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Ceremonies Feb. 20 honored Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, at right, who assumed command of the Air Intelligence Agency and Joint Information Operations Center. One of two senior leaders, officiating during the ceremony was Gen. Thomas Keck, 8th Air Force commander. at left. Lebras was AIA's vice commander from 1998-1999. For more details and photos, see pages 4 and 5.



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# Making intelligence available for predictive battlespace awareness

By Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras  
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In an interview with Jane's Defense Weekly, James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, stated that the challenges for the U.S. Air Force in the 21st Century include: "the ability to find moving targets, have persistent intelligence and instantaneous or almost instantaneous attack capabilities."

The key to meeting this challenge lies in providing the combatant commander and his forces vital predictive battlespace awareness. PBA is the result of integrating target systems analysis, intelligence preparation of the battlespace and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance activities. It allows an operational commander and his staff to anticipate future conditions, assess changing situations, establish priorities and exploit emerging opportunities.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, uses the example of an enemy's air defense capability. TSA of an enemy's integrated air defense system identifies a mobile surface-to-air missile in a potential combat zone. IPB has determined that if hostilities break out, the enemy will deploy his air defense assets. ISR activities coupled with TSA and IPB have determined probable deployment locations based on different friendly and enemy courses of action. The combatant commander now has PBA and is better able to plan his targeting and ISR campaigns in preparation for execution of aerospace operations. But even in this extremely simplified example it is apparent that for this to work, all applicable information must be readily accessible to the planning and execution staffs at all levels.

A major effort by 8th AF and AIA to fulfill this need and help bring the

secretary's and the chief's vision to fruition is through our 70th Intelligence Wing's and the 67th Information Operations Wing's national-tactical integration efforts.

NTI is an Air Force initiative to make nationally-produced intelligence more readily available to component activities involved in the planning and execution of air and space operations. On Sept. 11, in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York City and on the Pentagon, an Air Operations Desk was established at the National Security Operations Center, three months earlier than planned.

The AOD was given responsibility for developing a collateral-level intelligence summary. Since Oct. 29, the AOD has pushed these reports directly to warfighter's around the world via SIPRNET, with great success, proving the viability of NTI as a force enabler. This continues our successful and long-standing efforts to get intelligence from behind the "green door," and moves us closer to providing PBA tools to the warfighter, but there is more to our NTI endeavors.

Eventually, NTI will also involve collection operations, intelligence normalization, AEF support, and combat operations education.

Collection operations will include 70th IW-manned tactical operations as well as a variety of national missions, which will integrate with Air Force Distributed Common Ground System support to the Air Operations Center. This will ensure a seamless, holistic view of our ISR collection across the spectrum from tactical to theater to the national level.

Intelligence normalization involves the longer-term integration of intelligence into air and space operations, ranging from support to Air Force intelligence-related concept demonstra-

tions all the way to full-scale acquisition. Normalization also includes making the presentation of our intelligence forces – how we provide these units to the combatant commanders – as close to other Air Force capabilities as possible.

AEF support will entail intelligence preparation for NAF and AEF leadwings during pre-deployment phases, tailored AEF contingency-manning support, and 70th IW exercise involvement.

Combat operations education will leverage the "two-language proficiency" of 70th IW personnel, referring to the languages of intelligence and aerospace power. This will enable 70th IW members to educate NAF personnel in intelligence concepts, and educate national-level intelligence personnel in the fundamentals of aerospace operations.

Our NTI activities will be concentrated in the Central NTI Cell at Ft. Meade, with field cells at the regional security operation centers. The Central NTI Cell has a global focus; besides pushing intelligence to the warfighter, it will also pass blue force data to NSA.

The field cells, on the other hand, will be focused on their respective areas of responsibility and establishing productive relationships with warfighters within that AOR.

These efforts are critical in ensuring that we can find, fix, track, target, engage and assess a target anywhere on the globe at any time.

But this doesn't happen in a vacuum. It is your experience, knowledge, technical expertise, and leadership capabilities that will ensure the success of our NTI efforts and allow us to realize the secretary's vision. Remember that, and our NTI activities will be an unqualified success.



## General Lebras returns to AIA

*By Dominick Cardonita  
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**B**rig. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, Air Intelligence Agency vice commander from 1998-99, assumed command of the agency and the Joint Information Operations Center during ceremonies on Lackland's Security Hill Feb. 20.

Officiating at the ceremony were Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander in chief of the U.S. Space Command at Peterson AFB, Colo.; and Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, commander of Air Combat Command's 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La.

Lebras, who has been nominated by the president for promotion to major general, succeeds Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, who left AIA in December for his new assignment as Air Combat Command vice commander at Langley AFB, Va.

"I am very happy to return to San Antonio," Lebras said. "During my previous tour as vice commander, I witnessed first-hand the expertise of the people in both the JIOC and AIA. If ever there were two organizations that epitomize the Air Force core value of 'excellence in all we do,' it is these two organizations."

"Our first and most important challenge for both the JIOC and AIA is the global war on terrorism," he said. "We are facing a tough enemy who operates in the shadows, wages asymmetric warfare against us, and is determined to destroy our way of life. But, we will win."

"On Sept. 20, 2001 President Bush said 'whether we bring our enemies to justice or justice to our enemies, justice will be done.' Our JIOC and AIA team is contributing every day to this fight and I look forward to leading our team of professionals to carry out the President's words," Lebras said.

A 30-year Air Force veteran, Lebras comes to Lackland from the Pentagon where he served as the vice director for intelligence on both the Joint Staff and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

A career intelligence officer, the general has served as a target analyst, operational intelligence officer, staff officer, intelligence analyst, squadron commander and as director of intelligence at a major command.



photos by Ted Koniares

AT LEFT: Officiating during the assumption of command ceremony were at left, Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander in chief of the U.S. Space Command; and center, Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, commander of Air Combat Command's 8th Air Force; with Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, at right. CENTER: Gen. Ralph Eberhart congratulates Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, after passing the guidon for the Joint Information Operations Center. AT RIGHT: Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck and Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras salute after passing the guidon for the Air Intelligence Agency during assumption of command ceremonies.

