



Mentoring cadets

Staff Sgt. Vincent Clark of the 364th Recruiting Squadron mentored the Air Force Junior ROTC unit at Del Campo High School to help them prepare for the Veterans Day parade in Fair Oaks, Calif., Nov. 11. He is shown here with Cadets Brandon Singer (left) and Remington Weston. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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Professionalism means being a 'Great Airman First'

A commentary from the commander

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Professionalism means being a ‘Great Airman First’

By Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson
Air Force Recruiting Service commander

Your Air Force recruiting leadership has been working hard on developing a strategic plan that outlines our current challenges and defines our objectives and path to accomplish the mission over the next 10 years. As part of this process we have refined the AFRS vision which now clearly states that we will “be the most agile, effective and professional recruiting force.”

I can’t emphasize the vision regarding “professional” enough. Our recruiting force is the face of the Air Force. Whether serving in the heartland of America, or on the busy streets of a major city, recruiting personnel make an impact on everyone they encounter.

Everyone in recruiting, despite your role, must be a “Great Airman First.” For many people, you may be the first and only military member they meet, so it’s imperative that you always present yourselves as professional Airmen, on and off duty, 24/7.

You have one opportunity to make that first impression, but it doesn’t stop there. Every school you visit, every parent you meet, every person you give your business card to – they are looking to you for advice and assistance joining our great Air Force. Every action you take, even if it’s just walking down the street, will be seen as a reflection of the Air Force.

We must consider what we are communicating to the American public through our actions and they must be professional from beginning to end.

Keep in mind this professionalism isn’t just an impression that you present to the outside world. The same holds true when we are within our ranks. We do not operate by two sets of rules. Our Core Values and Air Force Instructions are not offered a la carte.



Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson
Air Force Recruiting Service commander

The word “great” clearly defines the image of an Airman. You must remember that your charge is to represent the Air Force in a professional manner on a daily basis. The Airmen you work for, the Airmen who work for you and the future Airmen you inspire to join this great Air Force look to you to exemplify what being a “Great Airman First” means.



NASCAR experience

ABOVE -- Lt. Gen. John W. Raymond (center), 14th Air Force commander, is surrounded by members of the 362nd Recruiting Squadron D-Flight Delayed Entry Program at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at the Phoenix International Raceway in Phoenix Nov. 9. Also in the photo are D-Flight recruiters Tech. Sgt. Cody Boyce, Glendale, Ariz., and Staff Sgt. Brandon Novenario, Phoenix. LEFT – Tech. Sgt. Cody Boyce (left) and Staff Sgt. Brandon Novenario (right), 362nd RCS recruiters, stand with Lt. Gen. John W. Raymond, 14th Air Force commander, at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at the Phoenix International Raceway in Phoenix Nov. 9. (U.S. Air Force photos)

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We remember -- a look back at Nov. 21, 1963

The events of Nov. 22, 1963, are forever ingrained in the memories of those Americans who witnessed the end of "the age of Camelot." But the day before his assassination is also filled with memories for many residents of the Alamo City.

On Nov. 21, President John F. Kennedy came to Brooks AFB to dedicate the four-building complex that housed the Aerospace Medical Division headquarters and the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. It would be his last official act.

The four stories on these two pages are remembrances of that special day in Brooks AFB history -- a significant part of our heritage.

Maj. Gen. T.C. Bedwell, USAF, retired

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Maj. Gen. T.C. Bedwell, commander of the Aerospace Medical Division, escorts President Kennedy to the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine for a tour.

Some of the coverage of the 30th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's visit to Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, in 1963. "Discovery" was the biweekly newsletter of Headquarters Human Systems Center.

The Editor's Vault: Remembering President Kennedy

By Annette Crawford
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

In 1993, I was a technical sergeant stationed at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. On Nov. 21 of that year, the base observed the 30th anniversary of the visit of President John F. Kennedy. He was at Brooks to dedicate the four-building complex that housed the Aerospace Medical Division headquarters and the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. It would be his last official act.

