



Coined by the commander

Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, coins Aric Almirola, the Air Force-sponsored No. 43 driver, at the NASCAR Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 5. Johnson swore in 30 Delayed Entry Program members from the 336th Recruiting Squadron before the race. For another photo, see Page 2. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Decorations processing now initiated through vPC

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – Supervisors of active duty Airmen can now use the virtual Personnel Center via myPers to initiate and track decorations throughout the review and approval process.

“The online application allows for automated routing and approval, in addition to pre-populating certain personnel data in the forms,” said Christine Stingley, chief, Requirements and Testing Branch, Military Future Operations, Air Force Personnel Center. “vPC also allows for the electronic review and processing into a member’s record.”

Active duty decorations will be initiated, processed and tracked through the vPC application dashboard. Initially, automated processing will include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Adding automated decoration processing on myPers

through the vPC improves Airmen’s access to personnel processes. It also saves members time since it includes pre-populated certificates and memorandums, online “Decor 6” forms, automatic updates to the Military Personnel Data System and automatic transfers to official records.

A process for active duty evaluations was implemented in vPC in May. Senior raters are able to submit active duty evaluations and track the process through the myPers website on all officer and initial evaluations that closed out on or after June 30 and for enlisted evaluations beginning with the July 31 senior master sergeant static closeout date.

Video tutorials and user guides for commanders and supervisors are available on myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil/?source=GovD> under the “I Would Like To” section. Select the “View vPC Information” for tutorials and guides on using vPC. After reviewing instructions, Airmen can also visit the vPC Dashboard page.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)



At Daytona

Mike "T-Bone" Sikes, driver for the No. 43 show car hauler, leans in to tell Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, about the car. Johnson swore in 30 Delayed Entry Program members from the 336th Recruiting Squadron before the NASCAR Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 5. (U.S. Air Force photo)

AFRS announces second quarter award winners

Congratulations to the second quarter production award winners for fiscal 2015:

Top Production Superintendent: Senior Master Sgt. Frank Staud, 337th Recruiting Squadron

Top Health Professions Flight: 348th RCS A-Flight

Top HP Flight Chief: Master Sgt. Michael Ray, 348th RCS

Top HP Recruiter: Master Sgt. Timothy Bernau, 348th RCS

Top Enlisted Accessions Flight: 319th RCS E-Flight

Top EA Flight Chief: Master Sgt. Matthew Davidson, 369th RCS

Top EA Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Clifford Roy, 331st RCS

Top Line Officer Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Bryan Berrio, 345th RCS

Top Support Flight: 364th RCS

Top Support (non-8R000): Tech. Sgt. Roberto Montalvo, 342nd RCS

Top Operations Flight: 337th RCS

Top Training and Marketing Branch: 331st RCS

Top Support (8R000): Staff Sgt. Samantha Acosta, 314th RCS

Top Medical Service Corps Recruiter: Master Sgt. Stephanie Satinsky, 318th RCS

Top Medical Corps Fully Qualified Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Michele Corning, 318th RCS

Top MC Financial Assistance Program Recruiter: Master Sgt. William Daniels, 318th RCS

Top MC Health Professions Scholarship Program Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Stephan Shinholt, 348th RCS

Top Dental Corps FQ Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. William Roskopf, 348th RCS

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

Top Nurse Corps FQ Recruiter: Master Sgt. Eric Hart, 342nd RCS

Top NC HPSP Recruiter: Master Sgt. Eric Hart, 342nd RCS

Top Nurse Transition Program Recruiter: Staff Sgt. Patrick Gilroy Jr., 348th RCS

Top Biomedical Service Corps Recruiter: Master Sgt. James Aaron, 348th RCS

Top BSC HPSP Recruiter: Tech. Sgt. Daniel Brandt, 348th RCS

Top Small Military Entrance Processing Station: Spokane, Washington, 368th RCS

Top Medium MEPS: Minneapolis, 343rd RCS

Top Large MEPS: San Antonio, 341st RCS

Three join ranks of production superintendents

Congratulations to Air Force Recruiting Service's newest production superintendents. Their selection as both master recruiters and production superintendents signifies their expert level of knowledge, skill and competence in the recruiting profession. All three are senior master sergeant selectees.

