

**Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel selectees
Lara Wilson and Jerry Davisson, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service**



CCAF grads

Several members of the 369th Recruiting Squadron graduated from the Community College of the Air Force at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, June 3. In the back row by the American flag is Staff Sgt. Phillip Adams, Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station Liaison. From left beginning in the center and wearing service dress are Tech. Sgt. Reginald Avila, line officer recruiter; Staff Sgt. Marco Lobido Luzano, Long Beach recruiter; Staff Sgt. Dorscilla Davis, Huntington Beach recruiter; Master Sgt. Bobby Rodriguez, line officer recruiter; and Staff Sgt. Brandon Wigginton, Glendale-Eagle Rock recruiter. (U.S. Air Force photo)

More than 100 AFRS staff sergeants promoted to E-6

The Air Force selected 8,446 staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, officials announced June 9. More than 100 of those selectees are assigned

to Air Force Recruiting Service. Selectees represent 23.55 percent of the 35,863 eligible. Airmen selected will be promoted according to

their promotion sequence number beginning in August. Nicholas Ablay
Bradley Adkins
Stephen Anderson

Christopher Beck
Shawn Bishop
Byron Blanchard
Tatianna Boodram
Steven Brooks

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Academic Excellence Award

Lt. Col. Tommy Koory, 345th Recruiting Squadron commander, received the Air War College Distance Learning Academic Excellence Award during the AWC Awards Ceremony at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, May 21. Of the 1,495 officers who completed AWC by correspondence in 2014, he finished with the highest GPA, and was one of only 44 graduates who achieved an "Outstanding" overall average. Koory also had the honor of representing the distance learning graduates as the final recipient of a diploma at the commencement ceremony, walking across the stage after all the in-residence graduates. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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Ashley Brown	Joseph Glorso	William Magill	Curtis Reed
Joseph Burton	Ebony Gray	Kelli Mancini	Earl Reynolds
Natalie Caballero	April Green	Kenneth Martin	Vazquez Rivera
Franklin Canfield	Robert Grier	Brian Matheny	Kasee Robbins
Richard Carver	Keundra Griffin	Joseph Maynard	Ricardo Rodgers
Vincent Clark	Derek Guerin	Timothy McClelland	Marcus Rodrigues
Anthony Clouse	Jeffrey Haase	Isaac McCullough	Kristin Rose
Roberto Conde	Danial Halvorson	David Mercado	Sarrah Schultz
Alissa Corallo	Matthew Halvorson	Frank Morales	Ricky Scoggins
Reginald Cormier	Samuel Harris	Derek Mundell	Andrew Shelton
Daniel Cunningham	Tavarus Hartman	Steven Nehls	John Shortell
John Dahlin	Andrew Hayden	Christopher Nelloms	Corey Smith
Brian Davis	Jesse Hegeman	Jessica Nelson	Jonathan Taylor
Eugenia Davis	Stephani Hendricks	Johnathan Newark	James Tench
Lee Davis	Joseluis Hernandez	Harold Normoyle	Brandon Thomas
John De Castro	David Hutson	Zachary Nuss	Jacob Turcotte
Johannes Devino	Mario Jaramillo	Patrick Paez	Terrance Tyler
April Dimando	Benjamin Johnson	Travis Parker	Aaron Waite
Tiffanie Dixson	Shawn Kelley	Douglas Pecor	Ashley Warden
Patrick Earl	Chad Knebel	Shiloh Pogue	Andrew Waters
William Feliciano	Adam Konstanzer	Joseph Poteet	Stephen White
Ljavar Fluddmoss	Darby Larvenz	Craig Powell	Brandon Wigginton
Neill French	Chad Lemaire	William Price	Arbraysha Williams
Brandon Gage	Jermaine Lidrazzah	Matthew Prouty	Eric Williams
Roberto Garcia	Matthew London	Adolfo Ramos	Joshua Yoder
Jason Gilley	Isaac Loren		

Planning helps ensure a smooth PCS move

Team AFRS,

Recently we received information that some of our Airmen are not getting the support they need from internal and external agencies to achieve a successful Permanent Change of Station move. Please read the information below to help you in upcoming moves. Please also share it with your spouse if you are married.

A PCS can be exciting and stressful at the same time, especially when things don't go smoothly. Being aware of and taking timely action on a few items, greatly increases your chances of a smoother, less worrisome PCS.

During a PCS, orders are a hot commodity and essential to a smooth move and everyone wants a copy. The need for your orders can also extend to civilian agencies. For example, if you lease a home or apartment, the leasing office will want a copy to let you out of your lease early, under the military clause.

You need to be aware that the base personnel office will not generate your PCS orders until 90 days prior to your departure date. This leaves little room for error to meet other processing requirements needed for the generation of the orders (i.e., medical clearances for the member and dependent(s), security clearances, and obtaining service retainability). If the processing requirements are not completed, then the window between receiving orders and your departure shortens. It is vital the member understands what items are required by the personnel office to begin processing orders.

Once orders are in-hand, if not before then, it's important to contact the Traffic Management Office to learn what your options for moving your belongings are. Most moves require members to complete their move using the move.mil website, <http://www.move.mil/>.

For the Air Force, this website is not used for first moves, last moves (retirement or separation), moves with the property owner and using a Power of Attorney, and moving personal property as "next of kin." An account can be created in move.mil without the PCS orders in-hand, but pickup dates can't be arranged until orders are received. Members and their spouses should become familiar with this website because it will be used throughout the entire move process, from setting up pick-up dates to filing a claim on damaged property.

It's also important to note that it could take several weeks to a couple of months to get a property pick up – even more reason to ensure members are on top of completing items needed to receive their orders.

Contacting your servicing finance office before having orders in-hand also helps relieve PCS stress. The finance office can assist you with information on relocation benefits that you are eligible for. All too often, our families find, in the middle of the move, their finances are getting low which causes additional stress – stress that could have been avoided with some education and planning.