This year marks 51 years since that dedication ceremony. Brooks AFB is now Brooks City Base. The complex that Kennedy dedicated was recently announced as the future home of the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine.

General Bedwell

In covering the anniversary, I interviewed several people who were at Brooks for Kennedy's visit. Among them were retired Air Force Maj. Gen. T.C. Bedwell. Bedwell was commander of the Aerospace Medical Division and hosted the president during his visit.

The general retired from the Air Force Aug. 1, 1968, as the director of staff for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, and lived in San Antonio until his death on Oct. 11, 1997. The headquarters building at Brooks was named after him. Here is his story:

The logistics and planning of the president's visit was quite a project, the general remembered.

"We went through the governor, John Connally, to make sure that the president got his invitation. We had a date set and sent out 400 invitations. Then the White House called to cancel the date. It was quite a chore to regroup -- all those invitations and all -- but we did it."

President Kennedy spent a couple of hours at the base.

"He had an incredible amount of charisma. We really enjoyed being with him."

The general said Nov. 21 was a beautiful day, but it was very windy.

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"I remember the president had a bit of trouble with his notes."

After his speech, President Kennedy went to tour to four Airmen who had volunteered to spend 42 days in a simulated space cabin at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. The four teen-agers were recent graduates of basic training at Lackland AFB.

"He talked to them for quite a bit," Bedwell recalled. "Mrs. Kennedy gave me the thumbs-up sign."

On Nov. 22, the general met his daughter downtown for lunch at the St. Anthony Hotel.

"When I came in everyone asked me if I had heard the news, that the president had been shot. I called my wife and she said someone had called her but that she could hardly believe the news. She turned on the TV, and by then, that's all anyone could talk about."

Colonel Kenny

When I cross-trained into the public affairs career field at Scott AFB, Ill., in 1982, my first boss was Lt. Col. Robert J. Kenny. In 1963, he was the assistant information officer for the Aerospace Medical Division Office of Information (forerunner of today's public affairs).

When he told the story of Kennedy's visit, you could tell the impact it made on the junior officer who had only been in the Air Force one year. Because of my mutual admiration for Kennedy, I knew I had to share his experience. Kenny retired from the Air Force in 1982, and lives in Belleville, Ill. Here is his story:

Kenny's job was to "honcho" the White House press corps, an awesome task for the young second lieutenant.

"I was out on the tarmac trying to get the buses lined up. The maintenance people were worried they were too close to the plane. The utter confusion and so many people – I was 'sir'ing everybody I ran into, trying to get things set up."

But everything fell into place and his efforts were well-rewarded when the door to Air Force One opened up.

"Those two (the president and Jackie) popped out and it was absolutely breathtaking – their youth and their good looks were so unbelievable. It was as if the entire crowd gasped at once, an audible intake of breath.

"We stood there in silence looking at them for what seemed like five minutes but couldn't have been more than three seconds. They were so stunning."

Everything moved quickly once the presidential party arrived. Kenny and the press were in their buses in the motorcade – "the same motorcade that would travel in Dallas the next day. It was chilling to think of it later."

Kenny said the motorcade traveled through town, with thousands of cheering San Antonians lining the roads. At one point, President Kennedy jumped out of the car and shook hands with some nuns.

The following day, Kenny met some of the "hangover press" for lunch at the club, and then took them out to the airport.

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Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert J. Kenny,
speaking of President Kennedy's visit to
Brooks Air Force Base

"Of course, none of us knew anything at that point. I was so relieved that the media were gone, that we could all sit back and reflect and talk about how great everything had gone, but we were robbed of that opportunity.

"After I dropped them off I turned on the radio. I was so tired. I must have listened to the news a good 10 minutes before I realized what I was hearing. It just wasn't sinking in. I thought it was a re-creation of Lincoln's assassination."

When the news finally sunk in, Kenny had to pull off the road.

"I was overwhelmed, struck dumb. I couldn't drive, I couldn't think. It was unbelievable.

"His death marked the end of an era. Life would never be the same again."

