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920TH RESCUE WING

MAY 2019



Commander born at sea after parents fled Vietnam pays it forward through service:

service: Lt. Col. Asan Bui shares his story that led him to a life of service. See full story online.

Lt. Col. Asan Bui, 920th Communications Flight Commander, holds a photo of his late father, Chien Van Bui at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, on April 6, 2019. Bui has a lot of respect for his father, who served in the South Vietnamese Army during the Vietnam War. The lieutenant colonel is now a part of the 920th Rescue Wing, a combat-search-and-rescue unit in the Air Force Reserve. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)

Notes of Interest

FAMILY DAY, SAT, MAY 4

Dear Team Rescue;

We welcome all families who were able to join us for #920RQWFamilyDay2019. We know the importance of our 920th Families which is why EVERYDAY is Family Day; and to show you just how much we value our Rescue Families, a group of very creative minds put together the ULTIMATE FAMILY DAY this year and encourage you & your family to join us this Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for an afternoon of fun & festivities for the whole family. It's going to be a celebration like no other, and who doesn't want to see your favorite commander get dunked into icy cold water.

While we are the Air Force, we have enough food to feed an entire Army so bring your appetites for food & fun & we'll see you at the Warfit Field/Track from 11a.m. - 4p.m.

While we know that not all families were able to join us today because they have other priorities as their Service Member prepares to head overseas to support national defense. Please know that you are always in our heart and on our mind and we hope that despite your temporary absence, you know that you are very much a part of this Wing and our "Big Fit Rescue Family!"

We hope to see you out there!

PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH ADVOCY PROGRAMS SERVE CITIZEN AIRMEN, FAMILIES

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NEWLY INDUCTED CHIEFS GRACE THE SPACE COAST

Eleven Chief Master Sergeants from Patrick Air Force Base, Florida and its subsidiary, were honored during a Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony, April 5 in Melbourne, Florida. They will serve in the highest enlisted rank, which only 1% of the force attains.



10TH AIR FORCE COMMANDER, 15 TEXANS VISIT FLA

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One percent of the one percent, 11 honored at Florida Military Top Enlisted Ceremony



Story and photos by Senior Airman Cali Elliott

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Many Airmen dream of one day sewing on an eighth stripe, an achievement only one percent of Servicemembers within in the military will do.

For 11 Chief Master Sergeant's from Patrick Air Force Base, Florida and one of its geographically separated unit at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; that dream came true and they were honored during a Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony, April 5 in Melbourne, Florida.

Among some of the most senior enlisted stood Airman Basic Chance Tabor, the 920th Rescue Wing's most junior-ranking individual. Tabor's attendance symbolized the future of the world's greatest Air Force and also to remind the honorees of their humble beginnings.

"Be humble," said Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, Retired Command Chief, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill., guest speaker of the evening. "To be humble is to be modest without excess of pride. You were looking forward to this day and Airman Tabor is looking forward to the day he becomes chief. You were him, many years ago."

Frey went on to say that the beginning of an Airman's Air Force career isn't the only time members are taught to be humble and how it's crucial to remain so as they move up in rank and become mentors of others.

"The role of Chief means mentorship of the entire force," said Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Lais, 308th Rescue Squadron Chief Enlisted Manager. "At the end of the day, you're doing it all for somebody else. It's not about me, it's about them."

During the event, a candle lighting ceremony was performed. Each of the nine candles were lit by a member within each rank, signifying the journey of Airmen as they promote into higher ranks throughout their career.

To bring the evening to a close, Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess, 45th Space Wing commander, offered words of



Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Buck, 920th Maintenance Group superintendent, and his spouse enter the Chief Master Sgt. Recognition Ceremony in Melbourne, Fla., April 5, 2019. Eight Chief's from the 920th Rescue Wing were recognized during the ceremony, becoming one percent of the Air Force.

encouragement to the new Chiefs.

"I want to remind all the Chiefs that there is an Officer Corps that needs you", said Schiess. "I don't go a single day without a Chief providing me with advice. They're a part of every decision I make."