In AFRS, one of our primary goals is to ensure strong Airmen and families. We will continue to provide information and resources to help our families with challenges they face as a part of military life. Within this important goal is our interest to ensure families have a smooth transition into and out of AFRS as well as a great experience as a part of the AFRS family. Members and spouses can contact their unit CSS or the first sergeant for assistance when needed.

Thanks to the Airmen and families who serve AFRS, our Air Force, and our great nation!

JAMES JOHNSON
Brig Gen, USAF
Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service



Master Sgt. Guadalupe Mendez's recruiting badges circa 1985/86. They are on display in Lt. Col. Richard S. Mendez's office. (Courtesy photo)

Air Force Recruiting: A family tradition

By Lt. Col. Richard S. Mendez
Commander, 332nd Recruiting Squadron

The headline sounds like a country song, and being stationed in Nashville, Tennessee, it certainly fits. It's my philosophy that "Behind the Badge" should primarily focus on highlighting the phenomenal work recruiters do daily and how we accomplish the mission, but it's also important that we occasionally pause and reflect on where we've been and how we got here. I'd like to share my story.

It's a sure bet that you remember who your recruiter was when you joined the Air Force. I'll never forget mine, and neither will my two younger brothers for the same reason. We all share the same mentor and recruiter – our dad. Between me, my dad and my brothers, we have served more than 75 years with 12 deployments in the Air Force.

My dad's Air Force story began in 1974 (after a stint in the Marine Corps) as a firefighter at Kincheloe Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where he met my mom. That was followed by Royal Air Force Bentwaters, England; Duluth AFB, Minnesota; and then Peterson AFB, Colorado. After being assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona, he cross-trained into Civil Engineering's HVAC, but before moving, he volunteered and was selected for recruiter duty.

It's a clear memory for me of him going through the interview process and getting dressed up – talking about the life of a recruiter as a family. Before we knew it, then-Tech. Sgt. Guadalupe Mendez was assigned to the 3554th Recruiting Squadron headquartered at Selfridge AFB in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

(On a side note of awesome Air Force history: The unit was commanded by Lt. Col. Peter Callaghan, an F-4 weapon systems



Airman Basic Richard S. Mendez and Master Sgt. Guadalupe Mendez in 1991. The younger Mendez says, "People mistook us for twin brothers a lot." (Courtesy photo)

operator who was shot down over North Vietnam in 1972. When he ejected from his aircraft, he suffered a compound fracture to his leg and evaded the Viet Cong for two days before being captured and subsequently held as a prisoner of war in the Hanoi Hilton for 281 days. He later became the deputy commander of the 3504th Recruiting Group at Lackland AFB, Texas.)

Dad's first stint on the bag was in Southgate, Michigan, where recruiting at the time was quite challenging. The economy was buzzing and the biggest employment draws were the Big Three automakers – Ford, GM and Chrysler.

Dad's recruiting skills were honed on us kids as we learned about the Community College of the Air Force, 30 days of vacation with pay per year, medical and dental coverage,

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the Montgomery GI bill, retirement opportunities, travel, promotion and the challenging Air Force career fields. We certainly knew more about the Air Force in middle school than your average Air Force brat!

After a multitude of accolades, awards and many silver badges, he was selected to be a liaison NCO at the Detroit Military Entrance Processing Station. While he was at the MEPS, Hollywood was filming "Beverly Hills Cop" at the police station which was right across the street. He told us about being able to occasionally catch a glimpse of Eddie Murphy and the Ferraris in the film that were parked nearby.

I've since learned that the challenges we experience with CMOs today haven't changed much from 30 years ago. One of his funny stories revolves around how the Detroit MEPS CMO would stamp an applicant's paperwork with his signature block ink stamp. He used the force of a lumberjack swinging a sledgehammer on a stout wooden table, all day, every day. Bam! Bam! Bam! That thud could be heard throughout the building no matter what floor you were on. When I walk into a MEPS, it always brings that story to mind.

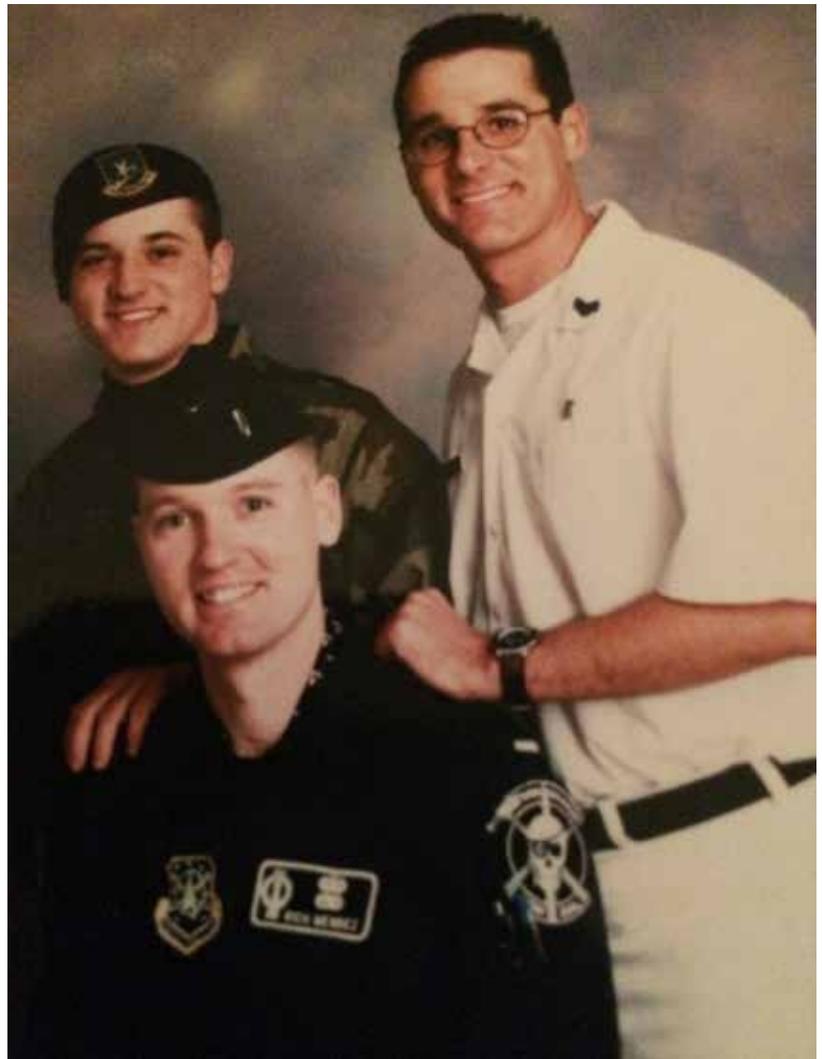
Dad soon graduated to be a squadron trainer, culminating as a flight chief in Dearborn, Michigan, until retiring as a master sergeant in 1992. His mentorship and guidance provided a unique perspective of being an Airman and the recruiting mission. As the mission has evolved over the years, the challenges recruiters face are similar to days past; the words "inspire, engage, recruit" are as applicable as ever.

