

# ANGEL'S WINGS

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# Builders of a greatly vital mission

By Col. Phil Manning  
Rescue Wing Vice Commander



A 13<sup>th</sup> century contractor was tasked with the building of a great cathedral. As construction progressed he visited the various artisans and laborers to ensure all was well and to see if they had all the tools required to complete their appointed tasks. One day he went to the granite quarry and he came across a very unkempt laborer surrounded by haphazardly stacked, roughly hewn, cubes of stone. “What is it you do here?” the contractor asked the laborer. “What’s it look like, I cut rocks”, he answered gruffly. The contractor moved on and next came upon another laborer, this one neatly dressed and fairly clean. He was surrounded by stacks of smoothly cut blocks and the contractor asked him the same question, “What is it you do here?” The laborer proudly replied, “I’m building a cathedral.”

We in the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing have our own cathedral to build, the cathedral of combat rescue. In today’s vernacular we say we have a mission to perform. Simply put, our mission is to save lives. We save lives through two challenging combat roles, search and rescue and casualty evacuation. Not often will these roles intertwine operationally, but they are conjoined at the heart in the sense of pride and accomplishment inherently felt with the successful completion of rescuing an isolated survivor, or the movement of seriously injured soldiers to a better equipped healthcare facility. They share another extremely important component of mission success, they are supported by hundreds of “artisans and laborers” that diligently work together to make our cathedral strong.

920<sup>th</sup> RQW recruiters save lives

by finding and acquiring motivated personnel that become our building blocks. The Mission Support Group saves lives when they ensure these recruits are quickly and efficiently assimilated into our organizations, they save lives when they continue to monitor their career progression through timely accomplishment of performance reports, encouragement to attend professional military education, and implement initiatives so that our troops are properly recognized through awards and decorations for jobs well done. Maintenance group saves lives when it replaces a hydraulic fitting, repairs a cracked door frame, or changes a bald tire. Every paper that’s pushed, every wrench that’s turned in the 920<sup>th</sup> RQW has the eventual effect of saving some future poor soul’s life by enabling the operators closest to the action to be trained and ready.

The stories of our cathedral are captured in its stained glass windows; each one has a unique tale to tell of adventure, courage, determination, and skill. Just in the past few years we’ve added quite a few windows to our hallowed walls. The 39<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron began our post 9/11 action with a long mobilization supporting Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom, and then moving on to support operations in the Horn of Africa. The 305<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron volunteered to take on a year of Southern Watch and later played a crucial role in Afghanistan rescuing the lone survivor of a Navy SEAL team. The 301<sup>st</sup> and 304<sup>th</sup> teamed up to be the premier rescue squadron during the major military action phase of Iraqi Freedom. And while the 304<sup>th</sup>, 306<sup>th</sup> and 308<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadrons were standing up, they all continued to support AEF and Horn of Africa operations. ASTS has an almost continuous thread of deployed personnel across the globe,

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On the Cover:



The 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing saved people and animal victims during Hurricane Katrina. One woman (Eileen Duke) and her canine companions extend their warm appreciation this Thanksgiving. “Rescue Rewind” shows night vision photos of the actual rescue. (Courtesy photo, “Rescue Rewind” photos by Chris Usher).

UTA Schedule

Next UTA: Nov. 4-5

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Feb. 3-4



# Coming soon: Cyber-Space Command

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests -- to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we

are going to fly and fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain -- a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the electromagnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea. It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects -- fly and fight, attack and defend -- and conduct operations to obtain our national interests."

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

An electron may travel from a cell phone to a cell tower, for instance. The path the electron takes, the shape of its path, the speed it travels, and the direction it travels are all critical to ensuring the cell phone works and that a usable signal is received. As part of a signal, an electron can travel from a handheld computer to a reception tower, over a wire to a telephone, to a television through an antenna, from a radio transmitter to radio, and from computer to computer as part of a network.

The electron can also travel, as part of energy transmission, from a microwave oven to popcorn seeds to make them pop, from generators over a wire to a light bulb, and from

an x-ray machine through bone to a detection plate to make an image for a doctor to review.

The places where the electron travels is the cyber domain, or cyberspace. And the ability to deliver a full range of cyber effects -- to detect, deter, deceive, disrupt, defend, deny, and defeat any signal or electron transmission -- is the essence of fighting in cyberspace.

