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MUNITIONS AIRMEN HIT TARGET ON PREPARATION

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60 YEARS LATER

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JAMES BIDS FAREWELL AS SECAF

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WINGMAN WEIGHTLOSS

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What type of communicator are you?

By **Capt. Brad Chinery and Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Wieser**
19th Civil Engineer Squadron Chief Enlisted Manager

We've all heard the typical question, "Didn't you get my email?" or "I tried calling and left a voicemail, but you never returned my call." The art of leadership is a common theme in many professional developmental courses; however, we sometimes fail to learn and practice the art of communication with our fellow service members. Dr. Albert Mehrabian, author of *Silent Messages*, extensively studies the art of communication and discovered non-verbal communication is 93 percent of our ability to effectively communicate. I will break down the three most commonly used methods of communication (email, phone and face-to-face) and discuss their effectiveness.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

In today's working environment, email is essential. This one-way method of communication is great to disseminate information to a plethora of individuals simultaneously, to simplify the logistics of communicating across oceans and time zones, and for very simple conversations. Yet, email cannot convey the sender's body language or tone of voice, 93 percent of effective communication. Without the sender's non-verbal communication in the message, the receiver is left to infer or assume the sender's intent. In my experience,

The best way to communicate, and the only way to be 100 percent effective, is to communicate in person and face-to-face. Being able to convey the message along with tone of voice and body language allows the receiver to get the full message.

this assumption can create hours of extra work.

COMMUNICATION VIA PHONE

Communicating via the phone improves one's communication effectiveness. Now the sender is able to convey their tone of voice along with the message – an improvement from email and 45 percent effective, according to Dr. Mehrabian. Adding tone of voice to the message is a significant improvement to the message because the receiver now gets more information and assumes less. If you have ever received an email in "all caps" or with several explanation points to punctuate every sentence, you recognize the importance of understanding tone of voice. I would also like to say that a phone call, when you can't meet face-to-face, is a more personal way of conducting business. This is especially important when dealing with personnel or sensitive issues.

FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATION

The best way to communicate, and the only way to be 100 percent effective, is to communicate in person and face-to-face. Being able to convey the message along

with tone of voice and body language allows the receiver to get the full message. I understand this method isn't always possible in the globally-separated world we live; however, many times we choose not to take the time to meet in person. Face-to-face communication can initially take a little extra time, but this usually significantly reduces the risk of miscommunication and unnecessary work later. It can also be uncomfortable to discuss sensitive or negative issues in person; yet, we owe it to each other and those we are leading – directly or indirectly – to give them our undivided attention.

While the percentages can be argued, the underlying fact is effective communication is a function of the sender's words, tone and body language when the message is communicated. Face-to-face communication is the only method of communication where we have a chance to be 100 percent effective. As senders, we need to ensure our body language and tone of voice are in-step with the message. As receivers we need to evaluate the complete message; the only way to get better is to practice. I leave you with a question to reflect upon: how effective is your daily communication?

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RANK/NAME

Staff Sgt. Sarah Hubert

UNIT

19 AW Base Chapel

POSITION

Chaplain Assistant

HOMETOWN

Cambridge, United Kingdom

TIME ON STATION

8 Months

TIME IN SERVICE

4 years

HOBBIES

Motorcycle riding, shooting competitions and fishing

GOALS

Getting her Community College of the Air Force certificate for her new career field and a bachelor's degree in business

CORE VALUE

Integrity First

COMMENTS

Hubert firmly believes that integrity is the key building block in her professional development as an Air Force NCO. Integrity also helps her project honesty and character in the tasks she accomplishes and in her leadership throughout the Wing while continuing to support the Combat Airlift Mission with sustained excellence.