Those inducted are as follows: Chief Master Sgt. Tomeika P. Frazier, Superintendent, 45th Space Communications Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Chief Master Sgt. Randolph Livingston III, Superintendent, 45th Force Support Squadron, PAFB; Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Buck, Superintendent, 920th Maintenance Group, PAFB; Chief Master Sgt. Christopher A. Lais, Chief Enlisted Manager, 308th Rescue Squadron, PAFB; Senior Master Sgt. Jake W. Thompson, SERE/Logistics Superintendent, 308th RQS, PAFB; Senior Master Sgt. Austin W. Brant, Helicopter Maintenance Unit Superintendent, 943rd Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Senior Master Sgt. Mark D. Christie, Superintendent, 943rd Maintenance Squadron, DMAFB; Chief Master Sgt. Donald L. Corkum, Superintendent, 920th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, PAFB; Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Grant, Superintendent, 720th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, PAFB; and U.S. Army Master Sgt. Yadira Perez Santiago, Operations NCO, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, PAFB.



The group of newly inducted Chiefs recite the Air Force Chief's Charge at the Chief Master Sgt. Recognition Ceremony in Melbourne, Fla., April 5, 2019. Eight Chief's from the 920th Rescue Wing were recognized during the ceremony, becoming one percent of the Air Force.

Two-star general, 15 Texans experience Air Force Reserve missions through eyes of Airmen

Story by Maj. Cathleen Snow, 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs / Photos courtesy of 45th SW Public Affairs



Not even the king of Margaretville, Jimmy Buffet, could compete with a two-star general when a tropical rock band halted its set to pay tribute to Maj. Gen. Ronald B. “Bruce” Miller with the Air Force song--island style, when he showed up in a Florida beach town with 15 Texans April 24, 2019.

Miller who commands 10th Air Force, operating out of Naval Air Station Fort Worth, showed up on Florida’s Space Coast with 15 Texas business and community leaders to visit the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base and

learn about its mission. It was their second stop on Florida’s East Coast after visiting the 482nd Fighter Wing, at Homestead Air Reserve Station, in Miami, earlier that day.

“Bringing civic leaders to the 482nd and 920th enables us to showcase the diverse mission sets under 10th Air Force. We not only have fighters, we also have search and rescue and special operators, among several other mission sets,” said Miller. The visit was part of a final hurrah before the general’s pending retirement from the Air Force.

The Texans are leaders of various companies, organizations or small businesses that range from big aerospace, to small mom-and-pop companies, to various government organizations and civic councils; it’s all in the name of community support, which plays a vital role in U.S. military operations, according to Miller.

A quote by U.S. President Lincoln holds true today and emphasizes why showcasing DoD missions to the public is vital. “In this age, in this country, public sentiment is everything. With it, nothing can fail; against it, nothing can succeed.”

With a lot riding on the Air Force Reserve’s role in the fight, Miller’s record speaks volumes about his leadership. With more than 3,300 flying hours under his “belt buckle” flying fighter jets such as the A-10 Warthog and the F-16 Falcon, the general is a proven combat effective leader, like the 17 units he commands.

They include: fighter, bomber, special operations, rescue, airborne warning and control, fighter and bomber flying-training missions, combat air operations battle staff, remotely-piloted aircraft, space and cyber units, all in the Air Force Reserve Command

These units provide combat capability to Air Combat Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Space Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency.

And at the top of the list is the 920th RQW. Miller awarded Col. Kurt Matthews, 920th RQW commander, his host on this visit, with the Power and Vigilance Award May 8, 2018, during the Combat Planning Council social



in Ft. Worth out of all the other units.

The Power and Vigilance Award is presented to the 10th AF unit which best exhibits the Numbered Air Force’s vision as “The premier provider of affordable, integrated, flexible and mission-ready Reserve Citizen Airmen to execute power and vigilance in support of U.S. National Security.”

The 920th Rescue Wing distinguished themselves by performing two sea rescues each approximately 500 miles out, as well as assisting with rescues during Hurricane Harvey and conducting search and rescue missions after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, among multiple overseas deployments, and many other notable achievements.

“Our Guardian Angels have a special mission, ensuring others return with honor. It is an extremely important mission because our Airmen are our most important asset,” said Miller.

