The gaskets will also be available during chemical warfare training on UTAs)

To swap sides, follow these instructions.

- ◆ Locate the D-ring on the end of the mask waist strap (it's shaped like a D)
- ◆ Using the D-ring like a screwdriver, remove the side voice-miter retaining ring
- ◆ Remove the voice-miter and the gasket
- ◆ Unscrew the filter and remove white plastic deflector shield from the inside of the mask
- ◆ Remove the deflector shield retainer
- ◆ Throw the used gasket away

- ◆ Insert the new gasket and voice-miter on the opposite side of the mask, and use the D-ring to install it
 - ◆ Reassemble the deflector shield and filter on the opposite side
- *If you have already swapped the sides of the filter on the mask without using a new gasket, the mask is ineffective and needs a new one.*



Photos by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

J-eronimo!

Flying Jennies drop paratroopers from sky

By TSgt. James B. Pritchett
Editor

It's been a long time since the Flying Jennies of the 815th Airlift Squadron have expelled human cargo into the skies. Since, beginning conversion to the C-130J in 1999, the unit has not flown a personnel airdrop mission.

In March, aircrew participating in a Procedures Development and Evaluation mission with Air Mobility Command became the first in the unit to perform this type of drop in a J-model.

Two pilots and three loadmasters traveled to Hulburt Field Fla., with Master Sgt. Terry Reaves, AMC's chief C-130J loadmaster, to pickup special forces troops from the 720th Special Tactics Group.

Sergeant Reaves flew along to provide instruction, as needed, to the loadmasters and to evaluate the procedures for conducting this type of mission. Loadmasters, Master Sgt. Morton Smith,

Master Sgt. Willard Boedecker and Senior Master Sgt. Mike Watson, all of the 403rd Operations Group, also helped in evaluating procedures and were cleared to provide training to other J-model loadmasters.

"Before the mission, I was the only AMC personnel qualified loadmaster," said Sergeant Reaves. "It helps to have other people trained so they can assist in getting other loadmasters ready for the release of this capability."

Before an aircraft is "released" by the Air Force to conduct operational missions, its capabilities are determined and all the procedures are written, tested and evaluated. This mission marked one of the last hurdles for the J-model in the release of the personnel airdrop capability. It is expected that the aircraft will be approved to fly these kinds of missions as soon as it is released and personnel are trained in the procedures.

"The information we gath-

ered validates that the AMC procedures will meet the warfighters' needs," said Sergeant Reaves. "The mission provided an avenue to change or modify the procedures if they didn't meet the mission requirements. However, the procedures worked as advertised and the crew performed superbly during the mission."

This is an important capability for the 815th and other tactical airlift units flying the C-130J. Airdrop is the fastest way to deploy troops into an area of operations. Traditionally, the C-130 is the preferred aircraft to fly them there and drop them in. More than 60 troops can be on the ground and reorganized within just a few minutes.

In the past, the 815th AS has supported training for special operations forces, both Air Force and Army, as well as personnel airdrops in combat missions. With the unit just returning from its first deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, aircrews are anxious to open up more mission types.

"This was another very important milestone in full operational capability release," said Sergeant Reaves. "The 815th AS and Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command were instrumental in making the drop happen."

(Facing Page, Left) Paratroops from the 720th Special Tactics Group float to the ground after a 1,000 foot jump from a C-130J. Members of the unit are required to stay current in the parachuting skills, performing static line and High Altitude Low Opening jumps twice a year.

(Below) Once they are on the ground, the troops still have to contend with wind that sometimes fills their parachutes. (Right) Master Sgt. Morton Smith, loadmaster, 403rd OG, connects a cable used to deploy parachutes for static line jumps. Jumpers can weigh a maximum of 360 pounds when exiting the aircraft.

(Bottom, Right) The static line connecting the jumper to the aircraft can be seen as he exits. A fellow jumper's chute was deployed only seconds before the next man was in the air. In the C-130J up to 64 paratroopers can exit the aircraft in short order, in the C-130J-30 92 can jump.



