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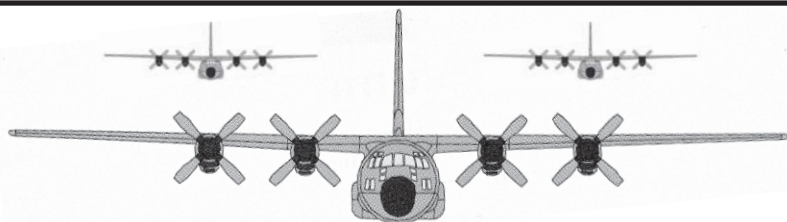
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Officials break ground for new Army Reserve Center

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station hosted a groundbreaking ceremony April 7 for the newest military construction project in Western New York.

The \$23.6 million Army Reserve Center project includes a training building, an Area Support Activity, an Organizational Maintenance Shop and a storage building.

The project was authorized by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Expected tenants include two medical units, a quartermaster company and a New York National Guard infantry company.

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, present at the ground break, has been instrumental in the post BRAC consolidation of military operations and future development at NFARS.



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Commanders Column

By Col. Allan Swartzmiller
914th Airlift Wing

Greetings Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station! If we haven't met yet, we will shortly. For those of you I have met, I need to say thanks for the warm welcome. Lana and I are very much looking forward to our assignment here. Even though I grew up in nearby Michigan, we have not had the opportunity to explore Western New York. I can already see there are many "must do's" in the area. This is an incredible opportunity for us to serve our great nation and the men and women who serve in the 914th Airlift Wing.

The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win in the air, space and cyberspace. The Air Reserve Component - Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard provides, among other things, about 55 percent of our nation's military airlift capability, 80 percent of the nation's Aeromedical Evacuation capability and 60 percent of the nation's Aerial Port operations capability. It's hard to imagine any Joint Force or Combatant Commander able to complete their mission without the capabilities of the Air Reserve Component. Niagara Falls has a rich history of service to the nation in peacetime and in times of war and I look forward to being a part of it.

As I look ahead to my time here, certainly our new ARC association is on the top of my priority list. As you have already discovered, the relationships we build with our counterparts in the 107th Airlift Wing, will be a large part of the success of this association. I ask that you continue to work at your level towards association solutions while always respecting the heritage and traditions we each possess. Many times the public and active component see us as the same, but we know



Col. Swartzmiller

there are some challenging differences in the way we manage and train. As we lead the way in the ARC association, we have an incredible opportunity to make substantial improvements to the base and create some real efficiencies. As the commander, I've also been asked to balance local unit wants and needs against the bigger world where resources are constrained and balanced against a bigger picture. For example; the draft base plan identifies approximately 165 million dollars in facility upgrades and construction. We have some tough decisions to make in regards to wants and needs.

I have three other priorities that I will briefly outline. The first one should sound familiar; we will continue our mission "current, qualified and ready to fight." In keeping with the operational nature of our mission, we will continue to provide the Joint Task Force and Combatant Commander with combat crews, mission capable aircraft and the specialized, highly-trained support teams

which enable the most effective mobility system in the world. Secondly, we will focus on our conservation. We need to improve our existing work space to reduce energy consumption. Our new facilities will be joint use, environmentally friendly and correctly sized. One of the challenges the installation faces is to reduce our building square footage 20 percent by 2020. Finally, we will seek out joint opportunities. We have a responsibility to our country to provide them with the best Homeland Defense possible. We can only do that by having a functional, working relationship with our sister services. I will encourage our officers and senior enlisted members to volunteer for joint duty missions and obtain the education required by congress to become the joint war-fighters our nation deserves. I was extremely happy to learn that 914th Communications Squadron Commander, Colonel-select John Collins, recently obtained a new assignment at the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations. There he will direct operations and defense of the Global Information Grid.

In summary, we are a wing that is fully-engaged in the fight. We will focus on executing today while at the same time preparing for the threats of tomorrow. The type of combat we will be involved in will take innovation to keep up with the long list of requirements and remain compliant. It will take resourcefulness; our resources are limited and we cannot expect to succeed using the wasteful model of the past. Finally, it will take Jointness. It is our responsibility and the law that we work as a joint team. The men and women of the 914th Airlift Wing are just the key America needs to defend her today and tomorrow. I am excited and I am proud to join this great team in our noble endeavor.