"The Editor's Vault" takes a look at articles written by retired Master Sgt. Annette Cramford throughout a career in public affairs that began in 1982. Stories are run exactly as they were at the time of publication; if there are words or terms that are unfamiliar, or if the writing style doesn't seem consistent with other articles in the newsletters, that's why.



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Johnson (left), 361st Recruiting Squadron F-Flight supervisor, and Tech. Sgt. Ryan Breaux deliver a classroom presentation to South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Ore. (U.S. Air Force photo)

School programs: A rookie's perspective

By Tech. Sgt. Ryan M. Breaux
361st Recruiting Squadron F-Flight Recruiter

I've only been recruiting for a few months, but in that short time, I've learned that school programs are extremely important. Not only do they let the faculty and students know you exist, but they ultimately show the community you care.

I've learned that in order to have effective school programs, relationships should be established early and trust should be built between the school and the recruiter. I showed up to this assignment with all sorts of questions and I know that some of my peers are still trying to develop their own school programs. My flight has developed some very effective strategies and we've all had quite a bit of success with our schools. I'd like to share my initial experiences in hopes that my fellow recruiters might benefit from them.

So, how do you get into the schools?

First, I'll state the obvious: we need to get out and visit our schools. Second, when visiting schools for the first time, we should set an agenda. We should meet the faculty and generate those influencers from the get-go. Seek out the registrars, counselors, athletic directors and principals.

We are professionals, and that should be obvious during our initial interactions with the school faculty. I highly encourage wearing a sharply pressed, long-sleeved shirt with tie tack and cuff links.

When meeting with the faculty, we should offer to help out in any way we can. We have able-bodied Delayed Entry Program members who are ready and willing to assist. We also have marketing funds that can turn into sponsorships with the athletic departments.

Public schools often feel underfunded and understaffed so offering to address both of these needs upfront will quickly build rapport. I've found that a great way to get into the classrooms early is by offering to assist with "Gear Up" or "CAREERS" programs. These are programs that are designed to equip juniors and seniors with the tools they need for success after high school – which is right in our wheelhouse.

Continue to foster the relationship with your schools by offering to fill in as a guest teacher. Take the experiences, certifications and lessons we have learned throughout our careers and in our Professional Military Education and

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apply them in your schools. You'll be amazed at how well our technical skills, knowledge of Air Force history and leadership skills translate into the classroom.

Consider the often criticized table set-up. Alone, it's a generic school visit and rarely generates interest. But after speaking in the classrooms, you'll have met the students and built rapport. You're no longer just another military recruiter setting up a table. You're now a recognizable face.

You're the Air Force representative who mentored them, made them laugh, was real with them, taught them something, and maybe gave them the confidence to do something they never thought possible. All of these things make you approachable and will result in more productive school visits.

Other than looking sharp and acting professional, how else can we convince the schools that it is in their best interest to allow us to speak to their students?

Again, we need to meet the needs of the counselors and let them know how we can help. I've found that our best talking-point here is the Community College of the Air Force.

Instead of just regurgitating numbers and/or facts, I let the counselors know just how it can help their students achieve their educational goals. I explain how the CCAF awards college credits for Basic Military Training and tech school.

The truth is that some students don't know how they can ever earn a college degree. Explaining to the counselors how the CCAF can open doors for their students to something amazing – a college degree – has been very effective. How many of us would not have degrees if not for the CCAF and the Air Force?

High school counselors want their students to pursue a college education and by painting a realistic picture of how they can achieve that through the Air Force, we build rapport (and earn valuable influencers).

Remember, we are not only the lone branch of service with our own community college, but we earned 80.19 percent of all associates degrees in the Department of Defense during fiscal 2013 – 28,184 of 35,149. That is substantial!

A few other tools have been integral in the success of F-Flights' school programs. Through cross-talk among the flight, heavily promoted by our flight chief, we've shared our school agendas, told our success stories, swapped classroom presentation outlines, and we now all have our own "One-Sheet."

The concept of the One-Sheet originated from a flight-mate. It's essentially a letter to the faculty that serves as a short introduction and overview of our skills and experiences. It closes with the offer to share our talents with the classroom as well as our contact information.

