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Mission bell tradition returns

Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson, commander, Air Education and Training Command, addresses members of Air Force Recruiting Service at AFRS headquarters, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, March 30. Roberson was at AFRS to ring the mission bell, (shown at left) which signified AFRS making its net reservations goal for March. The tradition had been dormant for several years at the headquarters, but was revived with Roberson's visit. (U.S. Air Force photos/Annette Crawford)

DoD publishes new campaign medal guidance

The Department of Defense announced March 30 that effective immediately, service members who are serving, or have served, in Iraq, Syria, or contiguous waters or airspace on or after June 15, 2014, who meet eligibility criteria are authorized award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.

The secretary of defense signed a memorandum publishing the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal award guidance and criteria pursuant to an Executive Order issued today, "Establishing the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal."

Service members who were awarded a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) for their qualifying service in Iraq or Syria during the period of June 15, 2014, to March 30, may exchange that GWOT-EM for the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. Members deployed outside of Iraq and Syria for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, who do not enter Iraq or Syria to qualify for the new medal, will continue to be recognized with the GWOT-EM.



Drill competition

Retired Air Force Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, former Air Force Materiel Command commander, was a guest speaker at the 2016 Air Force Mid-Valley Regional Junior ROTC Drill Competition Championships at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, March 19. From left are Senior Airman Keeth Williams, National Air and Space Intelligence Center; Wolfenbarger; Staff Sgt. Elsie Mavron, 338th Recruiting Squadron; and Senior Airman Rebecca Shelly, 88th Inpatient Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Mavron and Shelly were judges for the event, and were asked to wear their hats indoors so that they could be easily identified. (U.S. Air Force photo)



319th RCS annual

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, presents the Top AFRS Training and Marketing Branch Award for Fiscal 2015 to the 319th Recruiting Squadron at their annual banquet at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, March 9. From left are Harencak, Tech. Sgt. Samuel Harris, Master Sgt. John Barber, Master Sgt. Nicholas Ellis, and Chief Master Sgt. Charles Lamer, AFRS command chief. (U.S Air Force photo/Walter Santos)

