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*Pictured left to right, Col. Dragoslav Milenkovic, Chief of Division in Air Defense, Department for Operational Affairs A-3, AF and AD and Maj. Goran Mlinar, Deputy Commander 138th Mixed Airlift Squadron/204 AFB; AF and AD. Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs.*

## “Commander's Comments”

### It Takes a Village (Wing)

**By Lt. Col. Mary-Thom Williams  
180<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight  
Commander and Student Flight  
Commander**

We are all familiar with the saying “It takes a village to raise a child,” here at the 180th Fighter Wing let’s change that phrase to “It takes a Wing to raise an airman!” It is truly the responsibility of each and every member of the 180<sup>th</sup> FW to successfully mold a new recruit from a civilian into a dynamic airman, in other words, to raise him or her.

Raise an airman? What does that mean? How do we raise an airman? We have laid the groundwork by creating the Student Flight Program. The SFP is “designed to efficiently and effectively transition newly assigned prior and non-prior service enlisted personnel, to a mission-oriented military environment.” The program is composed of two parts. The first part is the Orientation Program. Orientation is where all in-processing actions are completed for both prior and non-prior newly enlisted personnel. Orientation is held on the Saturday and Sunday of each UTA, non-prior service members upon completion of Orientation will enter into the training component.

The second component of the SFP is the training portion. This is a five-month program where information and guidance is provided for non-prior newly enlisted personnel. The subject areas include professional development, Air Force and Air National Guard history and heritage, history of the 180<sup>th</sup> FW, understanding of Air Force core values, and other topics to ensure successful completion of Basic Military Training.

This is where the village (Wing) part comes in. In order for this program to continue to be successful, we need people. We need people to be instructors (Team Leaders), to act as a Wingman, to serve on the Student Flight Committee, and to provide leadership. As Uncle Sam would



**Lt. Col. Mary-Thom Williams  
Mission Support Flight Commander  
and Student Flight Commander**

say “We Need You!”

Is this you? Do you present a professional military image and carry yourself in a manner that reflects the Air Force Core Values? Are you good at coordinating and planning training programs? Do you have experience as a classroom instructor or trainer? Are you good at multitasking? Do you like working with groups of thirty to forty young (and not so young) people? If so, then have your commander submit your name for the NCOIC of Student Flight, this is a one year commitment. This commitment includes working with the Student Flight from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday of each UTA.

Maybe you don’t have the amount of time needed to be the NCOIC but you want to be a part of the program. Then maybe this is the job for you...we are in need of Team Leaders. A Team Leader is an instructor; you will have the responsibility for teaching a class or two during the year. The time commitment away from your job will be minimal, the actual length of time will depend

on the subject that is taught, but at the most I would estimate about two to six hours per year. Submit your name for this position through your unit commander.

Instructing not your favorite thing to do? How about being a Wingman? When a newly assigned individual begins the Student Flight Program, a Wingman is appointed from the individual’s gaining unit. The Wingman looks out for the new recruit, ensures the time spent in the gaining unit is productive and he or she feels like part of the 180th FW team. Don’t wait to be selected. Step forward and let your First Sergeant know of your willingness to be part of the village.

Still strapped for time? Then become a member of the Student Flight Committee. This committee requires representation from each squadron throughout the Wing. The committee is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the Student Flight Program. They will make suggestions for changes and/or improvements as needed. Contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cobbin, OIC, Student Flight and become a part of this decision-making team.

It is ultimately your choice the level of commitment you give in support of the Student Flight Program, be it as NCOIC, Wingman, Team Leader, or committee member. However, as a member of the 180<sup>th</sup> FW (village) we all play a role in raising the young (child) unit member. When we successfully mentor, motivate and encourage our newest members, we in turn become a stronger and more vital unit. Each member of the 180<sup>th</sup> FW is bound by the Airman’s Creed. With this creed we make certain commitments to the nation, the Air Force and to each other. Never forget that the commitment to each other does extend to our newest recruits. I encourage each and every unit member to be an active member of the village. Remember... “It takes a Wing to raise an Airman!”

