



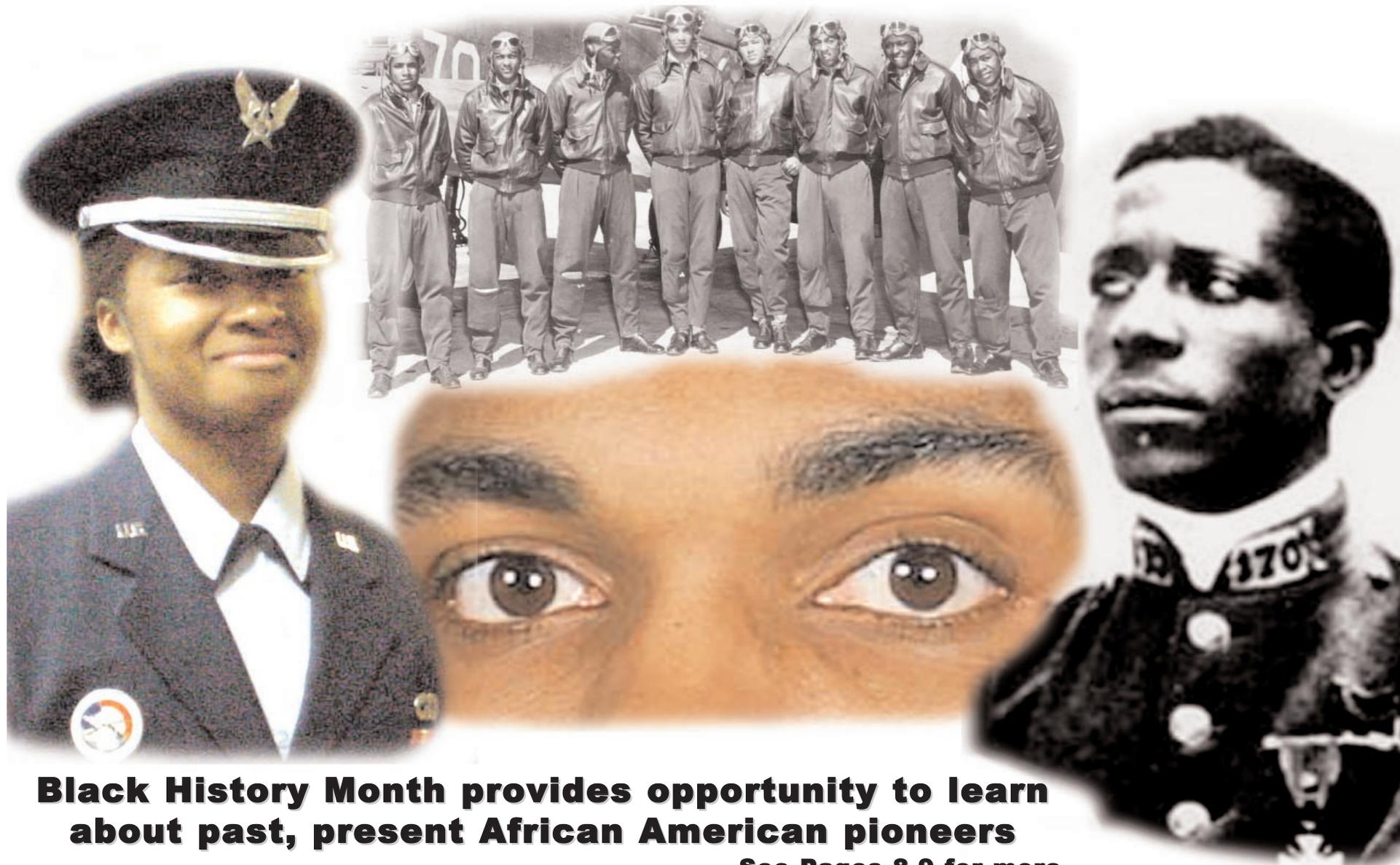
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Black History Month provides opportunity to learn about past, present African American pioneers

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Living the dream today

By Col. Jimmy McMillian
91st Security Forces Group
Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

It is not my intent to recite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s entire biography.

I will not give you a guilt trip about the sins of our ancestors, and I will not pretend we have achieved the vision of Dr. King.

While I would agree we as a nation have made tremendous strides in race relations, there is still much more we can do to fulfill the legacy of Dr. King. I will not recite the "I had a dream" speech, although I believe it is relevant today.

