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Reserve units swap planes

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN)— Air Force Reserve Command officials will swap C-130 Hercules aircraft this spring to accelerate the consolidation of missions and equipment at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y.

Officials from the 914th Airlift Wing at Niagara Falls ARS will exchange its eight C-130H3s for eight C-130H2s from the 934th Airlift Wing from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport ARS.

Another four C-130H2 airlifters will arrive at Niagara Falls ARS from the Air National Guard's 118th Airlift Wing from Nashville, Tenn.

When the transfers are complete sometime this summer, both the 914th AW and Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing at Niagara Falls ARS will share 12 C-130H2s under an Air Reserve component associate structure. Officials from the 914th AW will own the aircraft, with the Guard providing aircrews and maintainers in the associate relationship.

The swap will leave Niagara Falls ARS with an earlier version of the C-130; however, the base will get the planes two years ahead of schedule. Original plans were for 914th AW Airmen to operate with eight planes for the next two years. The swap will give them the full complement of 12 planes sooner than expected.

Additionally, the base will operate with one type of cargo plane, which Air Force officials said will reduce training and maintenance costs.

Members of the 107th ARW is in the process of transferring its KC-135 Stratotankers and taking on the C-130 mission.

(Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



Blood thicker than water: Airman with leukemia finds family roots among fellow Airmen.

By Staff Sgt. Dan Lanphear
914th Public Affairs

Senior Airman Frank Coseglia shares a joyful moment with friends from his unit following a fundraiser in his honor at the base theater Feb. 2. A health services technician in the 914th Aeromedical Staging Squadron here since 2003, Airman Coseglia, was diagnosed with leukemia Dec. 1, 2007. Fundraising efforts continue as fellow Airmen contribute time and money to help support him and his family in the fight against blood cancer ... For the rest of the story, visit the 914th Airlift Wing website at <http://www.niagara.afrc.af.mil/>. (U.S. Air Force Photo / Staff Sgt. Dan Lanphear)



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Reflections from the AOR

Honorable Michael W. Wynne

Secretary of the Air Force

To our warriors stateside and around the world, I salute you! I just returned from my third trip to the Central Command AOR, and once again I am both re-energized and incredibly impressed by the consistently motivated, innovative and professional Airmen I had the privilege to meet. I am truly humbled by their warrior spirit and dedication to mission readiness as they continue to answer our Nation's call so admirably in the face of personal sacrifice.

Airmen Contributions. At bases such as Balad, Ali Al Salem, Bagram, Al Dhafra, Al Udeid, and Ramstein, I witnessed firsthand the critical contributions our stateside and deployed Airmen are making to the Joint team's accomplishments in the AOR. For example, our UAVs are providing the unblinking eye of vigilance that eliminates any refuge for enemy combatants and protects our Joint and Coalition forces on the ground. In parallel with the surge in ground forces, air strike taskings have also surged dramatically throughout both Iraq and Afghanistan. Our CAOC continues to integrate reachback support with operations throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa to maximize the combat power we provide the Combined and Joint fight. Meanwhile, Airmen are representing our Air Force proudly to the Joint team in integrated Air Force positions and 'In Lieu Of' taskings across the AOR.

You Are Making History. For such fledgling democracies to succeed, the people in Iraq and Afghanistan must feel secure enough in their environment to self-stabilize their countries. Whether integrated in coalition operations, interacting with the local populace, or bringing Air Force innovation to Provincial Reconstruction Teams, our Airmen are ambassadors across the AOR. Many of the indicators and reports from the field are positive, but every Airman must continue doing his or her individual part to ensure success of the entire Joint team. We are hopeful that the transformation of self-governance will continue to succeed, and we know this will require the dedication of our Airmen to help make it happen.

Make it Better. I am so impressed that every Total Force Airman—Guard, Reserve, Active Duty and Civilian—has made it their personal mission to make their environment better and tasks easier for future rotations. From the maintenance and operations Airmen improving mission accomplishment to the CE Airmen improving quality of life, each AEF rotation continues to make life better for their successors. In just two years since my first visit, I have seen unprecedented progress across the AOR that makes me proud to lead our great Air Force.

