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Electronic News from the 146th Airlift Wing



I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and the much needed time off with family and friends. The Super Bowl has been decided and congratulations to the Baltimore Ravens for a hard fought victory.

There are two looming dates in March that will affect the 146th AW in respects to the federal budget. March 1st is the deadline for sequestration and may cause \$500 billion to be taken from the Department of Defense budget. The impact to the 146th AW is to curtail temporary technicians, reduce temporary duty (TDYs), and only fly mission critical missions. All temporary technicians have been briefed on this situation and are aware of the impact to their employment. We have already cut TDY travel and canceled flying missions due to the approaching deadline. (Continued on page 6.)

2013 Calendar

- Feb 20-27 ASEV
- Mar 3-9 CRTC C2 Ex. (Full PTF 1-2)
- Apr 5-8 Home-station ORE
- May 2-5 Ops Block Training
- Jun 1-2 War-Skills Training
- Aug 2013 TBD – Deployed ORE

Welcome new 146th Airmen!

- Senior Airman Michael Cooksey, 146th Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Aaron Raschel, 146th Maintenance Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Jared Carlson, 146th Student Flight
- 2nd Lt. Andrea McGuire, 146th Medical Group
- Senior Airman Steven Brown, 146th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Airman Basic Marissa Segoviano, 146th Medical Group
- Senior Airman Andre Bonifacio, 146th Mission Support Group

Welcome back Airmen from formal schools!

- Airman 1st Class Janette Morrisette, Engineering Apprentice, 14 Jan 2013
- Senior Airman Ashley Ramirez, Intermediate Public Affairs Specialist Course (DINFOS-IPASC), 1 Feb 13

Chaplain services

Catholic Mass 1100 LRS Conference Room
Protestant Service 1300 LRS Conference Room
Chaplain's Office is located in the Supply Building 119
Office hours are 0800 to 1600 Saturday and Sunday

Feb UTA

Saturday Morning

0900-1000 - Increment Monitor Training at LRS Yard LRS building #119.
POC: LGRDX Senior Master Sgt. Rominger 893-7520 and Tech. Sgt. Rubio 893-7899

Sunday Morning

0900 - 1100 Combined Pallet Build up at 0900 at the Air Terminal Ops building #112

Retirements

Tech. Sgt. Alex Koenig, 146th Public Affairs Photographer
Tech. Sgt. Richard Smith, 146th Maintenance Squadron
Chief Master Sgt. Modesto Quijano, 146th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Promotions

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Canole, Senior Airman Sarah Ashley, Master Sgt. Erik Westad, Staff Sgt. Stephen Nagasawa



Read more about Senior Airman Serrica Marshall on page 4

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Opening combat positions for women essential to diversity, future AF



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Lieth)

Commentary by Don Branum
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

1/30/2013 - **U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFNS)** -- Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's Jan. 24 announcement he would lift restrictions on women in combat positions has stirred up quite a bit of discussion.

Anyone who wants a stronger U.S. military should welcome the lifting of combat restrictions and what that change means for readiness and diversity within the armed forces.

It's important to note a couple of key facts: First, women have been involved in combat since well before the Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaida attacks. Second, Panetta has made clear he does not expect the services to change the physical requirements for demanding jobs such as Air Force pararescue, Navy SEALs, Army Green Berets or other special operations programs.

One name comes immediately to my mind when I think of women who have seen combat: 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, a 2006 Air Force Academy graduate who was killed in action while deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009.

Less recent names of note take a bit more digging, but they're not hard to find:

- Retired Col. Martha McSally, a 1988 Academy graduate who flew in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom;
- Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, a 1996 graduate who flew in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and was the first female Thunderbird pilot.
- Lt. Col. Kim Campbell, a 1997 graduate who took part in air operations over Baghdad, Iraq, in April 2003.

While the physical requirements for pilots differ from those for many special operations career fields, flying in combat carries the significant risk of being shot down and either killed or captured.

More importantly, the strategy of asymmetrical warfare popular with the Taliban and al-Qaida doesn't recognize "combat roles" or front lines. Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson and Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch were assigned to the Army Quartermaster Corps, but that didn't stop Iraqi army forces from ambushing their convoy in March 2003. Johnson and Lynch were taken prisoner and later rescued, while Piestewa was killed.