See you around the pattern.

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In brief...

National Security Personnel System under review

The National Security Personnel System is under review at the request of officials in the Defense Department and the Office of Personnel Management. The review was announced March 16 and could take three to six months to complete. The findings and recommendations are expected to be delivered in late summer.

Department of Defense officials are still determining the structure of the review, but it will likely be an external review to provide an objective assessment. In addition, DOD has suspended conversions of GS positions to NSPS until at least October.

New policy refines ancillary, expeditionary skills training

Senior leaders issued new policy guidance in March to streamline ancillary training and expeditionary skills training programs. Two new guidance memorandums revise Air Force Instruction 36-2201, Training Development,

Delivery and Evaluation, and address four new categories of ancillary training: annual Total Force awareness, selected force training, event-driven training and expeditionary skills training.

The new policy on ancillary training, signed March 26, establishes responsibilities for program management and describes the gatekeeper process for vetting ancillary training requirements. The new guidance also includes a list of ancillary training no longer required, including Constitution Day training, crime prevention, family care plan brief, local area survival training, equal opportunity for supervisors of civilians, cultural awareness and initial security orientation-uncleared version.

For more information, the new policy memos are available at the e-publishing Web site, <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>, under AFI 36-2201, Volume 1, Training Development, Delivery and Evaluation.

VA welcomes veterans home with new Web site, blog

The Veterans Affairs Department has launched a new "Returning Veterans" Web site to welcome home veterans of the Iraq and

Afghanistan conflicts.

The Web site at <http://www.oefoif.va.gov> focuses on the needs and questions of returning veterans, and will feature videos, veterans' stories and a blog where veterans are encouraged to post feedback. The site also will restructure the traditional index-of-benefits format found on other VA pages into question-based, categorized and easily navigated links by topic. This will allow veterans to find benefits of interest easily and discover related benefits as they explore, officials said.

Senior officer changes

Senior officer changes in Air Force Reserve Command this spring include the following:

Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick from commander of 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., to vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., April 14.

Maj. Gen. James T. Rubeor from deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon to commander of 22 AF, Dobbins ARB, Apr 3.

Fit to Fight - physically, mentally and spiritually! (Chaplains Corner)

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Weldon Thomas
914th Airlift Wing



This month the entire wing proves our fitness to serve and our fitness to fight - as we rev up for our annual fitness test. This is absolutely vital if we intend on remaining the most powerful Air Force in the world! The run, the crunches, the push-ups, the weigh-ins, and measurements - all contribute to ensuring that our bodies are fit and at their peak form of physical readiness to serve. Engaging in the fit test together builds tremendous esprit de corps within the wing. Team building occurs as we encourage one another. We are as strong as the weakest Airman!

As Chaplain, I am compelled to remind you that fitness goes far beyond our physical bodies being fit. We must stay fit mentally and spiritually as well. From my vantage point - we are whole persons - body, mind and soul! To maintain effectiveness in our service to our country, our whole being must be fit. Mentally, we maintain fitness as we avail ourselves to every opportunity for new training, schools, and when we go TDY. When we broaden our skills set and expose ourselves to new opportunities to excel, we are sharpening our minds. We stay mentally fit when we take



Photo by Mr. Michael Harvey

Lt. Col. Thomas

advantage of college courses, study through the Community College of the Air Force, or the many other options available to us both within the Air Force or our local communities.

Equally important, maintaining spiritual fitness can also undergird what we do physically and mentally. For people of faith,

we must practice and exercise whatever discipline we adhere to that is a part of our own faith tradition. One of those disciplines is prayer. There is an old axiom which says, *"little prayer, little power; some prayer, some power; but much prayer, much power!"* In life as well as in our readiness to serve our country, we gain an added edge when we reinforce our physical and mental fitness with an equal concern for our spiritual well being. For most of us, spirituality and faith are very personal matters. However, just as there is strength and encouragement when we physically work out together; equally so, when we study, train and work together on a task or a particular mission, team work is just as important. There are benefits to us when we worship together, pray together and serve God together. The Chaplains are here to help facilitate corporate spiritual fitness. By so doing, we help to make Proverbs 27:17 very real when it reminds us that, *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man (woman) sharpens another."*

During the UTA, feel free to stop by the Chapel to see how we can help you with your spiritual fitness. Training is essential as Airmen. After all, if we intend to be fit to fight, we must be fit in our bodies, minds and souls!



