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Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

Maj. Steven Bleymaier (left), 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander, and 1st Lt. Oryan Joseph (center), 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, brief Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, about the 366th Fighter Wing's plans to improve combat capability through maintenance innovation. Gen. Hornburg and his wife Cynthia visited various base agencies Tuesday and spoke to 366th Fighter Wing Airmen during a troop call Wednesday.

## COMACC visits base, talks with Airmen

Senior Airman Chawntain Sloan  
Gunfighter public affairs

Air Combat Commander commander Gen. Hal and Mrs. Cynthia Hornburg visited various base agencies Tuesday and spoke to 366th Fighter Wing Airmen during a troop call Wednesday.

The general also met with senior leaders on base Tuesday to determine what issues are pressing Airmen here and discuss how leaders and Airmen are dealing with them.

"Every so often, I find it absolutely essential to get away from headquarters, get out to the field and visit the different bases," said Gen. Hornburg. "Things change every few years, so it's important to see the status of the facilities and learn about the issues Airmen are facing."

During the troop call Wednesday, Gen. Hornburg spoke on leadership and what it takes to become a good leader.

He also commended the 366th Fighter Wing for the job they are doing at home and overseas to support the Global War on Terrorism.

"I expect more of exactly the same from the 366th Fighter Wing as you continue to support the Global War on Terrorism," said the general. "You all have continued to build on your sterling combat record, and with the lethal mix of weapons and newest versions of weapons systems that the Gunfighters have, there is no doubt you all will continue to provide lethal and scalable airpower for years to come."

In addition, he offered his thanks to the family mem-

bers of deployed Airmen and asked them to continue to be patient during this time of war.

"This war on terrorism is a war that has to be fought," said Gen. Hornburg. "We have got to win this. We can't afford to turn this over to our children."

After his speech, the general opened the floor up to Airmen for a question and answer session. He addressed issues concerning the lieutenant training program, force shaping, base realignment and closure, and identity theft.

As a special part of the troop call, the general personally presented Lt. Col. Steve Hughes, 391st Fighter Squadron commander, and Maj. George Thomas, 391st FS director of operations, with distinguished flying crosses for their contributions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He also publicly recognized and presented Tech. Sergeant Vernon Frazier, 366th Security Forces Squadron, with an Air Combat Command commander's coin. Tech. Sgt. Frazier was recently nominated by Air Combat Command as the award winner in the junior enlisted category for the 2004 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award.

Gen. Hornburg is slated to retire from the Air Force in January.

"This thing called the Air Force is a noble endeavor," said Gen. Hornburg. "I will miss our Airmen. It's been 36 years of good memories for me."

"I would encourage all Airmen to do the three things that I have personally found make anyone successful: one, bloom where you are planted; two, take it one day at a time; and three, follow the golden rule. If you do those things you can't help but succeed."

## Newsline

### ACC individual award winner

Congratulations to Tech. Sergeant **Vernon Frazier**, 366th Security Forces Squadron, who was nominated by Air Combat Command as the award winner in the junior enlisted category for the 2004 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award. The Sijan Award was created in 1981 to recognize people assigned to organizations at wing level and below who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities.

### ACC design awards

Congratulations to the **366th Civil Engineer Squadron** who was selected by Air Combat Command for the 2005 Family Housing Honor and Interior Design Citation Awards based on their designs for Phase 4A of the replacement military family housing project.

### FTAC award winners

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class **Matthew Ratliff** for being selected as the First Term Airmen Center's Sharp Troop for Class 04Y and Airman 1st Class **Ronald Rice** for receiving the Class 04Y Razor Sharp Award for excellence in dress and appearance.

### AAFES Labor Day holiday hours

Base exchange:	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza:	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Popeyes:	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Robin Hood:	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shoppette:	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Theater:	Showing at 7 p.m.
Laundromat:	7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The barber shop, beauty shop, Moxie Java, wireless store, GNC, flower shop, alterations store, dry cleaners and U-haul store are closed.

### Nurse veterans recognized

The Idaho Nurses Association, District 31, is planning a special recognition ceremony to take place in November for all current or previous U.S. Armed Forces or Uniformed Public Health Corps nurses. For more information or to register to attend, e-mail Ms. Sharon Stoffels at [sstoffel@boisestate.edu](mailto:sstoffel@boisestate.edu) or Maj. Carol Kirkland at [carol.kirkland@id.ngb.army.mil](mailto:carol.kirkland@id.ngb.army.mil).