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361st Recruiting Squadron**

A good One-Sheet should describe how you, an American Airman, have had the unique opportunity to be trained in "fill-in-the-blank" areas, have visited various parts of the world and how you can provide valuable insight to the students because of this – all on one piece of paper or less.

With approval, I put my One-Sheets in every high school teachers' distro box. In just two months on the bag, the One-Sheet has provided the opportunity for me to teach four Gear Up/CAREERS classes, one science class and I have several more presentations scheduled.

In addition, these presentations directly led to me being invited to participate in homecoming festivities at two different schools. It works!

By getting into my schools and building relationships with the faculty, I've found that there's really nothing to fear when it comes to school programs. In fact, building my school programs has been very rewarding. The schools need our help; we just have to use our sales skills to meet their needs and show them how we can provide it!

I hope that in sharing my experiences, we can all continue to improve our school programs through one of F-Flight's tools for success – Cross-Talk.

One team, one fight! Together everyone achieves more.



364th RCS annual

Staff Sgt. Jessica Nelson receives her Gold Badge for being the top 364th Recruiting Squadron enlisted accessions recruiter at the squadron annual in Monterey Bay, Calif., Oct. 16. Presenting the award is Senior Master Sgt. Jason Defelice, 364th RCS production superintendent. From left are Lt. Col. Jeffrey Rosa, 364th RCS commander; Chief Master Sgt. Matt Macho, 364th RCS superintendent; Nelson; Master Sgt. Joe Rind, 364th RCS first sergeant; Defelice; Col. Dennis P. Tucker Jr., 372nd Recruiting Group commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Gallagher, 372nd RCG superintendent.



Tech. Sgt. Lucasey Howe receives his 372nd Recruiting Group Top Flight Chief Gold Badge Helmet at the 364th Recruiting Squadron Annual in Monterey Bay, Calif., Oct. 16. At left is Col. Dennis P. Tucker Jr., 372nd RCG commander, and at right is Chief Master Sgt. Paul Gallagher, 372nd RCG superintendent. Howe is the 364th RCS F-Flight chief.



A winning team

Members of the Dallas Military Entrance Processing Station, 344th Recruiting Squadron, pose with the hardware they won at the squadron annual Oct. 29-31. From left are Tech. Sgt. Darren Mack, Staff Sgt. Jennifer Helms, Tech. Sgt. Casey Davis, Tech. Sgt. Avril Munz and Tech. Sgt. Manuel Gonzales. The Dallas MEPS won the following awards for fiscal 2014: Top Large MEPS for the 369th Recruiting Group and Air Force Recruiting Service; MEPS Standard of Excellence; Top MEPS, 344th RCS; Tech. Sgt. Casey Davis, Commander's Achievement Award; Tech. Sgt. Avril Munz, Top MEPS Liaison NCO; Top Large MEPS, third quarter, 369th RCG; and Top MEPS, fourth quarter, 344th RCS. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Gold Badge recipient

Lt. Col. Joseph Egresits, 336th Recruiting Squadron commander, presents the squadron's fiscal 2014 Gold Badge to Tech. Sgt. Jordan Perry in Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 7. Perry is assigned to E-Flight. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Gold Badge recipient

Staff Sgt. Kristen Hatcher, 319th Recruiting Squadron E-Flight, receives her Gold Badge from Lt. Col. Anthony Stroup, 319th RCS commander, during the squadron's annual at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Nov. 3. Hatcher is assigned to Middletown, Conn. She achieved 161 percent of her new enlistment contract goal by recruiting 29 people into the Air Force. Her performance surpassed 54 other production recruiters and led to her receiving the squadron's Gold Badge for fiscal 2014. Hatcher also received an Air Force Commendation Medal at the banquet. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Silver Badge recipient

Tech. Sgt. Cody Boyce (center) is presented with his Silver Badge by Lt. Col. Erin Meinders, 362nd Recruiting Squadron commander, and Senior Master Sgt. Mark Pennock, 362nd RCS production superintendent, Nov. 5. Boyce is the D-Flight recruiter in Glendale, Ariz. He achieved 170 percent of his goal, earning him his first Silver Badge which was presented out of cycle. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Military members at Mizzou