Hurricane Hunters get new fin flash

By TSgt. Michael Duhe
Senior Staff Writer

Like icing on a cake, new tail striping was applied to a Hurricane Hunter J-model for the first time during last month's UTA.

The unit has seen sweeping changes in the last eight months, according to Lt. Col. James Linder, commander, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. The unit added a tactical requirement to its weather mission, is converting from the WC-130H to WC-130J and is changing paint schemes from the glossy light gray to the darker tactical gray.

"And now our fin flash," he said. "I think it looks great."

The first J-model chosen for the new tail striping recently bore "403d Wing" on its tail as it successfully flew an around-the-world mission to demonstrate the new aircraft's capabilities. Airmen from the 403rd Maintenance Squadron sanded off the lettering March 5 and painted an 80-inch wide, 14-inch tall bordered blue box across the tail. They returned the next day to apply the new seven-inch tall, non-gloss lettering - "Hurricane Hunter" in italics, the words separated by a red hurricane icon similar to the one featured on the 53rd WRS logo.

Lt. Col. Jon Talbot, assistant director of operations for the unit, designed the new tail striping. It was his idea to incorporate the hurricane symbol from the center of the 53 WRS patch.

"We wanted to be consistent with the wing and the Flying Jennies and yet have our own identity," Colonel Linder explained.

Once the design was submitted to the 403rd Maintenance Squadron, airmen in the sheet metal shop worked with Sherwin Williams to find a paint color that matched the blue background.

The Sacramento Document Automation and Production Services, which provides the American flag decals on 403rd aircraft tails, manufactured the self-adhesive, peel and stick "Hurricane Hunter" lettering decals featured on the new tail striping. Guaranteed to last five to seven years, the letters are made of a high-density vinyl sprayed with a coating of a material that provides ultraviolet protection. The decals are also perforated, which allows them to "breathe" and helps avoid bubbling and wrinkling.

The decals are more durable than those produced by a vinyl machine available in the maintenance shop, said Master Sgt. Ron Balias, a structural maintenance technician with the 403rd Maintenance Squadron.

"Regular vinyl doesn't hold up very long - it starts cracking," he said. "These stickers are thicker and a lot easier to handle."

After seeing the new striping in place on the



A new blue background and sleek new lettering will adorn all of the new WC-130J aircraft assigned to the 53rd WRS. The process of applying the new tail striping took several hours. Staff Sgt. Robert Tuggle, structural maintenance technician, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, applies new italic lettering.

first aircraft, it was decided that the hurricane symbol would have to be redone to be more visible from the ground, according to Balias. He is working with the DAPS designer to get a bolder look on the red swirl pattern that is consistent with the unit's patch.

The price tag for one set (for one aircraft) is about \$208. Ten sets were recently shipped to the 403rd. Sergeant Balias said 10 more sets will be ordered soon as the process of "tail striping" J-model Hurricane Hunter aircraft continues.

This aircraft was the first to receive the new tail striping. After seeing it in place, designers decided to make minor changes to make the red hurricane symbol stand out better when viewed from the ground.



Photo by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

Spouse Pins

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are looking for new members.

Eligibility for membership in the VFW is based on honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard performed by officers or enlisted personnel who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of United States.

Many servicemembers are eligible but don't even know it. There have been changes lately. You can join if you have received immunity duty or hostile fire pay, the new Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Korean duty, and all the service medals that are coming from Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan.

The VFW loses many members every year due to deaths, and wants to keep this elite organization alive and strong by recruiting younger members who will carry the organization through the next century.

For information, contact Johnny Potter at 228-424-0356 or e-mail at pottersm@cableone.net

Recruiting Project

The 403rd Wing Recruiting Office is requesting support from reservists in placing recruiting literature at area businesses. If you own or work at a business that would like to show support for the Air Force Reserve, please contact the Recruiting office at 377-5236, or stop by Bldg. 904 Rm., 136. If you frequently visit a business that you feel may support this program, please provide its name and location to the Recruiting Office. This is an exciting way for Reservists to become involved in the recruiting process and to show the public that the Air Force Reserve is composed of members in their own community.

