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On the cover...

> *Members of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department participated in aircraft rescue fire training held at Joe Foss Field, S.D. Aug. 9. For a complete story on the training and other photos, see pages 6-7.*



Deployment: And so it begins again

BY COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LANE J. MUNGER



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And so it begins... the briefings, the shots, more briefings, qualifications, and finally...one more briefing. All designed to prepare you for deployment. As most have come to realize, all the running around on base to check the squares is only half of the preparation, because each time we deploy, in a way, our families go along with us. Long or short in duration, separations can be extremely hard to cope with. Apprehension, frustration, confusion, and a feeling of helplessness can all be clouds that hang over the heads of those that remain here.

I remember last year's final processing and departure. As the "roll" was called and our members filed out, I remember one small child screaming, "Daddy, don't go, I want you to stay". Folks, it does not get any harder than that, no matter what the duration of separation is. In this day and age, even small children have come to know what war is about and it scares them. They need your assurances. You need to talk about their feelings and their concerns. Our Family Program office can help provide you with effective tools for doing just that.

Not only children, but pity the poor spouse or significant other who now has become totally responsible for the household...not that they can't handle it, it just may be a new experience for them. Hmmm, I wonder how you start the snow blower? Are you supposed to put bleach in all the wash? Oops, the lights just went out, isn't

there suppose to be a fuse or something. We all tend to divvy up knowledge and responsibilities around the house...just make sure before you leave that you pass on what you can to lower the apprehension and stress. If you forget something, our Family Readiness office can help. They can find someone who is willing to come over and demonstrate the art of starting a Briggs and Stratton on the snow blower, give a little on-the-job training on the use of bleach, or locate the circuit breaker panel and reveal how to reset a tripped breaker or change a blown fuse.

If you're single and this is your first deployment, this can also be very traumatic for your parents and siblings as well. I have known of parents that have spent the duration of a deployment blaming themselves for allowing their son or daughter to get in this situation. All I can suggest is to tell them how well prepared you are to complete the tasks and mission you have been given. Remember that our Family Program office is here for them too. They are not here just to give briefings before you go and when you return...they are here for you, your family and friends 24/7.

As I've stated in the past, knowing your job in your AFSC and having all the other training squares filled is only 50 percent preparation. Having those remaining here prepared to what ever level is needed is the other 50 percent. Knowing that you are being taken care of while deployed and you knowing that the needs and concerns of those that remain here are being addressed makes you and them closer to being 100 percent in the game.

Family Program office, check them out on a one-to-one basis.

Thanks for helping out Project S.O.S.

South Dakota Air National Guard members have again contributed to Project S.O.S. which donated school supplies to approximately 5,500 students in the Sioux Falls area at the start of this school year.

The Banquet accepts school supplies throughout the year as it provides supplies to students throughout the year. It takes 300 volunteers to sort, pack and distribute the school supplies.

"God bless you for your generosity and please know the children leave with a smile on their face after receiving this very special gift that you've helped to provide," said Madeline Shields, Special Events director for the Banquet in a letter to the donors.

Many unit members and their families have contributed to this program throughout its 19 year history. Thanks to those who helped distribute the supplies this year:

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| Spencer Schipper | Cindy Towns |
| Mark Wheeler | Lori Hoop |
| Tammy Carda | Bruce Lee |
| Marcy Rions | Josh Stroschein |
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs Secretary visits South Dakota

BY REP. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN



I was proud to host a veterans forum with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki and Senator Tim Johnson in Sioux Falls August 27. The forum provided hundreds of South Dakota veterans an opportunity to raise issues directly with the Secretary on a number of topics, including health care benefits and the challenges of securing those benefits in rural areas. I'm honored that Secretary Shinseki accepted our invitation to visit South Dakota. Since Secretary Shinseki took office in January, he has been accessible, engaged, and eager to discuss the issues facing South Dakota veterans. This forum provided him a unique opportunity to learn about the successes our state has had with veterans health care, and to learn about the unique challenges that a rural state faces in ensuring fair access to care and benefits for its veterans.