Still, Panetta's decision isn't without controversy. On the Air Force's official website, "Brandon" from Miami writes, in part, "Men are naturally hardwired to protect women even if it is with our lives." Notwithstanding the fact that service members are trained to protect any of their fellow brothers or sisters in uniform, I've yet to see any scientific evidence to corroborate Brandon's assumption.

The decision could also help solve a long-term problem: the lack of diversity within the Pentagon's top ranks. According to a 2009 Defense Manpower Data Center statistics, fewer than 10 percent of general officers across the services are women, even though women made up 16 percent of the active-duty officer corps.

It took nearly 65 years from the day Esther Blake joined the Air Force until Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger (a 1980 Academy graduate) became the Air Force's first four-star general. *(Continued on page 3)*



'Congratulations... or condolences. Whichever.'

(Future AF story Continued from page 2)

A big stumbling block has traditionally been a lack of combat experience, but you can't get combat experience if you're not allowed to serve -- and lead -- in combat roles.

That wasn't fair to women, so Panetta fixed it.

As James Hill of Columbia, Tenn., wrote on the Air Force website, "As a 32-year veteran, all I have to say is, go for it. In my 79 years of life, I have learned that women can be tough as nails. I saw my

son ... make a pararescueman, and I know his daughter is as tough as he is." People are going to worry about unit cohesion anytime something happens to change a unit's composition. It was true for racial desegregation in 1948; it was true when Don't Ask, Don't Tell was repealed in 2011, and it's true now. People even get nervous about new unit commanders or permanent changes of station. It's easier to make up reasons for change-related anxiety than it is to admit you don't know what might happen. But if past experience is any indication, the armed forces will be just fine.

Air Force announces NASCAR sponsorship for 2013

2/5/2013 - **JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)** -- The Air Force renewed its NASCAR partnership with Richard Petty Motorsports and the No. 43 car with driver Aric Almirola for the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

"RPM's strong legacy in NASCAR and Almirola's values and character are a great fit for the Air Force and the type of recruits that we look to attract through the sponsorship," said Col. Marcus Johnson, chief of the Strategic Marketing Division at Air Force Recruiting Service. "Our association with NASCAR and RPM is helping us achieve our strategic goal of connecting with the patriotic fan base and recruiting technically inclined youth."

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor of the No. 43 car, driven by Almirola, a 28-year-old driver who was born on Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and whose father served in the Air Force. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in two of 36 NASCAR points' races this season.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Hughes)

"I'm really proud of how Richard Petty Motorsports helps connect the Air Force with race fans," Almirola said. "We go out to the Air Force display and the swear-ins at the track, and it's great to see people lined up wanting to learn about the technology and the opportunities available. It's a perfect partnership, really, especially for me, having a life-long history with the Air Force."

The Air Force will also continue its experiential marketing activities at NASCAR events, air shows and festivals throughout the year, taking the No. 43 U.S. Air Force show car and "Hangar 43" interactive display to environments where recruiters can connect with young adults. It will also continue to hold swear-in ceremonies of Airmen in the Delayed Entry Program at NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races, giving fans an up-close, in-person look at the moment when groups of young Americans commit themselves to their country. (Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service)

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH



. Meet this month's featured Airman Serrica Marshall, a Senior Airman from the Electronic Countermeasures shop of the 146th Maintenance Squadron, where they maintain various systems on the C-130 that help defend against enemy threats, such as missile deflection, flares and CHAFF.

Marshall 24, a native of Roswell, N.M., has been with the unit since 2010 and plans on making a career here at the 146th until the day she retires.

Serrica's story is a special one. It's a story that should strike a chord with every serviceman/woman in all branches, and everyone who wears the service uniform of our country.

Senior Airman Serrica Marshall saved her best friend's life by preventing him from committing suicide. He was deployed overseas and expressed that he was not prepared for all that he was seeing.

"One night we were instant-messaging on our computers and he told me he wanted to tell me something...and he came right out and said he might not want to live anymore."

She reached out to her friend who was half-way around the world and reminded him of all the people who loved and cared for him while at the same time on another line, without him knowing, contacting the wing's

Director of Psychological Health, Kim Evans. She knew she had to get help to her friend immediately even though he was so far away.

"Where are you exactly right now? I want to send you a care package," she said. "Give me your address so I can send you some things you remind you how much we care about you." As he gave Serrica the address, she simultaneously gave it to Kim Evans, who was forwarding it to others in the chain to help locate his command.

Within less than two hours, even while the two friends were still talking, the Chaplain knocked on her friend's door.