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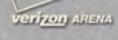
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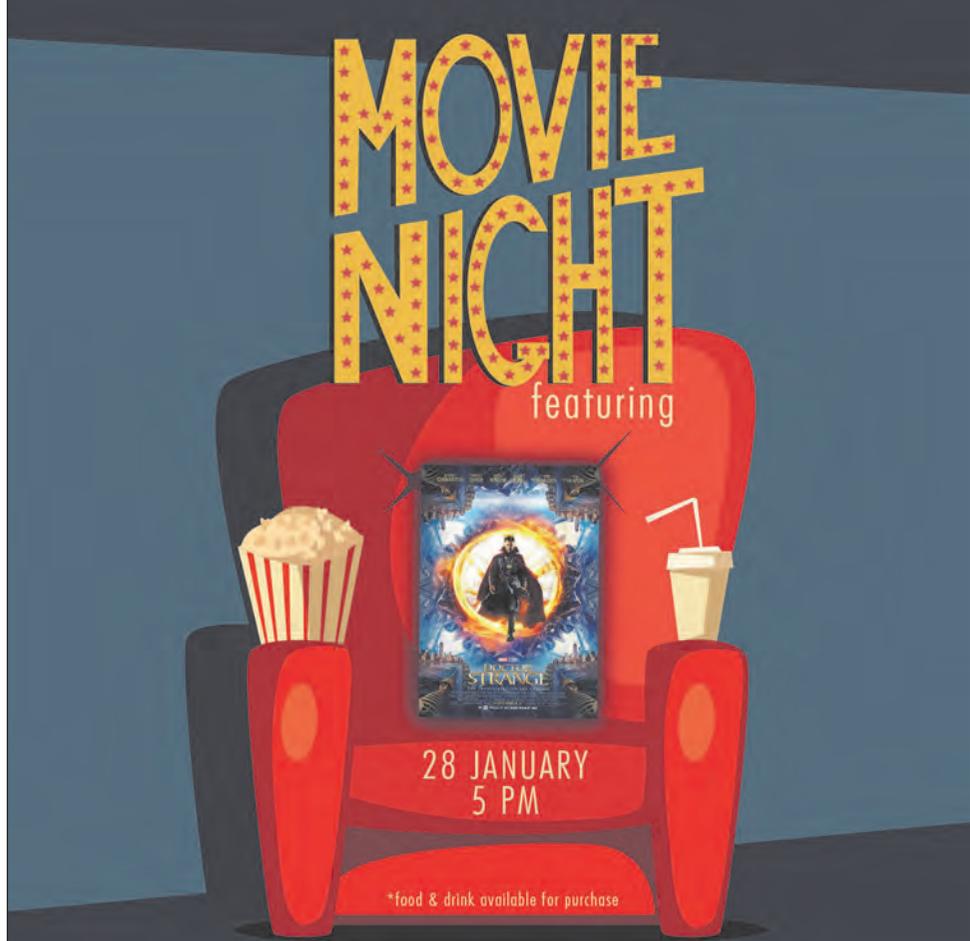
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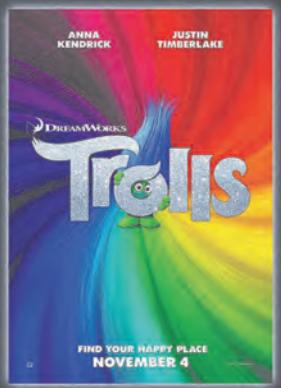
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Team Little Rock members march in unity to remember Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 13 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The event began at the Herk Hall on base and participants marched to the nearby Walters Community Support Center.

60 years later

Airmen honor MLK, Little Rock Nine

By Senior Airman Harry Brexel
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Airmen from Little Rock Air Force Base honored one of the greatest civil rights activists on Jan. 13. Airmen walked alongside local community leaders for a commemorative march honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and the historic Little Rock Nine.

SEGREGATION: END OF AN ERA

Despite the fact that the United States of America has been racially segregated for most of its history, African-Americans have volunteered to serve as U.S. service members since colonial times. The U.S. Air Force was the first branch of the DOD to integrate and has made integration a priority since its inception in 1948.

Though around a decade later, discriminatory laws and attitudes dominated the country and especially in the South.

One of the most influential events

of the anti-segregation movement in the history of the U.S. occurred in Little Rock.

Nine African-Americans arrived for the first day of school at Central High School in Little Rock on Sept. 4, 1957. They were the first to do so, in the school's 30 year history.

Three years prior, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously in *Brown v. Board of Education* that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. The students, known as the Little Rock Nine, were recruited by Daisy Bates, president of the Arkansas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On the students' first day of school at Central High, a white mob gathered and Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus deployed the Arkansas National Guard to prevent the black students from entering, in spite of President Dwight D. Eisenhower request to remove the Arkansas National Guard Soldiers and let the Little Rock Nine enter the school.

One of the most enduring images

from that day is a photograph of one of the African-American students, Elizabeth Eckford, holding a notebook and stoically attempting to enter the school as a crowd of hostile, screaming white students and adults surround her. The photograph was printed and widely distributed, bringing the Little Rock controversy to national and international attention.

On Sept. 9, 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sent a telegram to Eisenhower urging him to "take a strong forthright stand in the Little Rock situation."

King went on to say that if the federal government did not take a stand against the injustice it would set the progress of integration back 50 years.

"This is a great opportunity for you and the federal government to back up the longings and aspirations of millions of peoples of good will and make law and order a reality," King said.

