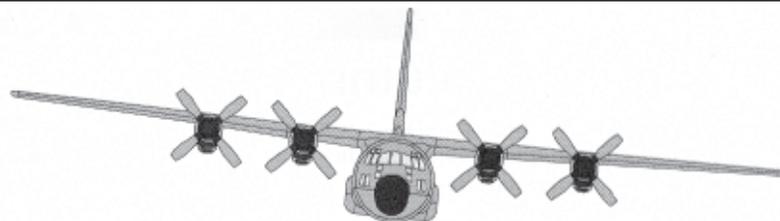


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914th Security Forces: Securing Success

By Airman Andrew Caya
914th Public Affairs

914th Security Forces Squadron members of a six-month deployment to Iraq returned to Niagara recently. They were flown in via a Niagara C-130 from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to the base. The troops were met by family and friends along with an American Legion Color Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel James Lawson, the 914th Security Forces Commander, who also returned from deployment several weeks earlier, was among the 18 airmen of the 914th Security Forces Squadron and said they were very successful on their latest deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq.

The responsibility for base security at Kirkuk has been turned over to the Air Force Reserve.

The 914th secured many operations that were going on in and around Kirkuk, said Lawson.

The primary mission for the base is training the Iraqi Air Force, and will be their primary training base for pilots.

The goal is for the Iraqis to take over the base, who eventually will run the functions that the U.S. is currently running, the commander added. "Every U.S. Air Force specialty was represented there, because essentially all of those folks will be training their Iraqi counterparts on how to do their jobs and basically build their air force from the ground up," said Lt. Col. Lawson.

"One of the more interesting things is that their pilots in training have very different backgrounds. Sunni, Shiite and Kurds, are all in pilot training together, which is real important because they need to start working with one another" said the commander. We definitely saw them working together while we were over there, it's a very positive thing, Lt. Col. Lawson said.

The deployment did not start out as a quiet mission. August held the most attacks in Kirkuk's history. "By the time we left it was the quietest months they ever had. From November 18th until January 10th, we didn't have a single attack and a lot of that can be attributed to the Iraqi Police," the commander said.

"The Iraqi forces are becoming much better. They're stepping up and I do believe the Iraqis are trusting the U.S. forces a lot more and working together with us. It's huge proof that in the short time that I have been over there, the security has improved a lot," Lawson said.

Securing the personnel, property, perimeter and the gates was our mission there, said Senior Airman Timothy Wolf, who returned with the latest group of airmen. "The mission went well, nothing got across the wire," he added.



Welcome home!

Staff Sgt. John Glyshaw is reunited with his family after being deployed six months to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Andrew Caya)

Many distinguished visitors felt safe with the security provided at Kirkuk. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice came there on a visit, said Lawson. Senators John McCain, Charles Schumer and Army General David Petraeus also stopped by at different points during their deployment, said Lt. Col. Lawson.

"The airmen from the 914th were right on the wire, supporting the Army's 10th Mountain Division by delivering intelligence through patrols of the base inside and outside the wire," said Lt. Col. Lawson. "The Army would engage the Iraqis based on the intelligence our guys gave them," the commander said.

"One night there was an Iraqi pick-up truck that had been modified to launch rockets onto the base, our guys picked up on it and the Army went out engage the enemy," said Lt. Col. Lawson.

The security forces commander said he was proud of the way his troops handled themselves during the six-month deployment.

"The Niagara guys were very professional. It's not an easy job, it's a tough job, but they were out there, day in and day out for six straight months. I was proud because they were reliable and I heard nothing but good things from the different supervisors and NCOs who had Niagara personnel working for them, and that was the highlight of the deployment for me," added The Commander.

"It wasn't just this group that recently came back that I'm proud of, but it's all the Niagara Security Forces. Niagara has been steadily supporting this location and I see us continuing to support it in the future," said Lt. Col. Lawson.



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Letter to Airmen

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

7 January 2008

Make 2008 The Year of Achievement

Happy New Year! I am so proud to begin another year serving with all of you as Secretary of this great Air Force. You performed magnificently as an Air Force in 2007, and our nation needs you to have a repeat performance in 2008. As we begin this new year together, I want us all to set the personal and organizational goals necessary to capitalize on last year's efforts and make 2008 *The Year of Achievement*.

Set Your Goals for the Year. I encourage each of you to set personal goals that will take care of your mind, body and your family so you are ready to defend our great nation today and in the future. Additionally, each organization should set goals focused on accomplishing their specific missions with excellence and taking care of their people. To accomplish the Air Force Mission, General Moseley and I need every unit and individual to continue to develop, maintain and sustain the Warfighter Edge so you are prepared to fight alongside our Joint brothers and sisters anytime, anywhere.

Achieving Our Air Force Goals. In 2008, our Air Force will continue to train and equip warrior Airmen to fight and win the current war while also preparing our Air Force for the uncertain future. This year we will also continue to achieve results towards the Air Force Goals I previously established. For example, we will achieve successful results in the critical modernization of our aging aircraft inventory by putting the top two Air Force acquisition priorities on contract -- the new air refueling tanker and the new Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter.