"I couldn't believe it. He was starting to tell me good-night, that he wanted to go to sleep, but I wanted to try to keep him talking," she said. "Then he said that someone was at his door, and the Chaplain came in and got him out of bed. I was so relieved that they were there with him."

"After it was all over, I was afraid the whole time that he was going to be mad at me for getting others involved," said Serrica. "But I found that it was the opposite. He said he actually felt bad that he had gotten so low that he had considered taking his own life."

When asked if she had anything to share with others about what she had gone through, Serrica humbly replied, "I think anyone would do that for someone else. We have a lot of really good Airmen here. You just have to make them understand that their life is important, even if you think they might get mad."

When it comes to suicide the only thing that matters is the life in jeopardy. We must remember that any references that anyone makes to end their life, should be met with a strong sense of urgency to seek medical and professional guidance.

Please call Chaplain Nelson and Chaplain Love at 805-986-7481, or Kim Evans, Director of Psychological Health at 805-986-7549 for assistance. Help is also available from the California National Guard chaplain's hotline 24/7 at 1-877-100-5662

For more information on how to identify the signs and symptoms of someone who is likely to attempt a suicide, please visit the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program website at <http://afspp.afms.mil> or call the suicide awareness hotline at 800-273-8255.

Do you know someone on base who has a fascinating job?

Has a great story to tell?

Someone who stands out amongst the crowd and deserves to be recognized?

**Please let us know!
Call the Public Affairs office at 7420.**

We are always looking for people who represent our wing in the best way!

Military OneSource tax filing service

Military OneSource is once again offering a free, electronic tax filing service. If you are eligible under the Military OneSource program, you can complete, save, and file your 2012 federal and up to three state returns online free with the H&R Block At Home[®] tool.

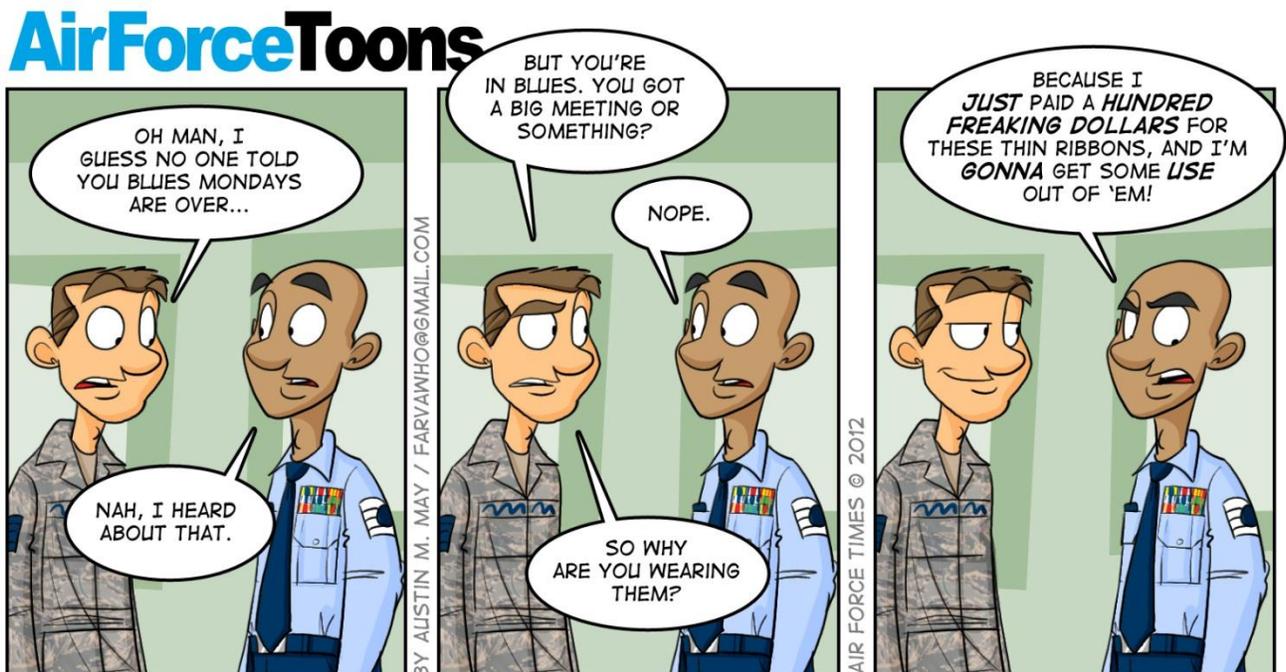
To access this free version of H&R Block At Home[®], you must start your return from the [Military OneSource H&R Block At Home[®]](#) link. Once you click the link you will be required to log in to Military OneSource. From the login page you will be directed to a site containing additional information on tax preparation, including the link to the Military OneSource free H&R Block At Home[®] service.