Some may believe the dream has been fulfilled, others may believe the dream will never be realized. Whatever your position, we should all share one common theme, and that is, to live the dream. This requires a sincere collective effort to always do what is right for mankind, not self.

Here's what I think it means to "live the dream."

In 1968, when Dr. King was assassinated, I was about nine and half years old.

I vividly recall watching the funeral on the 15-inch black and white television in our home. All

the adults in my household were filled with emotions.

I listened to Dr. King's speeches on the radio, but I did not realize how much he had changed the course of history until after his death. I then set out to learn as much as I could about this man, because his unique oratory skills motivated me to change my outlook on life.

Often, people are products of non-productive environments, seeming to endure disappointment after disappointment.

They walk around wondering if life will ever be kind to them. Then doubt begins to control their thoughts, and there is a natural tendency to give-up, give-in and quit.

Living the dream does not give you the option to quit. When you consider what Dr. King endured, quitting does not allow you to assume responsibility for your own freedoms; giving up robs you of your future and it denies freedom to the neighborhoods and nation in which we live.

Dr. King's life should give each of us courage to do what is right, the strength to overcome life's obstacles, and the energy to initiate new beginnings.

No one ever promised a life

without pain or sorrow, but there is always hope in the mist of chaos.

When you are suffering from failures or denied opportunities, there are two ways you can respond to your situation. One is to react with bitterness and blame everyone.

The other is to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided long ago to follow the latter course, because when situations knock me on my back, I'm reminded of a quote from abolitionist and author Frederick Douglass which says, "If you can look up, you can get up."

Another aspect of living the dream means you must give back. We all must make a commitment to the African proverb, "each one, teach one."

I challenge you to mentor someone who does not look like you. Spend some time mentoring or tutoring young people who are from dysfunctional homes or situations.

I guarantee you there are people in our midst who need a positive role model they can dialogue with on a regular basis regardless of age/experience, social status. Living the dream requires us to

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Action Line



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base.

For questions about current events or rumors, call 747-4522 and leave a message. Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

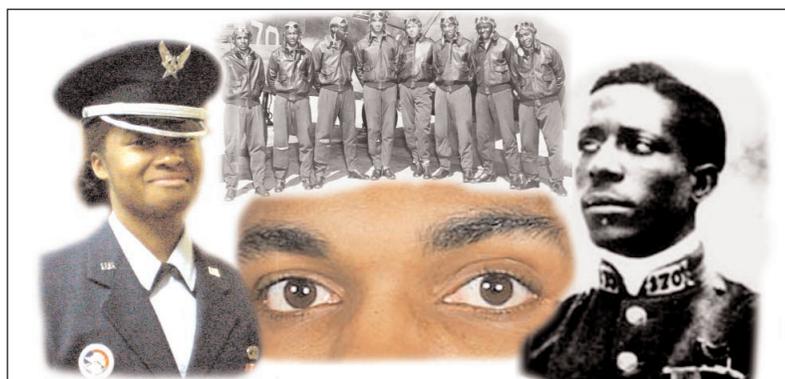
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February marks the observance of Black History Month. This issue of **The Leader** is dedicated to remembering that treasured heritage.

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'Force shaping' means some can leave active duty

By Maj. John J. Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center
Public affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) -- There is good news for thousands of airmen considering leaving active duty who thought they could not because of existing service obligations.

An effort dubbed "force shaping" is opening the exit doors to officers and enlisted servicemembers in select career fields and year groups by waiving some active-duty service commitments previously incurred for government-funded education, permanent changes of station and promotion.

Force shaping includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, and can relieve

some people of their active-duty service commitments.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program.

Some bonus payback requirements may also be waived, officials said.

Applications for any of the force-shaping early release programs must be made through local military personnel flights by March 12.

More than 16,000 additional people -- 12,700 enlisted and 3,900 officers -- currently projected to leave will be allowed out to help the service return to its authorized active-duty force size by Sept. 30, 2005. The goal is to get within authorized end strength while avoiding

"extreme measures" that "wreak havoc" with mission and morale, officials said.

Active-duty airmen wanting to transfer to the Reserve or Guard will be able to apply for a waiver of an active-duty service commitment regardless of their career field.

"We're focusing a big part of our efforts there because it keeps (service-members) and their expertise in the total force, while allowing them increased stability and a chance to continue working toward a military retirement," said Maj. Gen. John Spiegel, the Air Force's director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

applications may not be approved. Because of manning shortages, 29 officer and 38 enlisted specialties will not qualify for many of the waivers.