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*Brig. Gen. Paul J. Lebras*

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Manhattan College in New York City and a master of arts in African area studies from the University of California at Los Angeles. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Lebras was commissioned second lieutenant and entered the Air Force in 1971. ASSIGNMENTS:

Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.; Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand; Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand; Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Air Force Institute of Technology, University of California at Los Angeles; Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; director of the White House Situation Room, Washington, D.C.; Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas; Yokota Air Base, Japan; Langley Air Force Base, Va.; and Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

MAJOR AWARDS & DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal

AT LEFT: Mrs. Lebras was presented flowers during ceremonies Feb. 20. With her are, at left, Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, 8th Air Force commander, and at right, her husband, Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, incoming AIA commander.



Kris Lebras and Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, meet and greet visitors following the assumption of command ceremonies. At right is Brig. Gen. Neal Robinson, AIA's vice commander.



# Oh the places you will go ...

## Chief retires after 30-year career

By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
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"Limitless opportunities to lead and learn and a chance to see places and experience cultures most Americans only dream about."

This is one of the most significant attributes that the 26th Information Operations Group operations superintendent feels that he's gained during his 30-year military career.

And one could say that CMSgt. Jim Sickich has been a few places and experienced a few cultures outside of Chicago, Ill., where he claims as home. He's been stationed at Osan AB, Korea; Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Kadena AB, Okinawa; Fort Meade, Md.; Bolling AFB, D.C.; Salt Lake City, Utah; RAF Mildenhall, U.K.; Kelly AFB, Texas; and finally Ramstein AB, Germany.

With more than 20 years on flying status and more than 6,700 operational flying hours aboard the RC-135, E-3B, EC-130, Royal Air Force E-3D and Royal Australian Air Force aircraft, the chief has seen and done much since enlisting as a voice processing specialist in 1972.

"I cut my teeth on the airborne business at the 6990th (now 390th) and still use things I learned from my supervisors there in my current day-to-day work," the chief said before his retirement March 22. "I guess my flying assignments were the highlight of my tours to me. Never have I felt more alive than being in the middle of a 'fur ball' during an exercise or real world mission, being able to impact the outcome of an entire operation with one radio call. Doesn't get any better than that."

"Chief Jimbo Sickich and I go

back too far to remember when we actually met," CMSgt. Don Hatcher, AIA's command chief master sergeant, said. "Through the years, I've admired his dedication to the mission and the task at hand. More importantly, I've admired his even deeper loyalty to our people and our service."

He's served as a group instructor at Goodfellow, airborne instructor and evaluator, standards and evaluations chief, mobility readiness chief, active duty advisor to the Utah Air National Guard, mission analysis chief, and squadron, wing and group operations superintendent.

He's seen a number of changes during his career, most notably, the opening of airborne jobs to women.

"When I was first assigned to Korea there were no women assigned to our unit and none were in the RJ community," he said. "I started flying in 1978 and women were not permitted to fly until 1986. When I was at Osan in 1974, I don't even remember seeing any U.S. women."

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CMSgt. Jim Sickich

regular paycheck that was security that

encouraged risk taking and a fun job most of the time." He also thanks the Air Force for the opportunity to meet his wife of 19 years, Keiko.

Their children are Nick, Mitch and Jake Sickich, Sophie Soutter and Nanae Foster. The couple met in Okinawa City.

When asked what the couple will do upon retirement, the chief simply answered, "It's called career transition now and that's exactly what it will be. I'm looking for a high paying, low-stress job anywhere worldwide."

And he takes with him 30 years of training and experience. He also holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, an associate's in applied science in intelligence collection from the Community College of the Air Force, a master of science degree in strategic intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College and a Texas state teacher's certification provisional in secondary social studies.

"The chief has certainly been a big part of the way we do business today," Col. Ron Haygood, 26th IOG commander, said. "There have always been legends in our business and in our command. Many are recognized in the Freedom Through Vigilance's



CMSgt. Jim Sickich

Hall of Honor. Chief "Jimbo" Sickich is on par with many of those heroes. We wish him, Keiko and the rest of the family God speed in all their future endeavors."

Sickich's decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal with one device, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces

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AIA's command chief master sergeant

Expeditionary Medal with one device, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device, Armed Forces Service

Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal and the Liberation of Kuwait Medal.



## Valentines for vets

photo by Ted Koniares  
SSgt. Michelle Simmons from the Air Force Information Warfare Center and A1C Ed Joseph from the 690th Information Support Squadron, the Air Intelligence Agency 2002 Ambassadors, deliver a valentine to Mr. William L. Trader at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio. The annual event was held Feb. 14 with ambassadors from throughout San Antonio attending.

## Any military member

Lt. Col. Claire Saucier, 22nd Intelligence Squadron commander, shares with her support staff some of the many 'Letters to Any Military Member' she recently received from the American Legion Auxiliary in her hometown. The letters were written by school children and other well-wishers wanting to show their support to the military, both stateside and abroad. The remainder of the 130 letters was distributed among all of the 70th Intelligence Wing's squadrons. Those who received letters will soon respond.



## Schools get boost from Hickam military Volunteers tutor students, assist with repairs

By Gregg K. Kakesako  
Hickam AFB, Hawaii

It takes more than paint and sweat to maintain a school. Hundreds of Hickam Air Force Base volunteers, several from the 324th Intelligence Squadron, know that.

They donate thousands of hours to tutor students and maintain and repair classrooms at 14 schools.

MSgt. Bill Longenecker, who has spent the past three years working as a Junior Achievement adviser at Waimalu Elementary School, believes one of the greatest aspects and the strongest features of the program is the interaction with the students.

He also believes many students walk away from those few hours he spends with them each week with a better outlook on life.