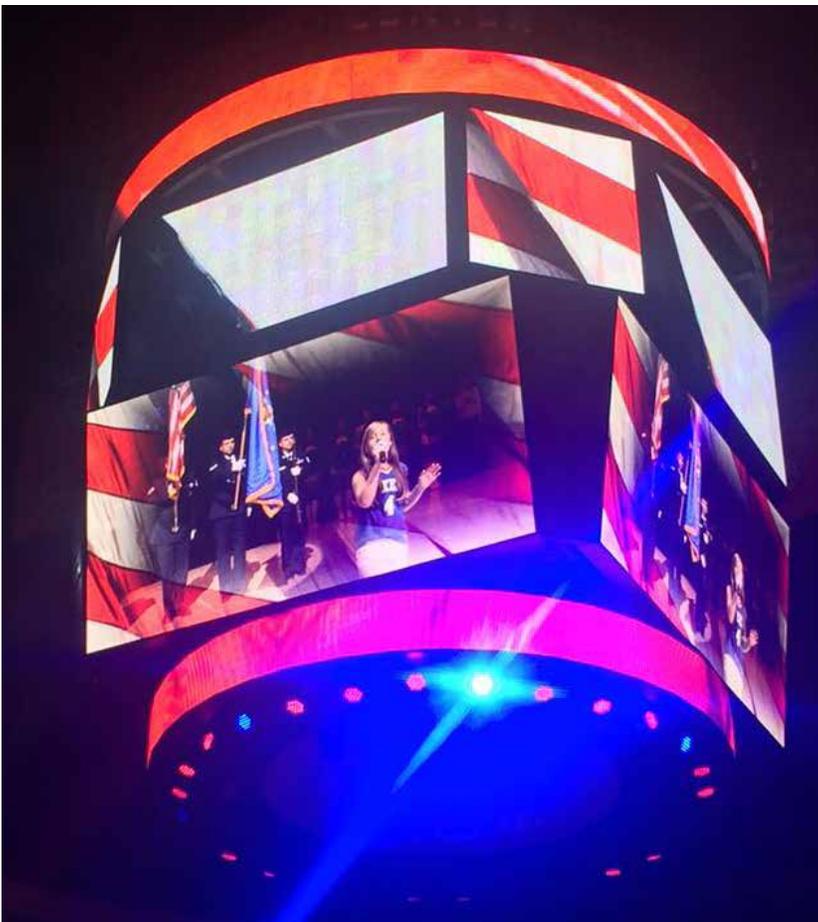


ABOVE LEFT: Col. Eric Espino, 360th Recruiting Group commander, presents the Gold Badge award, signifying the top enlisted accessions flight chief at the group level, to Master Sgt. Michael Vecero, 319th Recruiting Squadron, at the annual banquet at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, March 9. At right is Chief Master Sgt Scott Stoy, 360th RCG superintendent. ABOVE RIGHT: Lt. Col. Amy Goff, 319TH RCS commander, presents the squadron Gold Badge award to Tech. Sgt. Steven Winiarski. At right is Chief Master Sgt. David Anthony, 319th RCS superintendent. (U.S. Air Force photos/Walter Santos)



Posting the colors

Members of the 314th Recruiting Squadron posted the colors at the Philadelphia 76ers game at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, March 20. From left are Staff Sgt. Russell Caesar, Tech. Sgt. Edgar Valpais, Reserve recruiter, Staff Sgt. Ralph Hall Gonzalez, and Tech. Sgt. David Hernandez. LEFT: The color guard is shown on the big screen as 12-year-old Gianna Caruso sings the national anthem. (U.S. Air Force photos)





Maximizing recruiting efforts

The 349th Recruiting Squadron has reached out to the Hispanic community near Oklahoma City to help boost recruiting efforts. Two recruiters have been actively involved with the local Spanish media outlets, such as Spanish-language “El Nacional” newspaper. LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Homero Morales is interviewed by Josue Ramos Castillo in the “El Nacional” studio March 22. The interview was conducted in Spanish, and Morales spoke about growing up in Mexico, moving to the U.S. and his career in the Air Force. ABOVE: Morales, Castillo and Tech. Sgt. Sergio Garcia pose for a photo at “El Nacional” headquarters. Garcia has also been working with the local minor league Spanish soccer team, the Oklahoma City Rayo, and developed relationships through them with his networking skills. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Recruiting salutes

Lt. Col. Seth W. Tribett, left, 349th Recruiting Squadron commander, presented an Air Force Recruiting Salutes plaque to the Oklahoma Baptist University Wellness Center in Shawnee, March 16, for their continued support in providing an area for the squadron to conduct Physical Ability and Stamina Tests. From left are Tribett; Travis Sanford, T3I Special Operations developer; Andy Wooldridge, OBU Wellness Center director; and staff members. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Junior ROTC presentation

Lt. Col. Alexander Ackerman, 311th Recruiting Squadron commander, delivers a presentation to the Air Force Junior ROTC class at Perry High School in Perry, Ohio, March 18. The school is located in E-Flight, and the flight chief is Master Sgt. Scott Hitchcock. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Visiting Austin recruiters

Brig. Gen. Talentino Angelosante, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, visited the 341st Recruiting Squadron D-Flight office in Austin, Texas, March 25. He spoke to the recruiters about such issues as force protection. At far left, he stands with Staff Sgt. Candace Grantham, and at left, with Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Peace. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Going above and beyond