"Cyberspace is something on which, as a technologically advanced nation,

the United States is hugely dependent," Dr. Kass said. "You use your ATM card, you use your cell phone and you go to an Internet cafe. If somebody is pregnant, they go to have a sonogram. If they are sick, they have an X-ray or an MRI. All those

things are in cyberspace. Our life has become totally bounded, dependent on cyberspace. Therefore, the importance of that domain is not only for how we fight, but also for our way of life."

Failure to control and dominate the cyber domain could be catastrophic, both at home and on the battlefield, Dr. Kass said. An enemy who wanted to inflict damage on the United States could use the cyber domain to penetrate any number of online systems. Once they have gained access, they might be able to delete or manipulate information to create an effect.

"Cross-domain dominance means being able to deliver effects in all domains at the same time, at the speed of sound and at the speed of light," Dr. Kass said. "We cannot afford to allow an enemy to achieve cross-domain dominance before us. This is the nature of the transformational mission the chief and the secretary gave us."

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Director AF Cyberspace Task Force

# Pararescue trainees pass through Patrick

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons  
Rescue Wing Public Affairs

**A**ir Force Pararescue is an elite force, but before its Airmen are PJs they're trainees. And sometimes PJ training brings them to Patrick Air Force Base before they join the world of combat rescue.

Thirteen instructors and 20 pararescuemen trainees with the 342<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron traveled from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing to complete their Air Operations training block.

"We train here because of so many convenient facilities," said Tech. Sgt. Tracy Debbs, pararescue instructor. "From the water area and boat docks to the parachute tower, everything is real close and convenient."

The scene was a busy one on October 13, then 12 PJ trainees and several instructors set out to train with

a Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ) drop. First they prepared and checked the equipment. Then with the help of two 39<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron loadmasters they loaded it onto one of the 920<sup>th</sup> RQW's HC-130 P/N aircraft.

After everything was strapped in, the 39<sup>th</sup> RQS crew pushed up the throttle accelerating them from zero to 100 miles per hour in about 15 seconds. They were quickly airborne and the trainees prepared mentally for their jumps.

"These kids are trainees and most of them said they had about 15-jumps-worth of experience," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Grande, 39<sup>th</sup> RQS radio operator on board for the training. "While I imagine they're nervous, they all seemed focused and committed the whole way through."

While the "King" Hercules took to the air, two large safety boats and two small inflatable Zodiacs launched and began patrolling the drop zone about 1 1/2 miles from shore in the Banana River.

"Everything they're doing in the air is for the benefit of the drop," said Ken Knutson, PJ instructor. "In a real-

world mission there are no safety boats so this is the time for them to prepare."

The day's training included three RAMZ drops each accompanied by four PJ trainees and an instructor. Under the watchful eye of their expert instructors the trainees hit the water "running." They quickly made their way to dropped equipment palates where they wrestled with fasteners and straps to free the un-inflated ZODIAC boats.

Throughout this process the instructors delivered pointed directions and critiques to make sure safety, speed and effectiveness were properly considered.

Instructors bring students to Patrick four times each year. The training here lasts two weeks and is part of a six-week Air Operations training block. Once they finish here, the trainees are only 6 1/2 weeks away from full "pararescuemanhood."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Grande

Airmen 1st Class Brian Bair and Nicholas Gibson, pararescue trainees from the 342<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron on board a 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing HC-130 P/N wait for their jump order during the water jump portion of air operations training here, Oct. 13. Twenty trainees and 13 instructors participated.



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

Airman 1st Class Jeff Larsen, pararescue trainee, approaches the RAMZ package in the Banana River during training at Patrick.



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

SWIM FASTER! -- Tech. Sgt. Will Willis, Pararescue Instructor, 342<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron (front), reaches the RAMZ package first as Staff Sgt. Josh Webster and other air-dropped PJ trainees swim to unpack it.



# 'Tis the season to think and act safely

**By Master Sgt. Steve Richmond**  
Rescue Wing Safety

The chill of Fall is upon us, as are the thoughts of coming holidays. It is a special time of year for families and friends to gather for parties, football games, holiday meals and gift exchanges. Add to that the responsibility of doing our jobs as well as the taskings of the Operational Readiness Inspection and Air Expeditionary Force and it seems like we will all be busy with so much over the next few months...but hopefully not so busy that we forget about safety.

