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A Wolf's Credo

Colonel Robin Taylor, Command Public Health Officer for Air Combat Command says if you live by the Wolf's Credo, you will have lived well. And that credo is: **Respect the elders...Teach the young...Cooperate with the Pack...Play when you can...Hunt when you must...Rest in between...Share your affections...Voice your feelings...Leave your mark...and always, always, smile!**

Colonel Taylor provides command oversight, technical guidance, facilitates staffing and training for 23 officers and more than 120 enlisted personnel throughout ACC. She was born in Rochester NY but calls Key West Florida her hometown. She earned her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Florida and

a Masters in Public Health (AFIT in 1990) from the University of Texas. Her previous assignments include: Chief of Environmental Health at Tyndall (1986-1988) and Incirlik AB Turkey (1988-1990). She was reassigned to USAF-SAM as an instructor in both preventive medicine and readiness areas until 1995 when she was awarded a fellowship at the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center. She was asked to stay on at AFMIC as the Chief of Epidemiology until 1997. She was then selected as the MDOS Commander at Bolling Medical Group in Washington D.C. Col Taylor was selected in 1998 to be the Deputy Director, Human Effectiveness Directorate AF Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Col Taylor is married to Colonel Roy Taylor, a

USAF test pilot for over 29 years. They have 3 boys and 3 girls ranging from 14 to 32 years old. They even have 3 grandchildren and lots of adopted PH enlisted folks (myself included...ha ha). They have a rat terrier, a cat, a cockatiel and almost every wayward kid/hurt animal within a 50 mile radius. Their passions are sailing and flying. They will be sailing to Bermuda for two weeks real soon (watch out for the Triangle)...and they are building a Titan Tornado 2 seat kit plane right now. They also enjoy snorkeling, riding horses and bikes, cooking, reading and planning for their retirement days ahead. One famous quote she likes to use: Never let defeat have the last word! Colonel Taylor will be transitioning to her new duties as a squadron commander at the 1st Medical Group at Langley AFB this summer. Thanks for sharing a little of yourself with us! Good luck and God Bless!

Skunk Works...We have Great People Doing Great Things!

DATELINE Grand Forks AFB ND: SrA Janel Smith had a great week...she put on SrA, received the Look Sharp Award and received orders to Scott AFB. Way to go Janel...hope things even get better for you!
DATELINE McConnell AFB, KS, SSgt Samantha Sigler was selected as the 22nd ADOS and MDG NCO of the Quarter Jan-Mar 01; SrA Karen Edwards was selected SrA Below the

Zone and has several awards to include: Airman of the Quarter, Honor Guard Member of the Quarter, Honor Guard Uniform of the Day and has been lauded for her volunteering for Big Sisters Program and her involvement in the local schools. Way to GO SSgt Sigler and SrA Edwards!
DATELINE Maxwell AFB, AL: TSgt David Quakenbush was selected

as the 42nd ADOS, MDG and ABW NCO of the Quarter for Jan-Mar 01. Good luck on the next level (Maxwell-Gunter). SrA Becky Patterson was promoted Below the Zone on 25 Apr 01. Way to go! We are very proud of each of you for your great achievements... This sure is a great family!



Base Focus: Assignment Kadena

This month, we'll take a look at the world famous Kadena AB Public Health Flight. **From TSgt Dan Wolfe.**



Back Row: TSgt Brandon Madison, SSgt Brandon Mitchell, Lt Col Wayne Korn, TSgt Jayne Cooper
Middle Row: Mr Akira Kakazu, TSgt Rick Baker, SSgt Calvin Oliver, SSgt Mike Farvour, Mr Ryokichi Chinen, TSgt Sandra Page, SSgt Dawn Jones, TSgt Simpson St. Fort, Capt Pauline Lucas, MSgt Reggie Cobb, SSgt Albert Owens, SMSgt Bill Hollowood
Front Row: MSgt Carolyn Ivey-Mitchell, TSgt Dan Wolfe, SrA Holly Chambliss, SSgt Jennifer Nyander, SSgt Karen Stone, A1C Jada Washington, A1C April Hafner, SrA Misty Gallegos, Ms Michiyo Toyama, Ms Saori Azuma, MSgt Brent Fenton
Not Pictured: Mr Romeo Medoruma