# Ohio guard members support Special Olympics Summer Games

**By Staff Sgt. Ingrid Mattes**  
**Logistic Readiness Squadron**

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Medical Squadron hosting medical care at the Ohio Special Olympic Summer Games. A total of 97 volunteers were ready to provide first aid for the June 27-29 event at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Participating volunteers came from the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Mansfield; 88<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Dayton; 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker; and the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. 180<sup>th</sup> FW members included Staff Sgt. Tracy Drill, Staff Sgt. Ingrid Mattes, Senior Airman Peter Navarro, Senior Airman Ashley Zuchowski, and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ashley Bowerman. 180<sup>th</sup> FW friends and family volunteers included Amber McCormick, Leslie Savage and Landis Burmeister.

The Medical Staff was made up of civilian and military doctors,



nurses, EMTs and guardsmen trained with Self Aid Buddy Care. Volunteers observed 11 sporting events such as cycling, track and field, tennis, bocce, volleyball, softball and administered first aid to injured athletes and attendants. The Medical Staff is always looking for volunteers; sign up for next summer! The next Special Olympics Summer Games will take place June 26 - 28, 2009. For any questions, please contact Staff Sgt. Ingrid Mattes at (419) 868-4058.

## Airmen to have more choices for death gratuity benefit

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** Airmen will be able to select one or more persons of their choosing to receive death gratuity benefits beginning July 1.

"This is a significant change to the (death gratuity) benefits election option for all Airmen," said Steven Kelley, the director of Air and Space Expeditionary Force Operations at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

Prior to the change in law, payments were restricted to the spouse, then children if applicable and then to a family member as elected by the airman. It didn't allow a married airman to leave the death gratuity to anyone else.

"Since the amount of death gratuity increased to \$100,000, payment to minor children requires guardianship over the child's estate and can be a lengthy and costly process depending upon the state in which the child resides," Mr. Kelley said. "This

change provides more flexibility to the servicemember in designating the gratuity benefit."

Beginning July 1, airmen will be able to select persons to receive death benefits in increments of 10 percent. For example, an airman will be able to choose 20 percent to a cousin, 10 percent to a friend and the remaining 70 percent to a spouse for a total of 100 percent. The death gratuity designation will no longer be restricted to a spouse, child or blood relative.

To implement this change, AFPC officials will update the virtual Record of Emergency Data of members who are married and/or have dependent children to reflect a "by law" designation on July 1. "By law" means that 100 percent of the death gratuity payment is paid in the following order of precedence: Surviving spouse, surviving children in equal amounts, descendants of any deceased children in equal amounts,

## Promotions

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### SENIOR AIRMAN

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**For vacancies on the Air Force portal.**

executor or administrator of the servicemember's estate or Airman's other next of kin under the laws of domicile at the time of death.

Because of the changes, AFPC officials recommend every Airman go into vMPF after July 1 and review the vRED. Once the vRED is reviewed, the Airman will need to submit the vRED to AFPC, even if there are not any changes, to change the date on the vRED and to show their vRED reflects their proper beneficiaries.

Contact the AFPC Contact Center at 800-616-3775 for additional information.

# Serbian Air Force Visit: Exchange of experiences

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tiffany Pasker  
Public Affairs Officer

Five Serbian Air Force aviators came to Ohio on a seven-day whirlwind tour under the State Partnership Program. In September of 2006, the Ohio National Guard entered into a partnership with the Republic of Serbia, fostering greater communication and providing resources for the purpose of training and modernization of their Armed Forces. The Serbian Air Force, which is a mixed squadron of both helicopters and aircrafts, had a great interest in the bases located in Ohio. The fighter pilots of Serbia mainly fly MiG 21s and 29s, according to Lieutenant Colonel Ljubomir Djurdjevic, Commander of 101<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron/204 Air Force Base.