In my role as Chair of the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, I was closely involved in the drafting and passage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the largest increase in the

Veterans' education benefit since World War II. This was a significant topic of discussion during the forum. The Post-9/11 GI Bill better reflects the service commitment of today's veterans as they return from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jathan Chicoine, a former Navy Seal, University of South Dakota graduate student and President of the Veterans Resource Center in Vermillion, asked important questions about the future of the Post-9/11 GI Bill program and discussed his experiences in helping veterans access their educational benefits. I look forward to working with Sec. Shinseki and Sen. Johnson, as well as my other colleagues in Congress, to update and improve this program as needed.

In addition, transition assistance for servicemembers entering civilian life was raised during the forum by Rick Barg of Veterans for Foreign Wars. My colleagues on the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee and I have prioritized improving support services to assist veterans during this transition period. Under my leadership, the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee has held three field hearings in South Bend, Ind.; Rapid City, S.D.; and Bentonville, Ark.; focused on improving transition assistance for returning

servicemembers. These hearings have been critical in identifying the challenges veterans face in transition to civilian life. With the information we've gathered from the brave veterans willing to share their stories, I've introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at overcoming these challenges. Moving forward, I will continue to work along with my colleagues to ensure veterans have the resources and support they need for success in the civilian world.

Another important topic that we discussed at the forum was the continuing service issues with the St. Paul Pension Management Center as well as the national veterans claims backlog. Proper customer service needs to be a priority for the VA, and I was impressed by Sec. Shinseki's willingness to engage on these important South Dakota issues and look forward to working with the Secretary to identify and implement improvements in these areas that will hopefully impact veterans here in South Dakota and across the nation.

Thank you for this opportunity to update you on Secretary Shinseki's visit to our state and time with South Dakota's veterans. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of service in any way.

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^ Secretary Shinseki, Rep. Herseth Sandlin and Senator Johnson field questions about rural health care for veterans at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center August 27.



< Secretary Shinseki, Rep. Herseth Sandlin and Senator Johnson listen to a question from Brian Wallin, Team Leader of the Sioux Falls Vet Center.

Stay fire smart . . . don't get burned

BY MASTER SGT. THOMAS KRIER

Once a child touches a hot stove, as the cliché goes - they learn their lesson, stay away from a hot stove. This cliché does not take into account the pain and suffering from burns. Burns should not be part of the learning process.

The statistics are staggering. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries.

"The most common types of burn injuries

result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns," said Mark Anderson, Asst. Fire Chief. "Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach or pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable.

By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned."

-Keep hot foods and liquids

away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.

-Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.

-Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.

-Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.

-Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.

See Fire Smart, page 10

Opinion Poll: What do you think of the ABUs compared to BDUs?

Senior Airman Nick Adkins - Munitions Storage -

I like the boots better because I don't have to polish them, as well as the fact that I don't have to iron the ABU. They are a lot warmer in Iraq than the BDUs are but other than that I like them. Summer weights would come in handy.



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1st Lt. Nicole Franklin - Equal Opportunity -

I like the ABUs better. They are more comfortable and I don't have to starch them. Easier maintenance.



Captain Jody Page - Civil Engineering -

Overall I don't think there's a big difference. I like not having the black boots. I like the lighter weight of the old uniforms where that's not available in these yet. But otherwise I don't think it was a big change.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. QUINTON YOUNG



Master Sgt. Angela Pesicka - Medical -

I think the heaviness is good for the winter but not for the summer. I think the pants could fit a little better for the women. I think they are not bad once you get used to them. It's also great that you don't have to iron them.

Deployment separation - are you ready?

BY NIKKI WAJER, WING FAMILY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Those who have been in the military for a while can say that being prepared for the unexpected becomes the normal way of life. The importance of being prepared is pretty obvious. With family separation being a big part of the military life we want to make sure that the family and members are well prepared. Military units are able to carry out the mission more effectively and successfully when the service member is well prepared for them.