Of course, my dad whittled his own clever phrases for recruiting as well. One notable one my brothers and I remember was his ever-popular, "Benefits galore. Go four more!" Get it? Four more?

Dad always had these words of advice: Do what is right, not what is popular. Be a professional in your craft. Never forget to laugh. Take all you want, but eat all you take. (That last one was popular while raising three boys.)

My advice to you is similar to his. If you do not have a mentor, seek one out. Continually ask yourself how you can be a better professional, and never lose your sense of humor.

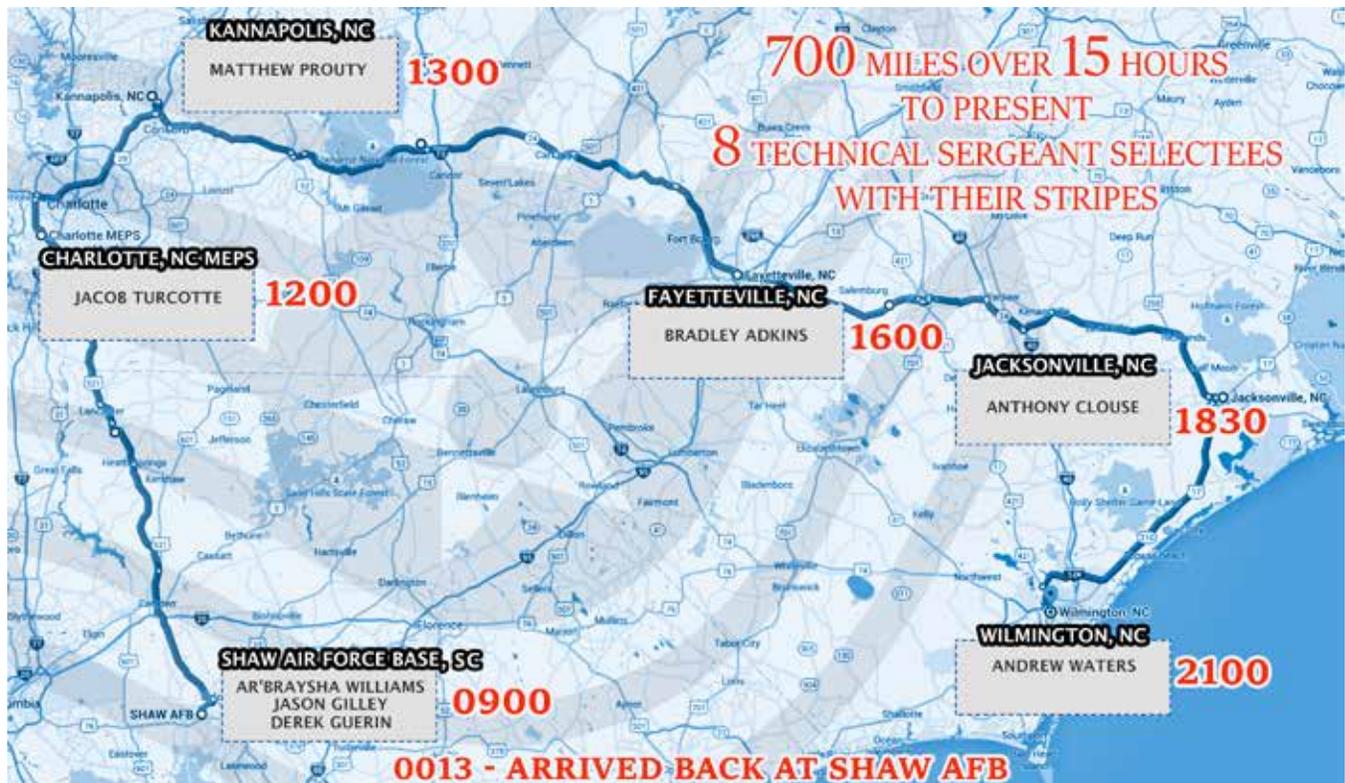
Unfortunately, Dad's story has a sad ending. He unexpectedly passed away six months before my taking command of the mighty 332nd. It was heartbreaking for me not having him there at the change of command ceremony, to not have him see me continue this legacy that was such a huge part of our family while growing up.