"From the children's perspective, when the mentors show up," Longenecker said, "you are in your uniform. Their faces light up. We provide a role model. They look forward to our visits."

Amy Dela Cruz, parent community network center facilitator at Waimalu, said the Air Force volunteers are "there any time we need anything. Any time we need anything, they are there."

Lt. Col. Michael Benjamin, deputy commander of the 15th Support Group at Hickam, said 17 units at the air base participate in Hickam's School Partnership Program with 14 island schools — 10 elementary schools (Nimitz, Waimalu, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Mokuele, Aliamanu, Aiea, Waimanalo, Makalapa, and Pearl Harbor Kai), two intermediate schools (Aliamanu and Waimanalo) and two high schools (Radford and Kailua).

Last year, more than 300 Hickam

airmen and women gave more than 3,100 hours of their free time to tutor and mentor schoolchildren and attend job fairs. They also participated in numerous beautification and landscaping projects, which ranged from removal of playground equipment to repainting classrooms and cafeterias at schools.

Malisa Warner, Radford's parent community network center facilitator, said Hickam technicians were responsible for connecting 150 computer work stations used by 120 teachers on buildings throughout the campus.

"At the same time they rigged each classroom, so they now have phones," Warner said. "This really helps because the school doesn't have a PA (public address) system."

Benjamin, who directs the Hickam School Partnership Program, said Hickam airmen and women also participate in the Hawaii 3Rs (repair, remodel and restore) program initiated by Sen. Daniel Inouye and which is part of the Pacific Command's Joint Venture Education Program to improve the educational climate here for military family members.

He said that last year, through the Joint Venture Education Program, \$5 million was appropriated by the Department of Defense for repair and maintenance of island schools.

He said airmen from the 324th Intelligence Squadron recently spent two weekends with other

volunteers repainting classrooms, locker rooms and a chorus room at Wahiawa Middle School.

"That would have cost the school and state \$125,000 if the job had to be contracted to a civilian contractor," Benjamin said. "Instead, the school provided \$25,000 worth of supplies and we supplied the sweat."

Benjamin said the program helps to dispel "a lot of myths and rumors" about Hawaii's school system.

"On the mainland," Benjamin said, "people coming here have heard all kinds of stories that the education system here is not good and that it is subpar. That's absolutely not true."

The program also stems from the military's desire to be a part of the community and not because there are



From top, A1C Mitchell Withrow, SrA. Marcy Cranmer and SrA. Erin Watson from the 324th Intelligence Squadron painted a classroom wall at Wahiawa Middle School as part of the Hickam School Partnership Program.

children of the military attending these schools, Benjamin said.

Benjamin cites as an example Waimanalo, where Bellows Air Force station is located and where several schools are benefiting from Hickam's School Partnership Program even though there may not be many military children attending those schools.

"We want to be part of the community, involved in the community and schools are an integral part of any community," he said.

Dela Cruz agrees.

"It goes both ways," she said. "A lot of people, including myself, believe the military is just interested in doing their

own thing. You feel that it's another world. I thought like that at one time. I think we've both learned a lot."

Warner has seen the benefits Radford students have gotten from the mentoring program.

"These students are looking for a role model," Warner said. "Many of the parents at Radford are in the military and away on TDY (temporary duty) assignments. These kids are looking for someone to talk to."

As a token of its appreciation Dela Cruz said Waimalu School plans to bus all of its students to Hickam on Feb. 13 to perform a medley of patriotic songs and visit various areas at the Air Force base to give the students a better idea of what their mentors do at work.

## 70th IW members "STEP" up to next stripe

*By SSgt. Kristina Brown  
70th Intelligence Wing /PA  
Fort Meade, Md.*

Four members of the 70th Intelligence Wing had reason to have an exceptionally happy new year. They were promoted to their current ranks under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program effective Christmas Eve.

Three of the four promotees are members of the 694th Intelligence Group and got a shocking visit from Santa, a.k.a, Col. Harold J. Beatty, 70 IW commander, in the early morning hours of Dec. 24.



Manker

"We had been up past 4 a.m. wrapping presents," said MSgt. Michael Manker, 694th Support Squadron superintendent of security forces operations. "The next thing I know, it's 8 a.m., and some guy in a Santa suit is banging on my door, surrounded by nearly 20 other people in uniform."

It's a good thing Manker answered the door since the man in the Santa suit happened to be

Col. Beatty handing out this year's STEP promotions, and his 20 or so helpers included commanders, first sergeants, the wing's command chief master sergeant and a few other staff members.

Another promotee who won't likely forget promotion day is TSgt. Jason Reiter, 29th Intelligence Squadron unit

training manager. He and his wife, Kim, were awake already, cooking breakfast.

Between the shock of seeing Santa with his 20 or so helpers; the delight of the STEP promotion; and their 4-year old daughter, Jordan, asking why Santa and all these people were in their house, the Reiters forgot all about the breakfast cooking on the stove.

But the smoke pouring out of the kitchen

about 10 minutes later quickly reminded them.

Kim ran into the kitchen and removed the smoking pan from the stove, though, keeping the day a joyous one for the Reiter family.

TSgt. Gregory Adams, 22nd Intelligence Squadron linguist, is another of the wing's STEP promotees. Adams is a curriculum developer for the Air Force-wide, Web-based arabic linguist training program.

The final STEP promotee for this cycle is TSgt. Gregory Townsend, 301st Intelligence Squadron senior signals analyst. Townsend is responsible for a \$3 million work center that includes many multi-service intelligence operations.



Reiter



Adams



*Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, 8th Air Force commander, takes a closer look at the the MiG-29 Fulcrum C. With him is Andy Kay, NAIC aircraft analyst.*

## NAIC welcomes visitors

*By Rob Young  
NAIC/PA*

*Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio*

**G**en. Lester L. Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, visited the National Air Intelligence Center Jan. 4 for an orientation covering the center's unique and highly critical mission.

