

New AFSOC CC chief selected

RAF MILDENHALL, England –

Chief Master Sgt. Howard “Jim” Mowry, 352nd Special Operations Group command chief, has been selected to represent all of Air Force Special Operations Command’s enlisted “Quiet Professionals.”



Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry

Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, AFSOC commander, informed Chief Mowry of his selection as AFSOC’s command chief master sergeant July 16. His new duties will be to advise General Hester on issues influencing the health, welfare, morale and effective utilization of AFSOC enlisted airmen stationed throughout the world. He’s the fifth chief master sergeant to hold this position.

“It’s truly an honor to be selected as the AFSOC command chief and to be given the opportunity to represent the finest airmen and NCOs the Air Force has to offer in service of their country,” said Chief Mowry.

Chief Mowry entered the Air Force and began service to his country in 1977 as a security police specialist. Over his 26-year career, he’s held leadership positions in Europe and NATO, developing a vast breadth of experience in conventional and joint operations – experience, that led to promotion and ultimately put him in for AFSOC’s top enlisted position.

He was promoted to the grade of chief master sergeant Nov. 1, 2000, and served as the 509th Bomb Wing’s command chief, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., before he assumed his current duties as the 352nd SOG’s command chief in July 2002. Although the last couple of years have been fast paced, the last one stands out as a career highlight, said to the chief.

“It’s been a privilege working with leadership on behalf of the enlisted force of the 352nd SOG,” said Chief Mowry. “It’s an experience that will serve me well as I look forward to my new position at Headquarters AFSOC. I’ll work hard to represent the airmen throughout the command and other services.”

Chief Mowry reports to Hurlburt Field in August when he assumes duties from Chief Master Sgt. Bob Martens, who was selected as the command chief for U.S. Special Operations Command. **(AFSOC NEWS)**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

Taming a beast

Airmen from the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Aero Repair Flight, maneuver a 10,000-pound fuselage of an H-53 helicopter onto a perch 10 feet above ground. The shell is the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron’s newest training platform. See the story on Page 14.

Hurlburt Field inducts 95 SNCOs

By Master Sgt. Darrell Brewer
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field inducted 95 members during its annual Senior NCO Induction ceremony Aug. 8 at The Soundside.

“In the United States Air Force a master sergeant joins an elite group,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jon Fields, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron first sergeant and a master of ceremony for the event as he read the senior NCO creed. “More will be expected of you, more will be demanded of you – not because you are an E-7, but because now you are a master sergeant.”

He went on to explain that as a senior NCO, inductees will now be afforded privileges not awarded others and that they “have freely accepted responsibility beyond the call of normal duty.”

In addition to giving members and their loved ones a favorable memory to look back on as they

progress through their Air Force careers, the induction ceremony holds two primary purposes, according to Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th Special Operations Wing command chief.

“Number one is that we want to mark this significant milestone in their Air Force career,” Chief Alicea said. “Along with that, we want to continue our traditions and highlight the rich heritage of the enlisted corps.”

Giving the closing remarks for the event was Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

“Two years ago there were some new senior NCOs sitting in the same seats you sit in today,” Colonel Kisner said. “Two years ago, they had no idea what their future was going to hold. In those two years since the events of the 11th of September, we have discovered one thing – that we

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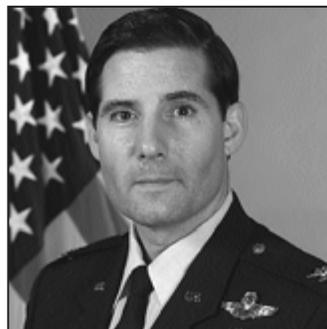
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However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Pitch in for the playground

Comment: I live in Commando Village and there's a newly built playground right behind my house. The problem is that it's full of trash. Once a week I try to clean up the playground. While I'm there I've found clothing, open food containers and broken glass. I remember thinking when the park was first built that it would be nice to take my son to, but before I could take him, it was already littered. Since the park is directly behind my home, I was wondering if you could at least put one trash receptacle beside it to help encourage the kids to throw their trash away every once in a while. It would also be a great help if someone could be dispatched to clean it up every now and then also.

Reply: Trash containers will be installed at the Commando Village playgrounds within 60 days and emptied on a regular basis by our Commando Village refuse contractor. All military members and their family members who use the Commando Village playgrounds are reminded these containers will be for trash only – all recyclable materials must be removed from the playground areas and placed in proper recycled material containers including plastic drink bottles, paper products, aluminum and glass containers. All recyclable items should be placed in the recycling containers provided at each residence. Every can, bottle and piece of paper counts. The base-recycling center recently gave over \$24,000 to the community in quality of life events such as Independence Day fireworks, Super Day and Junior Golf camp. Please pitch in and do your part.

Take pride in reveille, retreat

By Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes
18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – No doubt most Air Force members have experienced the delays associated with the daily observances of reveille and retreat at bases throughout the world.

I imagine more than one person at each base has said an unpleasant word or two after being caught outside or in their vehicle when the base speaker system began sounding the patriotic tunes.