To our Airmen who are either deployed or supporting theater operations from home station, thank you for your contributions to the Joint team in defending our Nation and providing the security these newly-free societies need to flourish.

Q&A with the Vice

Do you have a question, comment or concern you would like addressed from wing leadership? Do you just feel the need to be heard? Would you like your ideas or comments addressed in an open forum?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then perhaps we have your answer. Each month starting in April the Niagara Frontiersman will feature a question and answer column written by the Vice Commander answering your questions, ideas, comments and concerns. Questions can be light-hearted or serious. Your "voice" is needed and wanted.

Submissions should be directed to the Niagara Frontiersman editor, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Nichols at kevin.nichols@niagarafalls.af.mil

The wing vice commander Col. Mark Murphy will now take your questions.

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**Promotions/
Recognition**

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant
Joseph M. Prica, 914 SFS

Master Sergeant
Christopher Barone, 914 ASTS
Michael J. Schuster, 914 AES
Timothy Stuhler, 914 SFS

Technical Sergeant
James M. Barrile, 914 ASTS
Paula M. Brown, 914 LRS
Benjamin L. Capen, 914 MXS
Dominic Dorsaneo, 914 SFS
Kyle Ernst, 914 LRS
Anthony Matela Jr., 914 SFS
John A. Perry, 914 SFS
Michael Stockman, 30 APS
Stephen E. Watto, 30 APS

Staff Sergeant
Thomas V. Bank, 914 MXS
Patrick J. Coyne, 914 SFS
Calvin A. Griffith, 914 AMXS
Matthew C. Holt, 914 SFS
Everett M. Myrick, 914 LRS
Theodore Perger, 914 AMXS
Meredythe Putnam, 914 MOF
Michelle Ross, 30 APS
Anthony D. Smith, 914 LRS

Senior Airman
Christopher Barnum, 30 APS
Jacob Burg, 914 CS
Richard D. Burns, 914 ASTS
Evan M. Kieber, 914 AES
Adam G. Miller, 914 ASTS
Matthew Smith, 914 CS

Airman
Antonio Oten, 30 APS
Erik D. Rypinski, 914 CES

Sharp Troop!

This award is presented by the Niagara Falls Chief's Group to an individual who demonstrates exemplary standards, appearance and professionalism on a continuous basis. The Chief's Group recognized **Master Sgt. Brian Anderson**, 914th LRS/Supply, during the February UTA. Anderson received a Chief's Group "Sharp Troop" coin and certificate.

Recruiting/Retention

Civilian Vacancies

The Webpage for viewing job announcements and applying is located at <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/> or www.afrc.af.mil/jobs (for ART positions). As of September 1, 2007, all external applicants have to apply through USA Jobs at www.usajobs.opm.gov. The rules for applying for civil service positions can be complicated or confusing, so if you or someone you know is interested, they should contact the Civilian Personnel Office at 236-2218 or 2205.

AIRLIFT WING:

Admin Support Assistant (ART), GS-303-05
Supv Public Affairs Officer (ART Officer), YC-1035-02

OPERATIONS:

Aircraft Loadmaster (Instructor) (ART), GS-2185-09
Resource and Aviation Mgt Spec (ART), GS-301-09
Resource Management Spec (ART), GS-301-07

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP:

Human Resources Specialist-Military (ART), YA-201-02
Human Resources Assistant-Military (ART), GS-203-07
Disaster Preparedness Specialist, GS-301-07 potential 09
Firefighter (HAZMAT/EMT), GS-0081-07 (several positions)
Firefighter, GS-0081-06 potential 07 (several positions)
Environmental Engineer, YD-819-02
Training Technician (ART), GS-1702-07

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE:

Computer Assistant (ART), GS-344-09
Production Controller (ART), GS-1152-09
Aaft Maintenance Manager (ART Officer), YC-1601-02