NAIC is the Air Force's only all-source intelligence production center and is the primary Department of Defense producer of foreign air and space intelligence. NAIC assesses current and projected foreign forces, and weapon system capabilities and employment plus it evaluates evolving technologies of potential adversar-

ies. Its products and services play a key role in assuring that American forces avoid technological surprise and can counter the foreign air and space threat.

Lyles received briefings on the center's mission, technical intelligence support for the F-22, and non-cooperative threat identification. Later in the afternoon, he visited NAIC's Foreign Materiel Exploitation Facility where he received detailed familiarization on various weapon systems.

On January 8th, Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Keck, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander and Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Bedke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Wing commander also visited the center.

The generals received briefings on NAIC's risk assessment for sensor programs, integrated air defense

systems, the worldwide missile threat and non-cooperative threat identification. In each case, these general officers gained a greater appreciation for the center's mission of doing detailed forensic analysis - providing a broad range of integrated, tailored assessments and information operations products and services that directly support Air Force operational units, national decision-makers, and the research and development community.

In the midst of America's war on terrorism the people of NAIC welcomed the challenge and the opportunity to inform these senior Air Force leaders about the contribution they are making and in turn welcomed the opportunity to gain their valuable insight.

# 352nd IOS: Second to none

By SSgt. Will Parks  
352nd IOS  
Hickam AFB, Hawaii

In the 352d Information Operations Squadron "Segundo Ad Nullis" (Second to None) is more than the squadron motto. It is the goal everyone strives for.

The men and women of the unit proved that by winning the Hickam Air Force Base Commander's Sports Excellence Trophy for 2001.

This annual award is given to the unit that has the best overall intramural sports program based on the number of participants and the performance of its various teams.

Throughout the year squadron members tirelessly dedicated their off-duty time to support the intramural sports program. As a result of their hard work, competitive teams were fielded in eight different sports.

The diligent efforts put forth resulted in playoff berths for the men's over-30 basketball, flag football, and men's basketball teams.

SSgt. Rosalyn Stubbs was recognized for her individual achievements by being nominated as one of three finalists for the Team Hickam Female Athlete of the Year award.

All of these things were accomplished despite the fact that the 352d Information Operations Squadron is

one of the smallest squadrons on Hickam Air Force Base.

The unit was put at a further disadvantage by a heavy load of contingency and mission TDYs. During the basketball and flag football seasons, it was common to see no more than two people on the bench while other teams had enough players on the bench for a second team.

After the last round of the last fight, there was only one group of warriors that were truly "second to none."

Those warriors were from the 352d Information Operations Squadron.

## Wright-Patterson honors outstanding NAIC enlisted

By Rob Young  
NAIC/PA

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

National Air Intelligence Center honored three military members whose ingenuity, initiative and focused-energy recently earned them the recognition of base leaders. Base officials chose NAIC's MSgt. Dennis Reed, TSgt. Lee Young and SrA. Heather Goldie, as winners of the Wright-Patterson AFB quarterly awards.

This historical event marked the first time that NAIC captured this many quarterly awards at once.

Reed, superintendent of ad-

vanced programs division security for the National Air Intelligence Center, merited the Senior NCO of the Quarter Award. Reed "adeptly managed" more than 50 Secretary of the Air Force-directed, highly sensitive classified programs, and "saved precious time, money and considerable effort during construction of a new \$3.3 million facility," according to his nomination. During this period, the master sergeant guided NAIC's reclassification of four national-level classified programs. He earned a Community College of the Air Force degree in criminal justice, and was elected vice president of the NAIC Top Four.

Young, an information management specialist for the National Air Intelligence Center, earned the NCO of the Quarter Award. Young is described in his nomination as a vital part of the division's ability to produce timely on-line space intelligence products for war fighters. The technical sergeant stepped "far beyond

normal duties" to perform special intelligence research for Noble Eagle. He is a cum laude graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in information technology systems. Young completed an 11-week class on adoptive children's needs, and will be the parent of a 10-year-old boy.

Goldie, a scientific and technical analyst for the National Air Intelligence Center, merited the Airman of the Quarter Award. According to her nomination, Goldie was chosen to aid the National Security Agency for Operation Enduring Freedom. In this role, she updated a vital radar parameter database and added insight into the hostile environment surrounding U.S. war fighters. Goldie's expertise led to her selection as leader of the scientific section while the incumbent is on a contingency deployment. The airman is a graduate with a 97 percent average of the advanced technical ELINT class, and leads the base-wide Air Force and Navy tutoring program.

## 381st members experience true Alaska

*TSgt. Sheldon K. Menery  
381st IS  
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska*

There is one thing that exemplifies the Alaskan experience: the Iditarod. The "Last Great Race" is a 1,049-mile test of endurance, athleticism, skill, and willpower. In March, members of the 381st Intelligence Squadron at Elmendorf AFB helped the mushers and dogs meet those challenges.

Four stout-hearted 381st members joined the team of more than 2,700 volunteers to help ensure the race ran safely and smoothly. They performed a myriad of tasks before, during and after the event. All of them agreed that it was time well-spent.

SMSGt. Jeff Mikes, operations superintendent, split 40 hours between the Dog Drop and the Computer Center. The Dog Drop is for dogs that are injured during the race or otherwise dropped. They're flown back into Anchorage from checkpoints along the trail. Volunteers then take them to a holding facility in nearby Eagle River, just north of the base, where they spend the remainder of the nearly two-week event in relative comfort.

At the Computer Center, Mikes answered email from children all over the world under the guise of a K-9 reporter named Zuma. Mikes received special training to assume the role of Zuma, and 2002 was his second year doing it. "Kids get homework assignments or are just curious about the race," he said. "Zuma helps them out."