MPF Hours

Military Personnel Flight customer service hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on UTA weekends.

This section serves as the initial point of contact between the customer and other MPF work centers. It also administers the casualty assistance program, family member dental plan, identification card benefits and privileges and assists personnel with immigration and naturalization services. This section is also point of contact for the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, establishing and maintaining the unit personnel record group, and awards and decorations.

NBC Defense

CBRNE is the new acronym for NBC. With the additional threats of radiation and explosives, the new CBRNE stands for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives.

Medical Jobs

A new Air Force Reserve Health Professions Recruiter, Tech. Sgt. George Adams, is now based at Keesler in the Sablich Center.

The Air Force Reserve is in search of qualified health professionals to join its highly skilled teams. Unit members are encouraged to use the Get One Program www.afreserve.com/getone to submit potential applicants and receive recognition.

The following critical

AFSCs are available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida units: 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3.

Applicants may even be eligible for a signing bonus or loan repayment. For information and eligibility criteria, contact Sergeant Adams at 228-377-8332 or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil

College Money

Reservists activated to fight the war on terror can get more money for college through the Selected Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Full-time students normally draw a max of \$288 a month. Full-time students activated for 90 days to a year can draw a max of \$402.

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Center Mass

Staff Sgt. Ron Yokely takes aim while combat arms instructor, Tech. Sgt. Michael Schauger, watches his technique. Sergeant Schauger is a lieutenant with the Biloxi Police Department, where he coordinates all training for the officers.

Living Wills

The recent legal and legislative battles over the fate of Terry Schiavo force us to ask ourselves some tough questions.

What would you want if you were her? Does your family know? Who would decide? What can you do to make your wishes known — and more importantly — enforced?

Contact the base legal office to meet with a legal assistance attorney who can help answer these questions and draft the documents you need to reflect your choices on the removal or extension of life support.

A living will is not part of your last will and testament at all. It is a separate document, also known as an advance medical directive or declaration.

This document states that if you are diagnosed with a terminal, incurable condition, you are authorizing physicians to remove life support.

The conditions that trigger the living will and the extent of the medical care to be withdrawn vary significantly from state to state.

A medical power of attorney may also authorize a person you designate to direct the course of your medical care, and this may include some termination of life support decisions as well.

Your legal assistance attorney can answer your questions regarding these documents, the need to revise them when you move to a new jurisdiction and prepare those documents you choose to reflect your decisions concerning the withdrawal or extension of life support measures.

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DoD announces new health care benefit

By Terri Lukach
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—A new health care plan, with coverage comparable to that enjoyed by federal employees under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance plan, will be available to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families April 25, Defense Department officials announced today at the Pentagon.

The new plan, called Tricare Reserve Select, will serve as a bridge for reserve component members entering or leaving active duty who are not covered by civilian employer or other health insurance plans. It applies to all reserve component personnel who have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001, and who agree to continued service in the Selected Reserve. The coverage will be applied retroactively, officials said.

Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Charles Abell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall, and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William Winkenwerder announced the plan at a Pentagon news conference.

"We are committed," Abell said, "to providing the proper combination of compensation and benefits that will allow us to attract and retain the world's best fighting force."

Abell said that while large numbers of

National Guard and Reserve members have health insurance through their employers, the department "recognizes the importance of maintaining a continuity of care as they transition from their employers to serve with us and then back, as well as the need for some of them who may be self-employed or who work for small businesses to have health coverage."

TRS is a nationwide, premium-based plan that closely resembles the Tricare Standard coverage of the active duty force.

Its rates are based on the premiums for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Service Benefit Plan for federal government employees. Premiums will be adjusted annually.

Reserve component personnel and their family members now are also eligible for benefits 90 days prior to activation, and for up to six months after demobilization, Hall said.