I also used to be annoyed with these daily observances. While stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, I regularly scheduled my arrival to and departure from work to make sure I didn't get caught when the music started playing. I used to get angry when base officials had the time to interrupt my busy schedule with this daily "nuisance."

That's how I used to feel, but a few moments standing in the hot summer sun in the Dyess AFB commissary parking lot helped me realize I was wrong.

After work one afternoon, I had to make a quick run to the commissary and I was determined to complete my trip before the daily retreat ceremony began. In my rush, I parked as close as I could to the commissary's front door and ducked inside. I was so glad the music hadn't started and hoped I could make it back to my car and drive home before retreat began.

As luck would have it, a long line in

the checkout lane slowed my progress, and I was throwing a mental fit as I walked toward my car with several grocery bags on each arm. I was halfway from the commissary door to my car when my luck ran out. I heard the giant speaker nearby crackle to life with the introductory tones of retreat.

My mental fit grew to fury as I threw my grocery bags on the ground and stood at attention. "What a pain," I thought as I raised my hand in salute. "I can't believe I'll be late for dinner because of this stupid tradition."

But then I saw something that changed my mind. As I stood in the middle of the parking lot and watched the heat ripple off the asphalt, I began observing other people and their reactions.

Several military members rushed to their vehicles and ducked inside to avoid paying respect to the flag. Other people in civilian clothes looked in the direction of the music and continued on their way.

But my focus turned to one old man who could have easily escaped the music. He had a slight hunch in his stance and his hair was silvery white. When I spotted him, his hand was literally on his car's door handle and his wife was already seated in the car. But as soon as he heard the music, he slipped his hand off the handle, straightened his stance, turned toward the flag and snapped to attention.

I felt the guilt of my complete lack of appreciation wash over me like a wave. In that moment, I realized the meaning of

reveille and retreat and felt like a heel as I watched the old man stand motionless until the last note of music faded away. I had to tell him what his gesture meant to me, so I ran toward him, no doubt looking like an idiot as I left my groceries in the middle of the parking lot and sprinted toward his car.

I approached the man as he climbed in his car, and then told him in my shaky voice how appreciative I was and what his gesture meant to me.

"Oh, it's no problem," he said. "I've been doing that for more than 50 years."

With his response, the military bearing I was trying so hard to maintain was gone. I began crying as I turned and walked back toward my car, ashamed of my selfish attitude. I filled in the blanks for the old man, assuming he was probably a World War II or Korean War veteran and thought of the sacrifice he and others like him made many years before I was born so I could enjoy the freedom I have today.

Needless to say, I don't mind taking a few moments to participate in reveille and retreat anymore. What used to be a nuisance is now an honor. I'm proud to serve my country and remember those who sacrificed for my freedom. If you are one who thinks the daily ceremonies are only a pain, think of the old man I mentioned and remember what he and others did to secure your freedom. It may just change your mind about the traditions of reveille and retreat. **(AFPN)**



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New service-commitment policy coming

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Schoen
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will implement a comprehensive, service-commitment directive for certain kinds of training, education and promotions.

“The Reserve Service Commitment policy accomplishes two goals,” said Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, AFRC commander. “First, the RSC ensures a fair and equitable return to the Air Force Reserve and the American taxpayers. Second, it communicates to our members the period of obligated service they must complete before becoming eligible to separate, transfer or

retire from the Selected Reserve.”

The policy affects Reservists in the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve’s Health Professions Scholarship Program and the IRR’s Financial Assistance Program. The RSC includes unit program Reservists, individual mobilization augmentees and members of the active Guard and Reserve.

Air Force Reservists in the rank of colonel and below incur a service obligation if they attend formal training or education for 20 weeks or longer, receive a promotion in the top three enlisted grades, or enlist in the service for the first time.

“Everyone wins when a member acquires new skills through training and education, but the Air Force

Reserve loses if members leave prematurely, said Lt. Col. Paul Kirby, chief of the personnel programs and training division in the office of the Air Force Reserve in Washington. “...the country also loses its investment of both financial resources and time,” Colonel Kirby continued.

“This policy standardizes, streamlines and provides the means to enforce the various commitment policies, by providing a single-source document that clearly communicates the required commitments to the members,” the colonel continued. “We worked hard to create a system that treats people fairly, and I believe our Reservists are people of honesty and integrity who’ll live up to their commitments.” (AFPN)

Combat Controller earns Pitsenbarger

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – An Air Force Combat Controller has been named the 2003 Pitsenbarger award winner.

Staff Sgt. Gabriel Brown, assigned to the 720th Special Tactics Group at Hurlburt Field, Fla., was selected for his heroism while supporting Operation Anaconda during Operation Enduring Freedom.

While attached to the 75th Ranger Regiment, Sergeant Brown’s quick-reaction force was called to extract a team of five U.S. Navy SEALs and one Combat Control team member. He controlled the close-air support assets for more than 15 hours during the battle at Takur Ghar, Afghanistan.

