Airmen gather to celebrate life of fallen EOD tech

By Lea Johnson
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By Staff report
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Following last week’s Air Force civilian reduction announcement, the 21st Space Wing is making plans to deal with the changes.

These reductions respond to the Secretary of Defense’s direction to target civilian funding at fiscal year 2010 levels.

“We value our talented and experienced workforce and are trying to do everything possible to manage these reductions with as little impact to our people as possible,” said Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force.

“I can assure you leaders on base are working to fill vacant positions. We are working together to minimize uncertainty and maximize options for our civilian total force partners,” said Col. Chris Crawford, 21st Space Wing commander. “We will continue to work with our civilians who may be directly impacted by these decisions to navigate this transition and achieve the best possible outcome.”

In an effort to encourage voluntary separations and retirements, the Air Force is currently offering its second round of voluntary separation incentive pay and voluntary early retirement authority programs. Civilian employees received VERA/VSP eligibility surveys from the civilian personnel office earlier this month and applications are due no later than Feb. 3. Approved applications will result in resignations or retirements that take effect April 30.

To be eligible for VERA, employees must be at least 50 years old with 20 years of creditable service, or have 25 years of creditable service at any age.

Air Force officials are still evaluating the need for a reduction in force.

“At this time, we are surveying the workforce for a second round of VERA/VSP and are in the midst of management reassessments resulting from the first round of the restructure,” said Brig. Gen. Gina Grosso, director of Manpower, Organization and Resources. “Once we exhaust all voluntary force management measures, a determination will be made whether or not a RIF is necessary. We hope to have more information in the spring.”

Employees occupying positions that have been eliminated will continue in their current roles and responsibilities until such time they are moved to another vacancy created as a result of either VERA/VSP rounds or other attrition. The screening is continuous until such time a decision is made whether to conduct a RIF.

This announcement marks the end of civilian reductions associated with the Air Force’s FY12 civilian workforce restructure.

For more information on the additional cuts, contact the 21st SW civilian personnel office at 556-4775.
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CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION, Mass.—Be careful what you wish for. George Bernard Shaw is famously quoted as saying, “There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart’s desire. The other is to get it.”

Our modern colloquial version of the sentiment is expressed in the proverb, “Be careful what you wish for; you might get it.”

In no aspect of our lives is this truer than in our roles as leaders and supervisors, especially in the direction we give our subordinates and teams. Our direction carries the weight of authority, and by virtue of its source has the power to redirect, reprioritize, correct course and even disrupt other important work. There is no doubt that subordinates and teams should respond professionally and promptly to legal and moral direction from their leaders. However, in this age of technologically-enabled immediacy, what is in doubt is the increasing need for “now.”

I call this the “tyranny of now”—the increasingly common demand for immediate responses and action, where an otherwise dispassionate assessment might instead reveal a less urgent, less disruptive timeframe for response. I call it tyranny because tyranny is defined as the arbitrary or unrestrained exercise of power. In this case, it is probably restraint that is lacking. Tyranny implies a degree of unjustness that could be simply unjustified rather than morally unjust.

“Now” has a high cost. Now tells teams to stop or defer other work. Now is inherently less efficient and consumes more resources than the same task with the same suspense date given sufficiently early to deconflict other work and ensure availability of key resources. Now often results in poor results because there is less time to gather and organize information, less time to develop and employ tools, less time to employ critical thinking, analyze the problem from different angles, and prepare an adequate or even excellent response.

Our direction carries the weight of authority, and by virtue of its source has the power to redirect, reprioritize, correct course and even disrupt other important work. Is now worth the cost? Sometimes, the answer will be obvious: secure the gate, take the cover, evacuate, return fire, battle down the hatches—the question of “now” answers itself. In less obvious circumstances, the authority and power of the leader to give authoritative direction entail a correlative obligation to examine and understand the costs and impacts of the direction. When do I need it, is it more important than other work in-progress, will the team sacrifice themselves, their families or their future capacity to meet the task? When I know the answers to these questions, I am better prepared to give direction that meets my intent and keeps faith with my team.