The University of Missouri hosted the 345th Recruiting Squadron and Command Center Alpha for their 16th Annual Military Appreciation Day football game Nov. 1 against Kentucky University. The game was televised on ESPN's SEC Network and drew in more than 71,000 fans. This was the last event of the year for CCA before it undergoes its annual maintenance. It was also the first time the university had any military asset of this capacity at the annual event, and they hope it will return for future such events. Commanders in attendance included Lt. Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, Air Force Global Strike Command; Maj. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 8th Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, 509th Bomb Wing. Pictured from left are Airman 1st Class Jonathan Goans, Recruiter Assistance Program; Staff Sgt. Bryan Berrio and Tech. Sgt. Manny Arocha, line officer recruiters; Staff Sgt. Tyler Martin, enlisted accessions recruiter; Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hopper, training and marketing NCO; and Lt. Col. Thomas Koory, 345th RCS commander. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Lt. Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, speaks to members of the 345th Recruiting Squadron at the University of Mizzou's Military Appreciation Day in Columbia, Mo., Nov. 1. From left are Wilson, Staff Sgt. Tyler Martin, Airman 1st Class John Goans, Tech. Sgt. Manny Arocha and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hopper. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Maj. John Severns)



New display

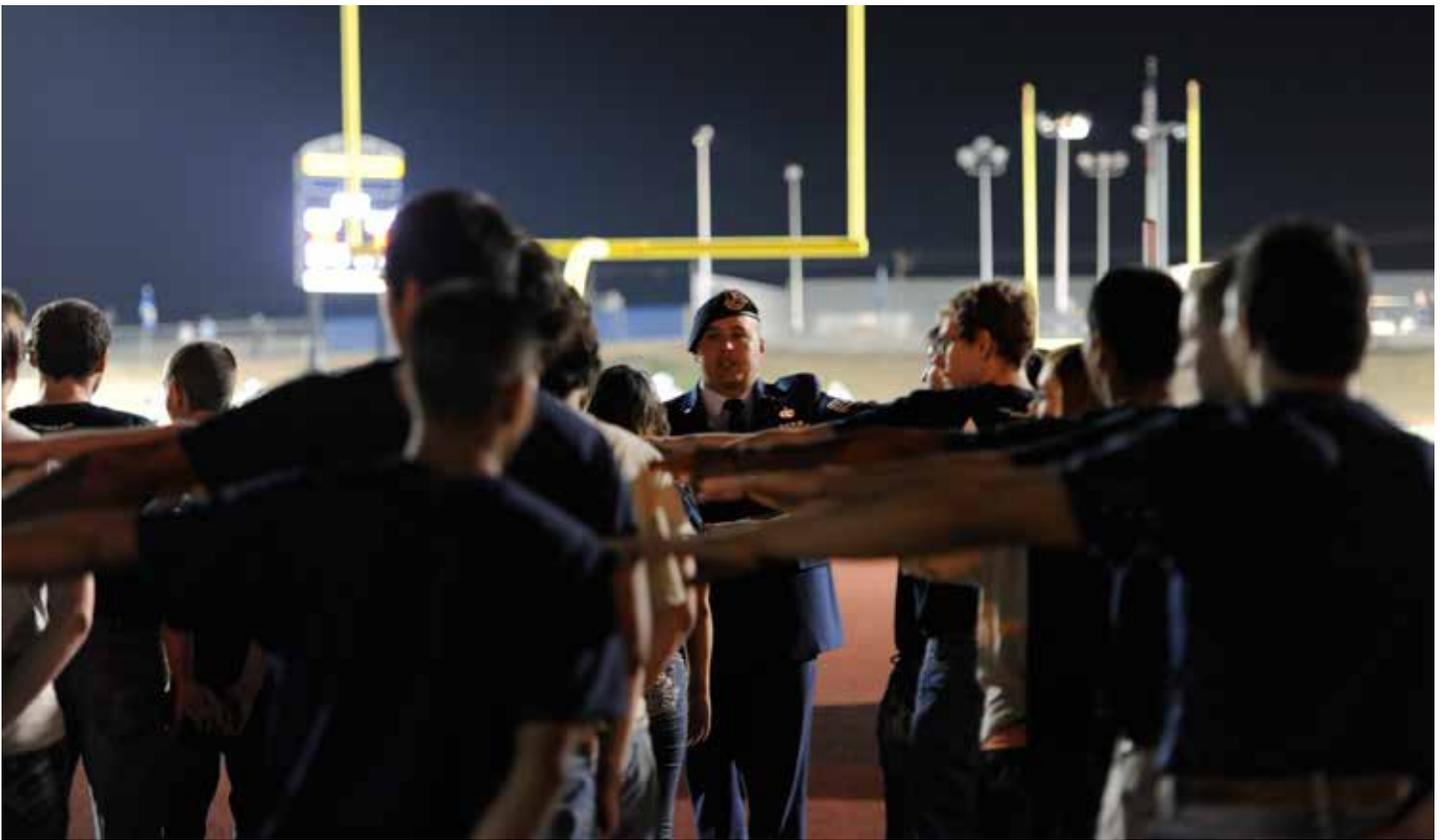
The 314th Recruiting Squadron Marketing/Logistics Team unveiled their new Battlefield Airman display in Burlington, N.J., Oct. 30, to assist in BA recruitment efforts. ABOVE – The display in its entirety. RIGHT – Staff Sgt. Mark Devine readies Combat Carl's weapon for the Battlefield Airman display. Devine is assigned to the 314th RCS C-Flight. (U.S. Air Force photos)