Historically speaking, this is the most stressful time of year, and you've already seen where the day-to-day stresses can lead us. We all have a responsibility to ourselves and to those around us to conduct ourselves in a safe manner. That is the goal of AFRC's new "Unrivaled Wingman" concept. Just as parents watch out for their children, and siblings look after one another, so should you and your fellow Airmen. There are so many opportunities for injury, or worse, during this season and many

are highlighted on the Wing Safety Intranet site listed at the end of this story.

Thanksgiving provides a cornucopia of hazards. From the crowding of kitchens and performing too many tasks at once to child proofing your home and all the family coming into town. Planning out your cooking schedule can help minimize risk of burns and cuts. An often overlooked risk is that of driving home after a big meal. One of the deadliest weekends of the year for traffic accidents, Thanksgiving sees more deaths and maiming of more family members than any other time of year including summer when most of us take vacations. Play it safe: crash at the house not on the road. On average, there are 575 deaths and 30,500 injuries every Thanksgiving, according to the National Safety Council, and 50 percent of those incidents are alcohol related.

Whether you celebrate with a Christmas tree or a Menorah, the holidays should be the most joyous

time of year. All share gift giving and lavish decorations and some form of fire or lights. Dry trees laden with hot lights that have been all wound up in your attic set the stage for a fiery performance. Add lots of gifts wrapped in paper under the tree and you have a spectacular pyrotechnics show that rivals Independence Day.

As many of us will be preparing for the next AEF a "last chance" to party with our friends and celebrate the past year while welcoming the new seems appropriate. While we do want you to celebrate, we don't want this to be your last hoorah. There are so many sources you can turn to for a ride home and all are at your fingertips, no one should be offended if a friend, family member, or bartender asks for your keys or calls you a cab, in fact you should be flattered that they care enough to see you alive the next day. As wingmen we should all look out for one another, as a unit. As a unit we should look out for one another as a family. These things we do, that others may live. Safety  
Intranet: \\coffs01\920rqs\920\_RQW\920RQW\_SE\920 Safety Web\myweb\index.htm

## History of the Jolly Green Feet

**By Tech. Sgt. Shane Smith**  
Rescue Wing Public Affairs

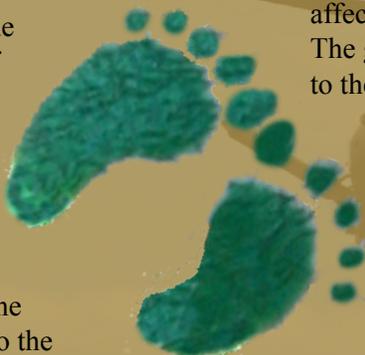
An icon in the rescue community is a pair of green feet. It is seen embroidered onto patches, embedded in every presentation and even tattooed on numerous bodies.

The origination of the green feet dates back to the Vietnam era. Downed Airmen would evade capture, hoping to

be rescued. When the rescue forces arrived, they usually arrived overhead in a Sikorsky HH-53 affectionately known as the "Jolly Green Giant." The green paint scheme and thoughts of home led to the nickname.

Today there are four-toed and five-toed versions of the jolly feet.

Rescue helicopters still use the call sign "Jolly" while their rescue crews proudly uphold the tradition of displaying the green feet.



# Lost at sea: Rescue crews give missing boater hope

By 1st Lt. Cathleen Snow

Rescue Wing Public Affairs

**F**loating alone in the open water of the Atlantic Ocean for more than 24 hours without anything more than an orange life vest left Clinton Daughtery nothing but time to think about his life.

A life which the 27-year-old now credits to the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing.

Crews from the 920<sup>th</sup> RQW were dispatched to help find him Oct. 1 more than 24 hours after he and three other boaters were reported missing Sept. 30 about 15 miles of the coast of Jacksonville.

Due to a boating incident, he was the last of his friends who was still lost at sea. When two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, known as “Jollys”, arrived on the scene at noon the sound of their blades gave Mr. Daughtery hope he said.

Their search spanned a vast distance the Coast Guard and other rescue crews had not yet reached in their recovery efforts.