### Football prognostication contest

The first game of the 2004-05 National Football League regular season is Thursday. This first week of the season schedule is listed on Page 10 along with a contest entry form.

### Air Force Ball

Servicemembers, contract and Department of Defense civilians, and retirees are invited to the Air Force Ball Oct. 2 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$35, depending on rank. Price includes a dinner choice of roasted pork loin or baked tenderloin.

Appropriate uniform is mess dress or semi-formal attire for enlisted personnel and mess dress for officers. Civilians should wear formal attire.

Servicemembers and contract and Department of Defense civilians should R.S.V.P. with a first sergeant by Sept. 17. Retirees should R.S.V.P. by Sept. 17 by calling Ms. Ann Taggart at 828-4536.

### Olmsted Scholar Program

Junior line officers interested in applying for the fiscal year 2005-06 Olmsted Scholar Program should contact the military personnel flight at 828-2133.

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides an opportunity for a combination of at least five or six U.S. Air Force Academy, OTS or ROTC graduates to study in a foreign language at an international university abroad.

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This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home AFB a better place to live and work.

I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function.

Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or [CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil](mailto:CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil).

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.



Col. Charles Shugg

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366th Fighter Wing commander

## Last DUI:

(As of noon Wednesday)

366th Component Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

# 11

AADD made 37 saves in August, 227 in 2004

# Maybe a 'Thank you' is in order

By Mr. Geoff Janes  
78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) --** Have you ever watched someone right before he or she cries? It's a very humbling experience.

Picture Staff Sgt. So-and-So getting off the refueling plane at his home station.

He puts his right foot on the flight line and looks around for his family or friends. It has only been 45 days, but it feels like an eternity.

In the waiting crowd, there she stands – all 39 inches of her – smile wide as the Nile, flag in her hand.

"Daddy!" she cries.

He drops his bags, leans down and swoops her up like a stack of money. But her grasping little arms around his neck are worth more than any paycheck – more than any 5,000 square-foot house, Jaguar, Mercedes, Ping golf clubs, CDs, whatever.

"I'm home," he whispers softly in his wife's ear before looking skyward to his God. It feels so good to know someone was waiting.

The commander, or vice commander steps up, shakes his hand. It matters.

"What I've been doing matters," he thinks.

Back at his home-station job, he left work early today. He has cooked dinner and only wants to make his wife smile.

At another time someplace else, a female warrior

straightens the collar on her uniform as she steps off the surveillance plane. She stands proud. She didn't have to worry about anything. He had it covered.

In the crowd her son holds a piece of poster board that he and daddy have written "Welcome Home Mommy" on in black magic marker. Her little angel has cut out pictures from his favorite comic book and pasted them to the poster. Everyone needs a hero.

Blue, brown, green and hazel eyes, they all well up like someone has turned on a faucet.

The eye brims, it leaks, it breaks the dam of an eyelid and streams down a face covered with sadness and happiness mixed with uncertainty.

They are home, and all you can do is watch – watch and pray for good things. Pray for happiness, pray for peace, pray for all of them.

And as you watch the homecoming, you think, "If you haven't thanked a military member lately, you should."

They are out there facing the mortars, listening to the snap of rounds firing above their heads, not to mention those who hear the snap that slams into their chests, arms, legs...

Even so, there are some who move out sharply while a voice in the back of their head asks, "Was it worth the money for college?"

All the while, you're in your colonial, Cape Cod or ranch style house, watching it all on CNN. You might be watching it all from the warmth and safety of your living room.

You might be numb; but still, your next door neighbor's son came home in a box today. Your cousin's daughter

won't be finishing college. She died in the heat of battle last week.

I remember being on the Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., burial team during my time in the Army. I remember saluting the dead. I remember carrying a coffin to a hole in the ground and thanking God it wasn't me.

And I remember the tears – tears that could humble even a saint.

Maybe I'll go tell my neighbor, with his Air Force flag and his starched uniform, how much I appreciate what he's been doing for my country.

Maybe we'll talk politics or religion, maybe we'll talk about fishing or how good it feels to be helping a country that needs a hand. Maybe we'll smile and have a beer as we talk about how lucky we are to live in a free country.

And all the while, I'll know in my heart that it's all because of people just like my neighbor.