Now affects everyone, leaders are not immune. We may be driven by the now of a higher authority, by necessity, by a perceived need originating in a habit of immediacy, or our well-intentioned desire to portray our organizations as responsive. Our teams and subordinates often lack insight into the pressures leading to now tasks. Lacking this insight, they try to meet their leaders’ requirements at the task level rather than the potentially more effective, efficient, and resilient level of intent. Under the worst of circumstances, with a steady stream of other now tasks flowing at them, they will spend little time developing better processes, honing tools, and developing integrated, collaborative capacity.

Not every task needs an eight-step process or a comprehensive analysis. As Voltaire said, “The perfect is often “the enemy of the good.” However, when “now” is involved, particularly when the task is resource intensive, we owe our missions and teams a measure of deliberation to ensure the urgency is justified, the importance is valid and supports our strategic goals, and the method sufficient and efficient. Leaders, start your engines of change: choose your “nows” carefully.
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — U.S. Army Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr. (left), NORAD/USNORTHCOM commander, administers the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Andrew Clark, 21st Communications Squadron, Dec. 15 in Building 2. Clark is a network maintenance technician and supports NORAD/USNORTHCOM, Air Force Space Command, and five geographically separated units by maintaining and troubleshooting secure communication service interruptions, and monitoring secure worldwide teleconferences.
Helping hands volunteers wanted

Volunteers are wanted to help families of deployed service members. When a spouse is gone, families may need help with activities such as shoveling snow, starting dead car batteries, or other minor household repairs. To volunteer, call the Peterson Airman and Family Readiness Center at 556-6141 and ask to be put on the “Helping Hands” volunteer list.

Wing annual awards banquet

The 21st Space Wing’s 2011 Annual Award Banquet is Jan. 31 at The Club, social hour begins at 6 p.m. The wing’s top performers for 2011 will be recognized. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Steven Brinker at 556-4883 or Senior Master Sgt. Arni Rohan at 474-3246. Tickets and RSVPs will be available through E-invite.

Preseparation briefing

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a preseparation briefing for service members from 9-11 a.m. each Tuesday at the ARFRSC. Public Law 102 states that military personnel must receive a pre-separation briefing no later than 90 days before separation or retirement. In addition, it is highly recommended you attend this briefing at least a year prior if separating and at least two years prior if retiring, but no later than 90 days prior. For information, call 556-6441.

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SMDC Soldiers give customers perspective, protection

By Dottie White
USAASMD/ARSTRAT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — In keeping America safe, the sun truly never sets on the Soldiers of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. As the Army’s proponent for space and ground-based midcourse defense and the operational integrator for global ballistic missile defense, USAASMD/ARSTRAT oversees a number of elements around the globe.

One of these elements is the 1st Space Brigade which provides 24-hour satellite communications support and early missile warning around the world. In the Europe and Pacific regions specifically, 1st Space Brigade has two primary space support missions, according to its leader.

“One is enduring and the other is on call,” said Col. Eric P. Henderson, 1st Space Brigade commander. “Forward stationed units such as Joint Tactical Ground Stations, or JTAGS, and Wideband Satellite Communications Operations Centers, or WSOs, live day in and day out within these areas. They are a part of the tactical, operational and strategic community providing early missile warning and satellite payload control.

“Additionally, deployable units such as Commercial Imagery Teams and Army Space Support Teams, residing within the brigade, stand ready to deploy on short notice to support operational plans to units that reside in these two areas of operations,” he added.

There are definite technical skills that are required of Soldiers assigned in these two areas of responsibility. “These Soldiers must be proficient in both operational and maintenance areas of expertise,” Henderson said. “Soldiers with innate leadership and unflappable demeanor are the norm within these mission areas.

“Although no more important than an infantry or quarter master unit, Henderson proudly described his unit’s mission as unique.

“There is no ‘2nd Space Brigade.’ We are a one-of-a-kind organization with a vast global area of influence,” Henderson said. “The Soldiers, civilians and contractors on my team, do not have the luxury of ‘taking a knee’ while someone else or some other Soldier performs the mission that is ours.