EMERGENCY RESPONDERS >> Fire Department personnel respond to a Mass Casualty Exercise April 5 in which a plane crashes (simulated) at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station leaving many simulated injured or dead. This exercise tested the ability of emergency, medical and readiness personnel in response to this type of an emergency.

Photos by Senior Airman Stephanie Clark



FIRST RESPONDERS >> 914th Airlift Wing medics rush to the aid of victims from a simulated plane crash on the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station during a base Mass Casualty Exercise here April 5.



914th fuels flight finishes first in AFRC competition

By Senior Airman Andrew Caya

The 914th Fuels Flight is the winner of this year's American Petroleum Institute's or Air Force Reserve Command Golden Derrick Award for 2009.

"This is a huge deal for the 914th Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants facility, we have beaten everyone else in AFRC to win this award and I am extremely proud of our folks," said Plans Officer Capt. Al Knapp.

The POL shop contributes to the Air Force mission and the mission

package together of all their accomplishments and direct mission support. The second part focuses on innovative management; what the 914th Airmen and civilians have done above and beyond what is required in fuels. The third and final part of the package is quality of life, what the Airmen and Civilians do in the local community, such as volunteering their time, coaching sports or charity work to make a direct impact on the children in Western New York.

award shows that we are the best," he added.

"They earned it because they take pride in everything they do!" said Knapp. "We have a cast of volunteers that comes from there that never seems to end and they are always willing to tell you about everything they do and how important it is in getting aircraft off the ground!" he added.

"It is an extremely rough job, and most of the time thankless..." - Capt. Knapp

Both James and Knapp expressed a deep pride when they heard the news that the 914th POL earned this coveted award.

"I was very proud of my team," said James. "I have a lot of young guys here and they have been working very hard at getting all their training in and it showed during the evaluation."

"Everyone who sees these fuels folks out and about should take a second to congratulate them," said Knapp. "It is an extremely rough job, and most of the time thankless. I assure you, it is very cold in the winter and brutal in the summer to work in POL. They do arguably the hardest job on the base. They deserve this award and everything that comes with it."

The 914th POL is slated to receive the award during the Petroleum 2009 Conference in Washington D.C. in late April.



Photo by Mr. Michael Harvey

914th Fuels Flight Airmen: Senior Airman Mark Hufnagel, Staff Sgt. Josue Santiago, Master Sgt. Rick James, Senior Airman Brandon Bailey and Tech.Sgt. Lisa Schaefer, stand for a group photo after receiving the news that they earned the Golden Derrick.

of the 914th Airlift Wing by providing clean, dry, and serviceable fuel to the aircraft on a daily basis, day in and day out, and enables the Operations Group to carry out their missions worldwide.

To earn the Golden Derrick Award the applicants must submit a package which includes several sections. The first part is getting a

"The Golden derrick award is presented each year to the best fuels flight in AFRC. It represents the hard work and dedication we here at Niagara have," said Fuels Superintendent Master Sgt. Rick James. "We normally do our job without any recognition. As long as the aircraft fly, everything is good. This



Wing Get 1 Now Standings

The Get 1 Now program is a valuable asset that allows wing members to choose whom they will work beside as well as assist in filling the wing's effective manning! To date the Get 1 Now program has accounted for 26 of the 99 new gains to the wing this fiscal year! Below are the wing members whom referred them as of April 22, 2009:

With 2 Accessions:

Tech. Sgt. Karen Humphrey (MSF), Tech. Sgt. Timothy L Lynch (CES) and Senior Airman Hillary Harter (MXS).