Tech. Sgt. Kacey-Jo Hyde, 342nd Recruiting Squadron H-Flight, is coined by Capt. John Wilson of the University of Oklahoma Police Department at her office in Del City, Oklahoma, March 14. She was recognized for her initiative in getting people trained on active shooter situations. Hyde organized training specific for the recruiting station with the local police department because the office building is co-located with 20 civilian businesses, to include Congressman Steve Russell's office. Multiple police departments and fire departments were present to ensure the training covered every aspect of an active shooter response. Hyde also presented the University of Oklahoma Police Department with an Air Force Recruiting Salutes plaque for their assistance and support with the training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Mitchel Blake)



Career fair

Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Moshier, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Price, 311th Recruiting Squadron B-Flight, talk with a prospective applicant at a career fair at Rosedale Technical Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 15. The fair focused on mechanical jobs. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Total Force visit

Staff Sgt. Jaye Marshall, 338th Recruiting Squadron, stands with cadets from the 279th Civil Air Patrol unit in Batavia, Ohio, March 1. Marshall, based in Cincinnati, spoke with the cadets about his Air Force career, current enlistment requirements and careers currently in demand. He also led the unit in a PT challenge. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Community partner

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Patrick, 311th Recruiting Squadron H-Flight, presents Dean May, Chambersburg Mall manager, with a certificate of appreciation March 16 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. May allowed Patrick to set up a kiosk in the mall free of charge, which generated 12 leads. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Exclusive sponsorship

Recruiters from the 314th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight sponsored the King of the Couch Mega Video Game Tournament in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, March 19. They were the only booth at the tournament. Staff Sgt. Luis Silva, left, Tech. Sgt. Ryan Cross and Staff Sgt. An Ki Hong (not shown) worked at the event, which featured more than 100 players from Ohio to Connecticut. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Before the game

Col. Patricia Sergey, 369th Recruiting Group commander, stands with Staff Sgt. Adrian Rodriguez, 341st Recruiting Squadron, outside the Alamodome in San Antonio before the Big League Weekend event March 19. The preseason game, featuring the Texas Rangers vs. the Kansas City Royals, included a Delayed Entry Program swear-in for the 341st RCS B- and E-Flights. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Ready to swear-in

Staff Sgt. Sharad White and Master Sgt. Tanisha Ross pose with Delayed Entry Program members of the 341st Recruiting Squadron E-Flight before they swear-in at the Rampage AHL hockey game at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, March 11. Maj. Dustin Hart, 341st RCS commander, conducted the swear-in. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Who's fit?

Members of the 314th Recruiting Squadron E-Flight gathered to test their Delayed Entry Program members in a "Who's fit?" challenge in Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 13. The challenge included a 1.5 mile run, push-ups and sit-ups. In the end, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Sapikowski and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Baiardi had tying DEP members. LEFT: Sapikowski begins the race portion of the day's events. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Four more years

Tech. Sgt. Frank Farley, 339th Recruiting Squadron, is reenlisted by Capt. Adrian Law, 339th RCS support flight commander, in Troy, Michigan, March 4. Farley is assigned to the Military Entrance Processing Station in Troy. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Thanks for your support

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kelloway, 338th Recruiting Squadron B-Flight chief, presents a certificate of appreciation to Rich Campitelli for free use of the Athens Community Center in Athens, Ohio, March 24. The squadron's B- and F-Flights used the facility for the three-day training course on IMPACT. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Congrats to both

Staff Sgt. Matthew Snyder, 311th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight, is congratulated by Senior Master Sgt. Raul Gonzalez, 311th RCS production superintendent, on his certification March 23 in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. It was Gonzalez's first recruiter certification as the new production superintendent. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Certification

Senior Master Sgt. Raul Gonzalez, 311th Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, congratulates Staff Sgt. Sebastian Ortiz, H-Flight, on his certification March 25 in York, Pennsylvania. (U.S. Air Force photo)



332nd RCS certification

Senior Master Sgt. John Roy, 332nd Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, presents Staff Sgt. Matthew Rexrode, C-Flight, with his recruiter certification in Morristown, Tennessee, March 17. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Chris Robson)