CCAF grads

Six members of the 314th Recruiting Squadron received their Community College of the Air Force degrees during a ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Nov. 4. From left are Master Sgt. Benjamin Serrano, A-Flight chief; Master Sgt. Jonathan Beaver, C-Flight recruiter; Staff Sgt. Micah Cascone, C-Flight recruiter; Staff Sgt. Keshia Hunt, A-Flight recruiter; Tech. Sgt. Valentino Thorne, previous D-Flight recruiter and now assigned to the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Russell Caesar, A-Flight recruiter. Also receiving her CCAF degree but not pictured was Staff Sgt. Iris Mason, D-Flight recruiter. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Military appreciation in San Angelo

ABOVE – Tech. Sgt. William Hierholzer of the 344th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight gives instructions to more than 20 of his Delayed Entry Program members before a joint service swear-in at the San Angelo State military appreciation game in San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 25. Hierholzer was also asked by a local radio station to host his own eight-minute segment every Monday. BELOW – Col. Kimberlee Joos, 17th Training Wing commander at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, conducts the swearing in ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photos)





Fort Worth parade

Two members of the Recruiter Assistance Program walk alongside Staff Sgt. Adam Konstanzer in the F-16 mini-jet in the Fort Worth, Texas, Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11. Konstanzer is a member of the 344th Recruiting Squadron C-Flight. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Honoring veterans in Dallas

Staff Sgt. Timothy Crowsey, 344th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight recruiter, stands with 20 members of the Delayed Entry Program during their swear-in ceremony which took place before the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11. The event is known as the largest Veterans Day parade in the country. Members of the squadron headquarters, including Lt. Col. Robert Firman, the commander, A-Flight and DEP members, walked the parade route with the F-22 mini jet and the wrapped F-350 truck. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Congratulations on your promotion

Col. Robert Borja (left), 369th Recruiting Group commander, conducts the promotion ceremony for newly promoted Lt. Col. Brian L. Clough, 333rd Recruiting Squadron commander, at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Oct. 31. Clough had his rank pinned on by his wife and her mother. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Thank you for your service

Lt. Col. Joseph Egresits, 336th Recruiting Squadron commander, presents a certificate to Master Sgt. Darnell Reynolds at his retirement ceremony celebrating 21 years of service. The ceremony took place at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Oct. 29. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Newly certified