With the realignment of Okinawa food inspection activities, the role and size of the flight has changed considerably compared to what those of you who have been here before may remember. One thing remains unchanged - an assignment to Kadena is still challenging, rewarding, and demanding. An assignment here will give a PH troop some of the most valuable experience they could find in a relatively short period of time. Since Kadena is one of the largest and most diverse bases in the USAF, every section of Public Health is always hopping, and the expectations are high. So, if you're looking for a challenge and one of the richest cultural experiences you can find, come to Kadena! You won't be sorry! Kadena Public Health had a busy year 2000. Here's who we are, as well as some of the highlights of our year:

Management Staff: As with any successful organization, leadership is the key. Flight Commander **Lt Col Wayne Korn**, was kept quite busy managing this diverse flight. **Capt Pauline Lucas**, Deputy Flight Commander, kept them hopping with her tough questions and high expectations. Flight Superintendent, **MSgt Carolyn Ivey-Mitchell (MSgt I.M.)** continued her hard work, and makes people her #1 priority. **MSgt Brent Fenton**, NCOIC of the Environmental Disease Prevention Element returned to the Public Health flight after serving as NCOIC of the Health and Wellness Center in 1999, where he led them to the title of Best Large Health Promotions Flight of the Year for 2 years running, 1999 and 2000. Since his return, he's continued to provide the same oversight that led to the suc-

cess of the HAWC. **TSgt Jayne Cooper** recently returned from the HAWC, where she upheld the high standards set by MSgt Fenton. She will replace MSgt Fenton as he steps up to the challenge of serving as Public Health Flight Superintendent, as MSgt I.M. will be leaving us soon. **TSgt Rick Baker**, NCOIC, Communicable Disease Prevention Element, arrived in June, and hasn't had a slow day yet. Congrats to him and Faith on the arrival of their new son, Chase. TSgt Baker has developed some excellent database and tracking tools that set the standard in the data management. He'd love to share them! **SMSgt Hollowood** is currently serving as Superintendent of the 18th AMDS, where he continues to do great things for Aerospace Medicine.

Sanitation: **TSgt Brandon Madison** led his food safety/hygiene team in an outstanding year. Most notably, their Medical Entomology Program was recognized as a Best Practice during our H.S.I. Kudos to **Mr Akira Kakazu** and **Mr Ryokichi Chinen** for their hard work. Their efforts formally recognized by the 18th Wing. If you've been here before and their names sound familiar, they should. Mr Kakazu is the son of Mr K, who served Public Health honorably for many years. Chinen-san has been here for 16 years, and will retire this summer. **Mr Medoruma** is our full-time food inspector. He provides us with corporate knowledge and know-how in difficult situations. **SrA April Hafner** is also a key player, carrying a workload of 83 foodservice and 44 public facilities, 52 family daycares, and a full-time mosquito surveillance program.

Communicable Disease: Under the tutelage of **SSgt Karen Stone**, **SrA Misty Gallegos**, and **A1C Jada Washington (recently selected for SrA BTZ!)** managed to carry a heavy load, with a norm of 130 patients enrolled in the TB Detection and Control Program on any given day. Working with **Capt Lucas**, **SSgt Stone** developed a DNBI program that is second to none, providing the 18th Wing with mission-essential information in a high ops-temp environment.

Deployment Medicine: The pace here at Kadena makes it difficult for even 2 seasoned NCO's to maintain, but **TSgt Sandra Page** and

SSgt Brandon Mitchell excelled, providing support to constant ORI's, CERE's and deployments for both the 18th Wing and tenant units assigned to Kadena AB. **Allergy/Immunizations:** **MSgt Reggie Cobb**, **SSgt Albert Owens**, **SSgt Dawn Jones** and **SSgt Jenny Nyander** never had a dull moment. With a beneficiary population of >20,000, they provided over 48,000 immunizations. They did so during countless mobility lines, and managed to keep the clinic operating through (short) lunches and long days, never having to close.

Occupational Health: **TSgt Dan Wolfe** (18 AMDS NCO of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter) and his team of 3, **SSgt Mike Farvour**, **SSgt Calvin Oliver** and **SrA Holly Chambliss** (18 AMDS & 18 MDG Airman of the Quarter, 4th Quarter, Kadena PH Airman of the Year) had a great year as well. Their continuous research and innovation led them to 'no discrepancies' or findings during our HSI. Along the way, they developed tracking tools that allow them to share data and findings directly with their fellow Team Aerospace members in PES and BEF. They decreased patient contact time by over 160 hours per month by enhancing use of available resources. They've also implemented sweeping changes that are aligning them for anticipated changes in the Public Health career field.

