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The 914th Airlift Wing recently returned home from our Operational Readiness Inspection deployment to Gulfport Mississippi. Official inspection results will be presented to base officials sometime in January, but all indications are that Niagara did very well and many thanks go out to all wing personnel who worked so hard this past year in preparation for this critical test of our warfighting capability. (U.S. Air Force photos/Mr. Michael Harvey)



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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

By Lt. Col. John R. Gaglione

914th Airlift Wing Chaplain

After twenty-four years of service here at Niagara, it's with bitter-sweet emotions that I say goodbye! The 914th is truly a family that I am proud to be a part of. We have laughed together at weddings and baptisms, cried together at hospitals and funerals and served together during Desert Shield and Storm as well as Iraqi Freedom. You have enriched my life and ministry by your friendship and generosity in so many ways. You truly are the epitome of the core values of the Air Force- integrity and service before self.

You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers as well as all our women and men in uniform who serve our nation in the pursuit of peace and freedom.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and grant you His peace- In your hearts, In your homes and In our world! Amen.



TO THOSE WHO SERVE

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, who knows the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he fails while daring greatly, knows his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt, Twenty-Sixth President of the United States

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**Promotions/
Recognition**

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Thomas M. Buschang, 30 APS

Master Sergeant

Letcher Gray III, 914 SFS
Heather L. Gustafson, 914 ASTS
Mark A. Hancock, 914 MXS
Joseph M. Incorvia, 914 MXS
Jerrod W. Kester, 914 SFS
Dana S. Rea, 30 APS
Richard J. Zimmerman, 914 MXS

Technical Sergeant

Kenneth W. Beasor, 914 ASTS
Rocco A. Daloise, 914 LRS
Christopher Hogenmiller, 914 ASTS
David W. James, 914 ASTS
Joel E. Kopp, 914 AES
Carrie R. Lasher, 914 ASTS
Simon G. Lissner, 914 ASTS
Jamal L. Mulkey, 914 AW
Britta P. Sarratori, 30 APS

Staff Sergeant

Adam D. Cornell, 914 AES
Kevin M. Dash, 914 SFS
Rhiannon D. Dress, 914 AW
Carrie L. Dreibelbis, 914 ASTS
Erica M. Gates, 914 ASTS
Drew P. Gugliuzza, 914 MXS
Justin M. Long, 914 SFS
Mary S. McCarthy, 914 MSF
Bryan M. McCune, 328 AS
Lisa A. Rupp, 914 AW
Timothy F. Secora Jr., 914 ASTS
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Jason B. Taylor, 914 OSF

Senior Airman

Shavonne L. Best, 914 SVS
Madalyn E. Colon, 914 SVS
Jason B. Crewson, 914 AES
Nathaniel P. Cross, 30 APS
Jason D. Dallaverde, 30 APS
Luis E. Diaz, 914 ASTS
Christopher A. George, 914 AW
Norman R. Green III, 914 MXS
Michael P. Randolph, 914 MXS
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Michael B. Smith, 914 SFS
Hans F. Wakefield, 914 SFS
Catherine L. Watts, 914 SVS

Airman 1st Class

Katelyn R. Heimbeck, 914 ASTS
Brianna A. Ives, 914 ASTS

Airman

Britni D. Mason, 914 LRS
Jasmine J. Wilkinson, 914 ASTS

Retirements

Master Sgt. Warren Brady, 914 LRS
Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Brant, 914 MXS
Tech. Sgt. Robert E. Brown, 914 ASTS
Tech. Sgt. Donald R. Howard, 914 ASTS
Master Sgt. Carl D. James, 914 SVS
Staff Sgt. Edward Kazdan, 914 ASTS
Master Sgt. Robert A. Lacey, 914 CES
Master Sgt. Richard A. Love II, 914 SFS
Lt. Col. Pamela J. Norkaitis, 328 AS
Tech. Sgt. David G. Rodgers, 30 APS
Tech. Sgt. Stephen K. Koplas, 30 APS
Chief Master Sgt. Wendy York, 914 AES

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 **Senior Airman Charles Civiletto**, 914 CES, for the month of December. Airman Civiletto received a Chief's Group "Sharp Troop" coin and certificate.

Recruiting/Retention

Newcomers

Senior Airman Eric R. Haynes, 914 LRS
Senior Airman Matthew C. Holt, 914 SFS
Staff Sgt. Michael A. Pegarella, 30 APS
Airman Andrew J. Caya, 914 AW
Airman Tiffanie M. Prica, 328 AS

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Deployed Security Forces scheduled to return home

After a six month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom over a dozen members of the 914th Security Forces Squadron will soon return home to friends and family. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Reserve Command Recruiting Service seeks applicants

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is now seeking applicants to fill recruiting positions in locations across the globe.