The 920th comprises the Air Force Reserve’s only rescue unit which utilizes 3 weapons systems to carry out its combat-search-and-rescue mission; the HC-130N King propeller-driven multi-platform aircraft; the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter; and the Guardian Angel human weapons system made up of lethal and life-saving mix of enlisted and officer pararescue and survival specialists.

The general and Texas civic leaders got to experience a first-hand look at the 920th Rescue Wing's mission during a flight aboard an HC-130N combat-rescue King observing pararescue Airmen skydive off the back an HC-130 King above Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.



Their mission is to fight their way in, if called upon, and utilize their specialized trauma medicine skills to save the life of a combatant, an injured hiker, those lost at sea, or astronauts who bail from space missions.

Among the Guardian Angels' expertise is mountain climbing, skydiving, swimming, SCUBA diving, swiftwater rescue and marksmanship.

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"Maj. Gen. Miller and Chief Loper definitely have the pulse on the issues when one of their main priorities is to get out from under Headquarters and visit the units as they have the 308th twice now. Both work very hard to keep the Air Force machine moving forward ensuring direction is getting down to the lowest level and it's a rarity when a two-star general and command chief are willing to come out and get dirty with their Airmen. Speaks volumes to their character," Ziegler.

At a dinner gathering during the trip, several local civic leaders named by Matthews as his honorary commanders, joined the group to share and compare stories. Questions were asked and answered and new friends were made.

The Texas civic leaders and 920th Honorary Commander, Travis Proctor, far right, gathered in front of space capsule static display in front of the 308th Rescue Squadron. The capsule was used by U.S. Air Force rescue personnel in the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Royal Air Force Woodbridge to train in recovery operations for both the Apollo and Skylab programs. The capsule has been on loan from the Smithsonian Institute's National Air and Space museum since 1992 due to the unit's role in human spaceflight rescue.



Left: Pararescue Airmen from the 308th Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, skydive off the back an HC-130 King over PAFB taking Maj. Gen. Ronald B. "Bruce" Miller and his top enlisted man, Command Chief Master Sgt. James Loper, with them via a tandem jump experience.

Travis Proctor, a newly minted honorary commander of the 920th Rescue wing, joined the group with his wife Teresa, "I was humbled to have the very unique opportunity to spend the day with Col Matthews, the 10th Air Force Commander, Maj Gen Miller, and civic leaders from the Ft. Worth Texas, highlighting the mission and outstanding men and women of the 920th," said Proctor. "The more time I get to spend learning about the wing, the more proud I am to serve as the honorary commander. I am confident

that the Major General and his delegation left with confidence that this is one of the finest wings in the 10th Air Force," said Proctor who is the CEO of Artemis IT, a Brevard County IT company.

"We are grateful to the leadership of the 482nd and 920th for opening up their wings to us and allowing us to showcase how their Airmen provide Power and Vigilance to ensure 10th Air Force is Always There!" said Miller.

Miller also recently visited the 920th Rescue Wing's geographically separated unit in Portland, the 304th Rescue Squadron, and flew his final Air Force mission at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz, aboard an A-10.

In finale, 2nd Lt. Amanda Forshaw, public affairs officer, was called on by Miller rewarding her with a 2nd coin, after receiving her first 10th coin during his last visit to Patrick in February 2018. Then he capped off the accolades by recognizing Col. Kurt Matthews, the 920th Rescue Wing commander, with his commander's coin.

While the general has experienced much in his career, an island version of the Air Force song, may have been a first. Now, he can retire from the Air Force, which will take effect May 10.

Portland pararescue pit stop

by Andre Trinidad, 943rd Public Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore. - Maj. Gen. Ronald B. "Bruce" Miller, 10th Air Force commander, took time to visit the 304th Rescue Squadron, a geographically separated unit of the 920th Rescue Wing on April 17th.

During the visit the 304th Rescue Squadron provided a mission brief and orientation flight. During the flight Gen. Miller sat in the co-pilots seat and was provided the opportunity to fly the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter and he and his team also participated in recovery training, serving as the simulated injured personnel.