From left in 1998 are Airman 1st Class Eric G. Mendez, 1st Lt. Richard S. Mendez and Senior Airman Matthew L. Mendez. Now-Lt. Col. Richard S. Mendez says, "Mom made us get these pictures by the way. We were dragged kicking and screaming." (Courtesy photo)

In a few short weeks I must say goodbye to recruiting. I will cherish the fact that I have been honored to serve with the phenomenal professionals in the 332nd, as well as everyone we came in contact with across AFRS – the resilient team that continually accomplishes the impossible. This opportunity in my career has given me a chance to reflect on those who came before us, like my dad, and also on those we're recruiting into our Air Force who will continue to lead our service.

And while my time as commander has provided me an experience and memories I never dreamt of as a young Airman, as the flag passes on to the next, my thoughts will be of my dad, as I miss him terribly. I know he's looking down from above, and I hope I've made him as proud as he made me of him.



U.S. Air Force graphic/Tech. Sgt. William Parks

337th RCS commander goes on special road trip

June 9 was a big day for technical sergeant selectees in the Air Force. It was also a long and rewarding day for the leadership team from the 337th Recruiting Squadron, headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Led by the commander, Lt. Col. Cary Belmear, the team traveled around South and North Carolina and notified eight staff sergeants they were being promoted to the rank of E-6. In the process, they drove more than 700 miles over a 15-hour span.

This was how their day progressed.

0905 – Notified Staff Sgts. Derek Guerin and Jason Gilley at the 337th RCS, Shaw AFB.

0945 – Notified Staff Sgt. Ar'Braysha Williams at Shaw AFB. This notification was made in front of the 20th Fighter Wing First Term Airmen Center class. It was a surprise to Williams since she was serving as the FTAC mentor and was without a phone or computer.

1200 – Notified Staff Sgt. Jacob Turcotte in the Military Entrance Processing Station in Charlotte, North Carolina.

1300 – Notified Staff Sgt. Matthew Prouty at his Kannapolis, North Carolina, office.

1330 – Lunch on the go in Kannapolis.

1600 – Notified Staff Sgt. Bradley Adkins at his Fayetteville, North Carolina, office.

1830 – Notified Staff Sgt. Anthony Clouse in his Jacksonville, North Carolina, office.

1900 – Dinner in Jacksonville.

2100 – Notified Staff Sgt. Andrew Waters at his residence in Wilmington, North Carolina.

2130 – Started the return to Shaw AFB.

0013 – Arrived back at Shaw AFB.

Team members who accompanied the commander at various points throughout the day included:

Capt. Brandon Montoya, Operations

Capt. Antonio Brunson, Support Flight Commander

Chief Master Sgt. James Lucas, Superintendent

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Gardner, Operations

Superintendent

Senior Master Sgt. Frank Staud, Production Superintendent

Master Sgt. Ryan Glosson, First Sergeant

Master Sgt. Aaron Akridge, D-Flight Chief

Master Sgt. Christopher Kisse and family, C-Flight Chief

Tech. Sgt. Michael Bach, E-Flight Chief

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Staff Sgt. Derek Guerin



Staff Sgt. Jason Gilley



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Staff Sgt. Bradley Adkins



Staff Sgt. Anthony Clouse



Staff Sgt. Andrew Waters



Award winners

Tech. Sgt. Marie Garcia, recruiter for the 313th Recruiting Squadron in Green Island, New York, stands with members of her Delayed Entry Program. Her group participated in the town of Lansinburgh's annual Memorial Day Parade May 25, and took the award for "Best Military Group" for their professionalism and outstanding presence. (U.S. Air Force photos)





BolderBoulder

The 367th Recruiting Squadron A- and F-Flights were on hand to support the BolderBoulder 10K in Boulder, Colorado, May 25. Runners from around the world race in the event, which has been dubbed as the official kickoff to summer in Colorado for 36 years. Part of the patriotic ceremonies included a swear-in for Delayed Entry Program members.

ABOVE – Staff Sgt. Paul Davis (left) and Staff Sgt. Jaime Fisher (right) stand with DEP members before the ceremony. LEFT – Staff Sgt. Paul Davis stands with two members of the Tuskegee Airmen, retired Lt. Col. James H Harvey III and retired 2nd Lt. Franklin Macon. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Promoting opportunities

Senior Airman Michael Bower signals to Staff Sgt. Jacob Valladares, 338th Recruiting Squadron, as he drives the mini jet at the Defense Supply Center Columbus Fitness Challenge in Columbus, Ohio, May 21. Bower was participating in the Recruiter Assistance Program. At left are Junior ROTC cadets from Columbus Downtown High School. Recruiters at the event promoted Air Force special operations careers and technical education opportunities. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Recruiting School Class 150408

Staff Sgt. Bobbie Guthrie graduated her first class of recruiters at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, May 27. In the front row from left to right are Staff Sgt. Robert McGonagle, 341st Recruiting Squadron; Staff Sgt. Junita Moore, 364th RCS; Guthrie; Staff Sgt. Michele Atencio, 369th RCS, and recipient of the Salvador Torres Attitude Award; and Tech. Sgt. Ryan Marra, 311th RCS. From left to right in the back row are Staff Sgt. Matt Branstetter, 341st RCS; Tech. Sgt. Jesus Cruz, 341st RCS; Staff Sgt. Anthony Merx, 345th RCS; Staff Sgt. Benjamin Knight, 349th RCS; Staff Sgt. Michael Strickland, 336th RCS; Tech. Sgt. Jason Lamey, 341st RCS; Tech. Sgt. Darrell Gaudio 369th RCS, distinguished graduate and top sales award; Staff Sgt. Jimmy Mills, 331st RCS; and Tech. Sgt. Anthony Da Silva, 337th RCS, class leader. "Not only did Class 150408 handle the pressure of recruiting school but they took time to help out the community," Guthrie said. "Collectively they devoted over 13 hours to the Adopt a Highway program, clearing Texas highways of over 500 pounds of trash and debris. In addition, they volunteered over 26 hours to support the Air Force Association's upcoming Heritage Ride. I'm extremely proud of them." (U.S. Air Force photo)