"For every 90 days of active duty service, Guard and Reserve personnel are eligible for one year of Tricare coverage for a modest fee," Hall told reporters. "That means, for example, that personnel who have served two years of active duty are eligible for eight years of healthcare coverage."

Winkenwerder praised the members of the National Guard and Reserve. "They have shouldered a tremendous share of the global war on terror in which we are deeply engaged," he said, "and they have performed exceptionally well."



Governor Haley Barbour signed a Proclamation supporting the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. ESGR is a Department of Defense agency whose mission is to promote public and private understanding of the National Guard and Reserve and to gain employer support for the Guard and Reserve programs. Col. Paul Waters, commander, 403rd Maintenance Group attended the signing.

Courtesy Photo

Communication, Cooperation, Coordination

Changing roles and increasing operations tempo calls for a dose of vitamin C-Plus

By Brig. Gen. Richard Moss

Commander, 403rd Wing

Got C-Plus?

If you were to ask any leader about the most basic diet that fuels a healthy business, organization or military unit, I'll bet a certain essential vitamin would be on the list for success. That supplement makes the difference between winners and losers; it is one of the most elemental building blocks for long-term success. Let's call it "Vitamin C-Plus."

C-Plus was missing in some of the most notable military and business failures in our history — so much so that the translations of war scholars consider it a critical component of any operation.

Centuries ago, Sun Tzu, the venerable Chinese military expert wrote about the most elemental ingredient of C-Plus — "Communication."

He wrote, "... discipline and organization structure is the system of level-to-level communication requiring a fair, consistent and clear communication. Communication affects the overall effectiveness of a system."

Communication is the springboard of the other components of C-Plus — "Cooperation" and "Coordination." Much has been made by Department of Defense leadership about the concept of "jointness."

Our current Joint Doctrine is a product of expensive lessons learned about the less than desirable effects of inter-service rivalry and, at times, the failure to properly cooperate and coordinate the actions of the various branches of the military.

We are now in a period of transition and multiple challenges. Just to give a few examples — our runway is closed for repairs, we have aircraft positioned at six different locations, we are continuing the conversion of the weather mission to the WC-130J from the WC-130H, we have several units whose war-time missions are changing, and we continue to have personnel deployed throughout the world. In addition, we are gearing up training to prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection in 2007.

To make all this happen, it is going to require we work together as a team not only within the 403rd, but with our many partners helping to make this happen. We can no longer think only of what is best for our unit or our functional area because each action we take affects other functions within the Wing, the active duty, as well as other units of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

I challenge you to go beyond your comfort zone and think through your intended communication before you act. Ask yourself, "How will my message or action



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affect the very large team I am now a part of?" "Will what I do help us to achieve our goals, or will it create hardship or confusion for others because I didn't use C-Plus?"

Likewise, as you think through your actions, consider what a poorly-planned or last-minute request could cause those we rely on to support our mission. It only takes a moment for you to take an action, but the far reaching effect of your action can cause others great confusion and consternation as they are forced to react to our failure to properly communicate, coordinate and cooperate.

Without C-Plus, there is no team; there's only a bunch of unrelated parts operating in isolated and very small circles. With C-Plus as a part of a healthy, daily diet for all members of the 403rd Wing, we will achieve unity of effort and successfully meet each and every challenge presented to us. Keep up the great work.



Photo By SSgt. Jessie Armstrong, 403rd CES, UPAR

Power Provider

Keeping the lights on in “tent city” is a lot easier with this monster machine -- a 5,000-watt battery and diesel-fuel-operated power generator. Staff Sgt. David Pelegrin, 403rd CES, practices the complicated inspection and start-up procedures for this 852-pound, skid-mounted necessity. At this wattage, the generator could provide lights and power to 12 temper tents.

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Each month Gulf Wing is printed for people of the 403rd Wing, like SSgt. Joseph Beiring of the 41st Aerial Port Squadron.

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