"I am impressed how everything is functioning well," said Djurdjevic. "Operations are similar but yours (180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing) is perfected."

Their fast-paced trip placed them at the four Air National Guard Bases in Ohio of which included Columbus, Springfield, Mansfield and Toledo. Upon arrival to the base, they received a briefing detailing important initiatives such as the Federal and State mission, Air Sovereignty Alerts, Air Expeditionary Forces and Flight Planning. As they learned about the different wings and exchanged experiences, Colonel Dragoslav Milenkovic, Chief of Division in Air Defense Department of Operational Affairs A-3, expressed how 9/11 changed their focus.

"9/11 changed operations throughout Europe," said Milenkovic. "We are small, but it is still important to protect our air space. Fighter pilots have a short time to respond, so all of the countries in the Balkans have to link to have a large network."

The brief visit by the Serbian Armed Forces was not only beneficial to them but also to us, as members of the United States Armed Forces. As 9/11 affected operations all across the world, this interaction proved that we still have an opportunity to invoke positive change by becoming strategic allies to countries around the world. The State Partnership Program has allowed us to build relationships not only with the Serbian Air Force, but also the Hungarian military in hopes of developing international affairs and regional stability.

## The last salute

*Vietnam veterans retire from 180<sup>th</sup>*

By Tech. Sgt. Annette Kornasiewicz  
Public Affairs

Not many of us in the service today can say we were in the military during the Persian Gulf War in 1991. But how many of us can say we served our country during the Vietnam War? The 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has two less servicemembers who could boast such longevity. Master Sgt. Robert Carrisalez, Ground Radio Maintenance Craftsman for



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Annette Kornasiewicz, Public Affairs

**Master Sgt. Robert R. Cook, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Weapons Release, retired in June.**

Communication Flight, and Master Sgt. Robert R. Cook, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Weapons Release, retired in June, 2008.

Carrisalez entered the active duty Air Force in 1969 in Weapons Control Systems. He served a one-year tour in Vietnam from 1970 through 1971 working on F-4's while stationed at DaNang Air Base. His career at the 180<sup>th</sup> FW began in 1976, and Carrisalez has seen the base transition from F-100s to A-7s to F-16s. Not only has he witnessed a large change in equipment and aircraft in the Air Force over the years, he also remarked on changes in personnel.

"I came into the service in the 1960's," said Carrisalez. "It was a very turbulent time. Now it is an all volunteer service. Individuals are more focused on what it takes to get the job done."

Cook echoed this sentiment.

"People back in the Vietnam days held the Guard to a lower standard than active duty," said Cook. "That role has changed. I like to think of our maintenance crew as one of the best around."

Cook entered the Air Force in 1972 and served in Vietnam on a weapons load crew at Ubon Royal



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

**Master Sgt. Robert Carrisalez, Ground Radio Maintenance Craftsman for Communication Flight, gives his last salute at his retirement ceremony in June, 2008. The inlay is Carrisalez as a young man in Vietnam.**

Thai Air Force Base for a six-month tour in 1973. He began his guard career here in 1974.

The 180<sup>th</sup> will miss the 75 years combined experience, knowledge and leadership of these two men. Your family here wishes you the very best.



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## Military day at the Ohio State Fair

Sunday, Aug. 3, all military members will be admitted free to the Ohio State Fair. You must show your ID at the gate.

Visit the Operation: Military Kids booth in the Youth Discover building for more information on this program.

For more information contact Jermaine Kennedy, OMK Program Coordinator at 614-292-3758 or Sue Ann Carol at 877-460-2177.