Photos courtesy of the 304th Rescue Squadron



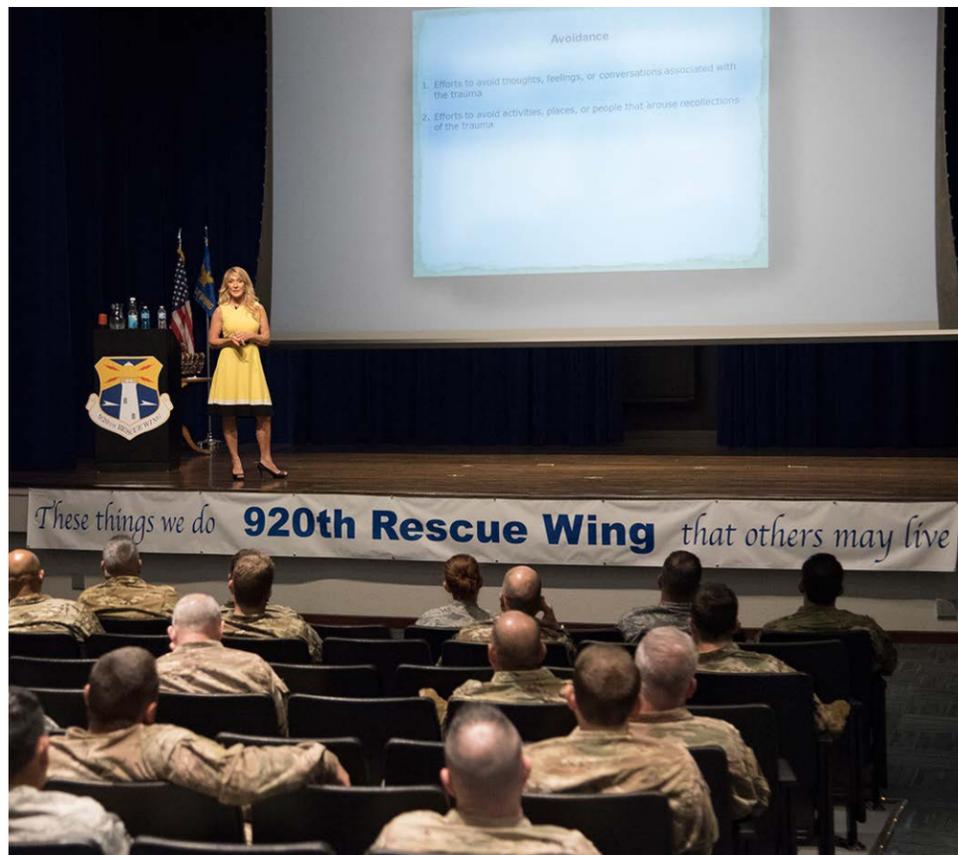
May History Minute

In the early '90s, the 301st Rescue Squadron helped save the lives of two critically injured whales. The short-finned pilot whales were part of a pod of 15 that beached on March 30, 1991 near Key West, Florida. Of the 15, marine biologists determined that six could be saved and requested that the Coast Guard and the 301 RQS airlift the whales to the Miami Seaquarium's medical facility. Two adult whales died shortly after the request was made and two more were treated and released. The remaining two juvenile whales, Sharkey and Baby Schwarzkopf, were between 5-7-years-old and still needed intensive care.

The whales received round-the-clock care at the seaquarium for the first two weeks with trainers and volunteers often holding their heads about the water line so that they wouldn't drown. They suffered from numerous issues, including dehydration, malnutrition, sunburn, muscle damage and exposure, but they responded to treatment. Part of the treatment was electro-stimulation, which had never been attempted with marine mammals before. The whales received an estimated \$150,000 worth of care over the course of a year. When their conditions stabilized, plans were made to return them to their ocean habitat. By this point, they had gained 150 pounds, bringing Sharkey's weight to 700 pounds and Baby Schwarzkopf's weight to about 850 pounds.

Their best chance of survival was to join another pod, so a behavior modification program was put in place to reduce their contact with handlers. A pod was sighted 145 miles away in the Bahamas, which was too far way for boat transfer. The 301 RQS was contacted again to help set the whales free. The mission included irregular load, airborne escort, search procedures and unfamiliar landing sites, which provided quality training. They were placed in 12-foot containers that protruded two feet from both the sides of the aircraft and flown to the site, which took about 90 minutes.