As other members of the reaction force cleared enemy positions, Sergeant Brown moved to higher ground and repelled several enemy counterattacks with close-air support. He did this while under constant enemy machine gun, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar fire. His actions directly contributed to saving the lives of 26 quick-reaction force members.

“I would like to recognize the league of men (former Pitsenbarger award recipients) with whom I have the prestigious honor of joining,” the sergeant said, “and I dedicate this award to the seven great men who paid the ultimate price that fateful day to keep America free.” (AFSOC News)



Photo by Bill McCuddy

More power

OSHKOSH, Wis. – At the Experimental Aircraft Association’s AirVenture air show Aug. 1, Dr. Fred Shauer (right), talks to visitors about the pulsed detonation engine he and the Air Force Research Laboratory from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, had created. With much of the prototype built from car parts, the engine is a test bed for future engines that will be capable of powering aircraft to speeds of up to Mach 4. (AFPN)

News Briefs

Civilian career brief online

Air Force civilians can now view career information online from any Internet-connected computer.

The virtual civilian career brief offers information, such as, current position data, pay and benefits, appraisals and education.

People can access the virtual brief through the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp.

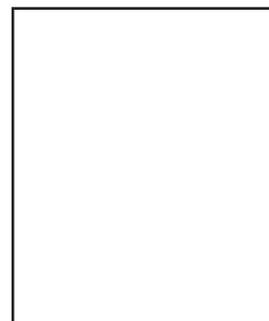
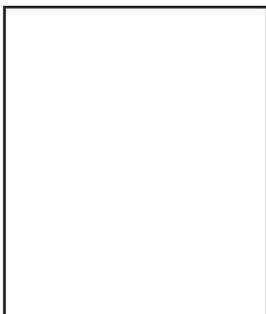
New users will need to establish an account before using the service.

For more information, see the Air Force Print News article at www.af.mil/stories/story.asp?storyID=123005261, or contact the local civilian personnel flight.

AAFES waiting on uniform fabric

Delays in getting certified fabric have backed up production of selected Air Force and Army optional uniforms. The shortages are expected to continue through fall. Lengthened delivery times on certified fabrics have caused the shortage since the sole certified manufacturer of nearly every fabric used in military uniforms, has been reorganizing under Chapter 11 during the past year.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service isn’t authorized to use other fabrics or purchase optional uniforms from companies that don’t meet approved supplier requirements. In the meantime, military clothing sales store workers are moving merchandise to different stores to meet the immediate needs of military members. For more information, see the Air Force Print News article at <http://www.af.mil/stories/story.asp?storyID=123005200>.



DOD offers free anti-virus software

By Master Sgt. Mary Edwards
AFSOC Information Assurance Branch

A computer virus attack can be one of the most destructive events to strike a computer system, but it can also be the easiest thing to avoid.

Most people have been exposed to at least one type of virus that strikes through their e-mail account – worms.

Worms are a type of virus that replicates independently by sending itself to other systems.

The most common characteristic of e-mail worms today is to steal address books from hard drives and use them to send copies of itself to everyone in it. E-mail from someone's supervisor may not have actually come

from him – a worm infecting his computer may have sent it.

Office computers are protected from viruses through the combined efforts of many professionals/ here at Hurlburt Field.

Now, the Department of Defense has made it possible to protect home computers by making the latest antivirus software available free to download.

Through a special licensing agreement, DOD civilians and military members are authorized to use Norton Anti-virus software at home. (However, DOD contractors aren't authorized to use Norton Anti-virus software on their home systems under this licensing agreement.)

People can obtain the latest versions of Norton Antivirus software from their workgroup managers, or download them



from the Hurlburt Field web page at <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/nav/>.

The software can be copied to a compact disk or Zip disk and taken home for installation on personal computers. Information on installing this software is also included on the web page.

For more information regarding the free anti-virus software, call the Wing Information Assurance Office at 884-6605.

MEO office: responding to, educating airmen

By Capt. William Woodall
Military Equal Opportunity

Each Air Force member has the right to participate in, and benefit from, programs and activities for which they're qualified and shall only be evaluated on their individual merit, fitness, and capability.

It's a fact that when members are discriminated against or sexually harassed, the mission is jeopardized.

In order to ensure mission accomplishment, the Military Equal Opportunity office is charged with carrying out the Air Force policy.

MEO works directly for the installation commander and assists the commander in ensuring members are treated fairly and can work in an environment free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. In order to accomplish this, MEO has been given several key responsibilities.

The MEO office is responsible for clarifying allegations of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment filed by military members, and their family.

Along with clarifying discrimination complaints, the MEO office provides many other services.

These include conducting equal opportunity incident clari-

fications, maintaining close contact with commanders and informing them of problems that may adversely affect their members' behavior, health, duty performance or mission.

MEO also conducts a vast array of equal opportunity and treatment/human relations education such as First Duty Station, Newcomer's Orientation, Commander's Calls, and special briefings.

