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920TH RESCUE WING

NOVEMBER 2018

Notes of Interest

COMMANDERS CALL - NOV UTA

Col. Kurt Matthews, 920th Rescue Wing commander, will be hosting a Commander's Call on November 4 at 1430 at the Base Theater. Members are to be in their seats no later than 1415.

FLU SHOT SEASON IS NOW

Senior leadership reminds all members that if they have not yet received the influenza vaccination, to expect to receive one during the November drill weekend.

Vaccinations may be administered by a civilian provider, but complete documentation must be provided to the 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

CIVILIAN COMMANDER'S CALL - DEC

Col. Kurt Matthews, 920th Rescue Wing commander, will be hosting a Civilian Commander's Call on December 5 at 1300 at the Base Theater.

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

The Family Child Care (FCC) Program is looking for individuals who wish to be child care professionals and to supplement their income. The FCC staff will train and help you provide responsible, safe, in-home care for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years old. For more information, contact the FCC Coordinator at 321-494-8381 or stop by the FCC office located in the Child Development Center on base.

EMPLOYEES NEED TO KNOW, HEED HATCH ACT RULES

Department of Defense civilian employees must be aware of the law limiting political activities in the federal workplace, during duty hours, or on federal property at any time.

BOSS LIFT INFO & FORM - SEE PG 6, 7

The deadline to submit your employer for the December 1 Boss Lift is no later than 1630 November 4.

THIRD QUARTER AWARD WINNERS!

Airman: SrA Marc Fichtner, 920 SFS

Non-Commissioned Officer:
TSgt Roger Drew, 920 SFS

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer:
MSgt Christopher Ledesma, 920 AMXS

Company Grade Officer:
Capt Jaime Sciarrino, 920 MSG

Field Grade Officer:
Maj Lorimar Gonzalez, 920 MSG



Security forces defenders from the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, put together an array of teambuilding activities as a way to say farewell to Chief Master Sgt. Stacie Moore, 920th SFS enlisted manager, on his retirement October 13, 2018. Events included rucking, running and all-around physical fitness as a way to pay tribute to his leadership. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)

News & Features



OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

The 920th Operations Support Squadron hailed their new commander as they sent off Lt. Col. Scott Nichols to the 301st Rescue Squadron.



THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE MICHAEL

Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing were activated as the 334th Air Expeditionary Group to lead rescue operations after Hurricane Michael's destructive path across Florida's Panhandle, Oct. 11, 2018.



PAVE HAWK STRUCK STEEL CABLE, CAUSING FATAL MARCH CRASH IN IRAQ

The HH-60G, assigned to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, was flying alongside another Pave Hawk during the night of March 15. The helicopter crews were tasked with prepositioning at a base that would bring them closer to an upcoming operation.

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Rescue Airmen Prepare for Human Spaceflight



By Tech. Sgt. Kelly Goonan, 920 Rescue Wing Public Affairs

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – To prepare for the arrival of human spaceflight tests next year, the 920th Rescue Wing along with the DoD Human Space Flight Support (HSFS) Office, NASA and SpaceX personnel joined forces to plan and execute a realistic medical evacuation exercise at Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Oct. 25.

Their mission was to respond to a simulated emergency incident that required DoD support and expertise. The exercise included twelve participants role-playing various injuries after a launch pad emergency. The DoD HSFS Office planned and coordinated 920th RQW assets which included two HH-60G helicopters from the 301st Rescue Squadron, four pararescuemen (PJ) from the 308th RQS and two flight surgeons from the DoD HSFS Office.

This exercise revalidated the response time of the Reserve Rescue Airmen and aircraft from Patrick Air Force Base., to Kennedy Space Center in the event of a catastrophic, life-threatening occurrence within the capsule of a human spaceflight launch. This was also the first time that the DoD, NASA and commercial providers have exercised this type of event utilizing live patients and the full array of air assets according to HSFS.

“With our partners at NASA, these exercises are important in developing a foundational understanding of our capabilities and integrating our procedures to better the mission. While today’s exercise was generic, we will continue to build into more advanced rescue scenarios,” said Staff Sgt. Gregg Forshaw, 308th Rescue Squadron pararescueman. “Today is a great example of how we, as Citizen Airmen, provide our expertise, while reflecting on our long history of supporting the NASA. Any chance we can take in highlighting

our tactical skills is valuable. Today’s mission focused on getting from the base to the scene, rapidly providing advanced medical support while keeping our patients stable, which is key in preparing for when this mission becomes real. This exercise was vital in determining time management and the treatments that we were able to perform on the casualties.”

Pararescuemen hold a unique position in combat-search-and-rescue missions. Each PJ is trained and equipped to conduct both conventional and unconventional recovery missions. Their motto, That Others May Live, and their trauma medicine capabilities combined with battlefield skills make them special even within the special operations community.

Since the inception of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, the DoD has provided Human Space Flight Support to NASA.

“The HSFS Office has provided support to NASA’s Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, and Space Shuttle programs,” explained Brent Maney, HSFS Space Medical Contingency Specialist. “It continues to provide support for Soyuz, Orion, and commercial crew programs (CCPs) because we’re the principle liaison for human spaceflight support operations.”