I think we all need to remember the fact that our friends and family members who wear the uniform press on with their duties regardless of the world situation. There are people joining the military heartily despite the fact that there's a war going on.

Other countries in the world have had their armies disintegrate because of casualties. Their people were not dedicated to the cause they served. That is what separates them from the mightiest nation on earth – the United States of America.

Just as with POW/MIA Day, we must always remember. So the next time you see someone in a military uniform, take two seconds out of your day to say thanks.



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## Rack 'em up – Annual Gunfighter winners

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Country — home of a  
winning attitude!



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# ACC commander sends Labor Day safety message

By Gen. Hal M. Hornburg  
Air Combat Command commander

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) -- The arrival of Labor Day marks the end of the traditional "101 Critical Days of Summer."

As we remember the many contributions and sacrifices that American workers have made in building our great Nation, we also face the challenge of a proven high-risk

extended weekend for Air Force personnel.

Many Airmen can and should take to the highways and get in one last vacation as summer comes to an end, but the fact is, our Nation's highways are dangerous and they kill.

We have lost 23 irreplaceable Airmen this year. Take care of yourself and



your families this Labor Day weekend.

Maintain the posted speed limit, wear your seat belt, don't drink and drive, or drive while fatigued, and practice personal risk management in everything you do.

Your continued health and well-being are vital to the mission of Air Combat Command. Preparation and self-discipline are the keys to a safe and enjoyable Labor Day. Please enjoy your well-deserved break and be safe.

## 101 Critical Days: *Barbecue safely*

**(Editor's Note: This article is the last of a series of articles compiled by the Gunfighter safety office in support of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.)**

Cooking outdoors – in parks, campgrounds and back yards – is an enjoyable Labor Day pastime. Yet, while barbecues provide a fun and casual dining experience, they also provide the ideal conditions for a costly mishap.

Barbecue grills appear to be harmless, but misuse and carelessness result in thousands of terrible injuries each year.

While many may be anxious to fire up the grill for one of the last cookouts of summer, it's important to remember the following safety tips:

Always cook in a well-ventilated area with good lighting.

Keep the grill or fire-pit well away from tents, bushes and dry leaves.

Keep the grill off wooden decks and away from children's play areas and low-hanging tree branches.

Be careful when using lighter fluid; don't add fluid to an already lit fire.

Be sure to supervise children around outdoor grills.

Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.

Barbecue only in open spaces, never inside a tent, garage, trailer or home. Deadly carbon monoxide can build up.

Never leave a fire unattended, and be extra careful on windy days.

Use proper methods to start the fire. Refer to the

grill manufacturer's instructions located on the starter-fluid labels.

Dispose of charcoals and embers properly. Drench embers with water and smother with dirt, and place coals in a proper can.

Don't wear loose clothing that could easily catch fire. Roll up sleeves, tuck in shirttails and make sure apron strings won't hang over the grill.

Keep food to be cooked in the refrigerator until ready to start cooking.

An instant-read thermometer is the best way to check if meat is done. Length of cooking time varies with wind and weather conditions and the starting temperature of the meat.

Never place cooked food on the same platter that held the raw food.

*It's the end of the week.  
You have worked hard.  
You deserve to relax.*

## The Gunfighter legal office reminds you that alcohol and driving do not mix.



Do not throw away all your hard work and risk harming others by making bad decisions.

Avoid severe penalties by keeping alcohol consumption under control and having a plan.

Your self-discipline and good judgment are appreciated.

**Best wishes from the Gunfighter legal office, and enjoy your Labor Day weekend!**

# Gunfighters return home



Photos by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

Staff Sgt. Andrew Evans, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is greeted by his sons, Timothy and Matthew, and daughter, Sidney, on Saturday upon his return from a 90-day deployment. Sergeant Evans and other Gunfighters from the 389th Fighter Squadron, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron were part of the 389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron that deployed to Osan Air Base, Korea, and Kadena AB, Japan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Capt. James Schmel, 389th FS, hugs his wife, Victoria, and son, Alexander.

## By 1st Lt. Lucas Ritter Gunfighter public affairs

Gunfighters from the 366th Security Forces Squadron returned home to the Boise airport Friday after a deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More Gunfighters apart of the 389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron returned early Saturday morning to Hangar 201 after their 90-day deployment to Osan Air Base, Korea and Kadena AB, Japan.