As we set the stage for the future, we will also break new ground by applying innovative technologies in areas such as alternative energy and cyberspace. Building on last year's certification of the B-52 to fly on synthetic fuel and the first-ever transcontinental flight on 'synfuel' by a C-17, we are taking aggressive steps to certify the entire fleet to reduce dependence on foreign oil. We will also achieve a major step towards providing global effects across our air, space and cyberspace domains when the new Air Force Cyber Command (AFCYBER) reaches Initial Operational Capability status targeted for October 2008. This new command will lead our cyberspace forces and ensure dominant air, space and cyberspace power for the 21st century.

All of the program successes we see in 2008 will result from incredible efforts by our Guard, Reserve, Active Duty and Civilian Airmen. In 2007, you did an excellent job of planting the seeds -- let us all set goals to achieve and harvest the results in 2008!

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

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**Promotions/
Recognition**

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Becky S. Costello, 914 ASTS
Bonnie L. Pijanowski, 914 LRS

Master Sergeant

Eric S. Brandt, 30 APS
Clifford P. Cornell, 914 CES
Heather C. Hahn, 914 CS
Benjamin J. Jones, 328 AS
John C. Williams, 914 CS
Christina L. Wilson, 914 AW

Technical Sergeant

Mark W. Loughrey, 914 LRS
Robert M. Marshall, 914 CES
Nicholas A. Melchiorre, 328 AS
Donald R. Sicheri Jr., 914 LRS
Carl F. Wolicki Jr., 914 CS

Staff Sergeant

John R. Glyshaw, 914 SFS
Mark C. Mayville, 914 CS
John W. Russum III, 914 CES
Regina A. Thomas, 914 AW
Justin D. Weiser, 914 SFS
Christopher R. Young, 914 MXS

Senior Airman

Jerome M. Boykin, 914 ASTS
Timothy W. Gross Jr., 30 APS
Nicolas D. Hamilton, 914 CS
Ryan C. Marr, 914 AES
Charles D. Schroeder, 914 LRS
Grayson P. Weil, 914 CS
Gerald Williams, 914 CS
Christopher M. Winkowski, 914 MSF

Airman 1st Class

Daniel J. Coleman, 914 CES

Airman

Kaitlyn P. Bippes, 914 SFS
Andrew J. Caya, 914 AW
Derek A. Cruz, 914 SFS
Justine S. Korodi, 914 CES
Tiffanie M. Prica, 328 AS
Aleksander A. Wojciechowicz Jr., 914 SFS

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 **Staff Sgt. Victorine Byrnes**, 914 ASTS, and **Tech. Sgt. Melanie Lamb**, 914 CES during the January UTA. Both sergeants Byrnes and Lamb received a Chief's Group "Sharp Troop" coin and certificate.



Staff Sgt. Victorine Byrnes, 914 ASTS



Tech. Sgt. Melanie Lamb, 914 CES

Recruiting/Retention

Newcomers

2nd Lt. Timothy J. Alex Jr., 328 AS
Staff Sgt. Stephen V. Barone, 914 CES
Airman Kaitlyn P. Bippes, 914 SFS
Airman 1st Class Matthew J. Bonacci, 914 MXS
Senior Airman Christopher R. Brucker, 914 MXS
Airman 1st Class Richard D. Burns, 914 ASTS
Airman Derek A. Cruz, 914 SFS
Senior Airman Rene Kelleher, 914 MXS
Airman Justine S. Korodi, 914 CES
Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Lanphear, 914 AW
Senior Airman Andrew M. McKeown, 914 LRS
Airman 1st Class Thomas J. Mix, 914 AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Murphy, 914 ASTS
Senior Airman Lane T. Neally, 914 LRS
Airman Antonio Z. Oten, 30 APS
1st Lt. Jessica D. Pisano, 914 MXS
Staff Sgt. Derek R. Rathmann, 914 CS
Staff Sgt. Anthony F. Ricotta, 914 CES
Staff Sgt. Cynthia R. Sittig, 914 ASTS
Airman 1st Class Lyle J. Szapakowski, 914 LRS
Senior Airman Bridget C. Williams, 914 LRS
Airman Aleksander Wojciechowicz Jr., 914 SFS