Haylee James, 369th Recruiting Group
Heather Poff, 361st Recruiting Squadron
Kevin Daigle, Headquarters AFRS



Flight centric office opens in El Paso

The 367th Recruiting Squadron celebrated the opening of its first flight centric office in El Paso, Texas, June 23. More than 50 local officials and influencers from the three major cities in the area – El Paso, and Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico – attended the ceremony. Speakers at the ceremony included Alamogordo's Pro Tem Mayor Gregory Smith, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Vice President Terri Reed, and El Paso native Chief Master Sgt. Elva Shipp, 367th RCS superintendent. Master Sgt. Joseph Roberson, G-Flight chief, spoke to local media stations about the flight centric office concept. Pictured from left are: Staff Sgt. Maura Sturgeon; Terri Reed; Col. Dennis Tucker, 372nd Recruiting Group commander; Lt. Col. Lewis Harper Jr., 367th RCS commander; Gregory Smith; Chief Master Sgt. Elva Shipp; and Staff Sgt. Krystal Anderson. (U.S. Air Force photo)



369th RCG change of command

Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, hands the guidon of the 369th Recruiting Group to its new commander, Col. Patricia A. Sergey, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, June 30. Sergey assumed command from Col. Robert Borja. (U.S. Air Force photo)



314th RCS change of command

Airmen stand at attention during the change of command ceremony for the 314th Recruiting Squadron at Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey, June 25. From left are Col. Eric Espino, 360th Recruiting Group commander; Master Sgt. Mindy Caston, 314th RCS first sergeant; Lt. Col. Michael Fenimore, the former commander who retired; and Lt. Col. George Peasant III, the new commander. (U.S. Air Force photo)



319th RCS change of command

Col. Eric Espino, 360th Recruiting Group commander, passes the guidon to the new commander of the 319th Recruiting Squadron, Maj. Amy Goff, at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, June 23. Standing behind them is Master Sgt. Kevin Walker, the 319th RCS first sergeant. Goff assumed command from Lt. Col. Anthony Stroup. (U.S. Air Force photo/Jerry Saslav)



338th RCS change of command

Lt. Col. Tameesha Coatney accepts the guidon for the 338th Recruiting Squadron from Col. Eric Espino, 360th Recruiting Group commander, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, June 30. Coatney assumed command of the 338th RCS from Lt. Col. Timothy Maxwell. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Incentive flight

Three Airmen from the 319th Recruiting Squadron joined 17 from the 66th Air Base Wing at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, for an incentive flight June 20. ABOVE – The Airmen from the 319th RCS were Staff Sgt. Samuel Harris, third from left; Senior Airman Christopher Stewart, fifth from left; and Tech. Sgt. Michael Brothwell, sixth from left. RIGHT – Airmen prepare for takeoff in a KC-135 Stratotanker. (U.S. Air Force photos)



LEFT – The flight originated from Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire, and included the refueling of a C-17 Globemaster III. (U.S. Air Force photo)



On the road

The AFRS Safety Office had its annual motorcycle pre-season brief and ride June 26. Pictured from left are Tech. Sgt. Daniel Acosta, Staff Sgt. Darby Larvenz, Master Sgt. Soren Pease, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Nowakowski, Master Sgt. Jermaine Goodman and Tech. Sgt. James Gill. The brief was kicked off by Col. Robert Trayers, chief of the AFRS Operations Division, who is also a rider. Goodman, AFRS ground safety manager, gave an update on motorcycle training requirements and traffic concerns. He encouraged members to search for escape routes to prevent the possibility of being rear-ended. This is due to the spike in distracted driver accidents on the public roadways. Lastly, Pease briefed hot weather riding and some new products on the market to keep riders cool under all the gear. The riders took a 50-mile journey to the Texas River Road and to lunch. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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"Think about the power that 62,000 Airmen across AETC can have," said Maj. Alan Haedge, chief of command policy and special programs for AETC. "There are tons of folks out there with great, innovative ideas; hopefully they'll take the time to put those ideas on the iMatter site. Commercial entities such as USAA and Starbucks actually use similar tools and have had great success. In fact, USAA has generated over 500 patents since 2010 with their respective innovation program. This program is intended to

help complement existing Air Force programs and to focus on AETC-specific areas of innovation."