Photo by Airman Patrice Clark

Cold climber

Staff Sgt. Ramon Padilla, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron exterior electrical shop, works on a power line pole in sub-zero temperatures Jan. 30.

Briefs

Air Mobility Command award winners

Congratulations to the following Warriors of the North on their selection for award by Air Mobility Command.

AMC Logistics Readiness Awards

□ **Airman 1st Class Karla Vinluan**, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was selected as *AMC's Transportation Airman of the Year for 2003*.

AMC Media Contest

□ **Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**, 319th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs, was selected as *AMC Commentary Writer of the Year for 2003* with a first place finish in the contest.

□ **Staff Sgt. Monte J. Volk**, 319th Air Refueling Wing, was selected as *runner-up, Newspaper Art and Graphic Design of the Year for 2003* with a second place finish in the contest.

Annual IM winners

Congratulations to the following information managers selected as the 319th Air Refueling Wing Military Information Managers of the Year for 2003:

□ **Airman: Senior Airman Luz Solis-Lopez**, 912th Air Refueling Squadron;

□ **NCO: Tech. Sgt. Timothy R.**

Olson, 319th Air Refueling Wing;

□ **Senior NCO: Master Sgt Timothy L. Soltau**, 319th ARW.

Tax center

The base tax center, located in the community activities center, is now open. Tax center volunteers can assist military members, retirees, and family members complete and electronically-file their federal and state tax returns.

The tax center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment call 747-3473.

Curling volunteers

Officials with the National Curling Tournament in Grand Forks Feb. 28 to March 6 need volunteers to help with their event. They are also offering anyone with a military identification card free access to the tournament on March 6, the day it will be broadcast on national television.

For details call Shelle Michaels at 779-7271.

School board applications

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board is accepting applications for a new board member. Applications



Photo by Col. Mark Ramsay

Fun with snow

A message in the snow from a child to the father was written along side a base house following the blizzard that hit the base Jan. 24 to 26. More than 21 inches of snow fell on the base during that storm.

can be picked up and dropped off at the family support center, education center, Eielson Elementary School, and Twining Elementary and Middle School. Deadline for the applications is Feb. 27.

Tunes for troops

Tunes for Troops is a program designed to use music to raise the morale of our troops in forward-deployed locations.

A group of volunteers has been formed and they are collecting music compact discs to send to deployed troops. If anyone has any music CDs they would like to donate to Tunes for

Troops, they can drop them off in collection boxes at first sergeant offices throughout base.

More volunteers are also needed to help with this effort. For details call Senior Airman Aaron LeRoy at 747-3245.

Volunteer award applications

The Community Action Information Board is accepting nominations on behalf of the wing commander for the 2003 Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. Nominations can be submitted to the family support center through Feb. 27. For details call 747-3241.

18th Air Force commander visits, shares vision

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

The 18th Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. William Welser III, toured Grand Forks Air Force Base Jan. 22, as part of his itinerary to visit all Air Mobility Command bases.

“Each and every one of the 54,000 people in 18th Air Force is very important to me,” General Welser said. “We’re all one big family, and we need to take care of each other.”

General Welser brought his plans for the future of the 18th Air Force, and was accompanied by his wife Sue and 18th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston.

When talking to the Warriors of the North at a commander's call, General Welser focused mainly on the four Fs of his philosophy -- family, a fit Air Force, a fighting Air Force and having fun in the Air Force.

Family was the key point of his message. To the general, the Air Force family encompasses not only military members, but also family members and civilians who work in the 18th Air Force.

“Everyone needs to watch out for everyone else,” General Welser said. “Supervisors need to watch out for their young troops and young airmen need to look out for each other.”

While on base, he visited the Warrior Airmen



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, talks to Warriors of the North during a commander's call Jan. 22.

Recreation Center and talked to members of the Airmen's Activity Council. After meeting the acting executive council members and talking to many of the airmen, he commented on the impact the AAC is having on this base.

“The AAC is like the airmen mafia,” he said, “because there is no telling what they can do.”

Another main stop on the General Welser's tour was the sports and fitness center. Going with one of his four Fs -- fitness -- General Welser said Grand Forks' fitness center has got to be one of the most “state-of-the-art facilities in all of the Air Force.”