To help commanders assess their human relations climate within their organization, MEO conducts Unit Climate Assessments for commanders.

When necessary, inquiry officers and commanders utilize MEO as subject matter experts when they deal with equal opportunity and treatment matters.

Finally, to maintain close liaison with on and off-base agencies and establishments, MEO serves as advisors on many councils, special emphasis groups, and cultural observance committees.

Bottom line, MEO is here to help people – the individual, the supervisor and the commander accomplish the wing's critical mission.

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Got License? Information Assurance training

By Master Sgt. James Charity
AFSOC communications
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During a major inspection, while hard at work on your office personal computer, an inspector approaches and asks for proof that you are authorized to use a government owned computer. Without hesitation, you whip out your wallet and produce a driver's license, fishing license and peddler's license – but no network user license.

In an instant you find yourself cast back into yesteryear, pecking away at the old typewriter instead of key stroking the latest high-speed stealth PC keyboard.

Maybe it won't happen quite this way in today's Air Force, however, prior to using any U.S. government owned automated information system, it's mandatory to obtain a network user license. This requirement can be met by completing Information Assurance training.

The similarities of a network license in comparison to a driving or fishing license are fairly synonymous in that each

requires self-discipline, integrity and good old-fashioned common sense.

An important rule to live by when using or accessing a government PC or network is to cherish the privilege entrusted to you and abide by the established rules.

Furthermore, regardless of duty title, rank or position, we're all obligated to do our part in protecting the network from hackers, saboteurs and other potential hostile network forces. IA training provides users with the education needed to fulfill this responsibility.

IA training focuses on educating network users and administrators with sound lessons of the proper network conduct. These lessons play a vital role in preventing the inadvertent release of sensitive unclassified and classified information.

They also help prevent the malicious and intentional destruction of valuable computer network hardware and software resources. IA trained users can apply these lessons learned across a full spectrum of scenarios – on-base, foxhole, aircraft wireless network, telephone switch and

remote access in a hotel.

Air Force Instructions 33-204, Information Assurance Awareness Program, and 33-115, Volume 2, Licensing Network Users and Certifying Network Professionals, establishes specific policy for IA training.

Until recently, this training was known as Security Awareness Training and Education. Although SATE has been renamed IA training, the intent of educating the user and system administrator remains the same.

System administrators and first-time users (contractors included) of Air Force computers and networks must be licensed through the completion of designated IA computer based training and certification modules. This training must be completed prior to gaining access to the network or using a computer at their location.

In most cases, those who need a network user license don't have access to a PC, thus can't gain access to the network. Workgroup managers are the points of contact and can facilitate training. While there's no annual recurring training

requirement in the Air Force, the installation commander may institute a more stringent policy for the base. This would reinforce the knowledge learned during initial licensing and certification.

Many would debate that our networks are hardened to penetration of rogue hackers and outside threats. However, a large degree of vulnerabilities originate internally and can be traced back to poor network practices such as unauthorized downloads and virus contaminated files from untrusted sources. Information Assurance training provides users with a host of comprehensive list of network do's and don'ts.

People should consult their workgroup managers for specific guidance on completing IA training. If changing duty stations or going on temporary duty, take a hard copy of the certificate to avoid having to re-accomplish the training.

Information Assurance is interwoven into everything we do on the job and will continue to exist as a vital piece of the security puzzle in protecting our networks.

CV-22 nine flies again

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Davis
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Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – CV-22 aircraft nine flew for the first time in more than two years July 14.

The tilt rotor flew for more than an hour, performing a series of systems checks.

These return-to-flight checks evaluated the aircraft on basic flight performance, airspeed calibrations and handling qualities, said Maj. Greg Weber, CV-22 government flight test director.

In the past two years, the aircraft underwent modifications, updating the electrical and hydraulic line clearances and installing electronic warfare countermeasures and heat-seeking missile countermeasures.

Although aircraft nine hasn't flown since arriving at Edwards in September 2000, it hasn't been idle.

According to Major Weber, electronic warfare modifications to the aircraft were tested in the Air Force Flight Test Center's Benefield Anechoic Chamber. The ground testing identified weaknesses in the antenna installation located on the aircraft.

"This resulted in completely redesigning the tail configuration and moving the antenna location

to the tail," he said.

"Upgraded software and a new antenna located on the tail of the aircraft make aircraft nine's mission a real first-flight," said Maj. Thomas Goodnough, CV-22 test pilot for this flight.

"Recent modifications in the tail section of the aircraft were designed to improve how the electronic warfare countermeasures perform. During the test, the differences in handling qualities were found to be acceptable and the aircraft performed to the level we expected," Major Goodnough continued.

In addition, multidirectional modes of flight - left and right, forward and rearward - were successfully tested during this flight, Major Goodnough added.

The aircraft was tested in conversion mode, a mode in between that of helicopter and airplane - flying at an airspeed of 80 knots, the major said.

Aircraft nine boasts unique testing modifications, such as radar absorbent material built into its structure and improved software system performance, explained Major Weber.