To start using iMatter, Airmen can visit the site, <https://app10-eis.aetc.af.mil/imatter/SitePages/home.aspx>, and access a variety of resources, including an iMatter User's Guide and instructional videos. Each iMatter site visitor must use his/her Common Access Card (CAC) and select the non-email CAC certificate in order to access the site. For non-CAC users or to find out more, contact the AETC Innovation and Transformation Office at AETC.AFSO21. Workflow@us.af.mil



349th RCS reaches out to the community

Members of the 349th Recruiting Squadron B-Flight and their Delayed Entry Program volunteered at Camp Farwesta near St. Joseph, Missouri, June 26, where they supported an event for 30 orphaned children. Staff Sgt. Haley Santos organized the event and personally paid for the food. All her flight mates showed up in support. ABOVE – Members of B-Flight help prepare food. Clockwise from front left are Staff Sgt. Travis Workman, a DEP member, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Russo, a DEP member, Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia and Staff Sgt. Mario Moreno. LEFT – Santos presents the camp director with a certificate of appreciation. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Celebrating independence

The 314th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight and their Delayed Entry Program supported the Southampton 4th of July Parade in Southampton Township, Pennsylvania, July 4. A-Flight helped the Lower Southampton Veteran Advisory Council set up and tear down the flatbed truck which carried their float. Korean War Veteran John Martin rode on board, and they won the Most Patriotic Float Award. LEFT – Staff Sgt. Ralph Hall Gonzalez Jr. stands ready for color guard duty. ABOVE – From left are Ryan Bell, Shawnya Williams, Adam Mika, Edward Smith, Majeed Phillips, Sade Traylor, Elijah Simmons, Hyuk Roh, Jack Gidaro and Gonzalez. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Daniel R. Sitterly, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, has lunch with the Civil Air Patrol Virginia Wing Encampment at Fort Pickett, Virginia, June 23. (Courtesy photo/Civil Air Patrol)

Air Force open doors to aviation for CAP cadets

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Summer aviation-related educational opportunities that were out of reach became reachable this year for more than 1,000 American young people, in large part courtesy of a grant from the U.S. Air Force.

Through the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program, Civil Air Patrol cadets who would have a difficult time covering the costs for attending their wings' encampments received help to pay for lodging, meals, uniforms, transportation and other related costs. In the past, financially disadvantaged cadets may have received scholarships through donations, generally from individual CAP adult members.

But this year, funds from the Air Force have created a centralized program and significantly increased the number of cadets being served. As a result, the usual summer encampment attendance has jumped from 5-6,000 to as much as 7,000.

Encampments are week-long learning academies. Held across the country and in Puerto Rico, encampments are big events in cadets' lives, providing ways for the cadets to advance in rank, with classes in leadership, physical fitness and life skills. This year's curriculum emphasizes character development and education in STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"While there are still many financially needy cadets unserved, this has gone a long ways to allow some young Americans to experience aviation in a way they never would have if not for this initiative," said Daniel R. Sitterly, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

"The Air Force grant has significantly increased the number of cadets who can attend summer programs," said Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez, CAP's national commander.

"Historically cadets who attend encampments achieve more and advance further in the CAP Cadet Program. They learn valuable leadership skills among others and use these skills to mentor the next generation of cadets. This learning experience is very important for the cadets, their families, their communities, CAP, and, in years down the line, for America."