The “Jollys” divided their efforts. Almost immediately “Jolly” 236’s crews saw signs they were on the right track. A cooler and some boat debris pointed them in the right direction. Minutes later, Capt. John Tatton, copilot, 301<sup>st</sup> Rescue Squadron, spotted the missing man in the water waving his arms.

Mr. Daughtery recalls the spray of salt water stinging his face when the helicopter hovered over him. “I just closed my eyes while they pulled me out,” said Mr. Daughtery. That man was Staff Sgt. Joel Corbett, pararescueman from the 308<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron. Sergeant Corbett on his first real life-saving mission plunged into the water to facilitate his rescue. “The biggest sigh of relief came over

him,” said Sergeant Corbett.

Other than being sun burnt, dehydrated and exhausted; Sergeant Corbett knew Mr. Daughtery would be okay because he said he was able to respond coherently to his questions.

Several weeks after their valiant rescue, crew members and pararescuemen from that mission encountered the poignancy of the Daughtery family’s appreciation. Families requested a meeting with the men they referred to as “angels” so they could personally thank them. A rescue reunion was held at Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Oct. 21.

Coast Guard  
Capt. Paul  
Thomas,

commander  
Sector  
Jacksonville said, “... It’s a great day to be part of the local maritime search and rescue team. The outcome could not have been better. It serves to remind us all of the importance of our mission, the value of teamwork and the need to always be vigilant, always

ready.”

“Your efforts saved four lives, reunited families and demonstrated once again the effectiveness of our partnership and the value that we bring to our community.”

“I spent much of the night with the families of these four men. I saw the fear in their eyes and heard the doubt in their voices as they asked me how you were carrying out your duties to find the men. I had the privilege of telling them that you had found their loved ones,” said the captain.

The families presented handwritten thank you cards and a round life saver embellished with family photos and thank yous to the men.

Details of the rescue efforts surfaced in conversations as everyone involved reflected on their thoughts and actions that day. Sergeant Corbett and Mr. Daughtery joked about the situation, but both agreed being around for their own children gives them even more reasons to be thankful for the successful weekend rescue.



Photo by Master Sgt. Randy Wells

**Air Force Reserve Pararescuemen Master Sgt. Chad Evans and Staff Sgt. Joel Corbett, of the 308<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron, transload Clinton Daughtery who they rescued 15 miles off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla. Oct. 1 to a Life Flight team for further treatment.**

# Rescued men thank their rescuemen

Photos by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

**T**hree weeks after the 920th Rescue Wing and Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville reunited five stranded boaters with their families, the rescued took an opportunity to thank their rescuers.

Clinton Daughtery, the final man to be rescued, was found by a 920th RQW crew and rescued about 24 hours after his fishing expedition had capsized.

Mr. Daughtery, and the others who were rescued, expressed great thankfulness and emphasized the fact that without their rescuers they wouldn't be with their families today.



**Staff Sgt. Joel Corbett, 308th Rescue Squadron, stands with Clinton Daughtery on the docks of Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville headquarters just weeks after extending his hand to pull Mr. Daughtery from the Atlantic. Mr. Doutry was the first save of Sergeant Corrbett's pararescue career.**



**THANKS FOR SAVING MY DADDY-- Five-year-old Tristan, the Daughterys' daughter, tries out the communications equipment on the "Jolly" that rescued her daddy.**



**Each of the five rescued men, their families and the Reserve crew that was part of their joint rescue team pose for a photo in front of the aircraft that extracted the final survivor from the cold Atlantic waters three weeks earlier.**

### Rescue Crews

**Jolly 235**  
 Maj. Michael Bolling (pilot)  
 Maj. Bruce Schuman (pilot)  
 Master Sgt. Carlos Gonzalez (Engineer)  
 Senior Master Sgt. Randolph Wells (gunner)  
 Senior Airman Patrick Dunne (pararescueman)  
 Tech. Sgt. Paul Schultz (pararescueman)

**Jolly 236**  
 Lt. Col. Brent Baysinger (pilot)  
 Capt. John Tatton (pilot)  
 Chief Master Sgt. Lazaro Ibarra (Engineer)  
 Tech Sgt. William Allen (gunner)  
 Master Sgt. Chad Evens (pararescueman)  
 Staff Sgt. Joel Corbett (pararescueman)



**Damaged during Mr. Daughtery's rescue, this life preserver probably saved his life say rescuers.**

# High Speed

## Maintenance Effectiveness

**By Master Sgt. Raymond Padgett**  
Rescue Wing Public Affairs

The 920<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group has secured the Air Force Reserve Command's Maintenance Effectiveness Award at the 10<sup>th</sup> Air Force-level in the category of Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance for Oct. 2005 through 30 Sept. 2006.