“We are the provider of trained and ready space and missile defense forces for this command,” he added. “It is not a mission that is taken lightly.”

Another element of the command, the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), is responsible for providing trained and ready missile defense forces to the commander of U.S. Northern Command in support of his mission to defend the homeland against ballistic missile attacks.

“We do this by operating key command and control nodes in Colorado, Alaska and California 24/7/365 with highly trained and certified Soldiers,” said Col. Gregory S. Bowen, commander, 100th MDB (GMD). “In addition to operating the GMD system, the 10th is responsible for protecting and securing the Missile Defense Complex at Fort Greely, Alaska. The military police from Alpha Company 49th Missile Defense Battalion conduct the security mission 24/7/365, enduring all of the weather extremes the interior of Alaska has to offer.

“Finally, the 100th is a force provider for the AN/TPY-2 (Army Navy/Transportable Radar Surveillance) radars,” he added. “These radars provide fire control data to the GMD system as well as supporting regional operations in several geographic combatant command areas of responsibility.”

Bowen says that being the only missile defense brigade in the U.S. military brings distinctive challenges.

“The rest of the Army does not understand what we do or how we do it,” Bowen said. “Most Army units train, deploy and perform their mission, then return home and reset. In contrast, the 100th is essentially deployed in place, executing its wartime mission 24/7/365. We never get the down time, and as a result, we don’t ‘fit’ well into what the rest of the Army is doing.

“Certified GMD operators are a very scarce commodity; at any given time, there are about 75 Soldiers certified to operate the system,” he added. “Managing the careers of these low-density specialists is one of the critical challenges we face.”

Bowen said the training and mastery of the system are paramount as this is a no-fail mission.

“Beyond the tactical and technical skills you would expect the Soldiers to have, they must display a high level of commitment to the mission,” Bowen said. “We have a very demanding certification program which the GMD operators must complete every six months in order to remain qualified.”
Career Tracks workshop
The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers Career Tracks for Military Spouses from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 9-10 for active and retired military spouses from all branches of service. The class is a comprehensive two-day career planning workshop that helps discover, clarify and strengthen skills, values and interest through practical exercises. Also learn how to build focus and self-confidence through networking with local employers through informal forums. Call 556-4141 to register.

Summary courts officer
Col. Chris Crawford, 21st Space Wing commander, regrettfully announces the death of Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Seidler, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Seidler should contact 2nd Lt. Levi T. Beard, 21st CES, summary courts officer, at 556-4140.

Bunko
The Peterson Spouses’ Club and the Academy Spouses’ Club are having an evening of Bunko, drawings, silent auction, refreshments and prizes to benefit the Southeastern Colorado Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Feb. 21 at The Club. Check-in and social hour is 6-7 p.m. with Bunko play starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and the event is open to the public. All of the ticket sale proceeds are donated to the Southeastern Colorado Affiliate of Susan G. Komen. PSC members RSVP by E-vite. Guests, RSVP to Gina Wood at woodpile5@live.com or 425-1465.

Donations wanted
The Peterson Spouses’ Club is seeking donations for Bunko door prizes for a Bunko for the Cure fundraiser Feb. 21. The event is open to the public and 100 percent of the ticket sale proceeds are donated to the Southeastern Colorado Affiliate of Susan G. Komen. To make a donation, contact Farrah at 434-2474 or mikeandfarrah@comcast.net. Donations are solicited on behalf of the PSC, charitable organization, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. The PSC charitable organization is registered with the Colorado Secretary of State’s office. Federal tax identification number and Colorado registration number available upon request.

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Air Force Reservists practice to be efficient down range

By Tech. Sgt. Peter Dean
302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Even with the right equipment, offloading supplies from the back of a C-130 down range can be quite a challenge. Then, when you take away a key piece of apparatus such as a K-loader, a self-propelled scissor lift which is capable of moving cargo into the back of an aircraft utilizing power rollers, it becomes a daunting task. Air Force Reservists from the 34th Aerial Port Squadron, and the 731st Airlift Squadron, along with active duty members from the 52nd Airlift Squadron, spent the morning of Jan. 8, preparing for just such a challenge.