The modified external aircraft structure allows flight testers to collect valuable information on basic aircraft performance characteristics. (AFSOC News)

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MH-53 crimson scarf connects father, son

By Lena King
AFSOC Public Affairs

The commandant of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School here traveled to Kirtland Air Force Base to welcome the latest flight engineers into the Air Force.

What made the ceremony more significant for Col. Michael Damron is the fact that one of the newest engineers is his oldest son, Staff Sgt. Brian Damron. Additionally, Sergeant Damron will be heading to the 20th Special Operations Squadron here – a unit his father first flew with in 1980 when the unit first stood up.

A command pilot, Colonel Damron brought his family to Hurlburt Field in 1980, so Sergeant Damron's assignment to the 20th SOS brings him back to familiar territory.

Attending technical school in the 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, was also familiar ground for young Damron – his father served as the commandant for the Basic Helicopter Flight Engineer Training School in 1990.

The scarfing ceremony was especially meaningful for the sergeant who now wears the same scarf his father has worn all his life.

Colonel Damron proudly made the trip to Kirtland AFB to personally present his

son with the crimson scarf worn only by members of MH-53 flight crews.

"It was so exciting having my dad 'scarf' me," Sergeant Damron said. "Getting this scarf is what marks you as an (MH-53) aircrew member. It's a reminder that when the chips are down, you won't leave anyone behind."

Sergeant Damron entered the Air Force hoping to follow in his father's footsteps as an MH-53 crewmember, but there were no flying slots for first-term airmen, so he became a crew chief. At the first opportunity, he cross-trained to become a flight engineer.

"I like what the flight engineer does – it's such a unique position with a lot of responsibility," Sergeant Damron said.

According to the colonel, the road to becoming a flight engineer wasn't an easy one.

"It's the hardest flight engineering school in the Air Force. The enlisted guys have to be twice as smart as the pilots," the colonel said, who has more than 4,800 flying hours in Air Force helicopters, including the MH-53 Pave Low.

The school's nine months long, and the sergeant initially had to overcome severe airsickness.

"He has a great attitude about it," his father said. "He never let that stop him. He went out to Sheppard (Air Force Base, Texas) to participate in a program

designed to help you overcome airsickness, and he beat it."

Sergeant Damron attributes his success to his father.

"He taught me how to balance work and family. (My dad) has been such a big role model. I grew up watching him and grew up around this aircraft. I saw a seven-ship formation when I was five years-old and knew that was what I wanted to do."

There are several stories about how the red scarf became a tradition with MH-53 crewmembers. Some believe the scarf is a tribute to all MH-53 crewmembers who died saving the lives of others – the red symbolizing the blood that was shed.

The most widely accepted explanation stems from a Cold War era exercise the 20th and 21st SOS participated in during the late 1970's.

According to former 551st SOS commander, Lt. Col. Tim Leahy, Pave Low pilots posed as Soviet aggressors and wore makeshift red scarves cut from officer's club tablecloths to distinguish them

as such. Maintainers soon followed suit, hanging red cloths from poles and fixing them to the backs of "follow me" trucks to welcome crews home after a victory.

This practice ignited esprit de corp among the helicopter aircrews and was accepted as a sign of the Pave Low brotherhood.

For Sergeant Damron, it holds another meaning much closer to his heart. It represents a lasting impression left by a father on a son.

"He's the reason why I'm here, and I'm glad he was here to do this." (AFSOC NEWS)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Laura Holzer

Staff Sgt. Brian Damron and his father, Col. Michael Damron, pose in front of an MH-53 Pave Low at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

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have the finest force in the world and it's because of our NCO corps."

The new senior NCO inductees will now attend a three day seminar.

Among other things, the seminar introduces new senior NCOs to leadership and managerial situations. According to Chief Alicea, the seminar strives to prepare senior NCOs so that when they are confronted by situations in their new role "they have some of those tools in their toolbox and can respond appropriately."

"It's an outstanding seminar," said Chief Alicea. "In fact, we've got such a great seminar that our career advisor is going to the Pentagon to be part of an Air Force wide push to formalize this program."

The chief went on to give thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Greg Nabors and Master Sgts. Paula Jackson, Mary Gowin and Travis Williams who organized the induction ceremony.

"They put on an outstanding ceremony," Chief Alicea said. "They stepped up and took the initiative. These folks demonstrated the type of leadership that we hope to pass on to our newest inductees."

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FEATURE

INCREDIBLE 'HULK'*Hurlburt Field Special Tactics gets newest training tool*

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field's 23rd Special Tactics Squadron unveiled its new helo "hulk" – an MH-53 fuselage suspended from a 50-foot tower – July 21.

The hulk will provide realistic training for Pararescuemen and Combat Controllers, said a PJ assigned to the 23rd STS director of training.

"The majority of medical treatment done by Pararescuemen is done in the back of a helo, and this will provide a more realistic environment for training," said Master Sgt. Gavin Burns. "We also have a patient simulator that can mimic a real trauma patient."