Security forces defenders have spent the last six months in the Central Command area of responsibility.

"The Airmen from this squadron performed the mission extremely well," said Capt. Joseph Engelbrecht, 366th SFS commander. "Gunfighters again played a critical role in the execution of the CENTCOM mission."

Security forces remains a highly stressed career field and this deployment was felt by the squadrons that provided personnel to support the bases resource augmentation duty program. Although this deployment was in support of Air Expeditionary Force 9, personnel departed early for their 6 month deployment due to the increased demand for security forces. The deployment that the 389th EFS participated in was on the other side of Asia, supporting

operations for the Pacific Air Forces commander.

The 389th EFS was made of squadrons from around the base including the 389th FS, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"Everyone should be proud of the job these Airmen did," said Lt. Col. Monty Brock, 389th FS commander. "Not everyone could deploy to Osan (Air Base), participate in two peninsula-wide phase two's, move the entire operation to Kadena (Air Base) in one week, support a major [joint combat service] exercise and dodge four typhoons with the style and class they exhibited."

More Gunfighters from the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron and 366th Services Squadron are expected to arrive home the first week of September. Look for more information on the return of those Airmen in upcoming issues of the Gunfighter.



Staff Sgt. Marie Smith, 366th AMXS, wastes no time greeting her son, Makenzie.

# Air Force releases sexual assault prevention, response report

**Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski**  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force released a study that assessed the service's sexual assault prevention and response capabilities.

The 96-page document entitled, "Report Concerning the Assessment of USAF Sexual Assault Prevention and Response," was released Monday.

In February 2004, the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff requested an assessment of sexual assault prevention and response capabilities, including areas in need of improvement.

The Air Force performed a qualitative assessment that generated findings to inform senior leaders of potential program improvements. Mr. Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, and Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel, supervised the assessment.

The assessment's findings and recommendations were briefed to Air Force senior leadership May 18 at CORONA Top. They approved a campaign plan to address the findings and to further develop the recommended solutions. Air Force three-star leaders met at a summit Aug. 16 to discuss proposed solutions.

"The most important thing we learned is that sexual assault is a very complex subject," Gen. Brady said. "And it's a subject

that we probably didn't understand very well. So this report helps us educate our commanders, our supervisors, our people and ourselves so that we know what we're dealing with and we can attack the problem aggressively.

"We want to do something about it because it obviously affects the quality of life for our people; it affects our readiness, it affects our ability to conduct our mission."

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Michael Moseley, in a February tasking memorandum to all major command commanders, established five goals for the assessment:

- Strive to eliminate sexual assault and any environment that fosters it.
- Ensure an environment where victims have the confidence to report sexual assault.
- Conduct appropriate investigation and prosecution.
- Address victims' well being and health as effectively as possible.
- Ensure commanders and senior leaders oversee program effectiveness.

"These goals send a clear message to any Airman that would commit such an act," said Col. Ted Thompson, 366th Fighter Wing vice commander. "The wing will not tolerate sexual harassment or assault of any Gunfighter."

Twenty significant findings are listed in the report, as well as 14 recommendations. These findings and recommendations focused on six topic areas: sexual assault reali-

ties; policy and leadership; education and training; reporting; response; and air expeditionary forces and deployment. Each topic area except sexual assault realities contains a series of recommendations.

"Just as we are going to great lengths to prevent sexual assault, we must also do everything possible to effectively address victim health and well being," said Col. Thompson.

Air Education and Training Command is building most of the education programs for this. The Air Force is developing programs that begin with Airmen going to Lackland, officers going in to various accession sources, NCO academies and commander's schools. The cornerstone of this effort was a series of self-assessments conducted by major commands focusing on each one's sexual assault prevention and response capabilities.

A headquarters integrated planning team undertook a parallel effort to review established policies, conduct corporate and university benchmarking, and engage in sexual assault subject-matter experts external to the Air Force. Representatives from the MAJCOMs and the headquarters IPT worked together to capture findings and develop recommendations.

This assessment represents the culmination of an 18-month process. Although the learning process continues, the Air Force is comfortable drawing three overarching observations:

- The sexual assault problem is much

more complex than it seemed initially.

- Sexual assault is a societal problem. Consequently, it is also an Air Force problem. There are no quick solutions to address sexual assault. It will require positive, ongoing efforts to foster and inculcate institutional change.