## FREE 2008 Military Handbooks Now Available!

Military Handbooks has announced the release of its latest 2008 FREE handbooks for military personnel. These handbooks, written specifically for military service members, include a variety of information about pay, benefits, education and transitioning from the military. Some examples include:

- **2008 BASE INSTALLATION DIRECTORY (NEW!)**
- **2008 U.S. MILITARY RETIRED HANDBOOK**
- **2008 GETTING UNCLE SAM TO PAY FOR YOUR COLLEGE DEGREE**
- **2008 BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS HANDBOOK**
- **2008 MILITARY CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK**
- **2008 U.S. MILITARY HANDBOOK**



To receive your own copy or one or more of the above mentioned books, simply go to our Web site - [www.militaryhandbooks.com](http://www.militaryhandbooks.com).



## FREE Summer Movies throughout Ohio

When school's out, kids around the country can visit selected Regal theatres for the Free Family Film Festival. It's a fun-filled nine weeks of movies for kids and parents. Since 1991, Regal has provided this service to the community, and best of all it's FREE! Selected G and PG movies start at 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday during the festival. First-come, first-served seating is limited to theatre capacity.

To see if the free movies are playing in your city, visit their website at <http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx> and use the drop down box to find your state. It will then display the local theaters, movies, show times, etc.

The Commissary at Wright-Patterson AFB is beginning a "Remote Commissary Program" in Ohio. They will bring the commissary to National Guard, Reserve and retirees in their communities. The 180th Fighter Wing will be a test location for this program in NW Ohio. The test date is scheduled during SUTA 27-28 September 2008. Please see the all-users online survey for a listing of the basic items they would bring. The survey also gives you an opportunity to let us know if you would utilize this service, how often and what other items you would like to be able to purchase from the commissary. I will need to communicate the interest in the program to WPAFB commissary by the end of July.

### Theme park discount offered

Military personnel will receive access into King's Island for only \$23.00 with a valid military ID shown at the admission booth. The military person and their entire party will receive the discounted ticket rate. Any questions can be directed to Katie Merkle Group Sales Representative at 513-754-5733.



## Conduct becoming

*Love of the military brings discipline to troubled teen*

**By Tech. Sgt. Annette Kornasiewicz, Public Affairs**

Unpredictability, defiance, aggressiveness. Most parents can say that they have experienced these behaviors in their own teenagers from time to time. But for Susan Ricard of Findlay, Ohio, they had been exemplified in her 16 year-old son, Scott, to the extreme. So much so, that he was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a mild form of autism, about two years ago. Children with Asperger's Syndrome, according to WebMD, mainly have trouble with social situations, avoid eye contact, have delayed motor development, and may become over stimulated by loud noise, lights and the like. For Ricard, the aggressive behavior from Scott escalated over time, until she knew she needed help.

Enter Master Sgt. Catherine M. Bouillon, Unit Training Manager for the Communications Flight, who works as a family



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

**Scott Ricard of Findlay, Ohio, checks out the F-16 simulator during his tour of the 180th Fighter Wing May 6.**

and children's therapist through the Family Resource Center of Findlay as a civilian.

"Social interaction was very difficult for Scott," said Bouillon, "but he did have an intense interest in the military."

Bouillon decided to use that interest to develop a behavior plan

using the chain of command structure and rank structure of the military, and compared this to the family unit, she said.

"That helped him understand the rules," said Bouillon.

As a reward for Scott, Bouillon told him that if his conduct improved, she would arrange a tour for him at the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

"I saw his behavior change dramatically in six months," said Bouillon. "His ability to interact with others evolved nicely."

On May 6, Bouillon came through with her promise to Scott and toured the base, which included a look into an F-16 cockpit and a chance to see what it would be like to be hooked up to a harness.

"The servicemembers were impressed with the questions Scott asked," said Bouillon. "He really did his homework."