The 920<sup>th</sup> MXG supports five HC-130 P/N aircraft and eight HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters.

"This is the fifth year in a row the 920<sup>th</sup> maintainers have won this prestigious 10th AF Award," said Colonel Frank Dolcater, 920th Maintenance Group commander. "The fact that others outside the wing continue to recognize the professionalism and hard work I see on a daily basis is extremely gratifying."

The unit's accomplishments during the award period are major modifications to HC-130 P/N and HH-60G aircraft, while accomplishing two extensive exercises in preparation for the wing's upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

"There is no single event that outshines all the rest. It is a combination of all the things we do that is significant," said Lt. Col. Dale Lewis, 920<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron commander.

"We provided aircraft to meet the flying-hour commitment, even during times when modifications, major repair efforts and other hurdles were placed in our way," said Colonel Lewis. "We supported NASA's second shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster, and flew to support several rocket launches. We responded to calls from the Coast Guard to assist in saving civilians, while honing our

combat skills in a number of ways."

The 920<sup>th</sup> MXG personnel also led the way in HH-60G helicopter maintenance by working closely with engineering and other Air Force and Reserve units to develop the new work cards currently being used for all time-interval inspections of the HH-60G increasing in inspection interval from 500 to 600 hours.

This unit was one of the first to be authorized to put the updated criteria into practice; so far, it has been a worthwhile effort and has reaped benefits by reducing airframe downtime which translates into more flying time between inspections, said Colonel Lewis.

Although the hurricane impact was minimal compared to recent years, the group did have to generate and evacuate all assigned aircraft prior to Hurricane Ernesto's anticipated arrival in Florida.

"What amazes me is how they can take so many requirements, assess what needs to be done, do it, and make it all look so easy," said Colonel Dolcater. "Trust me, what they do is far from easy but their ability to make it look that way by professionally resolving each and every tasking they've faced is what got them the award."

Maintenance Group personnel also completed 22 deficiency reports, 43 time compliance Technical Order modifications and 39 Air Force form 22 Technical Order correction/change requests. They had 100 percent of the deployable designated personnel trained on mandatory items.

"I look forward to sending their awards package up to compete for the AFRC Maintenance Effectiveness Award," said Colonel Dolcater.

## Awards



Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Robert Ament, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
Maj. Augusto Casado, MSG  
Maj. Jerome Cobb, CF  
Maj. Kurt Matthews, OSF  
Maj. Joyce Panacci, ASTS  
Maj. Leroy Richardson, ASTS  
Capt. Wade Bravo, ASTS  
Capt. Donald Williams, ASTS  
Capt. Harley Doubet, OG  
CMSgt Armand Barrett, AMXS  
CMSgt Charles Ferrell, 308<sup>th</sup> RQS  
SMSgt Carla Chatman, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
SMSgt Douglas Kestranek, 308<sup>th</sup> RQS  
SMSgt Michael Ziegler, 308<sup>th</sup> RQS  
MSgt. Joshua Appel, 306<sup>th</sup> RQS  
MSgt. Benedict Codallo, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
MSgt. Otis Deal, AMXS  
MSgt Jonathan Grant, 308<sup>th</sup> RQS  
MSgt. Jonathan Green, MSS  
MSgt. James Martinez-Ruiz, ASTS  
MSgt. Richard Stryhal, MXG  
MSgt. Abraham Wehby, 39<sup>th</sup> RQS  
TSgt. Douglas Clifford, 306<sup>th</sup> RQS  
TSgt Robert Smith, 308<sup>th</sup> RQS



AF Commendation Medal

Capt. John Tober, OSF  
TSgt. John Loudon, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
TSgt Arik Wilson, ASTS  
SSgt William Towers, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
SrA Matthew Moore, RQW