If you have questions about this tax service or about preparing your own tax returns, please call 1-800-342-9647 and ask to speak with a Military OneSource tax consultant. Trained tax consultants are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., EST. For information about deductions, exemptions, and filing deadlines visit the [Military OneSource Tax Program](#) page.

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/pfm?content_id=268827

Financial counselor on base

There will be a financial consultant on base during February and March drills. You can make an appointment for personalized attention by contacting Julie Morency our Family Readiness Coordinator at 893-7468. He will also be available in front of the dining facility from 1030 to 1300 both days. This is a free service coordinated through the Department of Defense.



The Commander's view

(Commander's view Continued from front page.)

We had a Boss Lift set for February UTA, but had to postpone until the sequestration issue was resolved. Employers had been invited to the base to visit with their traditional employees and go on a C-130J local flight. We will reschedule this event as soon as possible. March 27th is the end of the Continuing Resolution for the federal budget and hopefully Congress passes a budget or another Continuing Resolution. Failure to act on this would cripple the Federal government until one of the options was passed. I will brief the impacts to our wing in an all hands meeting if this looks to become a reality.

The Operations Group will be finishing the Aircrew Standard Evaluation Visit (ASEV) later this month from 20 Feb to 27 Feb. They have moved their UTA to 23-24 Feb to accomplish the ASEV inspection. They will be inspected by a team of experts from AMC and receive a grade of how prepared they are to perform their missions. Remember to treat the inspectors with respect and all military courtesies while they are on base and present a professional image to them. We have been doing very well in past inspections and I'm sure the Operations Group will pass with flying colors. Good luck to them.

We just returned from the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center on this past Thursday, 31 January. The 146th AW sent 47 personnel to augment Charlotte, perform Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) functions, and observe the 145th AW in their Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE). This was a good trip to get the rust off and refresh how the scenarios run in the OREs. Our next event is the Prepare the Troops (PTF) deployment exercise during the March 2013 UTA. We will process up to 350 personnel to deploy to war, but then pause until the April UTA to pick up the rest of the war phase of the ORE. This will be Channel Islands South, a home station ORE during the April UTA and may mirror the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). The Inspector General of Air Mobility Command is contemplating accomplishing home station ORIs in the future, but has not made this decision yet. We will find out our location in June and will then know if we will deploy to a CRTC or have the ORI at home. The location of the August ORE will depend upon what we learn in June. We recently learned that the 103rd AW from Connecticut will join with Charlotte and us for the ORI. We are working with them on how their involvement will take place, but I do understand that their Operations and Maintenance will not participate. More to follow as I get more information on the 103rd AWs involvement.

I was informed that our static display project has been denied by the USAF Museum and I'm looking for another way forward on this issue. The Board of Directors at the museum has decided that they have too many static displays around the country and are not approving anymore in the future. We have been offered a static display C-130E from both Illinois and Georgia, but we would have to pay the ground shipping cost of approximately \$150,000. Obviously this is unacceptable, but I will continue to search for a static display that is cost effective.

We have several personnel deployed to the Middle East and I wish them well on their deployments, as well as a safe return. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, as I'm sure you have done in the past. Take advantage of the upcoming months to get into the ORI mind set and get used to the Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear again. I will see you this drill around the base,

Take Care,

Paul Hargrove, Col

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Air Force Year in Photos 2012

1/17/2013 - **FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS)** -- A team of Air Force journalists and photographers selected the best photos from around the Air Force for the 2012 Air Force Year in Photos.

These photos showcase Airmen around the globe involved in activities supporting expeditionary operations and defending America.

To see the photo from our wing that made it into this year's collection visit the Air Force website at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332921>



DFAC Menu Saturday

Herbed marinated chicken
Chili lime tilapia
Jambalaya
Cinnamon buttered baked
Sweet potato
Corn on the cob
Mixed vegetables

DFAC Menu Sunday

Chicken parmesan
Penne alfredo pesto
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Zucchini
Baby carrots