In addition to finding qualified applicants for careers in the Air Force Reserve, a recruiter interacts with the community and serves as a representative of the Reserve 24 hours a day.

“We’re always looking for enthusiastic, qualified people. If you are motivated to excel, perform above the status quo, and are physically and morally fit this could be the career move you’ve been looking for,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Schoch, chief of the AFRC Recruiting Service training branch.

The application process begins with a face-to-face interview with the local senior recruiter. “If you meet the qualifications you will be asked to complete a packet, to include a current physical,” Chief Schoch said. “The packet will be sent to our headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to the recruiter selection board for evaluation.”

If selected, applicants attend an evaluation and selection course at the recruiting service headquarters here. Applicants are evaluated on “potential to become a successful recruiter.” The course is five-days long designed to introduce prospective candidates to reserve recruiting. During this course, candidates will undergo an open-ranks inspection, participate in physical training, give speeches, and complete memorization work. Challenges are progressive. The top candidates are afforded the opportunity to attend the recruiter class.

The recruiting course at Lackland AFB, Texas, is six-weeks long.

“This is one of the most challenging technical schools in the Air Force. These six weeks will prepare you to be a mission-ready recruiter,” said Senior Master Sgt. Barry Kowald, an instructor at the school. “Standards here are high.”

Instruction includes Air Force Reserve benefits and entitlements, program selection criteria, advertising, and promotion, community relations, speech, and salesmanship. Course emphasis is on student performance and practical application.

Technical Sgt. James Dock, a reserve recruiter at Tampa, Fla., said he understands the importance of his job.

“As a recruiter you will help others make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives,” Sergeant Dock said. “We’re the gateway to an amazing future as Citizen Airmen.”

He’s been a recruiter for two and half years, and formerly served as a medical administrator at MacDill AFB, Fla. He said there’s been no more fulfilling job than the one he’s had as a recruiter.

“As recruiter, it gives me an opportunity to provide people some guidance in their lives and help them reach a lifelong goal,” he added.

An initial recruiting tour of extended active duty can last up to four years. Tour extensions are reserved for those who “meet or exceed the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, appearance, integrity, production, and acceptance of responsibility,” according to Chief Schoch.

For more information please contact Senior Master Sgt. Tom Zwelling, 914th Airlift Wing Senior Recruiter at 236-3033.

IN BRIEF...

BUDGET FOR 2008: Air Force Reserve Command will operate with a smaller force in 2008. The fiscal 2008 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President George W. Bush Nov. 13 funds an end-strength of 67,500 reservists. Last year the projected end strength was 74,900. The new legislation also approves 9,999 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,721 full-time Active Guard and Reserve reservists. The defense bill provides DOD with nearly \$460 billion in discretionary funding and funds a 3.5-percent, across-the-board military pay raise for active and reserve forces. From this act, AFRC receives about \$1.36 billion for its reserve personnel appropriation and about \$2.82 billion in operation and maintenance funds to run the command.

HEALTH CARE NEWS: Starting Jan. 1, civilian employers will no longer be allowed to offer their Tricare-eligible employees incentives to use the government plan instead of their company’s group health plan. By law, this ruling applies to all employers, including state and local governments with 20 or more employees. The 2007 John Warner National Defense Authorization Act prohibits employers from offering these incentives after evidence showed employers attempted to shift their group health plan costs to Tricare. More information about Tricare is available online at <http://www.tricare.mil>

PAY RAISE LOWERED: U.S. military personnel received a 3-percent, instead of a 3.5-percent, pay raise effective Jan. 1 because President Bush wants Congress to revise some provisions in the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. The president authorized the 3 percent pay raise in an executive order. The act includes authorization for a 0.5 percent additional pay raise for U.S. troops, but the president decided not to sign the defense authorization bill in its present form while Congress is adjourned, a practice known as a “pocket veto.” On Dec. 28, President Bush announced his displeasure with some language pertaining to Iraq in the current version of the act, according to White House documents released that day. The president said he won’t sign off on the bill until it is revised. Congress is on holiday recess in early January. In a statement, the president urged Congress “to ensure that any provisions affecting servicemember pay and bonuses, as well as provisions extending expiring authorities, are retroactive to Jan. 1, 2008.”