TSgt. Don Busbice, radio maintenance supervisor, spent his time working in the Iditarod merchandise sales shop. The shop opened in mid-February and stayed open into mid-March. "I wanted to get out into the

community and meet people," Busbice said. He spent more than 30 hours helping souvenir collectors with items ranging from T-shirts to commemorative glasses. "I've been following this thing since I was little," he said. Busbice also spent time doing crowd control at the start of the race.

A1C Luke Richey, a helpdesk technician in the Communications and Information Flight, took on the physically-demanding role of dog handler.

After attending a day-long training course, he was on hand at the start of the race, helping the mushers get their teams from the staging area to the starting line. Each team requires four or five handlers, performing tasks such as making sure the straps and harnesses are on correctly and keeping the dogs under control, all at the instruction of the musher.

"This is more hardcore than TV makes it out to be," Richey said. "The dogs are extremely powerful. Getting

them to the starting line is challenging, because they're not used to all the people, all the noise. All they want to do is run."

A1C Eowyn Andersen is newly-arrived at Elmendorf and the 381st, but she leapt right into the opportunity to experience the Great Land. "I've worked with animals before, and I really love it," she said. "They're great to work with and be around. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

When asked why they volunteered for this particular event, all four echoed the same sentiment: It's a unique part of the Alaskan experience and a great way to reach out past the confines of the unit and base.

SMSGt Mikes said "I had read about the race when I was a kid," Mikes said. "I never thought I'd have the opportunity to participate."

Richey added, "I love animals and it's a fun place to be. You meet a lot of people."



*SrA. Luke Richey, at right, helps with tagging of one of the dogs participating in the Last Great Race.*

# 22nd airman earns surprise stripes



SrA. Christie Vecchio gets her staff sergeant stripes tacked on by 22nd Intelligence Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Claire Saucier, at left, and CMSgt. Catherine Danzy, first sergeant. Vecchio's stripes came as a surprise to her after being told she didn't make the cutoff in 2001.

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70th IW/PA  
Fort George Meade, Md.

SrA. Christie Vecchio, 22nd Intelligence Squadron, recently had quite a pleasant surprise while attending the First Term Airmen Center at Fort Meade, Md.

She found out she is one of the Air Force's newest staff sergeants, selected in the supplemental cycle, and contrary to the news she received on the "official" result day last August.

Confused? So was Vecchio. At the time the original results came out, she was a linguist student at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and her instructors there told her they'd seen her name on the selectee list. She was elated all day with the great news. Unfortunately, the name her instructors saw on the list was "Vecchi" with no "o" at the end, and Vecchio was not a staff sergeant promotee after all – or was she?

Vecchio said she was doubly disappointed because she'd studied for the test and the instructors told her all day she was selected. But in true trooper-fashion, she picked herself up and started preparing for the next-years' test – determined to make it next time.

As it turned out, Vecchio's evaluation performance report covering the period she'd spent in training was not included in the promotion calculation. Once those additional points were added in for supplemental consideration, she was promoted. Only one problem – the news never made it to Vecchio.

So, as she was attending class at the First Term Airmen Center here seven months later, she was notified to contact someone about her airman leadership school paperwork if

she expected to sew on her stripe in time. "What stripe?" asked Vecchio, unaware she was ever even considered in the supplemental cycle. "Don't you have a line number for staff sergeant?" asked the voice on the other end of the phone.

Stage right enters MSgt. Beth McCusker, NCOIC of the FTAC. McCusker researched the matter while Vecchio continued on with her FTAC classes. "I found out rather quickly that she'd definitely been promoted, so it was really hard to keep it from her for a few hours until her first sergeant and commander could make it over for the official congratulations," said McCusker.

By mid-morning, Lt. Col. Claire Saucier, 22nd commander, and CMSgt. Catherine Danzy, first sergeant, made the promotion official.

They showed up at the FTAC to surprise her with the stripes. "I couldn't believe it," said Vecchio. "MSgt. McCusker had me completely fooled. She told me she hadn't found out anything yet, so I was really surprised when Chief Danzy and Lt. Col. Saucier showed up."

Although this Air Force veteran of three years and three months is happy to be promoted, she says she's a bit nervous about being an NCO.

"I've been in such a short amount of time, and I've never been 'out there,'" said Vecchio. "All of my time so far has been spent in training, and I just want to know that I'm prepared for this challenge."

McCusker has no doubts though. "She's mature well beyond her years, and she's a natural leader" said McCusker. "Sometimes I don't feel bad retiring when I know people like her have line numbers – she's most definitely ready, and I have no qualms about seeing her receive this stripe."



*This aerial photo of Security Hill at Misawa AB, Japan, was taken some time during the 1990s.*

## Plans in works for MCOC heritage hall

### MCOC gets set to celebrate rich history

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The Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center, the MCOC, is developing a heritage hall to display memorabilia memorializing its rich 48-year history.

Scheduled to open July 2002, the project has been in the hands of a planning committee with representatives from all four military branches.

"Airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines come through these halls every day and really never get an appreciation for all that has happened here," CMSgt. Jerry Gething, superintendent of the 373rd Intelligence Group, said. "The MCOC has affected major national-level policy decisions since the Korean War, and we want to display as much of that history as we can."

"We need to recognize the efforts

of the many operators, analysts, communicators and logisticians who walked these same halls, sat some of these same positions, and basically blazed the trails for today's personnel."

"Getting a project like this off the ground is not easy. We have 30-plus volunteers on multiple committees; covering everything from historical research, logistics, public affairs, ceremony planning and fund raising," 1st Lt. Matthew Parrish, research committee chairperson, said. "Some of the most interesting work has been the historical research. Especially



photo by SrA. Justin Leach  
*Color Guard during Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center activation ceremony Oct. 1, 1992.*

tracking down and reaching out to retirees and former military members who served on Security Hill during their careers."

The 1st Radio Squadron Mobile, or just "1st Radio," came to Misawa Jan. 26, 1953, and began the Security Hill tradition.