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James bids farewell as SECAF

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The men and women of the Air Force bid farewell to the 23rd Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James during a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, on Jan. 11.

James led the Air Force for more than three years after being confirmed in December 2013.

“Because of your leadership, the United States Air Force is better prepared to fly, fight and win than at any time in history,” said Secretary of Defense Ash Carter. “Thank you, Debbie James, for your service to this country, for your commitment to our Airmen, to their families, and to the joint force. We’re safer today because of you.”

Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein spoke about the impact James tenure left on the service.

“You’ve inspired us, you took care of us, and you led us well,” Goldfein said. “It is now my distinct honor as the 21st chief of staff, on behalf of a grateful nation, and your 660,000 active, Guard and Reserve Airmen, to report that you have completed your obligation to support and defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That you bore true faith and allegiance to the same, and that you well and faithfully discharged your duties of the Office of Secretary of the Air Force.”

During the ceremony, James was presented with the Distinguished Public Service Award by Carter. Her husband, Frank Beatty, was presented with an Air Force award for exceptional public service from Goldfein.

“When I took this job ... I knew it would be the honor of my professional lifetime,” she said. “I did not fully understand, at the time, what an absolute joy it would be and how much I would learn from all of you.”

In her remarks, James shared four stories of Airmen, who she said touched her heart.

Two weeks after James was confirmed, she received a call informing her of a convoy hit by an improvised explosive device near Kabul, Afghanistan. Ten people were killed. Among them was Capt. David Lyon, who had been in the Air Force for five years. He was a logistics specialist, executive officer for his group commander, athlete and volunteer coach for the U.S. Air Force Academy track team, she said.

James attended his dignified transfer where she met his widow, Capt. Dana Lyon, who was also stationed in Afghanistan. The couple had spent Christmas together two days prior to his death.

“In the midst of unspeakable grief, Dana taught me about how much we ask of people,” the secretary explained.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HARRY BREXEL

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James speaks to a group of Airmen Dec. 15, 2015, at Little Rock Air Force Base. James spoke at an All Call where she provided updates about current issues ranging from budget cuts to fleet modernization and answered Airmen's questions.

Today, she is Maj. Dana Lyon, assistant strength and conditioning coach at the Air Force Academy – an active mentor in her own right, James declared.

Within days of the call about Capt. Lyon, drug use and cheating on proficiency exams was discovered at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. James joined Gen. Mark Welsh, then chief of staff of the Air Force, as they investigated the situation.

They were joined by then Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, the 20th Air Force commander. James shared that Weinstein explained the dynamics of the nuclear enterprise, including how Air Force leaders spoke of nuclear as number one, “but no one put their money where their mouth was,” she said.

“He is still the fiercest advocate for our missileers, security forces, and all the other Airmen who represent our nuclear enterprise,” she proclaimed. James then went on to describe Tech. Sgt. Brian Williams, “one of the bravest, most dedicated people I have ever met.”

Williams met the secretary when he was competing as a member of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program. A 16-year veteran, he served in security forces where he deployed six times, including to Afghanistan. He was injured

from an IED explosion, losing his left leg above the knee.

It was a difficult recovery, she said. The Air Force wanted to medically retire him, but he refused, wanting to continue serving. At the time, the service was starting to allow more exemptions for wounded warriors.

“I was the one who signed the paperwork that allowed him to stay in the Air Force,” James said proudly. “It is an honor to serve with Airmen like Tech. Sgt. Brian Williams.”

The secretary then highlighted retired Col. Charles McGee and the Tuskegee Airmen who “grew up in a time when ‘separate but equal’ was the law of the land.”

The Tuskegee Airmen proved to be exceptional flyers, maintainers, radio operators and support personnel, demonstrating that the Air Force core value of excellence in all we do, has nothing to do with the color of an Airman's skin, she said.

Finally, she shared that as an American, she will be secure in the knowledge that the Air Force is protecting her family, friends and country 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“I will never ever cease being a member of the Air Force family,” she said. “I will always remain an advocate for Airmen and the Air Force.”

Pope Airmen, 82nd Airborne Division train for deployment readiness

By Master Sgt. Thomas J. Doscher
18th Air Force Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) -- The 43rd Air Mobility Operations Group and 82nd Airborne Division conducted a deployment readiness exercise at Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina, Jan. 6-11.

The exercise was designed to test Air Force and Army outload processes in order to get the 82nd ABN "out the door" in the event the Global Response Force is called into action.

Col. Kelly Holbert, the 43rd AMOG commander, said that unlike other exercises, which are designed to train paratroopers or aircrews, the DRE is designed to test the 43rd AMOG processes.