Training: We are also lucky enough to have **TSgt Simpson St Fort** (Kadena AB Volunteer of the 1st Quarter, 2001) who is a native of Haiti. He is fluent in Japanese, Creole, and French. He oversees our internal as well as several external training programs. In an overseas location, being fluent in the native tongue is a unique benefit - especially in dealings with foodservice managers... and especially when you're known as the "The Haitian Sensation!" TSgt St Fort is a truly unique individual with a background and experience many would envy. We also rely greatly on **Ms Michiyo Toyama**, and **Ms Saori Toyama**. With the demands on our Allergy/Immunizations clinic, they've stepped up to the challenge and share in supporting their heavy load, while still managing to provide administrative support for the entire flight. Without them, we would be lost. Our thanks to the following individuals MSgt Tom Donovan, TSgt Susan Osborne, SSgt Dawn Jones, SrA Bridget Kelly, SrA Crystal Froias, A1C Louis DeSomma, a.k.a. Big Lou/DZ, and Amn (now Mrs) Jamie Long. **Thanks for sharing a little bit of Kadena life with all of us!**

Meet a MAJCOM Leader

Meet Lt Col Paul Rehme, the Chief of Public Health and Prevention for the Air National Guard. He provides leadership and guidance to the ANG wide public health and health-based prevention programs and initiatives including: strategic planning; policy and guidance development and communication; resource advocacy (including planning, programming and budgeting); program execution and effectiveness assessment; and other public

health and preventive medicine expertise required in ANG and NGB operations. His previous assignments include PH Flight Commander at 1st AMDS, Langley AFB VA; Joint Medical Surveillance Team, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia from Mar 98 to Jun 98; in an AFIT Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Public Health Officer at Spangdahlem AB Germany and Keesler AFB, MS. He and his wife Sandy enjoy their daughter Christine

(13) and twin sons John and Michael (9). He enjoys reading, swimming and traveling. His words of wisdom: Working with the ANG has been an exciting and rewarding experience...he highly encourages all AD PH personnel to get to know the ANG unit personnel that they support. He guarantees that the resulting partnership will be mutually beneficial. Each of us have a part in making sure we have a mirror force! Thanks for sharing a little bit of your life with us!

Meet a MAJCOM Leader

Working with Lt Col Rehme is SMSgt Shannon Wright. She is the PH Program Manager for the ANG. She is responsible for optimizing ANG readiness through management of prevention based health programs for force protection and performance enhancement of 110,000 ANG personnel at 93 bases and 112 GSU's, 10 Aeromedical Squadrons, four combat readiness training centers and medical elements of mission support units. She helps develop policies for OH, food safety, medical intelligence, disease prevention,

medical entomology, sanitation, accident response, and PH readiness. She provides program oversight and leadership to personnel at HQ ANG at Andrews AFB as well. She is the Functional manager for 225 ANG PH personnel. She is currently on a four year active duty tour and her previous assignment included a full time PH technician at 185th IA ANG, Sioux City, IA (4 years) and she participated in a humanitarian mission to Honduras in 1994. She has worked as a traditional ANG in Nursing Services as

the NCOIC of Immunizations where she supported Operation Desert Shield/Storm at MacDill AFB. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Nursing (BSN) in 1992. She is engaged to Scott Feese (a medical technologist working in HIV research) and has a wedding scheduled in Sep 01. She is currently working on a Masters in Public Health (MPH) at Johns Hopkins University. She enjoys bike riding, playing softball, dancing, and most of all going out to eat! Thanks for sharing a small part of your life with us!

Meet a USAFSAM Key Member

The focus in this issue is Colonel Thomas Stedman. He has been the Chief of the Aerospace Training Division and the Associate Dean for Public Health at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB Texas from 1998 until May of this year. As the Chief of the Aerospace Training Division, he directed the development and delivery of courses that prepare new officers and airmen to perform their duties at their first bases. He oversees courses in Aerospace Physiology, Aerospace Medicine, Bioenvironmental Engineering, and Public Health. He was also responsible for the development of the Career Field Development Courses for those job specialties as well. As the Associate Dean for Public Health, he was responsible for ensuring the training needs for the Public Health career field were met in a timely manner. He mentored eleven Public Health Officers and Medical Entomologists and ten Public Health enlisted members. Colonel Stedman