"... in my memory, '1st Radio' was used generically by everyone, from operators and staff, to the cab and bus drivers downtown, to denote what I guess is now referred to as Security Hill," recalls Robert Mason who served with the successor to the 1st Radio Squadron Mobile, the 6989th Radio Squadron Mobile from 1959 through 1961.

Much of the planning for the project has been shouldered by three technical sergeants from the 301st

Intelligence Squadron: Ray Antil, Tom Pierson and Tom Watkins. The three have laid the groundwork for the project during the past four months.

"We formed the committees to help us get going, and we have started to solicit memorabilia from as many former Security Hill vets as we can contact," Antil said.

"All three of us are signals operators and analysts and making contact with those who have done this work before us is pretty exciting," Watkins said. "I just hope we can build something they can be proud of."

The groundbreaking is projected to start in March and construction is expected to last about two months.

"The Freedom Through Vigilance Association was pleased to be able to provide monetary support to this ambitious and significant undertaking," John Worthington, FTVA president, said. "This project embodies one of the goals of the FTVA founding

fathers - preserving the heritage and accomplishments of the command over the years, so that they will not be lost on present and future generations. We salute the initiative of the folks at Misawa and encourage everyone to support the MCOC Heritage Hall."

A grand ribbon cutting ceremony is also being planned. All former Security Hill members will be invited to attend.

"Many great Americans have worked on Security Hill," Gething said. "They devoted at least a piece of their lives in the service of their country as silent warriors. We're going

to cut the ribbon in July and invite as many folks back as possible to be among the first to walk through it. I can't wait to see them standing here, reliving their past, as they watch today's youth walk into work."

The organizers have put together a web page with the help of Lee Martin, retired senior master sergeant and local retiree point of contact.

Anyone ever assigned to Security Hill at Misawa Air Base and interested in making a donation of memorabilia or a financial contribution can contact the project managers through TSgt. Lacherie Fails at (lacherie.fails@misawa.af.mil).

The layout of the memorabilia within the display cases has not yet been determined and will be based on the material received.

To learn more about the heritage hall Project, visit [www.misawajapan.com](http://www.misawajapan.com) and follow the links to heritage hall.



*A photo of a technical supply troop from Aug. 13, 1953.*

# Paranoia, terror cost Soviet Union dearly

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After several tumultuous years wherein Russian society was turned inside out, the Bolsheviks by 1921 felt secure in their ability to wield political power. They had emerged on top after a particularly destabilizing revolution that had incorporated nearly every level and section of Russian society.

The All-Russian Extraordinary Commission for Combating Counter-revolution and Sabotage or Cheka conducted a reign of terror that contributed significantly to the Bolsheviks gaining control of Russia.

A central figure in the Cheka and one fundamentally important in its operation was Felix Dzerzhinsky. An off cast from the Polish intelligentsia and upper class, Dzerzhinsky joined the Bolsheviks in 1917 and soon became an important figure in the Cheka. By the early 1920s he directed the Cheka and wielded considerable power and influence. Following a glowing tribute to himself in one of his fire-eating speeches at a plenum of the Central Committee July 20, 1926, Felix Dzerzhinsky collapsed and died of a fatal heart attack.

Mr. Dzerzhinsky's unexpected demise came nearly at the precise moment Joseph Stalin emerged victorious from the succession struggle that followed Lenin's third stroke which left him unable to function politically.

This left positions at the helm of the OGPU and the Supreme Council of the National Economy unfilled and hence opportunities for Stalin to gain further influence. However, that did

not happen.

Vyacheslav Rudolfovich Menzhinsky, Dzerzhinsky's chosen successor, was no Stalinist. In fact, like his friend, Menzhinsky was a Bolshevik from the old school and also from Poland. He had joined the Cheka in its early stages of development and later became Dzerzhinsky's first deputy chairman when the OGPU was founded in July 1923.

During World War I Menzhinsky had visited Leon Trotsky at the front to inform him that Stalin was attempting to undermine his authority and influence.

Despite this, he did not resist Stalin's growing power. Menzhinsky's failing health brought on by angina effectively moved him into the background and his influence reverted to his aggressive deputy chairman Genrikh Grigoryevich Yagoda.

The opposite of his former boss who was urbane and well educated, Yagoda gave new definition to the words brutality and coarseness. He quickly became corrupted by excessive power and soon exhibited unlimited pretentiousness. Stalin made the decision to wait Yagoda out until he could replace him with one of his own men.

While Yagoda headed the OGPU and took the organization to new heights of brutality, Russia faced embarrassing intelligence failures. In March 1927, a spy ring was revealed in Poland headed by Daniel Vetrenko and about the same time a major official in the Soviet-Turkish Trade Corporation was picked up for carrying out espionage along the border between the two countries.

In Switzerland the leaders of a Soviet spy ring were arrested and in

April 1927 a raid on the Soviet Consulate in Beijing uncovered evidence of a large espionage effort. Publication of some of the documents seized in Beijing showed evidence of Soviet secret operations. They even ordered executions and looting.

These disclosures seriously degraded relations between China and the Soviet Union and between Great Britain and the Soviet Union. Stalin capitalized on these diplomatic uncertainties and created a campaign emphasizing that English capitalism had been and would continue to be the most ferocious suppressor of popular revolutions.

His campaign accused Great Britain of financing espionage and terrorist groups in the Soviet Union. By 1927 Stalin had virtually gained control of the Soviet Foreign Service apparatus and overseas intelligence functions. He was then ready to consolidate his power even more.

As he gained power, Stalin became the first to make widespread use of the OGPU for his personal reasons. Previously it had been employed to seek out and dispose of enemies of the Soviet Union. By late 1927 it had become an extension of Stalin's political power. He used his newly acquired power to rid the Bolsheviks of those supporting Trotsky and other potential and real opponents.