Enlisted Vacancies

AEROSPACE MED SVC, 4N091, SMS (2)
HEALTH SVC MGMT, 4A071, MSG
PUBLIC HEALTH, 4E071, TSG
AIR TRANSPORTATION, 2T251, SSG
FLIGHT ENGINEER, 1A151, SSG (2)
LOADMASTER, 1A271, SSG (2)
LOADMASTER, 1A271, TSG (3)
FLYING MED TECH, X4N051, SSG (2)
AEROSPACE MAINT, 2A571, TSG
AEROSPACE MAINT, 2A551J, SSG (2)
COMMAND POST, 1C351, SSG (3)
MILITARY EQUAL OPP, 3S171, MSG
PARALEGAL, 5J071, TSG
SAFETY, 1S051, SSG
ENGINEERING, 3E591, SMS
UTILITIES SYSTEM, 3E471, TSG
ELECTRICAL PWR PRO, 3E072, TSG
COMM-COMP SYS CTRL 3C251, SSG
COMM-COMPT SYS OP, 3C051, SSG (2)
GROUND RADIO COMM, 2E153, SSG (2)
SUPPLY, 2S000, CMS
SUPPLY, 2S051, SSG
VEH/EQUIP MAINT, 2T351, SSG
AEROSPACE MAINT, 2A571, TSG
ACFT FAB SUPT, 2A790, SMS
ACFT FUEL SYS, 2A654, SSG (2)
ACFT HYDRAULIC SYS, 2A655, SSG
ACFT ELEC/ENVIRN, 2A676, TSG
ACFT METALS TECH, 2A751, SSG
ACFT METALS TECH, 2A771, TSG (2)
ACFT STRUCT MAINT, 2A752, SSG (3)
AERO GRND EQUIP, 2A672, TSG (2)
INTEGRATED AVIONICS, 2A553B, SSG
MUNITIONS, 2W051, SSG
QUALITY/LOADMASTER, Q1A271, MSG
S.E.R.E., 1T071, TSG
SECURITY FORCES, 3P071, TSG (CATM)
SECURITY FORCES, 3P071, TSG (TNG)

Officer Vacancies

914 ASTS

AEROSPACE MEDICINE, 48A3, LTC (3)
 AEROSPACE MEDICINE, 48A3, MAJ
 CRITICAL CARE MED, 44Y3, LTC
 BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENG, 43E3A, MAJ
 HEALTH SVS ADMIN, 41A3, MAJ
 NURSE ADMIN, 46A3, LTC (2)
 CLINICAL NURSE, 46N3, MAJ (4)
 CLINICAL NURSE, 46N3, LTC
 MENTAL HEALTH NURSE, 46P3, MAJ

328 AS

PILOT, 11M2B, MAJ
 PILOT, 11M3B, MAJ (3)
 PILOT, 11M3B, LTC
 NAVIGATOR, 12M3B, MAJ (2)
 NAVIGATOR, 12M3B, LTC
 GENERAL MED OFFICER, 48G3, LTC

914 AES

FLIGHT NURSE, X46F3, LTC
 FLIGHT NURSE, X46F3, MAJ
 HEALTH SYS ADMIN 41A3, MAJ

914AW

EXEC OFFICER, 33S3, LTC
 CHAPLAIN, 52R3, MAJ
 SAFETY/PILOT, S11M3B, MAJ

914 OSF

PILOT, 11M3B, MAJ (3)
 NAVIGATOR, 12M3B, MAJ (2)
 NAVIGATOR/PLANNER, R12M3B, MAJ

914 SFS

SECURITY FORCES, 31P3, MAJ

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“Buck” to stop elsewhere soon

By Staff Sgt. Dan Lanphear

914th Public Affairs

The way people access finance operations will soon change for Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. As the Air Force transforms its Financial Management operations in the largest change in more than 60 years, base financial services will consolidate and relocate to fit the new plan.

The changes are designed to provide more effective and efficient finance operations at the base level by consolidating processing operations from 93 base finance offices worldwide into one operation in the new Air Force Financial Services Center (AFFSC) at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Operational control of each major command's finances began moving to AFFSC in October 2007 and are scheduled to conclude this April. The Air Force expects each member will continue to receive outstanding service during the transition, as the plan is designed to be “seamless.” Bases that have already migrated to the new system have reported no negative impact on their operations.

Customer service provisions will not change during initial phases. By October, additional options, including web-based self-service and a contact center are planned to be available to all customers.

As a result, fewer financial management specialists will be assigned to each base. However, the Air Force expects members will have greater ability to obtain prompt service via 24-hour self-service and contact center options. Base walk-in service will remain available for some financial matters, but customers will be encouraged to use the new service options as much as possible.

A specialized financial services transition team, is currently helping bases prepare for these changes. Base leadership and financial personnel have been briefed on details of the initiative. Niagara Falls ARS will see its back office processing move to the new Financial Services Center starting April 11, 2008.

From the larger perspective, the Air Force Financial Management directorate is transforming the way it conducts business to provide better, focused financial services to all Airmen. This is one aspect of the Air Force's larger goal to capitalize on technology initiatives to both streamline and improve a broad range of services and operations. “Financial Management's transformation objective is to provide the Air Force ‘a longer tooth and a shorter tail’ by returning resources from support operations to direct war fighting capabilities,” said Mr. John Vonglis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

The AFFSC will implement technology and training to increase efficiency and free up resources for combat missions. This transformation is estimated to reduce spending on financial services by \$210 million. For more information, visit the AFFSC website on the AF Portal by highlighting ‘Life & Career’ Tab, then clicking on ‘Money – Finance Central’, then select the ‘Air Force Financial Services Center (AFFSC)’ link.

(From an Air Force News Service release.)