We understand that the parent, spouse and/or children, waiting for their service member to come home experience various problems. But how we prepare for those problems in our partners absence defines the success of the deployment. I hope that we can share a few ideas or thoughts about how to better prepare yourself and your family.

Financial planning is one of the most sensitive aspects of separations. Most of the family issues are correlated to money issues. How are you going to handle your circumstances while your loved one is away? Talk with him or her about a budget, how are you going to handle big purchases, and the use of direct deposit. Be patient with your partner. It is very important to be on the same page. If you find yourself in trouble there are many financial counselors that you can see at no cost.

Documents should be drawn up if necessary and stored in a safe place. Official documents would consist of a will or a power of attorney, medical records, and insurance

information. A will or power of attorney can help cover unexpected circumstances and aid in the separation or crisis situation. Check with your legal aid office about preparing a document for you and your family.

Communicating is at the top of everyone's list. Furthermore, communicating with your loved one before, during and after your deployment will play a huge role in your military success. Members think of these things... does your loved one know who to contact in case of an emergency or do they know a military point of contact?

If you are in need of assistance please contact the Wing Family Program Office. We know that times can become hectic and we are here to assist. We also encourage you to check Military OneSource at www.militaryonesource.com. They offer a wide range of items for free, including financial guidance, counseling, deployment and family support.

We are all proud military families. Pride is very strong among those who prepare themselves for the unexpected. We at the Family Program Office want to extend this opportunity to have you come to the Air Guard Office or call for additional support.

Office hours are Tuesday - Friday 6:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Our office phone number is 605-988-5962 or for emergency or additional assistance call 605-310-6487.

Again, thank you for your continued support to our Armed Forces!

H1N1: Questions & answers

BY TECHNICAL SGT. BRENT GARNER

Will the 2009 vaccines be safe?

It is expected the 2009 vaccine will have a similar safety profile as seasonal flu vaccines, which have a very good safety track record. The CDC and FDA will be closely monitoring for any signs that the vaccine is causing unexpected adverse events.

What are the side effects of the H1N1 vaccine?

Side effects may include redness, soreness, or swelling at the injection site. Headache, muscle aches, fever, and nausea may also occur.

Who should not get vaccine?

People who have a life-threatening allergy to chicken eggs or to any other substance in the vaccine.

Will the benefits of the 2009 vaccine outweigh the risks?

CDC and FDA believe that the benefits

of vaccination with the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine will far outweigh the risks.

Should pregnant women receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine?

Yes, the CDC recommends that pregnant women receive the H1N1 vaccination. Pregnant women who get any flu have a greater risk for serious complications and hospitalization. Pregnant women so far this year have been greatly impacted by H1N1 flu. Approximately 6% of confirmed fatal 2009 H1N1 cases so far have been pregnant women. Women who think they might be pregnant or are pregnant should receive the H1N1 shot not the Intranasal Mist.

What is the best source for info about the 2009 H1N1 vaccine?

Go to www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu or www.flu.gov for complete information and answers to all your questions.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) HARRISON LIPPERT



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There is a great deal of interest, worry, and paranoia regarding the potential of an H1N1 epidemic, not to mention a global economic melt-down, a global warming catastrophic climate

change, etc. If you are a person who likes to have something to worry about the stories and concerns bantered about are great resources for you. However, if you prefer to be free of worry, it might be comforting to give yourself permission not to worry. In saying not to worry, I'm not saying that you need to go kiss on the lips every runny-nosed, sneezing, queezing, feverish person that you see or stop saving for a rainy day. I am saying that you don't need to take the prevention of a nationwide or worldwide crisis on your shoulders. We just don't get paid enough. Or in other words we don't have the authority to control these areas and when we make what is outside our control our main focus we can become pretty sick from stress. I have been spending time on Psalm 112. It says that a person who is godly "has no fear of bad news." Then it repeats they "will have no fear." The reason is that their heart is "steadfast" and "secure" because they trust in the Lord and they are walking in accordance with God's commands. We don't have to waste the beautiful days of this fall and the short moments of this life worrying about and fearing bad news. You can bet there will be some bad news in the days ahead for all of us. We don't have to fear it though. We can instead choose to trust God for today, enjoy it, and deal with tomorrow's bad news when it comes. Have a great day.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. QUINTON YOUNG

Fire Fire Fire

BY MASTER SGT. SARA HILMOE

Training is something we all have to do, whether it's ancillary training, a CBT, or just on-the-job. For the 114th Fire Department, their yearly training gives pyromaniacs a thrill.