Staff Sgt. Iris Mason, 314th Recruiting Squadron Rookie Recruiter of the Year for fiscal 2014, receives her certified recruiter badge from Senior Master Sgt. Launia Terry-Hill, 314th RCS production superintendent, Nov. 6. Mason is an enlisted accessions recruiter in Haddonfield, N.J. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Time for a selfie

Tech. Sgt. Travis Layman, 343rd Recruiting Squadron I-Flight, takes a selfie with two RAVENS in front of Air Force Two during Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Duluth, Minn., Oct. 23. Biden was in Duluth with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; both were guest speakers at a domestic abuse convention. Layman was able to tour the aircraft and talk to Biden and Clinton. (Courtesy photo/Tech. Sgt. Travis Layman)



Texas Motor Speedway

Members of the 344th Recruiting Squadron H-Flight stand at attention as Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield swears in 25 members of the Delayed Entry Program at the AAA 500 NASCAR event at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 2. The general is the Air Force Sustainment Center commander at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The H-Flight chief is Master Sgt. Larry Wright. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Career fair

Members of the 338th Recruiting Squadron participated in the career fair for line officers at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, Oct. 22. LEFT – Master Sgt. Anthony Pandina, 338th RCS senior trainer, talks to a student about the requirements for Officers Training School. CENTER – Tech. Sgt. Anthony Marvin, 338th RCS line officer monitor, looks over the display while a lead fills out a form. RIGHT – Lt. Col. Timothy Maxwell, 338th RCS commander, speaks to a potential applicant. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Indy recruiter

Senior Master Sgt. William Lane, 338th Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, presents Staff Sgt. Wayne Stambaugh with his badge signifying his certification at the Indianapolis E-Flight office Oct. 17. Also certified from that office was Senior Airman Sheerejah Shepard. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**New recruiter**

Staff Sgt. Charles Quinsay, 338th Recruiting Squadron D-Flight, receives his certified recruiter badge from Senior Master Sgt. William Lane, 338th RCS production superintendent, at his recruiting office in Lima, Ohio, Nov. 5. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Salute to service**

Four Airmen performed color guard duties at the Tennessee Titans Salute to Service game at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 26. From left are Tech. Sgt. Jordan Watts, 332nd Recruiting Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Babb, 345th RCS; Tech. Sgt. Robert Dotson, 332nd RCS; and Staff Sgt. Matthew Lester, 345th RCS. The Titans lost to the Houston Texans, 30-16. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Preparing future Airmen
Staff Sgt. Joshua Roesly talks to seven future Airmen from the 311th Recruiting Squadron E- and G-Flights at the Medina, Ohio, community recreation center Oct. 28. The Battlefield Airmen applicants are learning proper swimming techniques and fundamentals. Roesly offers training opportunities up to three times weekly at various locations. The Medina center is offered free to the recruiters. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Community awareness

Tech. Sgt. Luis Santiago, 362nd Recruiting Squadron C-Flight recruiter in Moreno Valley, Calif., and members of his Delayed Entry Program volunteered at the March Air Museum beautification project Nov. 6. Santiago had the opportunity to teach his DEP the value of volunteer work and community awareness. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Air Force opportunities

Staff Sgt. Raymond Fernandez of the 367th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight talks with potential applicants at a tradeshow event in Denver Oct. 18. Fernandez and other members of his flight spoke with people interested in Battlefield Airmen opportunities. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Master Sgt. Michael McMillen)



National College Fair

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Garber, enlisted accessions recruiter in Lakewood, Colo., and Staff Sgt. Daniel Moroy, EA recruiter in Littleton, Colo., discuss Air Force opportunities with potential applicants and their parents at the National College Fair in Denver Oct. 19. The 367th Recruiting Squadron was there with more than 300 colleges and universities. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Master Sgt. Michael McMillen)



New recruiter in town

Tech. Sgt. James Jenkins, 319th Recruiting Squadron D-Flight, stands at his table at the Waldo County Technical Center career fair in Waldo, Maine, Oct. 29. Jenkins, the new recruiter in Bangor, Maine, garnered two leads and had the opportunity to introduce himself to several students and influencers. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Raising awareness