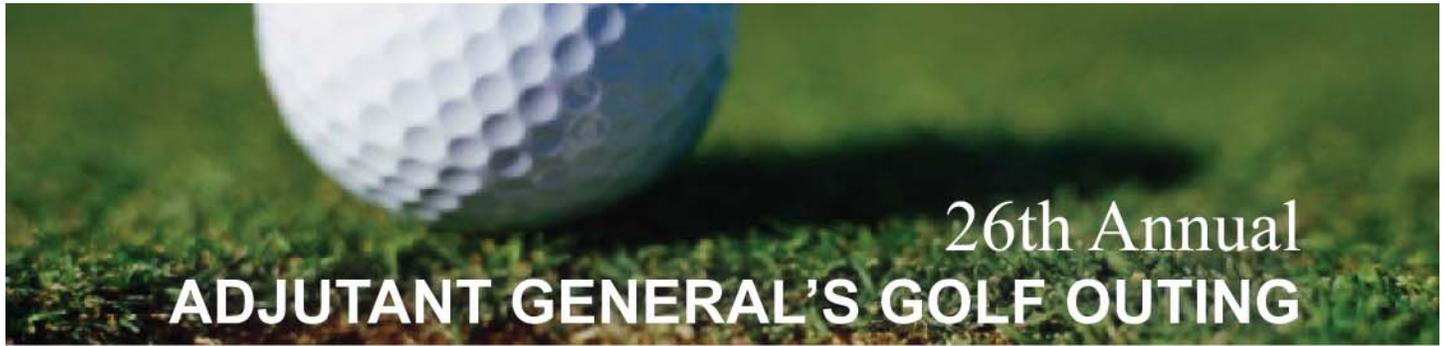
Bouillon is still in contact with Scott and his mother, who reports that the visit was so special to the boy, and he still is responding well to the rank structure of the household. His love of the military had helped him understand the importance of discipline.

"His behavior has continued to be consistent," said Bouillon. "It was a good trip for him."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

**Master Sgt. Catherine M. Bouillon, UTM for Comm. Flight and Family Resource Center of Findlay Therapist stands with Scott Ricard as they are given a briefing on the controls inside an F-16 cockpit by a 180th servicemember. Ricard was given a tour of the base May 6 as a reward for good conduct.**



**25 AUGUST 2008**

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\*To reserve a foursome I must receive full payment. No partial team payments or phone reservations please.

## Environmental Management System Receives Second Party Certification

**By Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski**  
**Wing Environmental Engineer**

As part of the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's recent Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance, Assessment and Management Program evaluation, the Wing's Environmental Management System was audited for conformance with Air Force and Air National Guard EMS policies and guidance. As a result of the audit, the Wing received second party certification meaning all EMS program areas are in full conformance. According to Mr. Chuck Smith, the NGB Team Chief, during four years of EMS audits, the 180<sup>th</sup> is the first ANG installation to receive EMS second party certification with no deficiencies.

An Environmental Management System provides the framework for the Wing to clearly identify, prioritize, manage and check progress toward meeting its organizational and environmental goals, minimizing environmental risks and identifying areas for continual improvement. The Air National Guard EMS is closely modeled after the ISO 14001 program used in manufacturing and industry.

A key element of the 180<sup>th</sup> FW's EMS was to develop an inventory of over 300 environmental aspects, processes and procedures found throughout the organization with the potential to impact the environment. The Wing's ESOH Working Group then prioritized the aspects based on relative cost for compliance, environmental risk, regulatory status, potential mission degradation and community concern. Using the prioritized inventory, Wing senior staff and the Environmental Management Office are able to target the most significant aspects for special attention and funding.

The ESOH Working Group combined several aspects and determined that surface water is our most significant aspect. To protect this critical resource, several projects have already been programmed, funded and completed including:

- A new double-walled bowser for fueling base electrical generators
- A new spill containment pad and JP-4 proving tank for the Fuel Cell
- A new secondary containment pad for the Engine Test Cell
- Installation of natural gas generators for the ASA facilities and Operations building

Future projects include additional natural gas generators, spill tanks for fixed diesel generators and spill containment pads for AGE equipment and mobile generators. In addition, Fire Protection, Environmental, Bioenvironmental and Civil Engineering Readiness personnel are receiving advanced hazardous materials response training so they can quickly respond to spills and leaks that could impact our surface water system.