Honoring and remembering
Staff Sgt. Jody Roof of the 311th Recruiting Squadron holds the American flag as part of a joint color guard detail at the VFW War Memorial at the Dillsburg Cemetery in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, May 30. (U.S. Air Force photo)



The Safety Corner

The 339th Recruiting Squadron is paving the way when it comes to good news from the field. Last month the 339th RCS recognized two of their members with the Safe Driver Award. They have driven more than 13,000 accident-free miles. Great job, Master Sgt. Andrew Duke, left, (13,504 miles) and Staff Sgt. David Whitney (13,462 miles). If you have any questions please contact Master Sgt. Jermaine Goodman at the AFRS Safety Office at 210-565-1473. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Top Key Spouse

Col Michael Vogel, 66th Air Base Group commander at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, presents the Air Force Recruiting Service Top Key Spouse Award to Brenda Anthony at the base's annual key spouse appreciation event June 3. At right is Chief Master Sgt. David Anthony, 319th Recruiting Squadron superintendent. Brenda was recognized in front of Hanscom key spouses, and her mother was also in attendance. (Courtesy photo/ Senior Master Sgt. Shon Teicheira)



Highway clean-up

Tech. Sgt. Sean Dore, 362nd Recruiting Squadron, and members of his Delayed Entry Program took part in an Arizona the Beautiful highway cleanup near Sedona May 16. Dore and his group numbered 10 of the 19 volunteers of the Verde Village Property Owners' Association who cleaned up a two-mile section of Highway 260.

Mal Otterson, Adopt-A-Highway coordinator for the group, praised Dore and his DEP in a letter to the editor of the Sedona Eye. He included an email that Dore had sent him May 13. "The main reason I'm getting my future Airmen involved in the community is because they had already committed themselves to the service of our great nation and I believe that the service to our communities is just as important, and a great way to get involved is helping an organization who is dedicated to cleaning up Arizona's veterans' highways." (Courtesy photos)





Award winners

Staff Sgt. Wayne Stambaugh (left) and Tech. Sgt. James Mikus were recognized at the Armed Forces Indianapolis Chapter awards ceremony May 15. Stambaugh was named 2015 Recruiter of the Year, and Mikus received 2015 NCO of the Year honors. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Recruiting salutes Pat Bradley

Master Sgt. Jason Blake, 336th Recruiting Squadron, presents an Air Force Recruiting Salutes plaque to Pat Bradley at Ashley Ridge High School in Summerville, South Carolina, May 29. Bradley is a career specialist at the school, and has referred more than 50 applicants to recruiters. Blake considers her the “go-to influencer” at the school, and she has motivated students to consider the Air Force as their first career choice. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**313th RCS certification**

Staff Sgt. Adolfo Ramos, 313th Recruiting Squadron, receives his recruiter certification from Senior Master Sgt. Brad Pearson, 313th RCS production superintendent, in Albany, New York, May 26. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Newly certified**

Senior Master Sgt. David Jackson, 338th Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, congratulates newly certified recruiter Senior Airman Jason Hibbs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, May 20. (U.S. Air Force photo)



345th's newest recruiter

Senior Master Sgt. Lee Thomas, 345th Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, presents Staff Sgt. Terry Skelton, G-Flight, with his recruiter certification in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, May 20. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Our Community Salutes

Members of the 314th Recruiting Squadron participated in Our Community Salutes in Voorhies, New Jersey, May 19. Tech. Sgt. Ariel Acosta, shown standing with three members of his Delayed Entry Program, helped coordinate the event to recognize high school seniors who have committed to joining the Air Force. Capt. Nathan Goetsch announced the participants and thanked them for their future service. (U.S. Air Force photo)



369th RCS salutes efforts

The Air Force Recruiting Salutes plaque is presented to Trisha Delmendo, Air Force Medical Standards Specialist with the 61st Medical Squadron Public Health Section at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, May 27. Delmendo coordinated more than 25 flight physicals for the 369th Recruiting Squadron which encompasses Australia and southern California. Because of her dedication the squadron has sent 10 future aviators to Basic Officer Training. Representing the squadron are Tech. Sgt. Reginald Avila, 369th RCS line officer recruiter, in blues; Lt. Col. John Patrick, 369th RCS commander, to Delmendo's right; and Master Sgt. Kevin Shields, 369th RCS line officer flight chief, to Delmendo's left. Other Airmen are from the 61st MDS Public Health Section. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Air Force Recruiting Service award winners for Calendar Year 2015, first quarter:

Airman: **Senior Airman Janyll Smiling**, 319th Recruiting Squadron

NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Shanna Tenney**, 364th RCS

Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Aaron Akridge**, 337th RCS

Company Grade Officer: **Capt. Richard Browell**, 362nd RCS

Civilian Category I: **Bridget Eaton**, 341st RCS

Civilian Category II: **Bradley Sanker**, 345th RCS

Congratulations to the Headquarters AFRS award winners for Calendar Year 2015, first quarter.

NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Michael Parrott**

Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Claire Najarro**

Company Grade Officer: **Capt. Lisa Kazakos**

Civilian Category II: **Naomi Diehl**

Civilian Category III: **Matt Jackson**



Recognizing support

Tech. Sgt. Richard Pellicier, 314th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight, presents a certificate of appreciation to Frank Dunn at Boonton High School in Boonton, New Jersey, May 20. This was the second time that Pellicier was invited to speak to Dunn's senior history class about the Air Force and its opportunities. Dunn allowed the recruiter to present to two of his classes (40 minutes each) and provided lunch in between. Pellicier feels Dunn is an Air Force ambassador who promotes a positive message. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Certificate of appreciation

Staff Sgt. Demetrio Gutierrez, 341st Recruiting Squadron, presents a certificate of appreciation to Tina Truitt, career advisor at New Braunfels High School in New Braunfels, Texas, May 28. Gutierrez presented the certificate to Truitt for her unconditional support of Air Force recruiting efforts. He is assigned to D-Flight in Austin, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Squadron training day**

Members of the 338th Recruiting Squadron gather to train on marketing assets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, May 20. In addition, the squadron also received training on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Volunteer spirit**

Tech. Sgt. Erich Marquardt, 338th Recruiting Squadron, and his wife, Katrina, volunteered at the Eight Days of Greatness event in Cincinnati May 30. They helped with efforts in feeding and clothing the homeless. (Courtesy photo)



Celebrating Armed Forces Day

The 369th Recruiting Squadron took part in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade Banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance, California, May 16. The parade is known as the largest military parade in the nation for 56 years. From left are Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Oien, 369th RCS superintendent; Staff Sgt. Lowie Camat, Staff Sgt. Dustin Parsons, and Tech. Sgt. Eduardo Rojas, enlisted accessions recruiters; Master Sgt. Kevin Shields, D-Flight chief; Staff Sgt. Marco Lobido-Luzano and Tech. Sgt. Larissa Aldrich, EA recruiters; and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Gallagher, 372nd Recruiting Group superintendent. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Recognizing achievements

Staff Sgt. Kevin Christiansen, 344th Recruiting squadron D-Flight, congratulates a member of his Delayed Entry Program at the Ellison High School Senior Awards Night in Killeen, Texas, May 29. Christiansen presented certificates of enlistment and Community College of the Air Force enrollment letters to his DEP members, recognizing their efforts in front of the study body and area influencers. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Spirit award

The 319th Recruiting Squadron received the Top Dog Spirit Award at the quarterly Team Hanscom Awards Ceremony at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, May 22. Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Jacques; David Sprague, Hanscom Federal Credit Union president/chief executive officer; and Paul Marotta, Hanscom FCU chairman of the board, presented a fire hydrant filled with candy to the squadron. The hydrant will be on display at the squadron until the next quarterly winner is chosen. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Pocono Raceway

Lt. Col. Michael Fenimore, 314th Recruiting Squadron commander, speaks with future Airmen who are ready to swear in at the Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania June 7. Members of the 314th RCS helped at the Pocono 400 NASCAR Race by providing more than 100 volunteers spanning four days. In addition to manning the Air Force booth and providing a color guard detail, volunteers assisted with ticket validations, ushering, RV parking detail, and cooking for volunteers. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Levitow Award winner
Tech. Sgt. Clint Bryant, 331st Recruiting Squadron Operations NCO, receives the John Levitow Award at the Gaylor NCO Academy graduation at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, May 20. The Levitow award is the highest honor awarded in enlisted professional military education at all levels. At left is Command Chief Master Sgt. Louis Orrie, 37th Training Wing at JBSA-Lackland, and at right is Chief Master Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, Gaylor NCO Academy commandant. (U.S. Air Force photo)



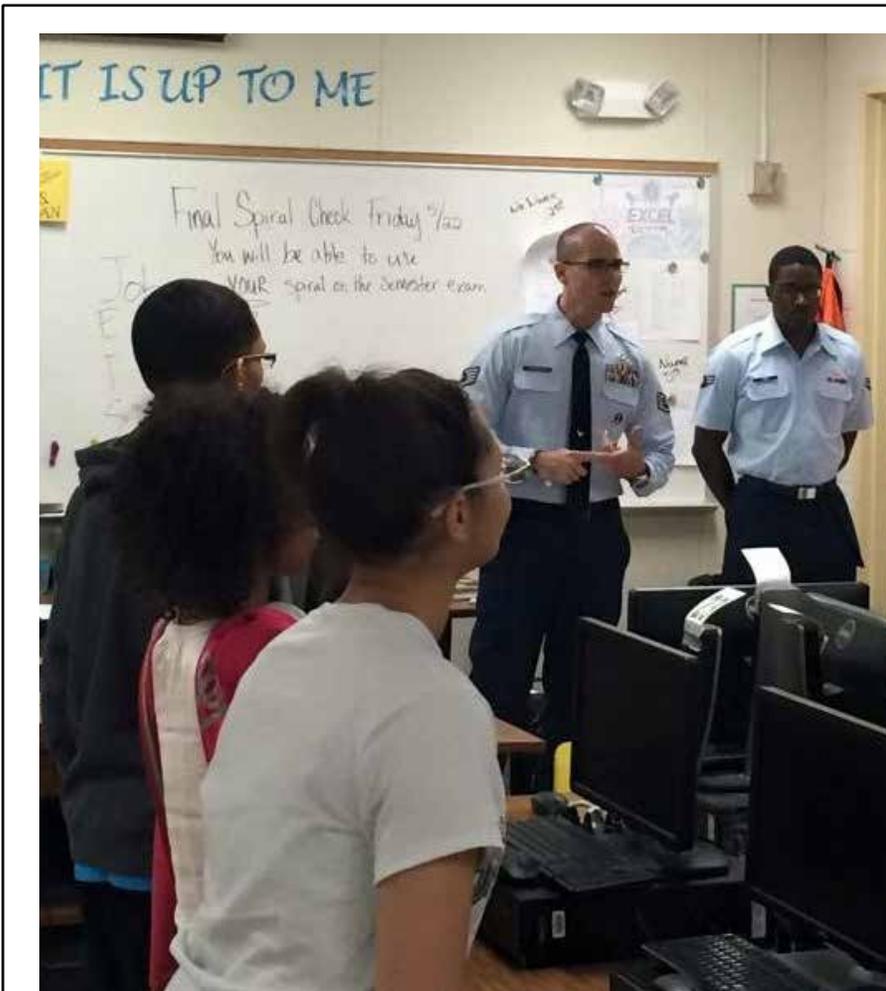
The Vapor in El Paso

The 367th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight took part in the 30th anniversary of the KLAQ BalloonFest in El Paso, Texas, May 22-24. The Vapor special ops supercar assisted G-Flight in its recruiting efforts, garnering more than 900 visitors to the display. From left are Staff Sgt. Aaron Garcia, Staff Sgt. Eric Lopez, Staff Sgt. Krystal Anderson, Tech. Sgt. Jacob Rangel, Master Sgt. Joseph Roberson (G-Flight chief) and Staff Sgt. Daniel Martinez. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Joseph Roberson)