In late 1927 Leon Trotsky and Grogori Evseevich Zinoviev, former president of the Comintern, were expelled from the Bolshevik party. About 100 of their followers joined them. Zinoviev would eventually denounce "Trotskyism" and be readmitted to the party. Trotsky, however, refused and was exiled to a

far corner of Kazakhstan near the Chinese border. From this moment he became a marked man.

During the 1920s the OGPU essentially carried out what one author described as a witch hunt against economic and political subversion. The first revelation in this effort came in March 1928 when engineers in the town of Shakhty in Russia were accused of conspiring with mine owners and Western imperialists to wreck the mines.

Once the engineers had been arrested the entire case was turned over to Stalin. The OGPU then constructed its case from random reports of industrial accidents, faulty machinery, inefficient managers, drunken workers, etc. The OGPU's bottom line was that they had unearthed a case of far-reaching international intrigue directed from the capitols of Western Europe including Paris, Berlin and Warsaw.

After weeks of public denunciations, fifty Russian and three German engineers and technicians were accused of sabotage and espionage. The trial that followed brought over 100,000 Soviet citizens to witness at least a part of the highly publicized proceedings. Although the evidence against the 103 was manufactured, Stalin and the OGPU conducted themselves as if the very foundation of the state had been threatened with immediate extinction. When the trial concluded, eleven of the accused were sentenced to death.

For Stalin, the Shakhty trial represented a turning point. He took the event as evidence positive that spies and subversives were everywhere in the Soviet Union. He reacted to the trial by expanding the breadth and depth of OGPU activities. He essentially silenced much of his opposition within the Bolshevik Party.

Once having achieved this, he turned his attention to a transformation of the Soviet economy. What emerged was Stalin's first five-year plan that included a crash program of

industrialization and compulsory collectivization in the countryside. The latter meant the disappearance of the kulaks as a class. For such a massive effort to become successful, Stalin required the services of the OGPU.

In November 1929, all prisoners incarcerated with sentences greater than three years fell under OGPU jurisdiction. This meant simply that the inmates were transferred to labor camps or gulags. Stalin's use of brute force transformed the Soviet economy.

Stalin's adoption of the five-year plan also brought renewed emphasis to his deep-seated belief that the Soviet Union needed to be cleaned out of saboteurs.

On Sept. 22, 1930, the Soviet press announced that the OGPU had uncovered a counter revolutionary society of some 48 professors, agronomists and food administrators. The head of the organization, a professor named Alexander Ryazantsev, was charged with plotting to sabotage the country's food supply.

Two days later all of the conspirators were shot. In the following weeks their confessions appeared in the state press. This event initiated a period wherein the OGPU frequently uncovered horrible plots to damage the Soviet people or the state in some way.

In addition, the OGPU took advantage of major industrial accidents to uncover yet more "dastardly plots." The most notable of these unearthed during the first five-year plan involved an underground Industrial Party.

Some 2,000 engineers and planners were accused of conspiring to overthrow the government. Their trial revealed that they were in collaboration with the general staffs of more than a dozen nations led by the French.

Statesmen Aristide Briand and Raymond Poincare were pinpointed as involved in the gigantic plot along with an assortment of western celebrities including for one, Lawrence of

Arabia. Although contrived and bearing no tie whatever to reality, the plot served to strengthen Stalin's objective of spreading the word of threats everywhere. The death sentences that were handed down were commuted when party leadership realized that the expertise of the so-called "bourgeois specialists" was necessary if the intended industrialization of the Soviet Union was to become successful.

Despite the gross departure from reality posed by the Industry Party, the OGPU continued its search throughout Soviet industry for saboteurs. Its focus, however, shifted to the collectivization of agriculture. In 1929 the first mass arrests of kulaks began.

By 1930 thousands of kulak families were rounded up and transported to the Siberian wilderness where they were left to fend for themselves. Many were shot. When it was over, nearly 10 million peasants had been removed from their lands and relocated. Many found early graves.

The OGPU controlled the entire process and kept a lid on leaks to the outside world. Even news of massive crop failures in 1932 and famine in 1933, real or imaginary, seldom reached the west.

The inevitable consequence of the OGPU's activities made terror a normal method of administration and political control. By 1935 Stalin had expanded terror to include the elimination of any possible political opposition to his leadership.

Party organizations began campaigns of confession and self-criticism. People repented for an impressive array of deviations in behavior. Some were thrown out of the party, branded as "Trotskyites." For Trotsky, living abroad in exile, this news was encouraging.

He believed his star was rising. In reality, it was in sharp descent. Purges of the Soviet Army and the bureaucracy emphasized Stalin's

pursuit of all those who even remotely favored Trotsky or swayed from the norm.

Seventy-five of the 80 members of the Supreme Military Council were shot. About half of the Soviet officer corps, 35,000 men, also

perished.

Estimates after the purges put the total lost at the hands of the OGPU and other Stalinist organs at 19 million. What has since been determined as a deep-seated paranoia cost the Soviet Union dearly. By the mid

1930s terror had been firmly established as an instrument of the Stalinist state. In time potential adversaries to Stalin in exile would feel the final sting of repression. Under Stalin, hell became part and parcel of the Soviet experience.

