



Visit with the SecAF

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James visits with recruiters from the 313th Recruiting Squadron at the Times Square office in New York City Sept. 30. She posted several photos of her visit on her Facebook page, and wrote: "I had a wonderful discussion with these great Air Force recruiters from around NYC this afternoon at the Air Force Recruiting Station in Times Square. Getting to hear their thoughts and ask questions provided great insight for me. Thanks for all you do!" From left are Staff Sgt. Mark Tonkinson Jr., Staff Sgt. Marco S. Smerkol, Staff Sgt. Lamar J. Valentina, Master Sgt. Omar Becerra, Lt. Col. Ray J. Fernandez, James, Staff Sgt. Roberto Garcia, Staff Sgt. Roderick A. Sharp, Staff Sgt. Allan R. Hipol and Tech. Sgt. Olen E. Gillespie III. For more photos, see Page 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey)



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Lt. Col. Ray J. Fernandez, commander of the 313th Recruiting Squadron, takes a selfie with Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James in front of the Times Square office in New York City Sept. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey)



Lt. Col. Ray J. Fernandez, commander of the 313th Recruiting Squadron, greets Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James as she arrives at the Times Square office in New York City Sept. 30. At right is Master Sgt. Omar Becerra. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey)



Leadership visit

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, greets Staff Sgt. Ebony Gray at the 368th Recruiting Squadron flight office in Roy, Utah, Sept. 14. The commander and Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles E. Lamer Jr. visited the 368th and 348th Recruiting Squadrons, along with the 372nd Recruiting Group, Sept. 14-16. (U.S. Air Force photo)

AFRS announces third quarter award winners

Congratulations to the third quarter award winners for fiscal 2015:

Top Production Superintendent: Senior Master Sgt. William Rawls, 342nd Recruiting Squadron

Top Health Professions Flight: 318th RCS A-Flight

Top HP Flight Chief: Master Sgt. Sean Pitts, 318th RCS

Top HP Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Stephan Shinholt, 348th RCS

Top Enlisted Accessions Flight: 319th RCS E-Flight

Top EA Flight Chief: Master Sgt. Michael Vecero, 319th RCS

Top EA Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Steven Winiarski, 319th RCS

Top Line Officer Recruiter: Staff Sgt. Jonathan Castroman, 314th RCS

Top Support Flight: 361st RCS

Top Support (NON-8R000): Staff Sgt. Keith Brandon, 317th RCS

Top Operations Flight: 311th RCS

Top Training and Marketing Branch: 364th RCS

Top Support (8R000): Tech. Sgt. Todd Benson, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service

Top Small Military Entrance Processing Station: Beckley, West Virginia, 338th RCS

Top Medium MEPS: Lansing, Michigan, 339th RCS

Top Large MEPS: Fort Jackson, South Carolina, 337th RCS



Called to serve

ABOVE – Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, is seen on the giant screen as she swears in 48 members of the 317th Recruiting Squadron's Delayed Entry Program at Air Force Day at Nationals Park, Washington, D.C., Sept. 18. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Whitney Stanfield) BELOW – Robinson stands with the DEP members after the ceremony. Also on hand to celebrate the Air Force's 68th birthday were Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Peele)





NASCAR event

Lt. Gen. James "Kevin" McLaughlin, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Maryland, poses with members of the 317th Recruiting Squadron F-Flight after swearing in Delayed Entry Program members at the Federated Auto Parts 400 race in Richmond, Virginia, Sept. 12. In uniform from left to right are Tech. Sgt. Scott Thomson, Staff Sgt. Brandon Fisher, Staff Sgt. Kristen Rose, McLaughlin, Staff Sgt. Telia Garry, Capt. Rudy Dacquel, Master Sgt. Vince Green and Staff Sgt. Marlon Yarde. (U.S. Air Force photo)



POW/MIA recognition

Staff Sgt. Matthew Bobbitt, 344th Recruiting Squadron F-Flight, stands with veterans at a POW/MIA ceremony sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in Nacogdoches, Texas, Sept. 18. The guest speaker was retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael J. Butchko Jr., who flew more than 109 combat missions in Vietnam. (U.S. Air Force photo)