“With a facility like the one you have, there should be no one out of shape,” General Welser said.

He wanted base members to know being healthy is really important. When the time comes, if needed, all airmen can perform duties in our expeditionary Air Force.

The men and women of the 18th Air Force literally allow the rest of the military to project power anywhere on earth in 36 hours.

Before he left, General Welser wanted to stress the fact that fun is paramount.

With high operations tempo dictating changes in the Air Force every day, General Welser wants everyone to stop every now and then and have a little fun.

“Have fun while you're in the Air Force,” he said, “but have the fun that doesn't cost you your Air Force career or your life.”

The general's final message was built around the total Air Force team. General Welser remembers those who came before him and is proud of those he serves with today.

“Be proud and brag about what you do,” he said. “You took an oath of office -- know and live it and have fun doing it.”

Deployed sunrise

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- A deployed KC-135R Stratotanker from the 319th Air Refueling Wing is shown at sunrise at a forward deployed location. The tanker is assigned with the 40th Air Expeditionary Group's expeditionary air refueling squadron.



Photo by 1st Lt. Beverly Mock

Sports

319th LRS wins basketball championship

The 319th Logistic Readiness Squadron slipped by the 319th Operations Support Squadron 63-62 to win the intramural basketball championship Tuesday night. OSS won the first game 80-74, but to win the championship they had to beat LRS twice.

Game action

◀ Shane Evanshine jumps high to make a shot despite Brett Murray trying to block him.

▶ Paul Texidor gets fouled by Tyrone Edwards as he goes for a layup.

Leading scorers

Game one

OSS

Tim Mitchell - 22 points
Matt Wireman - 21 points
Soltez Dukes - 15 points
Terrill Clay - 10 points

LRS

Ossie Oden - 22 points
Derrick Jones - 14 points
Russell Mackey - 13 points
Paul Texidor - 9 points

Game two

OSS

Matt Wireman - 31 points
Tim Mitchell - 10 points
Terrill Clay - 9 points
Brandon Carpenter - 5 points

LRS

Derrick Jones - 13 points
Russell Mackey - 11 points
Ossie Oden - 10 points
Paul Texidor - 8 points



Photos by Airman Patrice Clarke

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Remember the pioneers; celebrate the heritage

Editor's note: This article is the first in a series of four highlighting African-American heritage in airpower.

By Maj. Brian Hill
911th Air Refueling Squadron

This year marks the 79th anniversary of the United States of America's recognition and celebration of the contributions of African-Americans to its rich and storied history in the month of February.

Each of us, regardless of skin color, can appreciate the fact that our present condition and future are shaped by events of the past.

Many see the celebration of a cultural history month as an event meant to exclude and separate people of differing ethnic backgrounds. African-American history is first and foremost American history; and the opportunity to share it and retell significant past events, in spite of any less than admirable elements of our past, holds value for every American.

The celebration of African-American History Month affords us a splendid opportunity to share some of the tradition and history that shape our American culture.

As a member of the United States Air Force, I stand in awe of the legacy left by courageous Americans who lived and died by the tenets our Air Force holds dear today: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

As an African-American member of our Air Force, I am a descendant of many courageous African-Americans who struggled and at times suffered in their efforts to serve in America's armed forces. These outstanding citizens paved the trail leading to success in the latter half of the 20th century and increased opportunities in the 21st century for African-American airmen. This, the first installment of a four part

series, will chronicle the enduring contributions made by this country's African-American aviation pioneers.

African-American interest and enthusiasm for aviation was sparked, along with the rest of America, in December of 1903 with the historic flights of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

A racially-discriminating society in the early 1900s forbade minorities the opportunity to realize their dreams of soaring among the clouds. The breakthrough for African-Americans' entrance into aviation came after Charles Lindbergh's historic transatlantic flight in 1927. Shortly thereafter, in 1929, the Bessie Coleman Aero Club was established in Los Angeles, California. Aviation enthusiasts in the Los Angeles community founded the club to promote and foster an aviation consciousness among the African-American community.

The club was named after **Bessie Coleman**, the first licensed African-American pilot in the United States. Coleman trained in France and then returned to America to pursue a career in stunt flying. Her life ended tragically in a 1926 aircraft accident. Her name became a symbol of inspiration to other young Americans seeking aviation opportunities.