Members of the 362nd Recruiting Squadron D-Flight participated in the Wounded Warrior Project 8K in Glendale, Ariz., Nov. 8. From left are Tech. Sgt. Cody Boyce, recruiter in Glendale, Ariz.; Maria McAlister, D-Flight secretary; and Master Sgt. Brian Broyles, D-Flight chief. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Visiting with Mac

Staff Sgt. Cody Dudzik shakes hands with James Mathis "Mac" Barnett at Dudzik's recruiting office in Kerrville, Texas. Mac, who served in the Marines from 1946 to 1951, stops by the office at least weekly with snacks and coffee. He'll tell a funny story about one of his retired military friends or give an update on his doctor visits. Dudzik, assigned to the 341st Recruiting Squadron, said Mac is a big supporter and mouthpiece for all the branches in the community. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Baylor homecoming

Staff Sgt. Kevin Christensen, 344th Recruiting Squadron D-Flight, speaks to potential applicants at the Baylor homecoming at McClane Stadium in Waco, Texas, Nov. 1. The 344th RCS brought out the X1 Supercar and had it set up in an area known as Touchdown Alley. Christensen, the recruiter in Harker Heights, Texas, was joined by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Butler at the event. (U.S. Air Force photo)



And the band plays on

The Air Force Band of the West plays in West Plaza at AT&T Stadium before the Dallas Cowboys vs. Arizona Cardinals Military Appreciation Day game in Arlington, Texas, Nov. 2. The 344th Recruiting Squadron had a booth with a football toss, and 20 members of the Delayed Entry Program were sworn in by Maj. John Tieken, operations commander. Members of the 344th RCS assisted with the pregame flag ceremony and the halftime ceremony honoring veterans. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Congratulations

Top resource advisor

Tech. Sgt. Pedro Padilla, 372nd Recruiting Group, has been selected as the Air Force Recruiting Service Resource Advisor of the Year for fiscal 2014. He will now compete at the Air Education and Training Command level.

Bachelor degrees

Master Sgt. Lamont Thorpe, 342nd Recruiting Squadron H-Flight chief, and **Tech. Sgt. Derek Bishop**, 342nd RCS C-Flight recruiter, recently completed their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Organizational Management from Ashford University.

Headquarters third quarter winners

The following individuals are the headquarters 2014 third quarter winners and will now compete at the Air Force Recruiting Service level.

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Robert Baker

Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Tanja Orwig

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Stefan Wladyka

Civilian, Category II: Rose Navarrette-Flores

Civilian, Category III: Annette Crawford

Information dominance

The following individuals are the Air Force Recruiting Service fiscal 2014 Gen. John P. Jumper Annual Information Dominance Award winners.

Cyberspace Outstanding Field Grade Officer: Maj. Tenoch Aztecatl, Headquarters AFRS

Outstanding Knowledge Operations Management NCO: Tech. Sgt. Michael L. Parrott, HQ AFRS

Outstanding Cyber Systems Operations NCO: Staff Sgt. Lauren M. Sigler, 372nd Recruiting Group

Outstanding Cyber Surety NCO: Tech. Sgt. Megan N. Fleury, HQ AFRS

Outstanding Computer Systems Programming NCO: Tech. Sgt. Robert P. Baker, HQ AFRS

Outstanding Cyberspace Operations Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Justin S. Carrington, HQ AFRS

Outstanding Client Systems NCO: Tech. Sgt. Tasha Pitts, 360th RCG

Outstanding Cyberspace Systems Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Trina M. Girley, 338th Recruiting Squadron



Representing the Air Force

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Mikan of the 360th Recruiting Group made sure there was Air Force representation at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., Oct. 26. The event is the third largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. Dubbed "The People's Marathon," this year marked the 39th running of the event. More than 30,000 runners, including 8,000 active duty and veterans, began the race, and more than 19,800 finished. Mikan's time was 3:48:40, placing him in the top 11 percent of finishers. It was the second time he ran this marathon. (Courtesy photo)