"Normally, the primary purpose of the exercise is to support somebody else," Holbert said. "This exercise is purpose-built to exercise and evaluate our outbound processes. It's about getting cargo and personnel prepped and ready, getting the paperwork right, getting the load plans right and making sure we're doing things safely and on a timeline specifically to meet our global response force commitments."

Focused on the outload process, aircraft participation in the exercise was mostly notional, with two C-17 Globemaster IIIs from Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, filling the role. The outload portion, however, was played

as realistically as possible, said Lt. Col. Christopher Kiser, the 43rd Operations Support Squadron commander.

"We asked the Army to act as if the aircraft were actually here on the ramp," Kiser said. "Bring the loads into the checkpoint. All the paperwork has to be correct. The load plans have to be correct. They have to pass our joint inspection and our Joint Airdrop Inspection. And they have to get all the way to the ready line to be called up like they're going onto an actual aircraft. We did that so we could make sure we are testing every single process just like the aircraft are here."

Air Force joint airdrop inspectors from the 43rd OSS and 43rd Air Mobility Squadron worked with their Army partners to ensure that cargo was properly rigged to be safely dropped from Air Force aircraft according to both Army and Air Force standards.

"It's Army equipment, but it's going on Air Force aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Herzog, a 43rd OSS joint airdrop inspector. "We both have different rules, so we have to make sure they're all complied with and that they're going to work together safely."

Inspectors check over every pallet and vehicle going on an aircraft to make sure that the load meets weight requirements, is secured correctly and is using the right kind of parachutes. At every step, from when it's first processed at the Heavy Drop Rigging Facility by Army

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The "Arkansas Run for the Fallen" will kick off from Ozark City Hall at 0900 AM on Friday, March 24, 2017 and our run team will finish at the Arkansas State Capitol on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Run teams will stop at every mile marker, present an American Flag and biographical card in honor of that Arkansas Hero in an effort to create a memorial trail across Arkansas.

The final three miles on Sunday afternoon will be a group run to remember all of the Arkansas Fallen service members who were individually honored over the weekend. The public is invited to show their support and run alongside the core run team for the final three miles to finish on the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol at approximately 2:10 PM with the closing ceremony beginning at 2:30 PM. Registration for the final 5K can be found at www.arkansasrunforthefallen.org/registration.php.

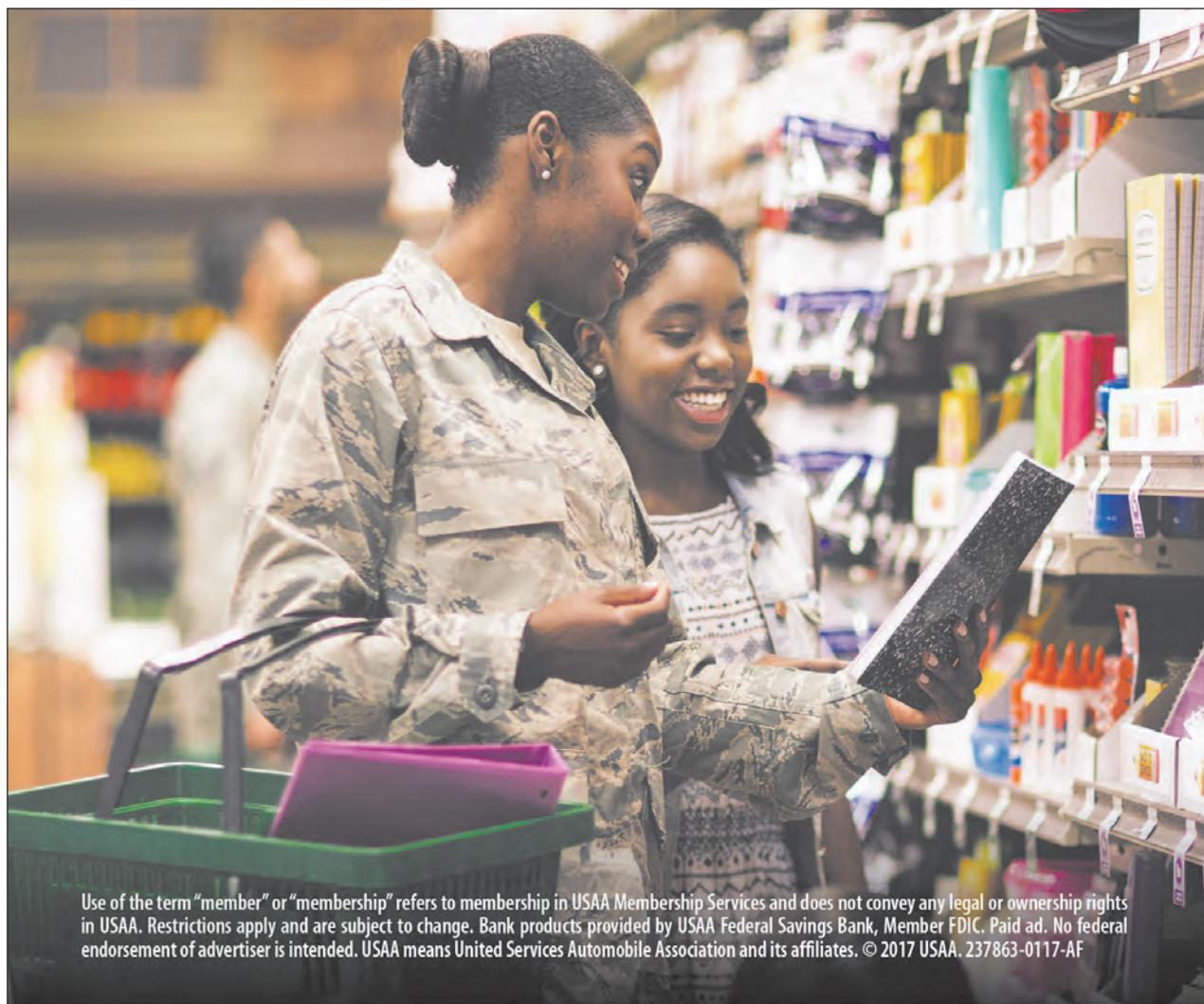
All proceeds above the event expenses will be used to raise awareness, honor the fallen, and support the families of the fallen. One way is through the Arkansas Run for the Fallen traveling memorial. We also provide support to the Arkansas Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers (a gold star mother is a mother who has lost a child while that child was serving our country), scholarships for the graduating children of fallen service members, and special days for gold star children, siblings, spouses, and families.