## salutes

### QUARTERLY AWARDS

67th IOW Staff Airman  
**A1C Nino Manalastas**

67th IOW Staff NCO  
**Ssgt Patrick Frost**

67th IOW Staff SNCO  
**MSgt. Kevin Mcgee**

67th IOW Staff Intermediate  
Civilian  
**Kent Dodd**

67th IOW Staff Senior Civilian  
**James Lewis**

324th IS Junior Technician  
**SrA. Amanda Icard**

324th IS Senior Technician  
**TSgt. James Duclos**

324th IS Support Technician  
**SSgt. Amy LeFevre**

324th IS Volunteer  
**SSgt. April Simpson**

324th IS Airman Leader  
**SrA. Shamika Pool**

324th IS Airman  
**SrA. Mariah Armga**

324th IS NCO Leader  
**SSgt. Julie Hernandez**

324th IS NCO  
**SSgt. Katie Worthen**

324th IS SNCO Leader  
**MSgt. Jeff Stacy**

324th IS SNCO  
**MSgt. Mark Webster**

324th IS CGO  
**2nd Lt. Abraham Salomon Jr.**

426th IOS Airman  
**SrA. Duan S. Lightfoot**

426th IOS NCO  
**TSgt. Kenneth J. Stewart**

426th IOS SNCO  
**SMSgt. Michael J. Goss**

426th IOS Jr. Tech  
**SrA. Lori L. Nichter**

426th IOS Sr. Tech  
**SSgt. Phillip E. Johnson**

426th IOS CGO  
**Capt. Jennifer A. Berenger**

426th IOS Civilian  
**Mr. John D. Cherry**

485th IS Senior Service  
Member  
**TSgt. Randy Kitner**

485th IS Junior Service  
Member  
**SSgt Keith Mathis**

14th IWF NCO  
**TSgt. James Harvey**

14th IWF SNCO  
**MSgt. James Browne**

14th IWF CGO  
**Capt. Robert Radabaugh**

14th IWF Sr Technician  
**TSgt. Allan Haltom**

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67th IOW Staff Airman  
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67th IOW Staff NCO  
**SSgt. Ronald Adams**

67th IOW Staff SNCO  
**MSgt. Bret Wanty**

67th IOW Staff J.r Civilian  
**Jesse Garcia**

67th IOW Staff Sr. Civilian  
**Tomas Sanchez-Miranda**

324th IS Airman  
**SrA. David Plunkett**

324th IS Airman Leader  
**SrA. Jaclynn Gaddis**

324th IS NCO  
**MSgt. Rhonda Miller**

324th IS NCO Leader  
**SSgt. Charlet Ladd**

324th IS SNCO  
**SMSgt. Douglas Meyers**

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**MSgt. John Lorman**

324th IS Junior Technician  
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324th IS Senior Technician  
**TSgt. James Brin**

324th IS Volunteer  
**TSgt. Barbara McGuire**

324th IS Support Technician  
**SSgt. Rachel Bush**

324th IS CGO  
**Capt. Patrick Sullivan**

426th IOS Airman  
**SrA. Gilbert Deleon**

426th IOS NCO  
**SSgt. Mary Ellen Sheehan**

426th IOS SNCO  
**MSgt. Alan Ramsey**

426th IOS Sr Tech  
**TSgt. Kenneth Stewart**

426th IOS Jr Tech  
**SrA. Christy Houck**

426th IOS CGO  
**Capt. Steven Marques**

426th IOS Civilian  
**Mr. John D. Cherry**

26th IOG Airman  
**A1C Carmeisha D. Layton**  
488th IS

26th IOG NCO  
**SSgt. Mary Ellen Sheehan**  
 426th IOS

26th IOG SNCO  
**MSgt. Scott A. Van Voorst**  
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26th IOG First Sergeant  
**SMSgt. Lloyd J. Hollen II**  
 488th IS

26th IOG CGO  
**1st Lt. Thomas J. Madeline Jr.**  
 488th IS

26th IOG Jr. Tech  
**SrA Christy M. Houck**  
 426th IOS

26th IOG Sr. Tech  
**TSgt. John M. Benner**  
 488th IS

26th IOG Civilian  
**Mr. John D. Cherry**  
 426th IOS

67th IOW Outstanding  
 Active Duty Intelligence NCO  
**SSgt. Randy Bitter**  
 451st IOS

67th IOW Outstanding  
 Supply/Fuel NCO  
**MSgt. Andrew Fitzsimmons**  
 488th IS

67th IOW Comm and IM  
 Professionalism Award  
**A1C Tierra Rhinehart**  
 488th IS

8th Air Force Intelligence  
 Contributor  
**Capt. Mark Tupa**  
 485th IS

67th IOW Gordon Sommers  
 Award  
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 426th IOS

14th IWF Airman  
**SrA. John Sherman**

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**TSgt. James Harvey**

14th IWF SNCO  
**MSgt. Michael Munnis**

14th IWF CGO  
**Capt. Robert Radabaugh**

14th IWF Jr Technician  
**SrA. John Sherman**

14th IWF Sr Technician  
**SSgt. Missy Manaloto**

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 23rd IOS

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 93rd IS

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352nd IOS NCO  
**SSgt. Stacy Brooks**

352nd IOS SNCO  
**SMSgt. William Whitted**

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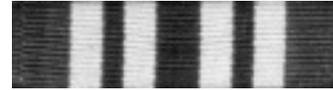
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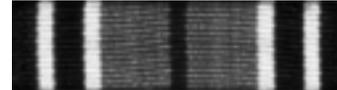
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 352nd IOS

**SSgt. Christine Jones**



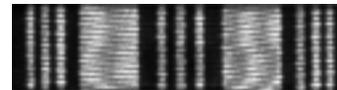
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 SSgt. Harris, Tessie



Joint Service  
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SrA. Ervin, Robert  
 SSgt. Wellman, Michell



Air Force  
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 324th IS

SrA. Milliken, David  
 SrA. Simpson, Sean



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 Good Conduct  
 324th IS

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 SrA. Fink, Michael  
 SrA. Finley, Clark  
 SrA. Gaddis, Jaclynn  
 SrA. Hargrave, Amanda  
 SrA. Hawkins, Jon  
 SrA. Little, Amy  
 SrA. Mobley, Patrice  
 SrA. Ralstron, Rose  
 SrA. Richmond, Nathaniel  
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## Correction:

The January Spokesman article titled "MEAR team specialists transform Det. 415's workplace" incorrectly listed the detachment as having a 23-person crew, when in fact, the detachment has only four team members. Detachment chief is MSgt. Gary Johnson. Our apologies for any inconveniences this may have caused.