The legacy of Bessie Coleman was carried to Chicago, Illinois in 1931 when the Challenger Air Pilot's Association was formed. The mission of promoting an aviation consciousness was the same as that of the 1929 Bessie Coleman Aero Club, but one distinguishing trait of the Chicago club was the formation of the first nationwide organization of African-American aviators, the National Airmen's Association.

Early inroads for minority participation in the aviation craze were made primarily through per-



Bessie Coleman



Chauncey E. Spencer and Dale L. White

formances in air shows. Stunt pilots and parachutists gained widespread notoriety while performing daredevil aerial feats for predominantly African-American audiences across the Midwestern United States.

This spawning fame eventually gained the attention of the United States military through its fledgling Army Air Corps.

In May 1939, **Dale L. White** and **Chauncey E. Spencer**, two flying enthusiasts with the backing of the National Airmen's Association, attempted a cross country flight from Chicago to Washington, D.C. The goal of the mission was to dramatize the quest for the wider involvement of African-Americans in America's aviation movement.

Amid enormous financial and mechanical difficulties, Spencer and White accomplished their goal. Upon arriving in Washington, D.C., the men discovered that there were people willing to listen to their stories and take a vested interest in the drive for equal participation opportunities in the aviation movement. Spencer and White befriended Edgar Brown, a prominent member of the press corps in Washington, D.C. who introduced them to a man who would later be a strong catalyst in bringing their cause to the forefront of prospective government policy issues.

The man Spencer and White met was Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

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seek those people out. Living the dream means working to understand and appreciate the differences in others. I have decided that understanding another person is one of the most difficult things for man to do. Understanding another human demands a degree of energy most of us cannot muster. Trying to understand someone requires you to approach the table of brotherhood devoid of all pre-conceived notions and ideas about that person.

We have to strip ourselves of the media's depiction of another race, look for the positive in people, and judge them by their actions and morality, not the color of their skin.

You have achieved some understanding of another being when you don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. Living the dream means individuals must rise above the "narrow concepts of individualized concerns, to the broader concerns of humanity."

If we all make a sincere effort to

work harder every month in our communities to combat prejudices and discriminations it will give us the opportunity to make a significant difference in the world.

The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, forced us to hold hands and mourn as one nation. To me, this proves you cannot make someone love you, but we all can be someone to be loved.

Living the dream also suggests you must see yourself at the head and never at the tail. Some people will always want you to feel inferior and come in last place.

Your focus must remain on better-

ing yourself, because a man's capacity to better himself provides inspiration and confidence in the future of the human race. When the human race is on the same accord, then all people benefit from the abundance of our great nation.

I challenge you to live the dream each day as though it is your last day. Remember, yesterday is history, let's not forget it, but don't be shackled by it. Tomorrow is a mystery, therefore prepare for it but don't worry about the trials it will bring. Today is a gift; that's why we call it the present -- enjoy it in appreciation of each other.

Military members proud of African American contribution to terror war

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

From the Buffalo soldier of wars past to the KC-135R Stratotanker pilot of today supporting the Global War on Terrorism, African-Americans have and continue to play a large role in support of the United States military.

With the ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, many African Americans at this base say being a part of those operations is a reason to be proud and builds on the heritage.

"Much like all of the military, African Americans have taken great pride in defending America's freedoms and fighting the War on Terrorism, as well as liberating Iraq," said Maj. Eric Brumskill, 912th Air Refueling Squadron director of operations and a KC-135R Stratotanker pilot. "You will find us in every job, whether operational or support, in every weapon system, every command and at every location.

"Sure, as a pilot of a KC-135 and often times as a staff member at deployed locations, I see a bit more 'up close' work," he said, "but in the trenches, you will find many even closer in the Army; or many on the high seas in the Navy; and certainly you will find many an African-American Marine. I cannot say that an African American has done more than any other ethnic group, but we have certainly done our part to secure the liberties we hold so dear."

Mr. James Bolton, a retired Air Force master sergeant and the chief of the treaty compliance office here, said he has seen a magnificent effort by black Americans through his days in the Cold War with the buildup of intercontinental ballistic missiles, to now with the Global War on Terrorism

and an enemy that can be anywhere at any time.

"It has always been the willingness to lead others," Mr. Bolton said. "It's in our belief that we can perform at the high levels required in a combat environment."

The retired master sergeant added that he was proud to contribute his part - nearly 26 years, and to continue to contribute as a government civilian employee.

"It is something to be proud of," Mr. Bolton said. "We all swore to defend the constitution which gives us all freedoms we should not take for granted. We are all Americans and I was and still am very happy to be a part of the greatest Air Force on the planet."