Hiking a trail

Members of the 367th Recruiting Squadron headquarters did some teambuilding on the Palmer Park hiking trail in Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 29. From left are Senior Master Sgt. John Roy, Tech. Sgt. Bobby Thomas, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Smith, Tech. Sgt. Brian Hutton, Master Sgt. Vince Phifer, Tech. Sgt. Jesse Dettman, Master Sgt. Shaquana Pace and Staff Sgt. Tracey Lemaire. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Senior Master Sgt. Eric Neill)



Spreading the word

Staff Sgt. Kevin Christensen (center), 344th Recruiting Squadron D-Flight, gives a classroom presentation at Ellison High School in Killeen, Texas, May 29. Christensen spoke on JETS – Job, Education, Travel/Training, Security – with a former member of his Delayed Entry Program who is now participating in the Recruiter Assistance Program, Airman 1st Class Armando Oniel. Oniel gave his personal testimony on his Air Force journey in hopes of inspiring others to do the same. (U.S. Air Force photo)



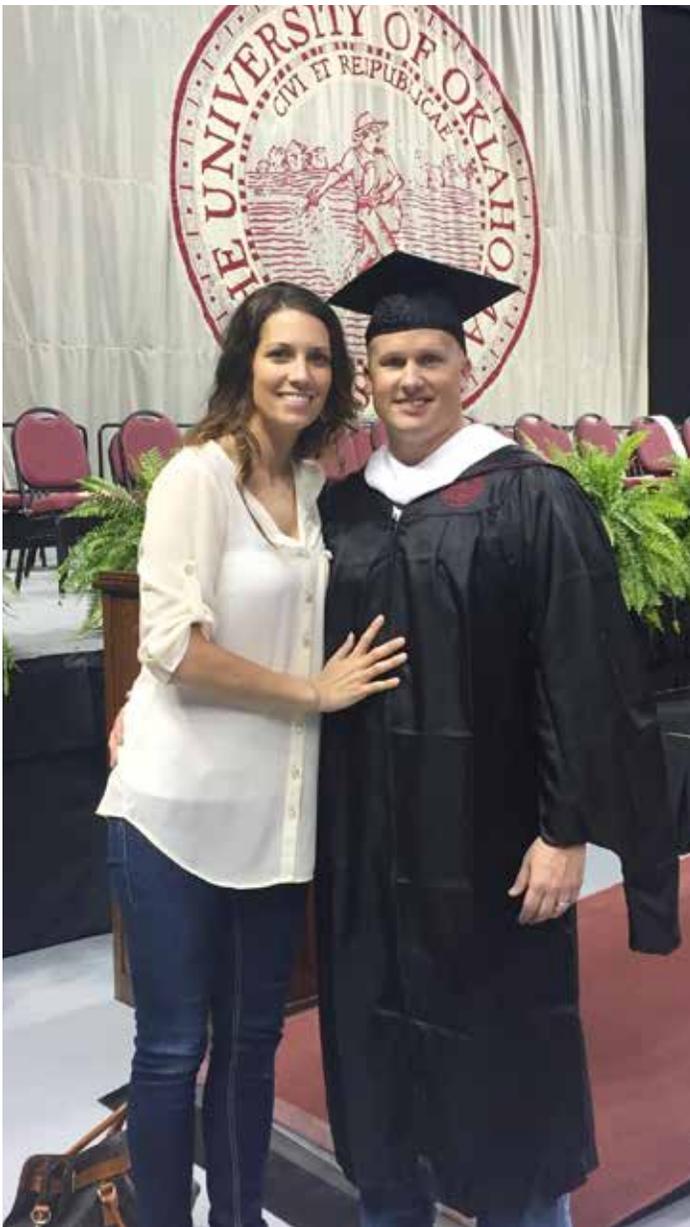
Prepared for the future

Staff Sgt. Micah Mincey, 336th Recruiting Squadron G-Flight, stands with Katherine Hadley at her graduation with honors from Westover Comprehensive High School in Albany, Georgia, May 16. Hadley finished in the top 50 out of more than 275 students, and had a 3.6 GPA. During her junior year she was a member of the Air Force Recruit Ambassador Program (formerly known as “soft book”). She will attend Basic Military Training later this year and is slated to become a Security Forces member. Mincey attended the graduation as a show of support, and also to promote that it’s never too early to prepare for the future through AFRAP. (U.S. Air Force photo)