CEAP assistance is available primarily to first-time attendees participating in a summer 2015 program and cadets apply online through CAP's eServices software. Complete information is available at <http://www.capmembers.com/ceap>.

Find a CAP squadron near you at
<http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/>

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs about 85 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 70 lives annually.



Rapid Strike

Staff Sgts. Donald Porter and Anthony Roessner, 338th Recruiting Squadron A-Flight, stand in front of Rapid Strike before the Champion City Kings minor league baseball game in Springfield, Ohio, June 18. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Retreat ceremony

Lt. Col. Timothy Maxwell, along with members of the 338th Recruiting Squadron and the Delayed Entry Program, salute during the retreat ceremony at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, June 24. It was Maxwell's last squadron function before his change of command. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**Spouse recognition**

Tanya Sites looks at the recognition plaque presented to her by Lt. Col. Jason Scott, 361st Recruiting Squadron commander, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, June 18. Her husband, Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Sites, right, retired after 30 years of service. He was the squadron superintendent. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**ALS grad**

Members of the 314th Recruiting Squadron gather for the Airman Leadership School graduation of Senior Airman Darren Turner at Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey, June 30. From left are Master Sgt. Mindy Casto, first sergeant; Senior Master Sgt. Launia Terry-Hill, production superintendent; Turner; and Lt. Col. George Peasant III, commander. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Swearing in

Master Sgt. Mindy Casto, 314th Recruiting Squadron first sergeant, holds the umbrella as Lt. Col. George Peasant III, 314th RCS commander, administers his first oath of enlistment to future Airmen at the Formula Drift race in Wall, New Jersey, June 27. The honor guard was comprised of E-Flight members. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Blood drive

Staff Sgt. Jon Castroman, 314th Recruiting Squadron line officer recruiter, signals he's OK while donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive in Mount Holly, New Jersey, June 23. The drive was co-sponsored by the squadron. Nearly 50 Airmen and Delayed Entry Program members donated blood. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Welcome to the Air Force

Melissa Gilley is shown with her husband, Staff Sgt. Jason Gilley (left), and Staff Sgt. Thomas Gilley, Military Entrance Processing Station Liaison, on her ship day at the MEPS in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, July 7. Melissa was recruited by Tech. Sgt. Steven Dagnan, 337th Recruiting Squadron. Dagnan's flight chief is Tech. Sgt. Ladiwina Gilly, who is married to Staff Sgt. Thomas Gilley (in the photo). Unfortunately, there wasn't an opportunity for all four Gilley/Gilly Airmen to pose for a photo. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Lt. Col. Cary Belmear, 337th RCS commander, swears in future Airman Melissa Gilley on her ship day at the Fort Jackson, South Carolina, MEPS, July 7. Gilley was the Fiscal 2014 Key Spouse of the Year for the squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Marketing Matters

If you are moving offices, changing phone numbers, opening a new office, making a permanent change of station move or leaving Air Force Recruiting Service, please notify Frank Radis at Frank.Radis.2@us.af.mil so he can update the Recruiter Locator on AIRFORCE.COM.

Keeping the locator current is an important part of good customer service, so please ensure you send your updates!



Overnight relay

Members of the 368th Recruiting Squadron fielded a team for the Ragnar Relay Wasatch Back June 19-20. The 200-mile race began in Logan, Utah, and ended at Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah. The overnight running relay race features 12-person teams who ride in two vans and tag team day and night. Only one runner hits the road at a time. In this photo, taken June 18 in Eden, Utah, Tech. Sgt. James Barton, left in black T-shirt, cheers on Master Sgt. Michael Whitten as he completes his first leg of six miles. Capt. Juan Siancastao, center, waits to take the baton from Whitten. Other team members included: Lt. Col. William Parker, Bayleigh Parker, Senior Master Sgt. Raul Gonzalez, Master Sgt. Jese Baysinger, Brody Baysinger, Tech Sgt. Jeremy McLane, Tech. Sgt. Carl Ybarra, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Bolin and Staff Sgt. Jeff Herrod. (Courtesy photo)