Major Brumskill said the military has given him many opportunities such as seeing parts of the world others can only dream of.

"I may sound a bit mushy, but I like to think of it as patriotic," Major Brumskill said. "The chance to serve my country has never been more gratifying than in recent times. Knowing that in some small way, I am allowing my friends, family and neighbors the opportunity to sleep better at night while I and others guard against attack is enriching.

"I must say, I earn a more than respectable living, and the camaraderie and kinship can only be found in team sports," the major said. "But our mission is no game. We are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. I do believe in our core values, and take pride in my officership. But honestly, I really love being a pilot. It's a thrill every time I go into the air, whether for training or operationally."

Airman 1st Class Robert Jones, 319th Comptroller Squadron military pay techni-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

An African American U.S. Army member waits aboard a C-130 Hercules prior to departure from Baghdad International Airport. The Army member was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

cian, said he believes the African American contribution in wars past and present was and still is a great influence.

"Without it, our armed forces might not have had enough personnel to win," he said. The airman first class added that it's important to remember the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month because not only does it remind the African-American community what has been done.

"It also allows these accomplishments to be seen and heard by the rest of the country," Airman Jones said.

Mr. Bolton added that, like him, people should be proud of the African American contribution and welcome it. It's something, he said, that makes this country great.

"I am proud of the African American contribution throughout history, but more importantly, it's very important for people

who have never been exposed to the history to hear about it and learn from it," Mr. Bolton said. "Thus the reason for Black History Month."

In the Global War on Terrorism, Major Brumskill said the African American will continue to be significant and the tradition will continue.

"We have risen in the ranks to great heights," Major Brumskill said. "We have had commanding generals, pilots in the Navy's Blue Angels, command chiefs and, of course, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell. We have set policy and lived up to all expectations throughout the history of our nation.

"We have shed blood sweat and tears and can take pride in knowing that the freedoms we hold so dear are still in place," the major said. "My message, be proud of your heritage and always strive to be the best!"

Base Black History Month events

Daily events (Mondays through Fridays)

☐ 11-11:30 a.m. -- BHM storytelling at the child development center.

Today
☐ 5 p.m. -- '70s and '80s happy

hour in the Northern Lights Club.

Saturday

☐ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Blood pressure checks, health seminar at the community activities center.

☐ Health issue concerning African Americans addressed; time and place TBD.

☐ 11 a.m. -- Chess Tournament

at the CAC.

☐ 1 p.m. -- BHM movies at the CAC.

☐ 4 p.m. -- Games such as spades, bones, chess, and Playstation II at the CAC.

Feb. 19

☐ 11:30 a.m. -- BHM Luncheon in the Northern Lights Club.

Feb. 21

☐ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Blood pressure checks, health seminar at the community activities center.

☐ 1 p.m. -- BHM movies at the CAC.

Feb. 23

☐ 11 a.m. -- African American Cultural Association soul food luncheon

at the Prairie Rose Chapel.

Feb. 28

☐ 6 p.m. -- Black History Month Celebration (jazz and old school music) at the Northern Lights Club.

Feb. 29

☐ TBD. -- Joint service at the Prairie Rose Chapel.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Peter Pan (PG)

This update of James M. Barrie's beloved children's book tells a familiar story: One night, young London siblings Wendy (Rachel Hurd-Wood), John (Harry Newell), and Michael Darling (Freddie Popplewell) encounter a strange flying boy named Peter Pan (Jeremy Sumpter).

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG)

This loose remake of the 1950 Walter Lang film tells the story of small-town college football coach Tom Baker (Steve Martin), who tries to run his wacky brood (a gaggle of patience-trying kids) according to the same principles he uses with his team.

Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

Lord of the Rings; Return of the King (PG-13)

Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

Lord of the Rings; Return of the King (PG-13)

**Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.**

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 9 a.m. Sundays, Sunflower Chapel

Weekday Mass: Will not be held until Thursday

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sundays, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Twining Elementary. For details on adult education, RCIA, and sacramental programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m., Sundays, Sunflower Chapel

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m., Sundays, at Prairie Rose Chapel

Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sundays at Eielson Elementary

PYOC: 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sundays at the Youth Center

PWOC Bible Study: 7 p.m. Mondays in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Noon, Mondays, in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Young Adults: 6 p.m., Fridays, at Chaplain Brian Swain's home. For details call 747-6468.

JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124 for details.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

Call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540 for details.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.

Today

GOLF COURSE BREAKFAST: The Plainsview Golf Course offers steak and eggs from 7 to 11 a.m. for \$5.75.

PASTA BAR: The Northern Lights Club offers a "pasta bar" along with the day's hot entree from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers a steak special tonight from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Prices for three different steaks range from \$10.50 to \$13.50.

OPEN SKATING: Liberty Square offers open skating for

ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The Liberty Square Teen Center is open from 6 to 11 p.m.

Cost is \$3 and skate rental is \$2. There are rollerblades to rent.

Saturday

NBA LIVE 2004 TOURNAMENT: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a NBA Live tournament at the Warrior Airmen Recreation center today from noon to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$5 per person and you must be 17 or older to participate. For details, or to sign up call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

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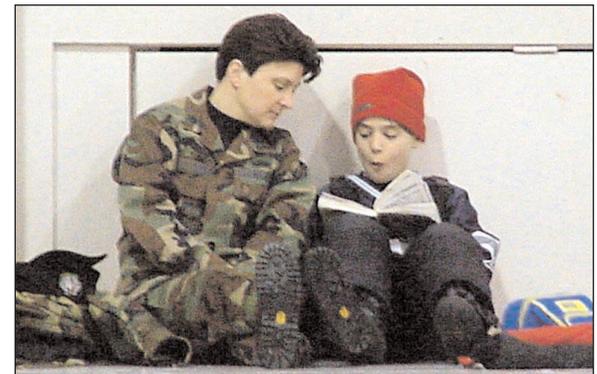


photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Reading time

Lt. Col. Laurie Lisec, 319th Communications Squadron commander, shares a book with her son Tyler during the Twining Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization reading breakfast Monday morning. Parents and children had breakfast before gathering in a gym at Twining.

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CANDY BINGO: The youth center is sponsoring a free candy bingo at the youth center for ages 6 to 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

CLUB KARAOKE: The Northern Lights Club offers karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Free for club members.

CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing from 10 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Music is provided by "DJ 'C'."

Free for club members.

Sunday

SUNDAY BRUNCH: The Northern Lights Club offers Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$11.25 for adults, \$7.25 for children 5 to 12 and children four and younger eat free.

Members receive a \$3 discount.

Monday

GOLF COURSE LUNCH: The Plainsview Golf course offers pasta and meatballs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK: The next "Give Parents a Break, Parents Day Out" is March 13.

For details, or to make reservations call Monica or Cindy at the child development center, 747-3042.

PARENT/TOT PLAYGROUP: The parent tot playgroup will be at Liberty Square from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 2 to 5.

Wednesday

GOLF COURSE LUNCH: The Plainsview Golf course offers pasta and meatballs for a Mongolian lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to Western Cananda's largest festival Feb. 14 departing from outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and returning the same day.

Cost is \$17.50 per person, which includes transportation only.

To participate sign up by close of business today at outdoor recreation or call 747-3688.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers an "all you can eat" taco bar from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$6 and members receive a \$3 discount.

Thursday

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights club offers steak night from 5:30 to 8 a.m.

Members receive a \$3 discount.

Upcoming

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCES: The youth center is sponsoring dances Feb. 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 12 and 9 to 10:30 for ages 13 to 18.

Cost is \$3 and includes snacks.

Sign up at the youth center.

VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE POOL: Wear red to the base pool Feb. 14 and be entered to win prizes. You can wear red anywhere, it doesn't just have to be the color of your swimsuit.

One person will win a box of chocolates and a bouquet of flowers.

You must be a paying customer or hold a valid swim card to be entered in

the drawing, and you must be present to win.

VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR TWO: The Northern Lights Club offers Valentine's Day dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 14.

Cost is \$32 per couple, which includes a 10-ounce sirloin steak and lobster tail plus dessert.

Club members receive a \$6 discount per couple.

You can also sign up to win a week-end get-away for two.

For additional details and to make reservations call 747-3050.

BREAKFAST READING: There is a reading breakfast Feb. 18 from 7:30 to 8 a.m. in the Eielson school cafeteria.

Bring your favorite book and read with your child.

There will be muffins, fruit, milk, and juice.

For details, contact Lisa Bunce at 594-3351.

UPS MOVE: The base United Parcel Service drop-off has moved from outdoor recreation to the community activities center.