entered the USAF in 1981 after achieving his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Georgia. He is Board Certified in Veterinary Preventive Medicine and has earned his Master's Degree in Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of Georgia and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota. His previous assignments include: 1981-1984 Chief of Environmental Health Services at Misawa AB, Japan; 1984-1988 Course Supervisor at USAFSAM at Brooks AFB Texas; 1988-1989 AFIT Advanced Degree Program at University of Minnesota; 1989-1993 Chief of Military Public Health at Shaw AFB, South Carolina; 1993-1996 Flight Commander Public Health and Health Promotion Flight at Scott AFB, Illinois; 1996-1998 Aerospace Medicine Squad-

ron Commander at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; 1998-2001 USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB Texas; June 2001 Command Public Health Officer AETC at Randolph AFB, Texas. His hobbies include spending time with his daughters Emily (age 18), Abbie (age 16) and Julie (age 11). He also enjoys camping and hiking, gardening and spending time outdoors. He grows roses and orchids. What do ya know...a Public Health Colonel with a green thumb! His famous quote includes the term PREDATOR: P stands for predator; R stands for respect; E stands for experiment; D stands for diligence; A stands for accountability; T stands for teamwork; O stands for openness; and R stands for recognition. Col Stedman is transitioning to take the reins as the AETC Command Public Health Officer. Thanks for sharing a part of your life with the rest of us. God Bless you at AETC!

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WORLD-WIDE TELECONFERENCE...12 July 01 at 0800 hours Central Time (0900 hours Eastern time and 0600 Pacific Time) and the second session at 1500 hours Central Time (1600 hours Eastern Time and 1300 hours Pacific time) at DSN 576-0511. The next TC will not be until I get relocated to Andrews AFB MD...probably not until October time frame...

The number of calls for the last two Teleconferences has been less than desirable. We had around four bases calling in each time. I don't mind having that few...but it would be better discussion if more folks call in and share information. A couple of months ago we had Major Neihoff from AFIA call in and the few bases who called in received some great HSI input and discussion. I invite folks from AAFES, DeCA, AFIA, MAJCOMS, and AFMOA, etc to call in and make our discussions useful in answering questions and concerns that you folks at base level have with programs we operate. I encourage the SNCO Council, Corporate Board members as well as base level folks to call in. The time is for you to discuss what you want to...if you don't call in...you miss the opportunity to have your opinions, comments, concerns and questions addressed. I will continue to devote my time to listen to you and share what information I have on any topic you would like to discuss (except individual assignments). If only one or two call in...we will have a good discussion anyway! I look forward to hearing from many of you in July...

Final Thoughts...

I have had a few questions concerning our new 7 level training initiative... asking for clarification. I will try to make it a little bit clearer for those of you who have questions.

If you have a worker starting upgrade training prior to 1 Oct 02: You will use the current system to upgrade them. This system involves the supervisor and trainer ensuring the trainee has been able to perform all core tasks listed in the Career Field Education and Training Plan (CFETP) under the 7 level requirements...and understands all knowledge based areas also listed in the CFETP. If the trainer, certifier, and supervisor (if these folks are all different) all agree that the trainee should be upgraded...then they ensure the commander is properly notified of the desire to upgrade. Use the local system (processes) to ensure the paperwork is completed. This upgrading

system is for those who ENTER training before 1 Oct 02 regardless of when they finish training.

For those ENTERING training AFTER 1 Oct 02: the new upgrading system takes effect. If you anticipate that your worker (or yourself) will enter 7 level training AFTER 1 Oct 02...then you must have completed the required Distance Learning Courses listed in my letter (Principles of Epidemiology, Food Safety, Operational Entomology, and Office Management) and attended in-residence the PH CONOPS course. It is desired that new trainees who have not been to the CONOPS Course yet... take the DL courses FIRST and the CONOPS course last. However, we understand that there will be a few people who may have to reverse that order due to uncontrolled circumstances. We want to keep those situations to a minimum. We have concerns that some folks will wait until the last minute to

take the CONOPS course...causing a mad rush to take the course...please plan ahead and try to get your personnel in early.

We do not want anyone to be denied an upgrade because of poor planning. With the promotion rates being as high as they are...we will have many PH personnel in upgrade training right after they get their line numbers. The numbers come out in Jul-Aug time frame and the new requirements take effect 1 Oct 02...meaning that supervisors should get next years newly selected SSgts into upgrade training before the 1 Oct 02 deadline. However, these trainees are highly encouraged to take these DL courses and to attend PH CONOPS in residence. Again...those entering before 1 Oct 02...CFETP upgrade (but can take the DL courses and CONOPS)...those entering AFTER 1 Oct 02...MUST take the courses. Hope this helps clear it up...let me know if it does not! Thanks!