According to Sergeant Burns, the mannequin simulates pulses, blood pressure readings and pupil dilation. Pararescuemen working on the mannequin can perform most of the life-saving procedures – from intubations to create an airway to administering an IV – as he would in a real-world situation, while receiving real-time vital sign changes that indicate the effectiveness of his efforts.

"These changes are entered from a computer linked to the simulator that controls the mannequin's signs and symptoms, as assessed by an observer or grader," said Sergeant Burns.

Other realistic touches will be added to the hulk next month, said Sergeant Burns. Ultimately, the hulk will have the exact layout of an MH-53 configured for a combat search and rescue mission.

"It will have an operational hoist, low light green 'slime' lights and a speaker system to provide the deafening sound of rotors and engines," said the sergeant. "PJs will be able to operate in almost identical conditions as they would in a real-world CSAR operation. With the hulk and the simulator together, the first time a PJ works on a real combat trauma patient in a cramped space on (night vision goggles) and unable to hear anything, it won't be such an overwhelming experience," said Sergeant Burns.

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The helo can also be used to train for fast roping and repelling, he said. Although the airframe is only 10 feet above pea gravel, the actions in the aircraft and deployment procedures are the same.

"When training to execute real helicopter alternation insertion/extraction operations, a Special Tactics operator can first practice from a safe height in a more controlled environment than an actual MH-53 in flight," he said. "This will absolutely reduce the risk of injury by ensuring that ST operators have in-flight procedures down cold before a live training event.

"This new training equipment will help us take a light-year leap ahead," said Sergeant Burns.

At 10,000 pounds, it took the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's AeroRepair flight six hours to raise the helo shell in place with a 50-ton crane, said Tech. Sgt. Joseph McHugh, 16th EMS, Aero Repair Flight.

Among aircraft repair duties, the unit (made up of crew chiefs by trade) is responsible for recovery of damaged, disabled or stuck aircraft. Working with the 23rd STS, civil engineers and the contractors who built the ledge on which the helo sits, AeroRepair airmen used their crash recovery sling to hoist the hulk in place.

"We chained (the helo) to the tower for now, but it will be permanently welded," said Sergeant McHugh.

The helo shell was obtained from an aircraft junkyard at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

"The 'hulk' would still be out west in a bone yard if it hadn't been for the vision and persistence of Tech. Sergeant Paul Orse," said Sergeant Burns. "He was the driving force behind this project and the one man who pulled this together. When this facility is complete, he'll have ensured a huge legacy to future Special Tactics operators and possibly help save lives."



Photo by Airman Andy Kin



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson



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Airman 1st Class Richard Hood (left) and Staff Sgt. Phillip Dean (left photo), both 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, guide the placing of the fuselage of an MH-53 helicopter being lifted into place for use as a training aid for the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron. (above) The helo is lifted by a 50-ton crane. (far left) Tech. Sgt. Willie Jones (left) and Senior Airman Vinnie Edwards, both 16th EMS, put tension on the guide ropes.

LIFESTYLE

Military

NY Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T1X1, 3C1X1, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S1X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, 4P0X1, 4R0X1 and 4T0X1. There are also full-time active-duty opportunities in 2A6X6 AND 2A7X3.

For more information, call 1-800-524-5070, or Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at (518) 344-2456, or e-mail Wesley.ryerson@nyscot.af.mil.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 567 holds a monthly meeting Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Bernadette Garces at 884-7633, or e-mail her at bernadette.graces@hurlburt.af.mil.

New college class

The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College is forming a class for majors and promotable captains, to meet one weekend per month beginning Oct. 18 here. Participants can earn military education level four in a classroom environment without a permanent change of station for resident studies. Interested active-duty and Reserve Component Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine O-4s (O-3P) personnel should call Maj. Wayne Hausser at 543-7163, or e-mail wayne.hausser@us.army.mil.

New name tag

The new metallic name tag for wear on the service dress uniform and pullover sweaters is now available. Organizations will purchase and issue one for all assigned enlisted personnel. However, officers will need to purchase their own name tags. The mandatory wear date of the new tags is Jan. 1, 2004. Contact local vendors for prices and availability.

Community

Power outage

A base wide commercial power outage is scheduled for Saturday from 6 to 10 a.m. in order to perform maintenance in the base substation. However, those residents in the Commando Village housing area won't be affected by the outage. Personnel will be on duty to monitor all buildings on base with generator backup. For more information, call the 16th Civil Engineering Squadron's customer service section at 884-6683/6684.

Toll free calling area

A new toll free calling area from Hurlburt Field will be implemented today to include the present area, plus: Crestview, Defuniak Springs, Freeport, Seagrove Beach, Santa Rosa Beach, Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Milton, Kay, Pace, Paxton and Cantonment.

The off-base calls will be dialed as before ñ 99 plus the number. These will be off-base toll free calling only; calls placed from the new areas to Hurlburt Field will

still be toll calls. For more information, call Master Sgt. W. Peel at 884-7498.