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U.S. Air Force Col. Charles Brown, 19th Airlift Wing commander, kicked off the Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative walk with opening remarks Jan. 13 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Participants marched from the Herk Hall to the Walters Community Support Center.

Honor

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In response to Faubus' brazen actions, NAACP lawyers, including Thurgood Marshall, won a federal district court injunction to prevent the governor from blocking the students' entry.

On Sept. 20, 1957, the Little Rock Police Department took over to maintain order. The Little Rock Nine finally entered the school through a side entrance three days later, escorted by police. However, the group was rushed home soon afterward due to possible mob violence from 1,000 white protesters.

Then, approximately twenty days after the students' initial attempt to attend school, Eisenhower sent in 1,200 members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and placed them in charge of the activated Arkansas National Guardsmen. Escorted by the Soldiers, the Little Rock Nine attended their first full day of classes on Sept. 25, 1957, and were shielded by the 101st Airborne Division and the Arkansas National Guard for the remainder of their school year.

King praised the president's actions after the students were finally able to attend classes.

"I wish to express my sincere support for the stand you have taken to restore law and order in Little Rock, Arkansas," King said. "You should know that the overwhelming majority of southerners, Negro and white, stand firmly behind your resolute action."

In May 1958, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited Central High School to see the only senior among the Little Rock Nine, Ernest Green, graduate and receive his diploma. Green went on to serve as assistant secretary of the Federal Department of Labor under President Jimmy Carter.

King was influential in the achievements of the Little Rock Nine and successfully assisted obtaining military assistance in a pivotal moment in the history of Arkansas and the United States.

COMING FULL CIRCLE

On Jan. 13, Little Rock Air Force Base honored King prior to Martin Luther King Day. The Little Rock Central High School marching band marched with U.S. Air Force Airmen to remember King's major feats.

(Ret.) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. William J. Johnson, the first African-American general in the history of the Arkansas National Guard, spoke to inspire a new generation and reminded them of the major accomplishments made in the country and how great leaders helped usher change.

"Great leaders, by definition, are rare," Johnson said. "Dr. Martin Luther King risked everything to help others. That is what we should do to honor him on this holiday."

Now, approximately 50 years following his death, Little Rock Air Force Base honors King and his efforts to integrate. A team of Airmen plan to pay tribute by volunteering at Little Rock Central High School on MLK Day to honor the courage of the Little Rock Nine, King and the ripple effects that spurred civil rights into action.