All 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing members can support the Environmental Management System by:

- Performing your job in a manner that minimizes your impact to the environment
- Knowing how your job affects the environment
- Understanding environmental procedures and knowing where to get help
- Understanding your role in spill and emergency response

For additional information on EMS, please contact the Wing's Environmental Engineer, Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski at ext. 4270.



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

**On July 12 at the 180th Fighter Wing under the patio, Airman 1st Class Jeremy Desgrange, Student Flight Assistant, prepared the student flight members about what to expect for physical training when they get to Basic Military Training. Prior to going to BMT, recruits also learn such things as the Airman's Creed, how to take apart an M-16 and even how to prepare a wall locker.**



## 180<sup>th</sup> FW Qualified Recycling Program (QRP)

As a mandatory part of the QRP and in accordance with **Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management** and **AFI 32-7080, Pollution Prevention**, Section 3.4.1.2.1 the following materials **MUST** be recycled on base:

The following materials **MUST** be recycled on base:

- Paper\*
- Glass \*
- Tires
- Plastics\*
- Lead acid batteries
- Used oil
- Cardboard\*
- Scrap metals\*\*
- Newspaper\*

Additional items include:

- Scrap wood/pallets
- Batteries
- Computer toner and ink cartridges

**\*These items are recycled through Lucas County Solid Waste District (LCSWD) recycling bins located in the TDY parking lot.**

**\*\*Precious metals are ineligible from the QRP Program and must be turned in directly to LRS for recycling\*\***

### Things you can do to help the recycling program:

- When throwing out non-recycled items, spot check general trash cans in offices, shop areas, and break rooms to ensure these items are being properly recycled.
- Refer to [EMO-OMT20](#) and [EMO-OMT21](#) on the CoP for further information regarding LCSWD recycling.
- Request additional recycling containers if needed from EMO.
- You may bring items from home to recycle. These items are used to support MWR programs or are providing a disposal service to you.

### Benefits of the QRP

Profits from recycling efforts are collected in the QRP account for use towards the recycling program and up to 50% of the balance may be used to support Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH) initiatives. Request for QRP funds should be directed to the [ESOH Working Group](#) and must include justification and costs.

If you have any questions regarding the Qualified Recycling Program, please contact Jennifer Lake in EM at ext. 4281 or Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski at ext. 4270.



## 180<sup>TH</sup> Fighter Wing Pete Raffa Scholarship 7th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, July 25  
Valleywood Golf Course  
Sign-in/luncheon - 11:30 a.m.  
Shotgun start - 1 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person, team of four, and includes 1/2 Cart, 18 holes, lunch and beverage

Register ASAP, there is a 34 team limit

**Payment is due by July 17**

Make checks payable to 180 FW Officer's Club

Send to Dave Pifer, 10945 Springbrook Ct., Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

For more information call 419-877-9106 or 419-344-0067

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**To the family of...**

## **Lodging program makes changes for fiscal year 2009**

Effective October 1, 2008 the lodging program will be significantly altered to make the program better for you, the guardsman.

The lodging program radius will be modified to the following: members traveling over 90 miles will be eligible for two nights of lodging per drill period. This means that only individuals who travel 90+ miles will be authorized a hotel room. All who are authorized to receive a hotel room will receive the room for two nights. Everyone, regardless of rank, will continue to be doubled up in the hotel rooms. Each member who chooses to use lodging must sign a letter of understanding which simply explains the rules and regulations that a member must agree with to be authorized lodging.

The Services Flight continues to strive for excellent customer service. We appreciate your cooperation during this transition and if you have any questions please contact Master Sgt. Lohman ,ext. 4159 or Staff Sgt. Haas ext. 4447.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Save the Date**



The next Dining Out is scheduled for March 21, 2009. This is a non-UTA weekend on Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg.