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920TH RESCUE WING

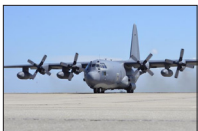
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MESSAGE OF RESILIENCY

Staff Sgt. August O'Niell, center, pararescueman, and his Air Force Reserve Wingmen, a 920th Rescue Wing HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crew, reunited for the first time in June 2016 after the team embarked on a 2011 deployment to save lives when O'Niell was shot through both legs during a combat rescue mission in Afghanistan. O'Niell gave a presentation on resiliency to 45th Space Wing and Air Force Technical Applications Center Airmen May 19 and 22. Other 920th RQW members featured include: Maj. Paul Carpenter, left, Chief Master Sgt. Randy Wells, second from left, and Lt. Col. Rod Stout, right.

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WING HELPS SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS

Rescue Airmen joined forces with the Coast Guard May 16 to search for two adults and two children reported missing the day prior off the coast of the Bahamas.



RESCUE TEAM SUPPORTS ROCKET LAUNCH

Two HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter crews supported a range clearing mission ahead of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket launch May 15 along the Space Coast.



CITIZEN AIRMAN SAVES EIGHT PEOPLE

While surf fishing off the beach at Patrick Air Force Base, Tech. Sgt. Shaun Hartman risked his life to save eight people who got caught in rip currents April 14.

notes of interest

THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

The That Others May Live Foundation provides critical support, scholarships, and immediate tragedy assistance for the families of U.S. Air Force Rescue Heroes who are killed or severely wounded in operational or training missions. The foundation is a Guidestar Exchange Gold Level Participant and "Best in America" 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization established in 2002. The foundation does not receive federal funding. Click on the link above for more information.

SEA TURTLE NESTING RULES

Airmen are reminded to turn their lights off from dusk until dawn near the beach during turtle nesting season, now through Oct. 31. The beaches at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station are prime nesting habitat for loggerhead, green and leatherback sea turtles. Artificial lighting negatively affects nocturnal sea turtle behavior of both adults and hatchlings. To minimize injury or death to sea turtles protected by the Endangered Species Act, all nonessential lighting must be extinguished between 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. during nesting season. Exterior lighting that is not mission-, safety-, or security-essential will be extinguished during this time frame.

timemanagement

UTA SCHEDULE

JUNE 3-4
JULY 8-9
AUG. 5-6
SEPT. 9-10
OCT. 14-15
NOV. 4-5
DEC. 2-3
JAN. 6-7
FEB. 3-4
MARCH 3-4
APRIL 7-8

DINING FACILITY

BR. 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.
LN. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
DN. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

FITNESS CENTER

FRI 5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
SAT 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUN 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BARBER SHOP

FRI 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SAT 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
SUN 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Below: Spectators view an aerial demonstration during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show May 28 at Miami Beach, Florida. The U.S. military assets assembled in Miami to showcase air superiority while honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the Memorial Day weekend. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)



Below: Spectators view an aerial demonstration during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show May 28 at Miami Beach, Florida. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)



Rescue heroes headline Miami Beach air show

By Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes
920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

Citizen Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing joined U.S. military assets from around the world in Miami Beach to demonstrate a cumulative show of air power at the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show May 27-28.

Military personnel from active, guard and reserve units performed numerous maneuvers and flight patterns along South Beach for thousands of weekend spectators.

"The local community can expect a renewed sense of pride regarding what U.S. armed forces can and will do to protect them," said Col. Kurt Matthews, 920th RQW commander. "The aerial demonstration is the perfect way to reflect this Memorial Day weekend, as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

Rescue Warriors demonstrated combat-search-and-rescue capabilities by flying two HH-60G Pave Hawks over the Atlantic Ocean with Guardian Angel Airmen aboard performing open-water rescue drills.

"This event allowed us to demonstrate the amount of teamwork that goes into

a rescue mission," said Senior Airman Lucas Vannorsdall, pararescueman, 920th RQW. "But mostly, it was about never forgetting our brothers in arms who gave their lives so that others may live."

California Air National Guardsmen piloted an HC-130P/N King while 920th Reservists flew their helicopters behind the tanker aircraft to form an air-to-air refueling formation while four Air Force Reserve A-10 Thunderbolt IIs from the 442nd Fighter Wing, flew overhead.

Beach goers were treated to non-stop military aircraft flybys. The aircraft screamed past oceanside skyscrapers like a scene out of a Transformers movie.

"It's not every day you get to see jets doing tricks in the air," said Miami resident and hotel employee Cedric Jose. "It was really cool. I work on the beach and I know the guests were fascinated as much as I was because everyone had their phones out to get pictures."

Sun-drenched spectators applauded as pararescuemen swam to shore after their water demonstration. Parents took photos of their children posing with the soaked Airmen.

"I thought it was spectacular," Jose said. "You don't really get to see things like this on South Beach. Watching them (pararescuemen) come down and get in the water, was a memorable and personable experience."

Left: Aircrew from the 920th Rescue Wing fly an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show May 26 at Miami Beach, Florida. The 920th Rescue Wing headlined the airshow, demonstrating combat-search-and-rescue capabilities, by teaming up with a HC-130P/N Combat King and four A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)



Senior Airman Davie Brinkmann, 920th Rescue Wing special mission's aviator, preps his gear in front of an HH-60G Pave Hawk during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show media day May 26 at Miami Beach, Florida. weekend. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jared Trimarchi)



Spectators view an aerial demonstration during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show May 28 at Miami Beach, Florida. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jared Trimarchi)

retirementoptions

Airmen eligible for the new Blended Retirement System can take the required Opt-In training via the Advanced Distributed Learning System. The Opt-In course is de-

signed to provide information for eligible Airmen to make an educated decision about their retirement system. Only reservists who have accrued fewer than 4,320 retirement points, will have the option of electing BRS or remaining in the legacy retirement system.



The U.S. Uniformed Services Blended Retirement System

At a Glance

Saving with the New Blended Retirement System

The Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act provides our military force with a modernized retirement plan built for retirement savings. Beginning in 2018, our service members can get **automatic and matching Thrift Savings Plan contributions** as well as mid-career **compensation incentives** in addition to monthly **annuities for life**. All service members under the current system are grandfathered into today's retirement system.

Today's Retirement System:



2.5% x Years Served x Retired Pay Base
after completing 20 years of service

1 Automatic and Matching Contributions

Automatic contributions are seen immediately



You Contribute	DoD Auto Contribution	DoD Matches	Total
0%	1%	0%	1%
1%	1%	1%	3%
2%	1%	2%	5%
3%	1%	3%	7%
4%	1%	3.5%	8.5%
5%	1%	4%	10%

The DoD automatically contributes **1%** of your basic pay to your **Thrift Savings Plan** after **60 days of service**.

You'll see matching contributions at the start of 3 through the completion of 26 years of service, and...

You're fully vested—it's yours to keep—as of the beginning of 3 years of service and goes with you when you leave.

2 Continuation Pay

Received at the mid-career point



You may receive a **cash payment** in exchange for additional service.

3 Full Retired Pay Annuity

Received after completing 20 years of service



Calculate your **retired pay base** by **averaging the highest 36 months of basic pay**. You'll gain this monthly annuity for life after completing 20 years of service.

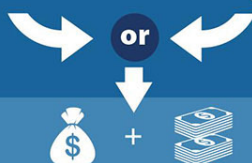
Options for Collecting Your Retired Pay

Active Component

Full retired pay annuity

Reserve Component

Full retired pay annuity beginning at age 60*



Lump sum with reduced retired pay

50% or 25% of monthly retired pay annuity bumps back up to 100% at full retirement age (67 in most cases).

**Could be earlier based on credited active service*



Effective Date of the New System

Your Retirement System

If you joined the service...

► After December 31, 2017

You'll be automatically enrolled in the Blended Retirement System.

► After December 31, 2005 but before January 1, 2018

You'll have the choice to enroll in the Blended Retirement System or remain in today's current retirement system.

► Before January 1, 2006

You'll be grandfathered and remain in today's current retirement system.