Protestant Parish Coordinator

Little Rock AFB Chapel is seeking a Protestant Parish Coordinator. The individual is required to coordinate Protestant parish programs, ministry volunteers and leaders, volunteer training, budget inputs, and schedule events. Interested bidders should have formal training that is relevant to this position or at least two years of experience (work or as a volunteer) in a similar or related field. An associate's degree is required, higher education preferred. Background checks will be required as directed by DODI 1402. The award of this contract will be based on the "best value" to the government. Bid documents including the Statement of Work (SOW), criteria of selection and general provisions can be obtained from the Chapel Bldg 950, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. All sealed bids must be received by the Chapel not later than 9 a.m. Feb. 6. More information about duties and bid submission for this contract position can be obtained by calling the Base Chapel at 501-987-6014.

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riggers, to the point it's physically secured to the cargo deck of the aircraft, an Air Force inspector or loadmaster is checking it.

That's because the consequences of getting a load wrong can be disastrous.

"If we find a big problem when we get out to the jet, you're talking about scratching loads and stopping missions," said Staff Sgt. Casey Jackson, a 43rd OSS joint airdrop inspector. "Let's say it passes all that, and it actually gets dropped. You're talking about hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in equipment burning into the ground. It can be a tedious job, but it keeps you on your toes."

Once the loads are inspected, they are sent on to the arrival/departure airfield control group where they are inspected again and are loaded onto material handling equipment to be sent onto the flightline. They are then loaded onto Air Force aircraft where, once again, they are checked by the loadmasters.

Transloading, inspecting and transporting the equipment to the flightline falls to the aerial porters of the 43rd Air Mobility Squadron. There are about 220 porters in the 43rd AMS, making it the largest flight in the 387-member squadron.

Senior Airman Joshua Slagel, 43rd AMS joint Inspector, said the DRE is demanding.

"We have about 39 JI's working during this DRE," he said.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. THOMAS J. DOSCHER

Senior Airman Joshua Slagel, a 43rd Air Mobility Squadron Joint Inspector, measures the shoring on a Humvee during a load inspection at the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group during a Deployment Readiness Exercise on Pope Army Airfield on Jan. 9. Inspectors from the 43rd AMS act as a safety net to make sure cargo is properly prepared to be loaded onto Air Force aircraft. Improperly loaded cargo could be damaged or destroyed during an air drop.

"We're working 24-hour missions, and it's been very high tempo."

With the short-notice deadlines that come with supporting the GRF, the 43rd AMS commander, Lt. Col. Paul Bryant, said they need every Airman to be on their game.

"Our people are under quite a few time constraints," Bryant said. "We have sequences that are planned and part of the entire GRF mission that have been formulated, and we adhere to those sequences. They work 12-hour shifts, and

they will work those shifts until we get that initial echelon off the ground and on its way to the next location. So our Airmen work pretty hard, but we can do it. Everyone knows their job, and we get the mission done."

Bryant said the process of getting cargo and passengers ready to fly is a joint effort, and the key to success is a close, long-term working relationship with the Army.

"We are working as a joint team to ensure during the inspection process all the way through the loading of cargo and passengers that we are doing it right not just as an Air Force team, but as a joint team," he said.

Kiser said that relationship doesn't stop at the end of the exercise.

"We work jointly every day," he said. "After this exercise is over and these aircraft leave, we're still working with the Army on a daily basis to make these processes better. It's constant. It never stops."

Army Maj. Travis Stellfox, 82nd ABN, is responsible for managing parachute operations for the 82nd ABN. He said, a good relationship with the 43rd AMOG is not only convenient, but vital.

"Realistically, in my job, I couldn't do anything without the 43rd AMOG," he said. "We work very closely together. Without them, there's no planes here, and without planes, there are no parachute operations. Interoperability is very important. We're in constant contact with someone from the Air Force, and it's important that we keep it that way."

Holbert said, he and his Airmen embrace that close cooperation and that they are aware of the sheer importance of their role in the GRF mission. He said his Airmen are up to the task.

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Munitions Airmen hit target o

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Guarded by a tall gate, filled with underground bunkers and hiding in the back recesses of the base, the 19th Maintenance Squadron munitions flight on Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, is a secluded area but vital to Combat Airlift.

From inspections to storage, the flight ensures ammunition hit their targets by providing ammunition to the 19th Airlift Wing and 189th Airlift Wing.

“Each component relies on us for [the ammunition for] base defense,” said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Anthony Buff, 19th MXS munitions flight chief. “Anytime the team is tasked with something they get it done and do what is needed to help defend the base.”

The munitions team inspects, stores and maintains a variety of ammunition and equipment, ranging from standard 5.56 ammunition to explosives and rockets.