Fitness position available

The Hurlburt Field Base Fitness Center has one full-time contract position as an aerobics contract manager. Qualifications for this position and bid package may be picked up today until Aug. 22 at the 16th Contracting Squadron, located at 350 Tully Street, Building 90339. For more information, call Alan Adrian at 884-3261.

HOSC event

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club hosts its annual Activities Brunch Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club for current and new members, and those new to the community. Brunch will be a breakfast burrito bar with a fresh fruit display. There'll be opportunities to see what HOSC, Hurlburt Field and the community have to offer to members and new members. For more information, call Becky McVeigh at 897-0928, or Betsy Treloar at 936-5306.

Self Help plant program

The Self Help Center is now using a voucher system to purchase plants at a downtown nursery. Customers will pick from the catalog, which features a selection of plants that grow well in the area, and then fill out a voucher to be turned in to the center's personnel. Also, the nursery providers are available to assist with any questions and provide landscaping advice. More selections will be made to the catalog in the future. For more information, call the center at 884-7130.

Telephone directory access

The new Hurlburt Field base telephone directory can now be accessed from any computer by visiting the Hurlburt Field Intranet home page and clicking on the Hurlburt Telephone Directory link. If any units have changes or updates for the directory, contact the section telephone control officer with the information. The TCO must then forward it to Richard Jones at Richard.jones@hurlburt.af.mil, or Jheri Brown at jheri.brown@hurlburt.af.mil. For more information, call Mr. Jones or Ms. Brown at 884-6375.

Chorus auditions

The Northwest Florida Symphony Chorus holds auditions for new members and class registration for new and returning members Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arts Center at the Okaloosa-Walton Community College Tyler Recital Hall. Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the hall beginning Sept. 2. For more information, call Chorus Director John Leatherwood at 729-5283.

Chorus membership

The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus holds rehearsal for their holiday production Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, located at 201 St. Mary Avenue across from the Fort Walton Beach City Complex. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday, and chorus membership is open for those ages 18 and older. Auditions are held until Sept. 16 after each rehearsal to determine the vocal section and range for new members. The holiday production is scheduled for Dec. 5 ñ 7 at the Fort Walton Beach Municipal Auditorium. For more information, call Jean Hodgins at 863-3900, or visit www.fwbcc.org.

Hurlburt Field Chapel 884-7795



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September ñ May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),
11:30 a.m. (traditional),
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August ñ May
Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday ñ (PG-13) *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*, starring Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu ñ The sequel reunites the angels as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines. In their new adventure, the captivating trio once again demonstrates their expertise in espionage, martial arts and disguise.

Saturday ñ (R) *28 Days Later*, starring Cillian Murphy and Naomie Harris ñ A small group of people in London have survived a virus that's wiped out most of the Earth's population. An animal-rights group unleashed the virus accidentally, and once people were exposed to it, they turned into zombie-like creatures.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday ñ (R) *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Nick Stahl ñ Mr. Schwarzenegger returns to the sci-fi action saga as a cyborg from the future once again becoming involved in the affairs of twentysomething John Conner and his first battles with the SkyNet machine network.

Saturday ñ (PG-13) *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde*, starring Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson ñ Elle Woods turns her legal and fashion-savvy know-how towards getting a bill passed through Congress. The issue at hand is animal testing. Arriving at the Watergate and not knowing where to begin in the city, she befriends the hotel's elderly doorman, Sidney, who teaches her how the political system works and how to get her legislation legislated.

Sunday ñ (PG) *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas*, an animated film ñ Eris, the goddess of Chaos, steals the iBook of Peace and frames Sinbad for the crime. Setting out to prove his innocence, Sinbad travels to the realm that Eris resides and is challenged by terrifying monsters. Even if Sinbad can defeat all of these monsters, he also has to deal with the effects of Eris' golden iApple of Discord, which has the ability to turn friends into enemies when thrown in their mist.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled playdates.)

Friday flicks

Gulf Coast Marketing and local radio stations invite military personnel, friends and family to enjoy free movies every Friday at the Pensacola Pavilion until Aug. 29. Movies are selected based on popularity when initially released and suitable content for family viewing.

Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food and beverages; local vendors will also be present for food and beverage purchases. For more information, call Doug McAllister at 916-9222.

Speakers needed

The 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office is seeking individuals interested in speaking to local organizations on various topics throughout the year. Interested individuals who are comfortable with public speaking should call Amy Oliver at 884-6199.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. For more information about the observance period, call Capt. Laura Ramos at 884-6731, or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close at 11 a.m. today for wing training. However, normal clinic operations will be in effect until 11 a.m. For any emergency needs, the Eglin Air Force Base emergency room will be open. Normal clinic hours will resume Aug. 18 at 7 a.m.

Emergency leave request

Mr. Kenneth Woolridge, an Air Armament Center employee, requests donated leave due to a personal emergency.

All employees who wish to donate annual leave should complete an OPM 630A, Request to Donate

Annual Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program form, which is found at www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630a.pdf, and submit it through their supervisor to the 16th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight, Building 90210, Room 135. For more information, call Patricia White at 884-5212/5215.