"Every year we are required to do live-fire training to meet not only Air Force standards but FAA regulations as well," said Master Sgt. Tom Krier, fire chief for the 114th Fire Department.

Most years the team travels to other bases with fixed training sites, but this year they thought they'd bring the training to Joe Foss Field.

"This gave us a good opportunity to also train with the mutual aid departments like the city fire department," Sergeant Krier said. Many of the members of the Joe Foss fire department are also part of volunteer departments in smaller surrounding cities, as are many in the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue department.

"You can train all you want with PowerPoints," Sergeant Krier said, "but until crews get out and work together, you don't have the optimal training experience."

The base has mutual aid agreements with fire departments in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties. Sergeant Krier said, "That means if something happens at the airfield we would call the city to come in under that mutual air agreement to help. We are also able to respond off base if our assistance is needed outside the wire."

Much of the air traffic for Sioux Falls is cargo haulers, but if a passenger plane were to go down, that quickly becomes

a mass casualty situation where an "all-hands-on-deck" approach is needed.

The training was four days long with a phase of handline training, i.e. hoses. Firefighters practiced suppressing simulated liquid fuel fires around the fuselage with the handlines. They would approach the plane, enter and rescue the fire training dummies, known as "Rescue Randy's". There was also a phase of truck turret operation, which is most of the fire fighting the base does, with high and low nozzles directing water directly at the fire source.

"This is also a great opportunity for us to become more proficient with our equipment," Sergeant Krier said. "Our equipment is very specialized to put out liquid fuel fires, so it also benefits the city to see how the equipment works."

The training also consisted of a command and control exercise where an incident commander called the shots, aiding the city and military to recognize and learn the how to communicate with each other during a mass casualty event.



Kelpin receives Patrick Henry Award

BY SGT. LANCE SCHROEDER, 129TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT



PHOTO BY GERRY GONZALEZ

Don Kelpin (center), receives the Patrick Henry Award from Maj. Gen. Todd M. Bunting, NGAUS chairman (left), and Col. Murray Hansen, NGAUS awards committee chairman.

A volunteer from Sioux Falls was awarded the National Guard Association of the United States' Patrick Henry Award for exceptional service Sept. 12 during a ceremony in Nashville, Tenn.

Don Kelpin, state chairman for the South Dakota Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), received the award for outstanding service. He has volunteered for more than 13 years with ESGR, supporting the state's National Guard members and Reservists and their employers.

"It is quite an honor," said Kelpin. "I was extremely impressed when I found out that I was receiving the award."

He said that he learned of his nomination for the award accidentally while troubleshooting another ESGR committee member's Web site and, even though she tried to keep the nomination a secret, the cat was out of the bag. With the secret discovered, Kelpin said he was humbled after he researched the award's origin and purpose.

The Patrick Henry Award was created in 1989 to provide recognition to local civilian leaders who distinguish themselves through their support of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or the NGAUS, he said. It was his work for South Dakota's ESGR program that qualified him for the award.

The ESGR program is a Department of Defense volunteer agency that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers

support and value the military service of their employees.

Kelpin works to recognize outstanding employer support of Guard and Reserve employees with awards presentations, and provides education and mediation when any potential employment issues arise from an employee's military obligations.

Since 1972, ESGR has been supporting employers who share their employees with the Department of Defense.

Since first volunteering in the mid-1990s, Kelpin has witnessed several changes to the program.

"Things were very different when I first started with the program prior to 9/11," he said.

"The organization has changed dramatically since then. We have a very serious mission to accomplish, and we can only accomplish it because of the volunteers we have out there."

As one of those volunteers, Kelpin knows firsthand how vital their mission really is.