The munitions Airmen also assists with flightline operations by loading chaff and flares onto C-130s. Chaff and flares are key components used in C-130 aircraft defense.

Working with personnel ranging from the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordinance Disposal team to flightline operations, the munitions shop provides the ammunition required to complete each unit’s mission.

“We work with everybody to get the job done,” Buff said. “From the 19th Logistics Readiness Squadron to the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron and multiple agencies on base.”

Just as marks left on a bullet can identify the firearm it was fired from, an ammo troop can be identified by marks of the trade. The rigorous training in preparing and inspecting ammunition and weapons singles out the Airmen from other career fields.

Airmen are required to complete regular self-assessment checks and annual explosive safety training, in addition to training off base to support joint service operations.

“We conduct training missions at Fort Polk, Louisiana, to simulate ground to air rockets,” Buff said. “The team works hard, a lot of the work they do is unseen but still mission essential.”

The training is only one of the identifying factors of a munitions Airman. The camaraderie gleaned from working closely together creates a sense of brotherhood in the Airmen throughout their careers.

“We’re a very tight-knit community,” said U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Antonio Valencia, 19th MXS munitions storage crew member. “Once you’re ammo, you’re always ammo.”

The shop is located on more than 80 acres of land, hosting 725 different types of ammunition. Including a war reserve stock pile, including a war reserve stock pile, the combined total number of assets equals 1.7 million. The combined stock piles are worth more than \$9 million and will be used to carry out the unrivaled Combat Airlift mission for years to come.



Ammunition containers are stored in an underground bunker for safe keeping by the 19th Maintenance Squadron munitions flight on Dec. 13 at Little Rock AFB and surrounding areas. It's the only DOD munitions storage area in the region.

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Little Rock Air Force Base. The munitions flight supplies ammunition, explosives and other propellants to



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Angela Barbour, 19th Maintenance Squadron inspector technician, reviews a checklist before inspecting an ammunition crate for distribution Dec. 14 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The munitions flight members complete a variety of different tasks ranging from storing ammunition to inspecting munitions.



(Above) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Angela Barbour (from right), 19th Maintenance Squadron inspector technician, goes over a checklist prior to issuing ammunition to U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Hardy, 19th Airlift Wing Security Forces defender, on Dec. 14 at Little Rock Air Force Base. It's the only DOD munitions storage area in the region.
 (Left) U.S. Air Force Airman Karliepatricia Shamer, 19th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew member, transports and stores ammunition on a weekly basis Dec. 13 at Little Rock Air Force Base. A team of 19 Airmen inspect and store ammunition on more than 80 acres of land on Little Rock AFB.

Airman Dorm Leader position open

The Little Rock AFB Housing Element is seeking highly-motivated staff sergeant or staff sergeant select, for the 8H000, "Airman Dorm Leader" special duty position. This position is a two-year controlled tour with a report no later than date of March 6, 2017.

To be considered for the Airman Dormitory Leader position, the applicant must be of good moral character, demonstrated the ability to be a professional of the highest caliber and be committed to mentoring first-term Airmen.

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Wingman Weight Loss Program challenges Team Little Rock

By Airman 1st Class Kevin Sommer Giron
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Service members, civilians, dependents and retirees interested in the Wingman Weight Loss Challenge are encouraged to sign up Jan. 17-27 at the Little Rock Air Force Base Fitness Center.

The challenge is a friendly competition which introduces healthy eating and exercise habits.

“Teams will consist of two people helping each other stay motivated and accountable for their work outs,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kimberly Jones, 19th Force Support Squadron fitness program manager.

The competition runs Feb. 1 through March 29.

A point system is used as teams have free range to work out on their own for 10 points, attend various aerobic classes offered by the fitness center for 20 points and participate in “FUN” Fridays for 30 points.

Each team will track their points through a Wingman Workout Tracker sheet provided by the fitness center. Integrity and accountability are vital to tracking the points earned.

Participants will have an initial, midway and final weigh-in through a secure and confidential tracker.

The winners will be announced at a health fair on March 31, 2017. Prizes ranging from T-shirts to electronics will be given out to the top male and female performers, the team with the most participation points and the team with the most cumulative weight loss.

“We want to focus on building good habits for the new year because once you develop those habits, they stick with you,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jeremy Crider, 19th Force Support Squadron front desk supervisor.

For the full schedule of events or more information, visit the fitness center or contact 501-987-7716.

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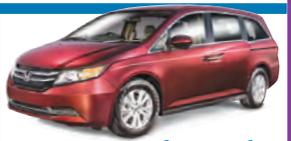
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AF introduces new Energy Flight Plan

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force introduced a new Energy Flight Plan, signed by Miranda Ballentine, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and energy, on Jan. 6.