At the Pentagon

Members of the 311th Recruiting Squadron had the opportunity to tour the Pentagon while attending a squadron management meeting Sept. 15. The group is shown in the Secretary of the Air Force's office. From left are: (front row) Master Sgt. Tiffany Bradbury, H-Flight chief; Master Sgt. Jason Powell, senior trainer; Master Sgt. Charley Moreau, A-Flight chief; Master Sgt. Nicole Davison, operations flight chief; Master Sgt. Cori Branstetter, G-Flight chief; and Senior Master Sgt. Buffy Brown, production superintendent; (back row) Master Sgt. George Spreng, D-Flight chief; Master Sgt. Scott Hitchcock, E-Flight chief; Master Sgt. Jason Shullick, B-Flight chief; and Master Sgt. Sean Murphy, F-Flight chief. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Helping the community

Staff Sgt. Jessica Kosisky, 314th Recruiting Squadron, rallied members of her squadron and her line officer Delayed Entry Program to assist the Burlington, New Jersey, food pantry Sept. 20. The volunteers unloaded donations and stocked shelves, handling more than 8,000 pounds of food in just a few hours. Kneeling in front are Tech. Sgt. M'Lia Clingan, Tech. Sgt. Barbara Richardson, Kosisky and Angela Thompson. At left in the back is Staff Sgt. Daniel Byers. (U.S. Air Force photo)



332nd RCS certifications

Senior Master Sgt. John Roy, 332nd Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, has been busy presenting certificates to new recruiters in September. ABOVE LEFT – Staff Sgt. Carl Barnett in La Grange, Kentucky. ABOVE RIGHT – Staff Sgt. Chris Farrell in Rome, Georgia. LEFT – Staff Sgt. Chris Foscardo in Brentwood, Tennessee. (U.S. Air Force photos)



364th RCS promotions

ABOVE – Family, friends and coworkers gathered to celebrate the promotions of Airmen assigned to the 364th and 348th Recruiting Squadrons at the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony at Travis Air Force Base, California, Sept. 11. The 364th RCS inductees were Master Sgt. Helenor Luna, fourth from left, front row; Master Sgt. Lance Bautista, second from right, back row; Master Sgt. George Deguzman, third from left, back row; and Tech. Sgt. Lucasey Howe, fifth from left, back row; the 348th RCS inductee was Tech. Sgt. Terry Sulpizio, fourth from left, back row. At the right side of the photo are Chief Master Sgt. Matt Macho, 364th RCS superintendent; and Lt. Col. Nick Callaway, 364th RCS commander. LEFT – Staff Sgt. Renee Martin and her husband, Derek, celebrate with a cake at her promotion ceremony Sept. 1. (U.S. Air Force photos)



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More 364th RCS promotions

ABOVE – Master Sgt. George Deguzman (center with family) is joined by 364th Recruiting Squadron members and the Military Entrance Processing Station in Sacramento, California, at his promotion ceremony Sept. 1. LEFT – Chief Master Sgt. Matt Macho, 364th RCS superintendent, presents a plaque to Tech. Sgt. Steven Nehls at his promotion celebration Sept. 1. At right is Nehls' wife, Molly. (U.S. Air Force photos)

**Cleveland recruits**

The city skyline is the backdrop as Maj. Tyler Ellison, Thunderbird No. 7, swears in 50 members of the 311th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight Delayed Entry Program at the Cleveland Air Show, Sept. 5. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Career fair**

Tech. Sgt. Darius Perry of the 314th Recruiting Squadron speaks to campus reporters at the Lafayette College Fall Career Fair in Easton, Pennsylvania, Sept. 16. Perry and Staff Sgt. Jessica Kosisky are line officer recruiters with the 314th RCS, and are invited every year to the event, hosted by the Lafayette Career Services Department. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Senior NCO induction

Members of the 336th Recruiting Squadron attended the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, for several squadron members. From left are Master Sgt. Brian Higgins, senior trainer; Lt. Col. David Lederer, commander; Master Sgt. Reggie McGuire, B-Flight recruiter in Savannah, Georgia; Master Sgt. Melissa Vieira-Greene, Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station Liaison NCO; Tech. Sgt. Joe Jessup, standardization and training NCO; Tech. Sgt. Jason Crawford, H-Flight chief in Atlanta; Senior Master Sgt. Rob Veuleman, production superintendent; and Master Sgt. Wil Smith, operations flight chief. McGuire and Vieira-Greene were recently promoted and Jessup and Crawford are master sergeant selectees. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Community cleanup