AF Achievement Medal

SSgt. Anna Wong, 301<sup>st</sup> RQS  
SrA Meggan Short, 304<sup>th</sup> RQS



# President approves '07 Drill Pay rates

2.2 percent increase Jan.1, targetted raises in April

## The Tables

House and Senate negotiators have reached agreement on military pay raises for next year. Lawmakers have accepted the Pentagon's original proposal for a 2.2 percent raise for all ranks effective Jan. 1 and subsequent additional targeted raises of up to 8.3 percent for some enlisted members effective April 1. Rates shown are for a typical UTA. Drill pay rates as of Jan. 1

### Commissioned officers

Grade	Years in service														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,821	1,830	1,868	1,934
O-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,593	1,616	1,649	1,707
O-8	1,127	1,164	1,188	1,195	1,226	1,277	1,289	1,337	1,351	1,393	1,453	1,509	1,546	1,546	1,546
O-7	937	980	1,000	1,016	1,045	1,074	1,107	1,140	1,173	1,277	1,365	1,365	1,365	1,365	1,372
O-6	694	762	813	813	816	851	855	856	904	990	1,040	1,091	1,119	1,148	1,205
O-5	579	652	697	705	734	750	788	815	850	904	929	954	983	983	983
O-4	500	578	617	625	661	700	747	784	810	825	834	834	834	834	834
O-3	439	498	537	586	614	644	664	697	714	714	714	714	714	714	714
O-2	380	432	498	514	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	525
O-1	329	343	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414

### Commissioned officers with prior enlisted service

Grade	Years of service														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-3E	-	-	-	586	614	644	664	698	725	741	762	762	762	762	762
O-2E	-	-	-	514	525	542	570	592	608	608	608	608	608	608	608
O-1E	-	-	-	414	442	459	475	492	514	514	514	514	514	514	514

### Enlisted members

Grade	Years in Service														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	548	561	576	595	613	643	668	695	735
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	449	469	481	496	511	540	555	580	593	627
E-7	312	340	353	371	384	407	420	433	457	468	479	486	509	523	561
E-6	270	297	310	323	336	366	378	390	402	406	409	409	409	409	409
E-5	247	264	276	290	310	327	340	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
E-4	227	238	251	264	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275
E-3	205	217	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	231
E-2	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195
E-1	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174

E-1 with less than four months: 160.52

Based on Defense Appropriations Act signed by the president Sept. 29, 2006. All amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

### FY05 & FY06 NDAA Bonus Amounts

Non-prior Service Enlistment Bonus

-- 6 year contract, \$20,000

-- 3 year contract \$7,500

-- 3 year contract, \$6,000 when member has received a bonus for a previous 3 year enlistment

Reenlistment/Retraining

(Maximum years of service increased to 20 years)

-- 6 year contract, \$15,000

-- 3 year contract, \$7,500

-- 3 year contract, \$6,000 when member has received a bonus for a previous 3 year enlistment

Affiliation Bonus

(Maximum years of service less than 20 years)

-- 6 year contract \$15,000

-- 3 year contract \$7,500

Prior Service Enlistment Bonus

(Maximum YOS increased to less than 16 years)

-- 6 year contract \$15,000

Contact your Wing Career Assistance Advisor, MSgt Clay Henry, Building 313, Room 102 or call (321) 494-9016 for additional information.

## AFRC Bonus Jobs

- 1A151 Flight Engineer
- 1A171 Flight Engineer
- 1A251 Loadmaster
- 1A271 Loadmaster
- 1A200 Loadmaster (Manager)
- 1C052 Aviation Resource Management
- 1C072 Aviation Resource Management
- 1N071 Intel
- 1N091 Intel
- 1N000 Intel (Manager)
- 1T051 SERE
- 1T071 SERE
- 1T251 Pararescue
- 1T271 Pararescue
- 1T291 Pararescue
- 2A774 Survival Equipment
- 2E271 Comm, Network, Switching & Crypto Systems
- 2R071 Maintenance Management Analysis
- 2T370 Vehicle & Vehicular Equipment Maintenance



# BRIEF

## and to the point...

### OCTOBER UNIFORM CHANGES

For senior noncommissioned officers, Oct. 1 is the implementation date for the deletion of shoulder boards from the blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters.