"We cannot go to war without the Guard and Reserve," he said. "The employer is such an integral part of the whole relationship now, because without those Guard and Reserve members knowing they have a job when they come back it becomes really difficult for service members to do what is required of them."

It was this attitude, and his dedication to those beliefs, that earned Kelpin the Patrick Henry Award.

More than 4,500 military and political leaders, from all 54 United States and territories, were present at the 131st NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition ceremony where Kelpin was recognized.

Though he is grateful, personal recognition is not the reason he has dedicated so much time to the ESGR program.

For Kelpin, the reason he volunteers is the knowledge that his hard work makes it a little bit easier for many of South Dakota's men and women in uniform to serve their country.

Clinic performs mass casualty exercise

exercise

PHOTO AND STORY BY STAFF SGT. QUINTON YOUNG

Members of the 114th Fighter Wing Medical Group tended to several waves of simulated wounded Student Flight members during the annual Mass Casualty exercise here Sunday, Sep. 20.

Senior Master Sgt. Todd Boone, superintendent of the 114th Medical Group, says that the mass casualty exercise is to be held annually in accordance Air Force Instruction 41-106.

"It is designed to give our medics, doctors and other staff of the clinic an opportunity to triage personnel and gives our members an idea of what a real life situation would be like with a large group of injured people," said Sgt. Boone.

Half of the clinic staff attended a mass casualty exercise in Alpena, MI in August where even the administration personnel were called upon to assist the injured.

This exercise is one of many different training opportunities that the clinic has to perform on an annual basis. They would normally have a Medical Command and Control Center (MCC) set up to take the information up the chain of command. Since this is an internal only exercise they will end the exercise at our level.

Flight Surgeons will be present as evaluators to assess the sense of urgency and the quality of care which the clinic staff provide to the wounded airmen.

The wounded arrived in groups to an outdoor location where they were assessed by medics and officers. The staff performed triage on the groups and determined by severity of injuries the order the patients would be treated. The wounded were then moved to an indoor facility where they underwent a second triage to determine the course of treatment and in what order the patients would be seen.

This type of hands-on exercise gives clinic personnel invaluable practice of their skills and may one day be needed in a real life scenario.



Four Lenses Training - What "color" are you?

STORY AND PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. JENNIFER M. REECY, 114TH FIGHTER WING HUMAN RESOURCE ADVISOR

What 'color' are you? Members of the newly formed 114th Force Support Squadron came together to learn and identify their own personality preference as well as having the opportunity to discover, understand, accept and value others for their unique strengths. The discovery process of the Four Lenses categorized the differences and talked about them in terms of personality type by a representative color. The participants learned that when people have an opportunity to be with others who share their same personality type, they have many things in common, including similar values, personal strengths, needs and approaches in problem solving. They explored how this information can affect their lives in a positive way. Once they understood the different types and perspectives of each color, they learned ways to apply these principles in improving their ability to effectively interact, work and play with others.

The group completed an assessment to illustrate how the participants separated themselves according to personality preference. Next, each color group came together to brainstorm what they value most, what brings them joy, their strengths and what they need in key words, concepts, pictures, graphs and symbols. It is also important to understand that in most cases, there is no right way of doing things, only different perspectives of how things should be done.

It is common to find the following words or phrases on each group's value posters:

Blue: Peace, relationships, being with others, serving, loving, being appreciated, hugs, sharing feelings, talking, consensus,



Master Sgt. Eric Tidemann and Airman 1st Class Brittnie Bunkers, Force Support Squadron members participate in a group exercise during Four Lenses Training held Aug. 5 in the base dining facility.