With 1 Accession:

Staff Sgt. Adam Cornell (AES), Senior Airman Alexander Pacheco (ASTS), Tech. Sgt. Andrew Wilson (MXS), Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Raymond (LRS), Senior Airman Brennan Brauen (CS), Capt. Christopher Pfeil (328 AS), Staff Sgt. David Thomann (LRS), Master Sgt. Edward Shenck (30 APS), Tech. Sgt. John Wendelin (328 AS), Senior Airman Keisha Dobney (328 AS), Senior Airman Liaquat Ali (MSG), Senior Airman Maegen Indelicato (ASTS), Tech. Sgt. Matthew Clancy (SFS), Airman 1st Class Nicholas Graves (SFS), Staff Sgt. Paul Eason (CES), Senior Airman Scott Olyer (CS), Master Sgt. Steven Brown (ASTS), Senior Airman Stuart Lovley (OSF) and Tech. Sgt. Travis Deubell (MXS).

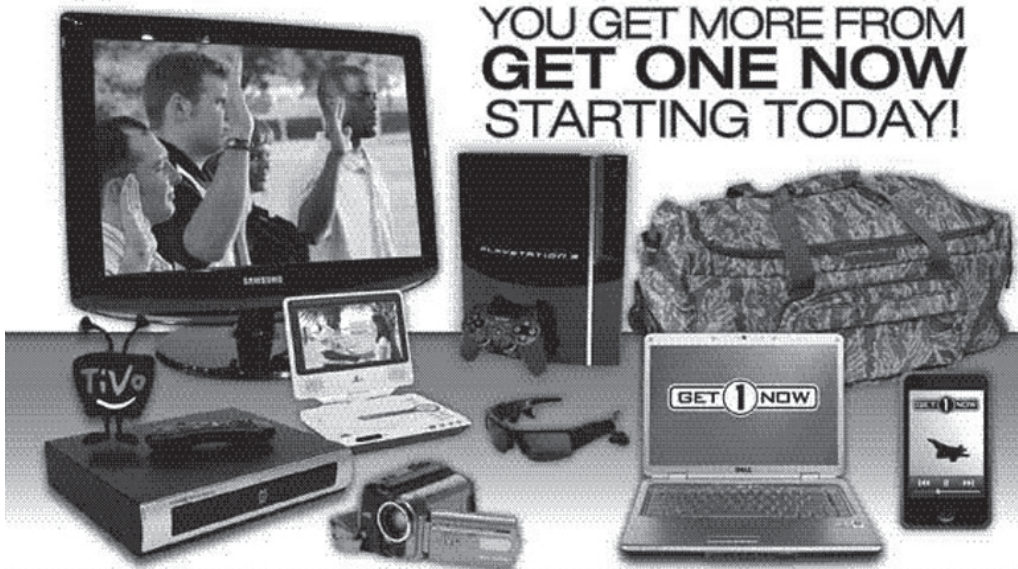
Not only have each of the above wing members assisted with shaping the future of the wing and the Air Force Reserve, but they each are now eligible to choose an award from the Get 1 Now website. These awards range from iPods to laptop computers! In addition to these awards the individual from the wing with the most Get 1 Now accessions will be presented with an Air Force Reserve snow board by the wing commander!

Submit referrals any time at Get1Now.us. Once the referral joins the Air Force Reserve you are then eligible to access the website where you will be prompted through the selection process. In most cases your award will be sent to you in approximately ten business days.

For more information visit Get1Now.us, or call (716-236-3033) or stop by the Air Force Reserve recruiting office in Bldg. 800, Room 121.

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Employment Opportunities

The following are vacancies that we are currently recruiting.

The Webpage for viewing job announcements and applying is located at <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/> (for current federal AF employees) or www.afrc.af.mil/jobs (for Air Reserve Technician positions). 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.

For ART positions all external applicants may contact Master Sgt. Bill Hose, ART recruiter, at william.hose@westover.af.mil or by phone at 413-557-2943 (DSN 589).

WING:

Civilian Pay Technician, GS-544-05 pot. 06;
Accounting Tech, GS-525-06 pot. 07;
Command Post Specialist (ART), YA-301-02.

OPERATIONS:

Admin Support Tech (ART), GS-303-5;
Aviation Resources Manager (ART), YA-301-02.