- Commanders and leaders at all levels are key to the process of institutional change. Recognizing and understanding the sexual assault problem is challenging. Air Force commanders have been working this issue on a case-by-case basis rather than attacking it as cultural and societal issue.

"The Air Force must do a better job of defining and understanding the crime of sexual assault and the behavior that spawns it," said Col. Thompson. "Ultimately, the Air Force must work through its commanders to create an institutional environment that refuses to accept or facilitate such behavior."

"Finally, let me say that this is an issue that has to do with who we are as Airmen," said the colonel. "It has to do with our core values. And just as we talk about integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do, there is an important, vital component in each of those that has to do with respect. When we have sexual assault we have a clear lack of respect. As Airmen, we must respect ourselves, we must respect the institution and its values, and we must respect each other."

*(The Gunfighter public affairs office contributed to this article.)*

## Base to receive new kennel facility

After eight years and several different site changes, ground was finally broken Aug. 12 for a new military working dog kennel facility here.

The Dog House is located adjacent to Fam Camp, and construction is expected to be completed by early next year.

Building 1015, located on Liberator Street, originally became a home and training area for some of the Air Force's best military working dogs and their handlers in

1982. During the last 22 years, the kennel has seen some big changes from Tactical Air Master Command to Air Combat Command and from security police to security forces.

Time has taken its toll on the building, and an era is coming to an end.

Master Sgt. Gregg Bacher, 366th Security Forces Squadron, initiated the process to get a new and updated kennel for the military working dogs in April 1996.

The new kennel gives the section room to grow and maintain support for the high demand of good military working dogs since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

It will be larger to give the dogs a more comfortable living environment and proper training area.

Currently, three kennel staff members and seven handlers share a small office space, but the new building will have adequate work space.

*(Courtesy of the 366th Security Forces Squadron.)*

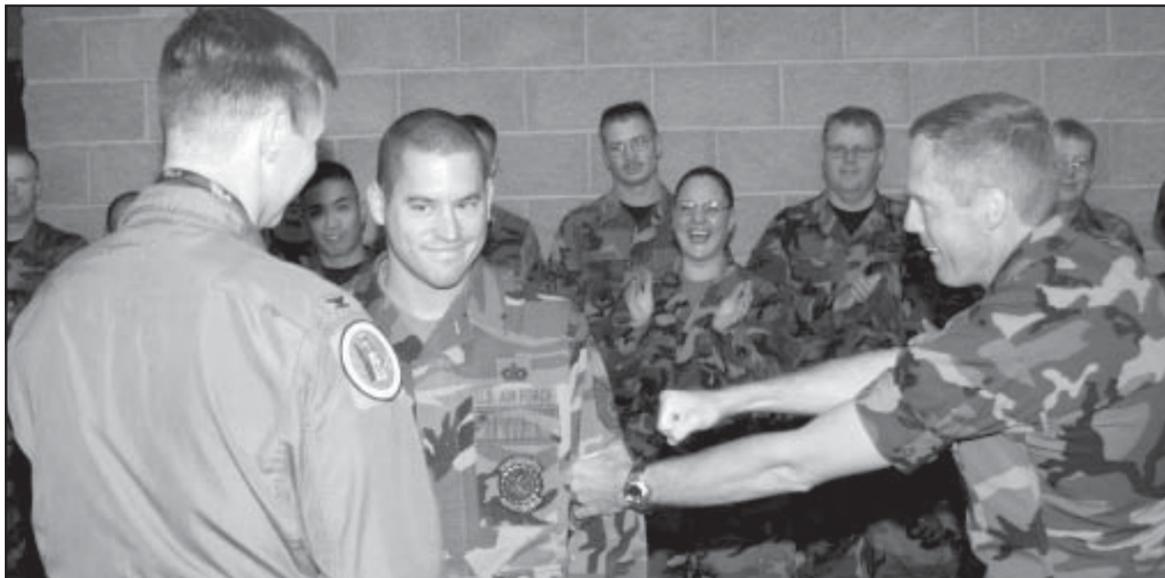


Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

### STEP on up

Lt. Col. Gene Lee (right), 726th Air Control Squadron commander, tacks stripes on newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Emery Branham (center), 726th ACS. Col. Charles Schugg (left), 366th Fighter Wing commander, notified Sergeant Branham that he was being promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program Monday morning.