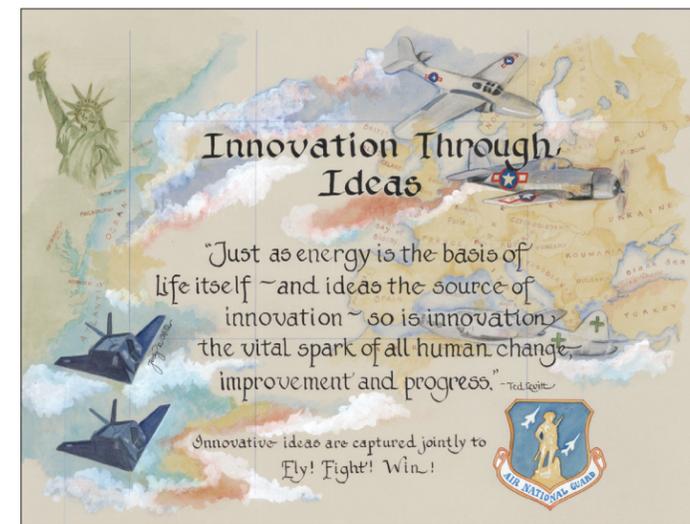
home, happiness, creativity and harmony.

Green: Logic, common sense, competency, challenges, curiosity, learning, understanding, seeing the big picture, research and data, inquisitive, independent, time alone, results, creativity or "doing it my way".

Gold: Organization, rules, security, personal planners, to-do lists, being in charge, doing it

right, perfection, patriotism, marriage, home a family, success, work ethic, routine, participation, tradition, consistency and education.

Orange: Adventure, enjoying life, parties, working hard and playing hard, sped, competition, no restrictions, energy, creative things, living in the present, persistence, travel, resiliency and change, feeling important, humor, fun.



If you would like additional helpful guidance, please feel free to contact: Chief Master Sgt. Mike Haugen, State Human Resource Advisor or Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer M. Reecy, 114th Fighter Wing Human Resource Advisor.



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Retired pay continues after death with Survivor Benefit Plan

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. KELLY MAZEZKA, AIR RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In unsettled economic times, Citizen Airmen may be comforted knowing they have Reserve retired pay waiting for them and their dependents.

But without Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, retired pay stops at the Airman's death.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center sends RCSBP information and election packets to Guard and Reserve Airmen with 20-year notification letters by certified mail. By law, Airmen have 90 days from receipt of the packet to make their election and return the form to ARPC.

"If they don't, we make the decision for them," said Senior Master Sgt. Teri Baty, ARPC's Personnel Program Management superintendent. "We select option A for Airmen without dependents and option C for Airmen with dependents. If that's not the selection for you, we must receive your election forms."

She also said she often sees Airmen fail to change their beneficiaries after a major life event such as marriage, remarriage, divorce, birth of a child or death of a beneficiary.

"After a major life event, they have one year to change their RCSBP election," Sergeant Baty said. "If they miss that window, their original election stands. We cannot change it."

These scenarios happen way too often, she said. In fact, in July alone, Sergeant Baty's office received six inquiries from survivors who thought

they would receive some amount of the retired pay after the Airman died.

"It's tragic, but there's not much we can do for them," she said.

RCSBP provides three coverage options. Option A allows Airmen to not participate in the plan. If they live to draw retired pay, they are given another opportunity to enroll. Airmen can defer an election by selecting option A on DD Form 2656-5, "Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan Election Certificate."

Option B is deferred annuity. This option provides coverage for an annuity to begin upon the member's original eligibility to draw retired pay -- usually at age 60 -- if the Airman dies before the eligibility date.

Option C is an immediate annuity. It provides an annuity that begins immediately regardless of the Airmen's age at the time of death. For example, if option C is elected at age 45, and the Airman dies at age 47, the beneficiary would receive the annuity effective the day after the Airman's death.

"It's a complicated decision," Sergeant Baty said. "Counselors are here to assist members in making the election that best suits their needs and circumstances. If they have any questions, they should call the contact center and ask to speak to an RCSBP expert."

More information is available at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil. Airmen are encouraged to contact their local military personnel flight or the Contact Center at 800-525-0102 with questions.



Moving In

Airman 1st Class

Seth D. Breems, 114 STUF
 Shaun E. Brown, 114 STUF
 Sean M. Cappel, 114 STUF
 Travis J. Duncan, 114 STUF
 Wade A. Farland, 114 STUF
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 Brendan S. Tidemann, 114 STUF
 Garret L. Werkmeister, 114 STUF

Moving Up

To Col.