Combat offloading procedures vary based on available unloading equipment, type of cargo and whether pallets are married together or in a container delivery system. For the men and women of the 302nd Airlift Wing, the challenge on this unit training assembly day would be unloading married pallets, utilizing an offload procedure known as “Combat Method B.”

The two pallets secured together, holding an oversize load is too large for a forklift to unload. “Combat Method B” is a procedure that utilizes a forklift as an anchor. The forklift is positioned behind the lowered ramp of the C-130 and chains are connected to both the pallet and the forklift. With eight, 55-gallon drums placed nearby, the C-130 with engines running, inches forward and the forklift with its brakes locked acting as an anchor, allows the pallet to slowly inch out of the back of the C-130. As the pallet extends beyond the ramp, drums are placed to support the overhanging portion of the pallet. The procedure repeats itself until the pallet is completely out and supported solely by the 55 gallon drums.

Onboard loadmasters are in constant visual and audio communication with the aerial porters on the flight line and constant audio communication with the flight deck.

“Besides safety, the main concern is communication” said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Cooley, 39th APS air transportation specialist, and the off load crew chief. “We have to make sure everyone is on the same page.”

The methodical procedure took approximately 20 minutes and once securely on the 55 gallon drums; the pallet was ready to be broken down and unloaded with a forklift. Supporting both airlift and aerial port missions, the members of the wing may be called upon to utilize combat offloading methods down range at forward operating bases that only have a landing zone and minimal equipment. Additionally, humanitarian airlift missions may take the wing to countries that are many times not properly equipped to offload large loads.
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Something’s brewing at The Club for Feb. 17 — their 6th annual Homebrew Fest. Last year’s ode to beer attracted more than 325 different entries, each with a unique taste. Along with novice and seasoned home brewers, regional microbrewers will offer their own special brews for you to sample. All beers will be judged in BJCP categories, and prizes will be awarded. With all of the great beers, food, live music by the Big Horn Band, and a commemorative beer glass for the first 250 guests, you’re sure to have a real hoppy time. Admission is $9-$12. And, if you want to showcase your own golden homebrew, you’d better hop to it and reserve your table at The Club, 574-4100.

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all into everything he did,” said Master Sgt. Paul Horton, EOD flight chief. Described as a nearly perfect Airman, Seidler pushed himself daily and he pushed others around him to do their best. Smith said that even during physical training, he would run alongside others, encouraging them to keep going, to not give up, to not stop. “What he did and what he gave is more than I think I’ll ever be able to give, but I still hope that sometime in my life I can look back and say that I did all I could to do right by him and say that I never quit, that I didn’t stop, that I kept on going,” Smith said. “That’s the softer side of Matt that not everyone saw, but it’s something I will always remember.” At the funeral in Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 17, Seidler was presented the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Combat Action Medal posthumously. Those closest to Seidler offered their thanks and condolences to his family. “To his parents, I just want to say you raised a fine young man, who blossomed into a great tech and an even better friend,” Smith said. Following the last roll call and taps, Seidler’s family, both by blood and trade, paid their respects at the display of his boots, gun, and dog tags on stage.
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$179/MONTH
$179/MONTH PLUS TAX, 42 MONTH CLOSED END LEASE, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR. $1000 DUE AT SIGNING PLUS FIRST MONTH PAYMENT AND TAXES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED. WAC.

NEW

mSrp $18,643
$159/MONTH
$159/MONTH PLUS TAX, 36 MONTH CLOSED END LEASE, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR. $1000 DUE AT SIGNING PLUS FIRST MONTH PAYMENT AND TAXES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED. WAC.

NEW

mSrp $24,370
$249/MONTH
$249/MONTH PLUS TAX, 42 MONTH CLOSED END LEASE, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR. $1200 DUE AT SIGNING PLUS FIRST MONTH PAYMENT AND TAXES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED. WAC.

NEW

mSrp $22,070
$219/MONTH
$219/MONTH PLUS TAX, 42 MONTH CLOSED END LEASE, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR. $1000 DUE AT SIGNING PLUS FIRST MONTH PAYMENT AND TAXES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED. WAC.