Boys and Girls Club volunteers

The Boys and Girls Club is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks for its 17th Annual Triathlon Aug. 23 at the Elephant Walk Restaurant in San Destin. For more information or to volunteer, call Renee Winn at 622-0602.

Football Frenzy party

J.R. Rockers is kicking off the football season with a Football Frenzy Preview Party Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to watch football games on big screen televisions, and enjoy food and beverage specials.

Hurlburt Field Club members are also eligible to win great getaways, so be one of the first 25 people to sign up for new membership and receive a free T-shirt and a chance to win a Football Frenzy trip.

JSOU hosts ambassador

Ambassador Edward Perkins, Director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Oklahoma and former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa, Liberia, Australia and the United Nations, will be presenting a seminar at the Joint Special Operations University Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. The topic will be current issues in American foreign policy: Iraq, Iran and Liberia. For more information call the Hurlburt Field University of Oklahoma office at 581-3000.

Speed changes

The speed limit on Independence Road from the new east gate to Lielmanis Avenue, which is the road that

leads to the Base Exchange and the Eglin Federal Credit Union, has been reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 mph in both directions. Vehicle operators should always be patient and courteous to pedestrians crossing Independence Road at the Base Exchange and the 19th Special Operations Squadron area.

Chapel guest speaker

Well-known speaker and author Clebe McClary will be the featured guest for the Protestant Parish Unity service Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hurlburt Field Chapel. Mr. McClary, a former Marine who has been awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts, will be sharing his inspirational story of faith and courage.

Following the service will be a light brunch in the chapel fellowship hall. For more information, call Chaplain Pat McCain at 884-7795.

Classes

FSC classes

- For more information, call 884-5441.
- Employment Orientation** – Monday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- Sponsorship Training** – Monday, 1 p.m.
- Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Kids Smooth Move** – Tuesday, 4 p.m.; reservations required
- Culture Shock** – Friday, 11 a.m.; reservations required

HAWC classes

- For more information, call 884-4292.
- Lean On Me** – Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
- Diabetes Nutrition** – Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Eating Heart Healthy** – Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- Fitness for Weight Management** – Thursday, 8 a.m.

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SPORTS

Det. 1 basketball flame-broils 16th OSS 44-34

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The fitness center's lunchtime three-on-three intramural basketball league heated up Tuesday when the Det. 1, 334th Training Squadron team barbecued the 16th Operations Support Squadron 44-34.

After Det. 1 took a small lead to start the game, the teams went point for point through the first 10 minutes of the 20-minute, running clock game. After "halftime," the 16th OSS surged ahead to gain a one-point lead – it would be the only lead the team saw.

Det. 1 poured on the hot sauce and pulled ahead to a 13-point lead at one

point, ending the match with a 44-34 victory.

"We didn't play as well as we normally do," said Christian Jensen, Det. 1, 334th TRS. Having just returned from field training, "we weren't necessarily 'in our groove.' With our players, I think we have a really good chance to win (the season) – at least in the top four."

Twelve squadron and four over-30 teams are signed up for the lunchtime three-on-three basketball league. Participating teams receive 100 Commando Points for completing the season. For more information on intramural sports, contact your unit sports representative.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

(above) Christian Jensen, Det. 1, 334th Training Squadron (white jersey), schools Tony DeArco, 16th Operations Support Squadron team. (left) A Det. 1 player drives to the hoop.

Sports shorts

State-wide hockey tournament

The Hurlburt Field Hawks roller hockey team is offering tryouts for a state-wide tournament, hosted by USA Hockey and the Emerald Coast Roller Hockey League. Tryouts will be held at the base roller hockey rink Saturday at 6 p.m., with an alternative foul-weather date Tuesday.

All players must wear a helmet and protective gear. Tournament dates are Sept. 12-14. For more information, call John Hauser at 884-0440, or Matt O'Leary at 884-5465.

Rugby players wanted

The Okaloosa Islanders Rugby Football Club is looking for new players. People of all ages and experience levels are invited to come join a training session, watch a game or jump right in and play.

Training sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the soccer field behind J.R. Rockers. For more information, call John Colletta at 882-6128, or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

Varsity basketball

Men and women basketball players are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity basketball teams. Men must be military members to be eligible; women may also be family members to join.

Players must submit their name, rank and duty phone number to the main fitness center for consideration. Volunteer varsity basketball coaches are also needed, and must submit an application to the fitness center for review. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Start Smart Soccer

The Hurlburt Field Youth Center is offering Start Smart Soccer, a national program designed to help children develop the basic motor skills needed in organized soccer. Basic soccer skills will be covered. The program is open to children 3-5 years old whose parents can attend six 1-hour sessions with them. The program begins Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m., continuing every Tuesday for six weeks. Cost is \$15; registration begins Monday. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6938.

Basketball officials wanted

People interested in officiating youth and intramural basketball games at Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force base this coming season are encouraged to call Roy Spencer at 581-4587.