Larry R. Burris, 114 MDG
 Paul E. Resel, HQ SDANG

To Chief Master Sgt.

Jimmy R. DeHaai, 114 OSF

To Senior Master Sgt.

Jeffrey D. DeYong, 114 CES

To Tech. Sgt.

Lance W. Kruger, 114 LRS
 Jason W. Snyder, 114 OSF
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To Staff Sgt.

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 Kelsey M. Lambert, 114 LRS
 Tyson K. Lange, 114 CES
 Daniel S. Lindsay, 114 MXS
 Joshua S. Slieter, 114 FSS
 Trisha K. Smeenk, 114 OSF
 Joe H. Wiskur, 175 FS
 Brian J. Wolfgang, 114 CES

To Senior Airman

Derek D. Adams, 114 SFS
 Jeremiah J. Fiegen, 114 FSS
 Kari L. Gremse, 114 AMXS
 Christopher L. Nicolaisen, 114 AMXS

Moving On

Master Sgt. Cynthia J. Collins, 114 MOF will retire Oct. 27 with over 20 years of service.

Technical Sgt. Richard L. Lafrentz, 114 AMXS retired Aug. 20 with over 20 years of service.

Senior Master Sgt. Dean W. Roemen, 114 CES will retire Oct. 19 with over 34 years of service.



New Colonels pinned



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHAEL FRYE
 Colonel Paul E. Resel, Director of Support, HQ SDANG is pinned with his new rank by family members July 25.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART
 Colonel Larry R. Burris, 114 Medical Group gets help with his new rank from his daughter, Callie, Sept. 19.

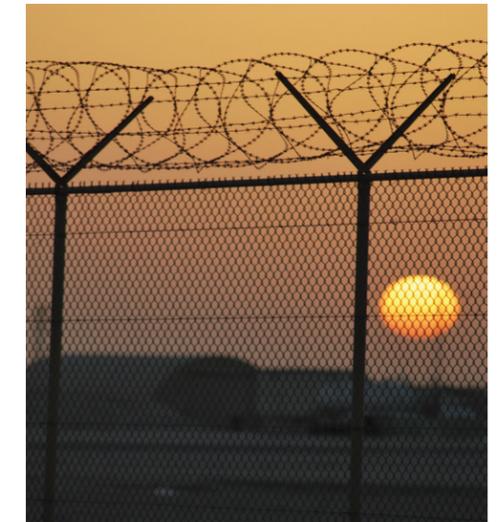


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The approach of darkness finds all operations safe and secure at this undisclosed operating location in Southwest Asia.

Vacancies

The 114th Fighter Wing has the following job available for part time employment.

- Avionics School - 26 weeks
- Non-prior service personnel may enlist up to grade E-3. Call the Recruiting Office for more details at 1-800-432-0182 or 988-5718.

Recruiters

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Voges
 Master Sgt. Jon Goehring
 Master Sgt. Eric Tidemann
 Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Lackas
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New Chiefs recognized

> Chief Master Sgt. Lamar J. Nance, HQ SDANG Human Resources Plans and Policies NCOIC thanks members of the unit for attendance at his Chief's Ceremony held at Joe Foss Field, SD Sept. 20.



< Chief Master Sgt. Russell K. Larsen, 114th Maintenance NCOIC Component Repair Chief displays his Chiefs plaque after his ceremony held at Joe Foss Field, SD Sept. 20.

Fire smart cont.

- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
 - Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
 - Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
 - Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.
- For questions concerning fire safety, call the SDANG Fire Prevention office at (605)988-5969.

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(Below) Master Sgt. Todd Panning, 114th Aircraft Egress Systems Repairman, gets ready to take a swing at the Home Run Derby held at the 44th Annual Air National Guard National Softball tournament held in Sioux Falls, SD Aug. 12-15. Sgt. Panning won the men's home run derby. The tournament was attended by over 650 Air National Guard members from all across the U.S. (Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Stewart)

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