MISSION SUPPORT:

Firefighter, GS-0081-06/07;
Training Technician, GS-1702-05;
Logistics Management Specialist (ART), YA-346-02;
Police Officer, GS-0083-05;
Civil Engineer, YD-810-02;
Environmental Engineer, YD-819-02;
Contract Specialist, YA-1102-01 pot. 02 (Bach. Degree required).

MAINTENANCE:

Electronic Integrated Systems Repair Inspector (ART), WG-2610-12.

Welcome Newcomers!

Senior Airman Griffin Brown, 914 LRS
Airman 1st Class Casey Busenbark, 914 ASTS
Airman 1st Class Dominick Caito, 914 SFS
Staff Sgt. Michael Decasper, 30 APS
Airman 1st Class Wilson DeJesus, 914 ASTS
Lt. Col. Michael Elliott, 914 ASTS
Senior Airman Jason Fargo, 914 MXS
Airman 1st Class James Goss, 914 MXS
Staff Sgt. Cleveland Hunt, 914 SFS
Capt. Rosalind Johnson, 914 AES
Airman 1st Class Brian Kost, 914 SFS
Airman 1st Class Eric Krupczyk, 914 LRS
Airman 1st Class Devin Long, 914 LRS
Senior Airman Michael Messana, 914 ASTS
Capt. Kevin Raville, 914 ASTS
Capt. Edward Roliczek, 914 AES
Senior Airman Brian Sextone, 914 SFS
Staff Sgt. Karl Schultz, 914 LRS
Master Sgt. Christopher Shaver, 914 CES
Senior Airman Kyle Stender, 30 APS

Promotions

Master Sergeant

Kenneth Brophy, 914 SVS
Burton Corbett, 328 AS
Kenneth Eason, 914 MSF
Ronald Olson, 914 AMXS
Gerald Ruf, 914 CES
Sherry Wurster, 30 APS

Technical Sergeant

Joseph Bierl, 914 CS
James Corbett, 30 APS
Julie Fantaske, 914 AMXS
Gary Fernandes, 914 SVS
Jason Hyatt, 914 AES
Volker Kiefer, 914 AES
Jodi Malizioso, 914 AES
Bryan Meyer, 914 MXS
Michael Peppers, 30 APS
Nicholas Pressley, 914 CES
Donald Schrader, 30 APS
Christopher Shamiyeh, 914 MOF
Joel Stewart, 30 APS
John Warden, 914 MXS
Chad Weis, 30 APS
Timothy Zak, 914 CES

Staff Sergeant

Thomas Carozzolo, 914 MXS
Scott Chiari, 914 CES
Taurean Gray, 914 MXS
William Lee, 914 ASTS
Jeremy Macaluso, 914 SVS
Linda Mikulec, 30 APS
Michael Nowaczyk, 914 CS
Steven Richardson, 914 MXS
Josue Santiago, 914 LRS
Daniel Schoenthal, 914 MXS
Daniel Scott, 914 MXG
Ryan Snyder, 914 MXS
Josette Wheeler, 914 MOF

Senior Airman

Jessica Arnold, 914 MXS
Andrew Caya, 914 AW
Justin Fill, 914 ASTS
Mark Frick, 914 AMXS
James Goss, 914 MXS
Justine Korodi, 914 CES
Anthony Maddox, 914 MXS
Curtis Masich, 914 SVS
Tiffanie Prica, 914 OSF
Alek Wojciechowicz, 914 SFS

Airman 1st Class

Christopher Baker-Zacher, 914 CS
John Millar, 914 AES
Jessica Sweeney, 914 AES

Airman

Michelle Zakraysek, 914 CS

Farewell

Master Sgt. Ralph Baker, 30 APS
Tech. Sgt. David Beahan, 914 CES
Tech. Sgt. Paul Buda, 30 APS
Tech. Sgt. John Cirlos, 914 CES
Master Sgt. Sean Donohoe, 914 MXS
Maj. Robert Fox, 914 ASTS
Master Sgt. Michael Janiszkeski, 914 SVS
Master Sgt. Kelly Nowasell, 914 MSG
Master Sgt. Kenneth Oliver, 914 SFS
Master Sgt. Ted Pazik, 914 AW
Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Startek, 914 SFS



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but it is the safest thing we
have."

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

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