Oct. 1 also marks the mandatory wear of physical training gear. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts.

### GOT PREGNANT?

All pregnant individuals in the wing should report to the hospital clinic on Saturdays of the UTA weekends between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-2:30p.m so a pregnancy profile can be initiated.

### PROGRAM HELPS FAMILIES DEAL WITH SEPARATION

Our Military Kids is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure the children (kindergarten to 12th grade) of deployed and severely injured Guard and Reserve personnel can afford to participate in activities such as youth sports, fine arts and tutoring programs. Many Guard and Reserve families live far away from military installations where family support and youth programs are routinely offered for free to military families. For info contact [OMKInquiry@ourmilitarykids.org](mailto:OMKInquiry@ourmilitarykids.org).

### SUPER CAC UNVEILED

Starting Oct. 27, the new "super CAC" or command access cards will be issued to Defense Department employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates. The new card features the user's photograph, like other cards now in circulation, but its computer chip also will contain two encrypted fingerprints, as well as a unique personal identification number.

### JOIN CR TOP THREE

The Combat Rescue Top Three (CRT3) is made up of senior noncommissioned officers committed to promote professionalism, camaraderie and esprit de corps throughout the enlisted ranks; support established recognition programs for enlisted personnel and established community activities; provide feedback to senior leadership on matters concerning morale and discipline of the enlisted force; provide an avenue of communication for the implementation of policy and improvements; promote the enhancement of military life through support of nonprofit and recreational activities; enhance the prestige of the senior enlisted corps. To join today contact Senior Master Sgts. Steve Lacy or Phyllis Daniel or Master Sgts. Christi Johnson or Bruce Lininger.

### AFPC OFFERS GUIDANCE TO ALMOST-RETIRED CIVILIANS

The Air Force Personnel Center's Benefits and Entitlement Service Team (BEST) encourages civilians who want to retire in the next few years to plan ahead and seek counseling early. Potential retirees should contact BEST at least one year before retirement to receive one-on-one counseling over the phone, and to request a counselor-prepared estimate.

Those ready to retire should submit their retirement applications 90 to 120 days before the effective date of retirement. More information is available on the BEST Web page at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best/default.asp?prods3=272&prods2=264&prods1=44>.

### AIR FORCE BAND STREAMING MUSIC ONLINE

Air Force Bandstand is a 24-hour per day Internet streaming radio service that broadcasts music by the Air Force Band and also includes news from the Air Force News Agency. The site is located at [www.usafband.com/Bandstand.cfm](http://www.usafband.com/Bandstand.cfm).

**Builders...** continued from page 2 from Iraq to Honduras. The wing did all these things amongst a liberal dosage of inspections, evaluations and formal visits. Our laurels are great, but we can not rest on them? The frames have already been cut for a few more windows to be installed as we have two ORI's rapidly approaching and more combat deployments right behind. We still have work to do but we will be ready to cut the colorful glass of success once again. Our support structure is strong so our highly visible windows will be secure.

Our cathedral will never be complete as we continue to grow and take on new assignments and deployments. It is paramount to our success that we not be a wing of "rock cutters," we must be unified in our belief that each and every one of us is truly a "life saver". Thank you for your hard work and "Carry On".

Check out [www.920rqw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.920rqw.afrc.af.mil)

## Extra Extra!

The Combat Rescue Top Three (CRT3) will host the Western-themed holiday Party and chili cook-off on the December UTA at Chevron Park. For a \$10 donation you'll get an Activity Card that will give you and your family paid access to all CRT3 hosted events throughout the end of 2007. Funds generated go to scholarships and charities within the unit and the community.

To get your Activity Card, contact:  
MXG- SMSgt. Tracy Winton, 4-6092  
MSS- MSgt. Jon Green, 4-6981  
RQW- MSgt. Steve Richmond, 4-1245  
OG- SMSgt. Steve Lacy, 4-5823



# ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

**MOTIVATED MX** -- Tech. Sgt. Anna Williams, 920th Aerospace Maintenance Squadron, changes a tail tier on an HH-60 Pavehawk. Sergeant Williams says she loves the unit and drives six hours to be here for UTAs.