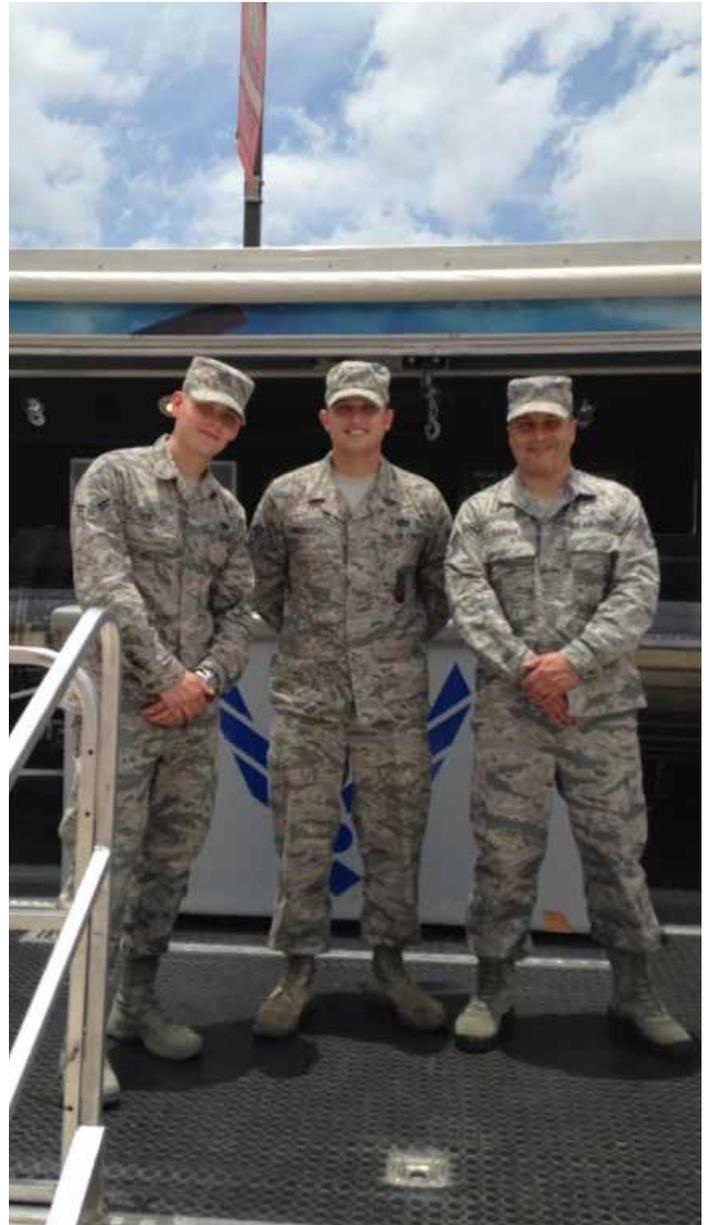
From AFRAP to Air Force

Staff Sgt. Rodrigo Camacho, 336th Recruiting Squadron B-flight, stands with J’Ki Carmichael at his graduation ceremony from Bradwell Institute in Hinesville, Georgia, May 23. Carmichael is the first Air Force Recruit Ambassador Program member who Camacho put into the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Congrats, graduate

Master Sgt. Chris Mohr and his wife, Heather, are shown at his graduation from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, in May. Mohr graduated with his Master's in Administrative Leadership. He was assigned as the 344th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight chief at the time; he is now the senior trainer for the 347th RCS. (Courtesy photo)



Career day in Laredo

Recruiters from the 341st Recruiting Squadron attended the career day at United High School in Laredo, Texas, May 22. From left are Airman 1st Class Michael Bently, Recruiter Assistance Program; and Staff Sgt. Marc Proctor and Tech. Sgt. Cid Garcia, 341st RCS C-Flight recruiters in Corpus Christi, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo)



314th RCS supports 5K

Recruiters from the 314th Recruiting Squadron B-flight gathered with members of their Delayed Entry Program to support the Pennsylvania Trooper Byron Dickson Memorial 5K in Millville, New Jersey, May 24. The race supports the family of the fallen officer. At left is Master Sgt. Michael Halbrook, B-Flight chief, and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Huber is at right. In the back row with sunglasses is Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Clark, who was participating in the Recruiter Assistance Program. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Teambuilding

Members of the 331st Recruiting Squadron took part in the Emerald City 5K Mud Run in Niceville, Florida, May 16. From left are Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Hedden, superintendent; Lt. Col. Jonathan Austin, commander; Senior Master Sgt. Dwight Beck, production superintendent; and Senior Master Sgt. Clinton Healey, senior trainer. Approximately 4,000 people participated. The 331st RCS team completed the 17-station obstacle course in 39 minutes. (Courtesy photo)



Wins for Warriors

Staff Sgt. Brandon Hamm, 339th Recruiting Squadron, and his wife, Airman 1st Class Destiny Hamm, 127th Communications Squadrons, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, participated in the Justin Verlander Annual Wins for Warriors 9K in Detroit May 25. Wins for Warriors provides mental health support to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families in Detroit and Virginia. Hamm is the Military Entrance Processing Station Liaison NCO in Detroit. (Courtesy photo)



College World Series

Members of the 349th Recruiting Squadron participated with Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, in a Military Appreciation Ceremony before Game 2 of the Women's College World Series between the University of Florida and the University of Michigan, June 2. Staff Sgt. Joseph Stingley, 349th RCS Marketing and Training NCO, organized the event by getting 25 Airmen from squadrons across Tinker to hold a giant American flag in centerfield for the ceremony and lining up a singer to perform "God Bless America." He also negotiated to have free recruiting booth space in front of the stadium before the game. The Air Force was the only service branch with recruiting booth space throughout the one-week event. From left are Stingley; Lt. Col. Brian Chellgren, 349th RCS commander; Senior Master Sgt. Joe Simkins, 349th RCS senior trainer; Master Sgt. Darrel Riley, 349th RCS operations flight chief; and Senior Airman Gage Daddis and Tech. Sgt. Mercedes Alfaro, F-Flight recruiters. (U.S. Air Force photo)



The ultimate champ

Members of the 344th Recruiting Squadron D-Flight were on hand to promote special operations career fields at the Twin Wolves Mixed Martial Arts Fight Night in Killeen, Texas, May 30. The squadron was the presenting partner for the event which was headlined by Ultimate Fighter Season 16 winner Colten Smith. From left are Staff Sgt. Joshua Neely; Smith; Master Sgt. Patrick Cone, D-Flight chief; Staff Sgt. Kevin Christiansen; and Tech. Sgt. Michael Allgire. (U.S. Air Force photo)