Tech. Sgt. Gene Moll and Staff Sgt. Micah Mincey, 336th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight, coordinated a community cleanup in Albany, Georgia, Sept. 11, as part of their Delayed Entry Program Call. They were joined by other recruiters and Recruiter Assistance Program members. The focus of the DEP Call was on the importance of community involvement. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Happy birthday, Air Force

Members of the 364th Recruiting Squadron celebrated the Air Force birthday at the ball held at Travis Air Force Base, California, Sept. 18. From left are 1st Lt. Rajan Bansal, Lt. Col. Nick Callaway, commander, and his wife, Holly; Tanya Stalnaker, Master Sgt. James Stalnaker, Master Sgt. Jonathan Bish and Chief Master Sgt. Matt Macho. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Tournament winner

Staff Sgt. Vincent Clark, 364th Recruiting Squadron, presents the 2015 Men's State Fair Championship trophy to Trevor Clayton at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex in Sacramento, California, Sept. 7. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Not his regular ride**

Maj. John Cummings, F-22 Demonstration Team pilot, maneuvers the 344th Recruiting Squadron F-22 mini jet at the Alliance Air Show in Fort Worth, Texas. The 344th RCS C- and H-Flights participated in the show Sept. 12-13, which drew crowds of more than 100,000 people. The squadron captured more than 200 leads, and had a Delayed Entry Program swear-in ceremony, conducted by Cummings. The Navy's Blue Angels performed, along with the F-22 demo team. The team visited high schools before the show to speak about Air Force opportunities, and also participated in a coin toss at a football game. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Ready for some football**

Tech. Sgt. Louie Lozano, 344th Recruiting Squadron, stands with Sunday Night Football pregame host and former Pittsburgh Steeler, Hines Ward, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Sept. 13. Lozano, along with more than 200 military members from the 344th RCS, Fort Hood and the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, volunteered in the opening flag ceremony for the Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants game. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Back to his roots

Master Sgt. Larry Ochoa, 369th Recruiting Squadron acting first sergeant, holds up four fingers to signify reenlisting for four more years on the Air Force's anniversary, Sept. 18. Ochoa went back to his roots for the ceremony, which took place at the vehicle maintenance schoolhouse at Port Hueneme, California. Ochoa went to tech school there and also taught for four years before coming into recruiting. To his left are his wife, Terri, and Lt. Col. John Patrick, 369th RCS commander. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Full circle

It's a small world in the Air Force, and even smaller in Air Force Recruiting Service. Tech. Sgt. Sean P. Christian of the 333rd Recruiting Squadron sent in this photo of him with Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lindley. Lindley, who was a first sergeant at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, was seeking a recruiting badge for his retirement shadowbox and went to the 333rd for help. When Christian met him he thought Lindley looked familiar. He should have – he was Christian's recruiter 15 years ago in North Richland Hills, Texas. (Courtesy photo)

**Recruiter meets ninja**

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Nye, 311th Recruiting Squadron, meets Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Michelangelo at the Wizard World Comic Con in Pittsburgh, Sept. 11. The Air Force Performance Lab was set up during the three-day event. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Feels like home**

Master Sgt. Mario Cardoza, 344th Recruiting Squadron senior trainer, drives the F-16 mini jet at the Feels Like Home Festival Parade in Brownwood, Texas. More than 25,000 people attended the event Sept. 18-20. The 344th G-Flight had a booth and football toss in addition to the mini-jet. Cardoza is a Brownwood native. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Recognizing heroes

Tech. Sgt. Jill Cardoza, 342nd Recruiting Squadron, and Master Sgt. Mario Cardoza, 344th Recruiting Squadron, stand with their son's second grade classmates and teacher at the Patriot Day Ceremony at Willie Brown Elementary School in Mansfield, Texas, Sept. 11. The school recognized their heroes to include approximately 25 local military, police and firefighters. The flag ceremony was conducted by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts attending the school. The ceremony also included music, a 9/11 remembrance by the principal, and a moment of silence. (Courtesy photos)





Out for a run

Members of the 336th Recruiting Squadron ran in the Tortoise and Hare Half Marathon in Canton, Georgia, Sept. 6. ABOVE LEFT – Master Sgt. Corey Hartzler, F-Flight chief, and his wife, Angel. ABOVE RIGHT -- Master Sgt. Corey Hartzler. LEFT – Staff Sgt. Andrew Curtis, left, and Tech. Sgt. Darren Wittman, enlisted accessions recruiters in Morrow, Georgia. (U.S. Air Force photos)