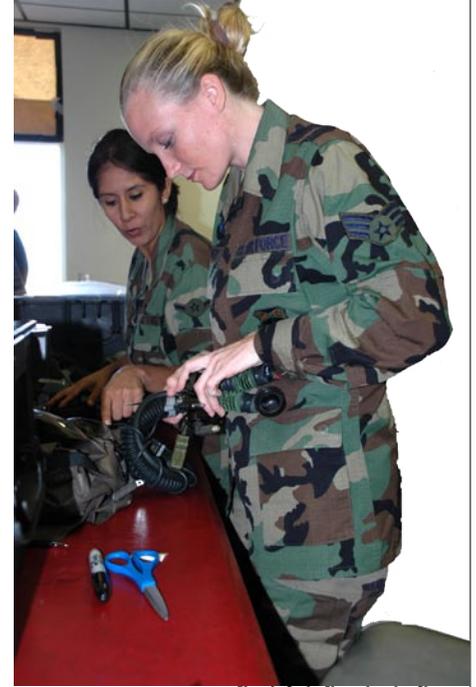


Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

**LIFE, WE SUPPORT IT--** Senior Airman Stephanie Foley (front) and Airman Michelle Cruz, aircrew life support technicians prepare eye and respiratory protection systems.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Robert Grande

**THE EAGLE HAS LANDED** -- Senior Airman Patrick Dunne, 308th Rescue Squadron pararescuman, unrigs his parachute after a jump at Cape Canaveral and prepares to rejoin his jump team.

# "OUR BEST BARKS TO THE MEN IN UNIFORM: We could tell you were the good guys"

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons  
Rescue Wing Public Affairs

It is that time of year when many Airmen pause to give thanks for their many blessings. This Thanksgiving season someone took the opportunity to thank the Airmen of the 920<sup>th</sup> RQW.

Sept. 4, 2005 the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing crews saved Eileen Duke, her husband Randy and their two dogs ( Mable and August) from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Today Ilene and her family say "Thank you 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing."

"I honestly do not know what our lives would be like today, if the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing had not intervened," said Ms. Duke. "It still does not seem quite real, and we know how lucky we are to have all of us together today."

The Dukes and their canine companions had been stranded for seven days on the top floor of their home near Bayou St. John in New Orleans when the 920<sup>th</sup> RQW came to the rescue.

Their 120-year-old, pre levee home was built to withstand hurricanes, but Mr. and Ms. Duke were afraid their two aged pets would not fare well in the excruciating traffic jams along the evacuation route. So they decided to face the storm in the temporary quarters they'd acquired while their home was being restored.

During the fury of the storm Mr. Duke watched large oak branches and other objects fly past in the heavy winds, while Ms. Duke held

the dogs tightly.

"After the hurricane passed, we walked around the bayou to check on our home, and breathed a sigh of relief – it weathered the storm just fine," said Ms. Duke.

They all went to sleep after the trying ordeal, but when they woke up were surprised by a strange reflection – water surrounding them in their temporary. A week of isolation and limited drinkable water ensued.

"We were visited on a few occasions by local rescue groups, but none would take our dogs," said Ms. Duke. "Randy and I couldn't imagine leaving our dogs to die miserable, mournful deaths, and kept trying to think of ways to escape."

As the week wore on, the flood waters didn't recede much, but their drinking water supply began to dry up.

"We had never known such thirst, and shared water with our dogs – our throats were dry, and talking was difficult, and we watched, more than drank, our water supply," said Ms. Duke. "In those dark days after the levees broke, I had dreams of rescue, but the reality almost seemed impossible."

Into the midst of one of those dreams broke the sound of "Jolly" helicopter blades and knocking blinds.

"Angels had arrived!" said Ms. Duke.

920<sup>th</sup> RQW pararescumen descended on the house, rescuing Mr. and Ms. Duke and the two animals they considered family.

"Members of the 920 rescue wing please know that your compassionate rescue forever altered our lives. You extended our parameters of faith, hope and trust. Indeed, this experience will be our yardstick against which to measure all future experiences, good and bad. I feel that we got to experience death without dying, and who in their right mind would ever reject such an experience. You kept a family together," said Ms. Duke.

"You and those in the military who bravely risk injury and death for our country are our heroes. We send our deepest thanks and best wishes for you and your loved ones as you continue your selfless and brave work."