Dr Carrie Elk gives **PTS** presentation to wing leaders



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Florida.
- Dr. Carrie Elk, of the Elk Institute for Psychological Health Performance, gave a presentation to wing leaders about post traumatic stress, Saturday, April 6 at the Base Theater.

The Elk Institute for Psychological Health & Performance is a non profit 501(c)3 that was established to provide individual and group education, consultation, treatment, and clinical research service to the military and veteran community locally, nationally and internationally. The Elk Institute is based in Tampa, Florida but provides remote on-site services around the globe. The Institute specializes in psychological trauma (PTS, PTSD) in the military population but is also equipped to address general psychological health issues as well. Their goal is to reach, restore or surpass their patients' optimal psychological health and wellness. (U.S. Air Force photo Senior Airman Brandon Kalloo Sanes)

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, May 4th
1100-1600 | Warfit Field Track

920th RESCUE WING

- Games & Activities
- Live Music
- Working Dog Demo
- Dunk Booth
- Face Painting & more

FREE FOOD
Pulled pork, hotdogs, hamburgers, sides & salads

For more information: Maj Matthew Scheidel - 321-494-0350

Upcoming Yellow Ribbon Events

Orlando, Fla. -- June 21 - 23

St. Louis, Mo. -- July 19 - 21

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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).

The poster features a green background with a large American flag graphic. It includes images of military aircraft and soldiers in a field. Text on the poster includes:

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Air Force senior leaders update OCP uniform guidance

UPDATED UNIFORM GUIDANCE

TIMELINE

- 2019**
 - 1 APR** Extension of uniform AAFES rules location continues
- 2020**
 - 1 JUN** Coyote brown boots mandatory; Coyote brown T-shirt mandatory; U.S. flag and spine color intake mandatory; T-shirt brown officer rank mandatory; OLA green kickstaple brown rank mandatory
- 2021**
 - 1 APR** OCP utility uniform mandatory; All AF patches must be converted to the spine brown color scheme

BENEFITS

- The OCP works in all climates and across the spectrum of missions we perform
- Over 130,000 Airmen have been issued and/or are already wearing OCP. This includes AFCEM, AFSGC and our AFSGC Defenders
- The OCP will bring back Air Force heritage with unit patches
- The OCP celebrates our joint warfighting excellence and close ties with the Army

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --

The Air Force announced April 23 new rules on Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms that aim to better fit the needs of Airmen and the jobs they do while also holding fast to tradition.

The changes highlighted include authorization of the Two-piece Flight Duty Uniform in garrison and updated patch guidance for the OCP uniform.

“During the initial rollout of the OCP, we originally matched our sister services regarding patch configurations as we sought to emphasize our role as a joint warfighting force,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

“In response to overwhelming feedback received from Airmen, we will make an easy ‘sleeve swap’ of the patch configuration to further elevate our focus on honoring the heritage of squadrons as the war-fighting units of the world’s greatest Air Force. We will now place the squadron patch on the right sleeve along with the U.S. flag and move the higher headquarters patch to the left sleeve of the OCP?”

Additionally, to provide commanders with expanded uniform options to fit the myriad of missions, on April 15, the two-piece flight suit, otherwise known as the 2PFDU, will be authorized to be worn in both garrison and deployed locations. The 2PFDU continues an effort to provide Airmen with improved form, fit and function to perform their duties in any environment.

The traditional flight duty uniform will also continue to be an option. Squadron commanders will now have the flexibility to make combat uniform decisions based on what is best for their Airmen to meet mission requirements.

“The new unit patch configuration of the OCP and 2PFDU also aligns with the traditional FDU, elevating the significance of squadron focus and identity, which supports CSAF’s intent to revitalize squadrons,” said Lt. Gen. Mark D. Kelly, Headquarters Air Force deputy chief of staff for Air Force operations.

In May 2018, Air Force leaders decided to transition to the OCP following feedback from Airmen that it is the best, battle-tested utility uniform available. It will also eliminate the need to maintain two separate uniforms – one for in-garrison and one for deployments.

The service expects to fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021.