Community Relations



Valentines Day visit to veterans

914th personnel made a Valentines Day visit to local veterans at the VA Hospital in Buffalo. Maj. John McDowell, 914th Security Forces Squadron, has an animated conversation with a few of America's heroes. It was a rewarding experience for both past and current military members. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Andrew Caya)

Niagara Falls Air Base Honor Guard

Honor, honesty, fairness, and integrity. These are big words that are not taken lightly by the members of the Niagara Falls Honor Guard. The Air Force Reserve Command has established a new Active Guard Reserve (AGR) position here at the Niagara Falls ARS to deal with the growing number of deceased Air Force veterans in Western New York. The Greatest Generation WWII veterans are now passing on at an accelerating rate, as are veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflict. In response to these deaths, Congress passed a law mandating that all deceased military members be eligible to receive military honors at their funerals. The Niagara Falls Honor Guard is ready to insure that these honors are provided with dignity and precision.

The Niagara Falls Honor Guard will be made up of one AGR, two members on continuous MPA orders, and thirty additional members performing a minimum of two days a month from the 914 AW and the 107 ARW. Master Sgt. Jon Saunders, the AGR chosen to build the team, has said, "I am amazed at the willingness to serve that Niagara Falls ARS has shown. I have only been here for five months, and already have 20 members who have gone through the five-day training class performing funerals and colors details. Both the 914 AW and the 107 ARW have members committed to serve our fallen comrades and local community."

The 914 AW is working with McGuire AFB to establish a local Area of Responsibility, so that personnel from McGuire do not have to drive eight hours to Niagara Falls to perform military funeral honors. In addition to the funeral honors, the Niagara Falls Honor Guard will perform numerous colors details both on base and in the local community. "The Honor Guard members are always ambassadors for the U.S. Air Force. Many people have very little exposure to the military and it is our job to give the right impression," said Master Sgt. Saunders.

If you have any question or are interested in joining, please contact the Niagara Falls Honor Guard Superintendent, Master Sgt. Jon Saunders at 716-236-3182 or via e-mail at jon.saunders@us.af.mil.

Multi-media support requests

Effective immediately all requests for any multimedia support ie; photo, video, sound system, graphic support must have an AF 833 filled out first. This form is available on the AF Portal 914th page under Photos & Graphics. There you will see a list of services PA/VI has to offer and how to fill out an AF 833. Completed requests must be handed into PA or e-mailed to Master Sgt. Peter Borys to have it prioritized and a work order number assigned to it. This new system will help better prioritize the work orders that come in and be able to serve our customers better. Any questions please call the PA office.

Reserve Command Recruiting Service seeks applicants

The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is now seeking applicants to fill recruiting positions in locations across the globe. The application process includes an interview with a local senior recruiter and completion of a packet, to include a current physical, which is sent to AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to the recruiter selection board for evaluation.

If selected, applicants attend a five-day course to be evaluated on their potential to become a successful recruiter. The top candidates are afforded the opportunity to attend the recruiter class.

For more information, contact the local Air Force Reserve recruiter or senior recruiter in your area, 716-236-2207 or call the training NCO at headquarters, DSN 497-0630 or commercial 478-327-0630.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123081090>.

NFARS AFSA

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base's Air Force Sergeants' Association Chapter 177 will be having a membership meeting, membership drive, and Executive Council elections on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Building 800, Room 135 at 1630 (4:30pm).

Principle 7, Section 3, of AFSA Manual 100-2 requires the general membership to elect the following officers: President, Vice President, and three trustees. The president serves for one year, the vice president serves for two years (beginning with even-numbered years), and the trustees serve for one or two years as approved by the general membership and specified in standing rules.

If you are interested in becoming a member or serving on the Executive Council, please contact Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Bell at (716) 236-2194 or at jonathan.bell@niagarafalls.af.mil.



BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- Senior Airman David Lysiak, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron librarian, sorts through books donated to the library here, from Coutts Library Services Inc., Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 18. The library receives about seven boxes of new books a month from locations around the United States and they are available to any servicemember or Department of Defense civilians at no cost. Airman Lysiak is deployed from the 914th Niagara Falls Reserve Services Squadron, N.Y. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Julianne Showalter)