Maney explained that the DoD HSFS Office assists CCPs with unique DoD capabilities ensuring the global rescue and recovery of NASA and NASA-sponsored astronauts.

“It’s a unique orchestra between NASA, the Air Force Reserve and active duty; to see everything come together,” Lt. Col. Dave Mahan, DoD HSFS CCP Division Chief said. “The 920th has supported human spaceflight for the last 50 years and we look forward to continuing those trusted relationships long into the future.”

For every human mission launching from Kennedy Space Center for the next fiscal year, 920th RQW Reserve Citizen Airmen will be present to not only clear the range, but also remain on standby in the event of a mishap.





“Our hope is to not ever be needed,” said Lt. Col. Paul Carpenter, 301st Rescue Squadron pilot. “But we’re ready to respond if something were to happen during any launch.”

Carpenter explained that aircraft and crews as well as teams of pararescuemen will be prepositioned, ready and waiting should something happen that necessitates rescue operations.

“I know that NASA has had a long relationship with the 920th and 45th Space Wing when we were operating shuttle here and we’re looking forward to working with them again,” said Kjell Lindgren, NASA astronaut. “Being able to rely on their assets, people and professionalism really puts our minds at ease that we are all on the same team as we are continuing to march forward with human space exploration.”

When the final mission of the American Space Shuttle Program, Space Transportation System (STS) - 135, launched in July 2011, it marked the end of an era not only for NASA but also for the 920th Rescue Wing Reserve Citizen Airmen who had served as guardians of the NASA astronauts for five

decades. That seven-year hiatus will come to an end next summer explained Lt. Col. Mahan.

Patrick is being used as the primary staging location due to its vicinity to Kennedy Space Center and the support provided by Patrick Air Force Base. While rescue is the primary mission of the rescue forces, they can be called on for MEDEVAC if the need arises. The exercise was proof of concept.

With highly trained rescue personnel, the 920th RQW remains ready to support the next era of human space-flight, willing to meet the needs of NASA’s unique, evolving missions.



A 920th HH-60G Pave Hawk positions to receive an air-to-air refuel from an HC-130N King over the Florida landscape on Oct. 26, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Kelly Goonan)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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2019

2018 Open Season:

November 2018

12

Monday

December 2018

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Monday

[NOV. 12 – DEC. 10]



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Boss Flight Nomination December 1, 2018



Boss Flight Guidelines December 1, 2018



Use this form to nominate your civilian employer for a flight aboard a 920th RQW aircraft. All forms are due to the 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs Office no later than **November 4, 2018**. **Employers should expect an all-day event** that will include meeting with base leadership, visiting the Reservist's work section, lunch on your own with your employer and an employer flight aboard a combat-search-and-rescue aircraft. See guidelines on page 2.

RESERVIST'S INFORMATION (Please type or print legibly)

Reservist's last name: _____ First name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Most often checked Email Address:

EMPLOYER'S INFORMATION

Employer's full legal name as it appears on driver's license:
_____ Birthdate: _____

Driver's License number, issued state and expiration date ***If not a Florida license, please also provide social security number. All information is necessary for base access*):

Company Name: _____ Job title: _____

Company Address:

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Flown on military aircraft before? __ Yes __ No

If yes, what type(s)? _____

Aircraft preference (subject to availability): ____ HC-130P/N King **or** ____ HH-60G Pave Hawk

Choose only one aircraft

1. All flight nominations must be submitted on this form by **November 4, 2018**.
2. The day's activities will include a meet-and-greet with wing leadership, a wing briefing and mission video and a flight on either a HC-130P/N King or an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter. Only one aircraft flight per person. Open aircraft seats are based on flight availability. A flight time will be assigned. After the morning briefings, reservists will escort their civilian employer to their individual work center and have lunch on your own.
3. Although aircraft preference will be taken into account, placement will be based on aircraft availability.
4. Please email or bring the nomination form to the 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs Office: **Headquarters Building - Bldg. 425, Rm. 1-201**
Email: **920rqwpa@us.af.mil**
5. Complete details on the day's event will be emailed once the final numbers are determined.
6. Only bona fide employers are congressionally approved to fly aboard military aircraft.
7. All communication regarding the day's itinerary will be sent via email correspondence. Please ensure to check your email and your employer check theirs. Since the emails will be sent in mass, be sure and check any spam filters which may automatically filter the emails.

Upcoming Yellow Ribbon Dates

Orlando, FL	December 14 - 16
Orlando, FL	January 11 - 13
Denver, CO	January 18 - 20
Orlando, FL	February 15 - 17
Costa Mesa, CA	March 22 - 24
Orlando, FL	March 29 - 31



Helping maintain resiliency during all stages of deployment is paramount to the morale and welfare of our Airmen and families. The Air Force Reserve Yellow Ribbon Program is a series of events designed to provide members and families with essential resources prior to departure (pre-deployment), a level of stability and support while deployed (during deployment), and successful re-integration techniques after the deployment cycle ends (post deployment).

920th FSS Airman & Family Readiness Center

Patrick AFB, FL

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920th Reservists and Family Members – We want to keep you informed of Patrick AFB current events & Reserve specific
Sign up for our E-Mail program to get up-to-date information

For more information:

Visit the 920th Airman & Family Readiness Center

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