Following the direction established by the Air Force 30 Year Strategy and the Strategic Master Plan, the Energy Flight Plan identified a long-term vision for the Air Force to enhance mission assurance through energy assurance.

“This plan, along with our recent policies, codifies the importance energy resiliency has to the Air Force mission and identifies how we are going to move forward,” Ballentine said. “We need to take a holistic approach to energy projects to provide resilient, cost-effective, cleaner energy solutions to ensure we can continue to operate when our energy supplies are interrupted.”

Throughout the last year, the Air Force continued to improve how it manages energy by advancing new approaches and developing new projects.

In February 2016, the Air Force stood up the Office of Energy Assurance to take an enterprise-wide approach to facilitate energy projects that provide resilient, cost-effective, cleaner power to Air Force installations.

It also established the Resilient Energy Demonstration Initiative to develop and deploy innovative energy resilience technologies and business models that could later be used across the Air Force.

The Air Force then unveiled a 19-megawatt solar array at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; broke ground on a 16.5-megawatt solar array at Joint-Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; and signed a cooperative research and development agreement with EDF-Renewable to demonstrate an operational microgrid.

Recently, the Air Force announced a \$262 million energy savings performance contract, ESPC, for the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. This contract – the largest performance contract in federal government history – will modernize 50 buildings and help reduce energy usage at the complex by 35 percent.

The Air Force exceeded its commitment toward the \$4 billion Presidential Performance Contracting Challenge goal with this project. Under the challenge, each federal agency was charged with optimizing its energy footprint through the use of third-party performance contracts.

The government develops performance contracts

enabling partnership with the private sector to develop and maintain energy projects, without upfront costs to the taxpayers. The government then uses the cost-savings garnered by the improvements to pay the company back, resulting in modernized infrastructure and increased energy efficiency at no net cost to taxpayers.

The Air Force is largely dependent on the commercial energy infrastructure for its electricity and fuel. The plan affirms three goals for the Air Force energy program – improve resiliency, optimize demand, and assure supply – and establishes a framework to make the best use of its energy resources.

“We are facing a changing threat environment to our energy systems, as cyber and physical threats to our energy systems continue to rise,” Ballentine said. “It is important we have a comprehensive approach to our energy projects to ensure we have the technologies, processes, and resources in place so we can continue our mission in the event of an outage.”

To view the entire U.S. Air Force Energy Flight Plan, go to the Air Force Energy website.

(Information courtesy of an Air Force Staff Report)

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Plan ahead for tax season

By Airman 1st Class Kevin Sommer Giron
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As tax season approaches, it's important to remember to plan ahead. There are a variety of free tax services readily available. Below are some tips to help successfully file tax returns this year.

■ Active-duty military members can visit www.militaryonesource.mil to use free tax preparation and filing software. Additionally, Airmen can speak with a trained military tax consultant for military-specific information.

■ Retirees are encouraged to use free tax filing services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

■ To find a VITA site, use the VITA locator tool available on the Internal Revenue Service's website, or call (800) 906-9887.

■ Taxes must be filed by April 15, 2017. There are extensions available for service members who are deployed. For a full list of what qualifies a person for an exemption, visit www.irs.com/articles/2016-federal-tax-rates-personal-exemptions-and-standard-deductions.

Airman's Guide on Taxes

- ✓ **Single Airmen without dependents or a house are recommended to file a 1040EZ with standard deductions**
- ✓ **1040EZ- The shortest federal individual income tax form.**
- ✓ **Standard deduction - A fixed dollar amount that reduces taxable income**
- ✓ **Double check bank account and social security information for accuracy.**

For more information on other resources to help navigate tax season, visit www.militaryonesource.mil.

(Editor's note: The 19th Airlift Wing Legal Office will no longer operate a volunteer tax center on base.)

Mumps immunization info

Confirmed cases of mumps are on the rise nationwide and the Arkansas Department of Health is requesting all children and adults to get up-to-date with their Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) vaccine. The 19th Medical Group Immunization Clinic is normally open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no treatment for mumps, and it can cause long-term health problems.

Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads easily through coughing and sneezing.

Unvaccinated people are 9 times more likely to get mumps than people with 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Symptoms of mumps can include fever, headaches, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite and swollen glands under the ear or jaw.

In rare cases, mumps is deadly. Adults are more likely than children to become very sick with Mumps.

Due to the rising number of beneficiaries that need the MMR vaccine, the Immunization Clinic will be open Jan. 23-25, from 7:30 a.m. to 5

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