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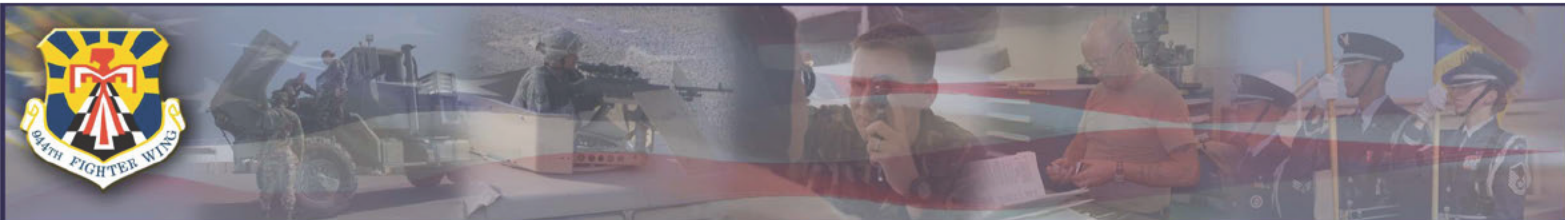
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944th Mission

**Train and provide
Combat-Ready Airmen.**

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Command Commentary

Celebrating our independence



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder

By Colonel Kurt J. Gallegos,
944th Fighter Wing
Commander

I am so proud to serve with you, and on this, our nation's birthday, it is without doubt, that we are a great country due to the honorable efforts by you and your fellow service members, who have served our nation with honor and pride for more than 200 years.

As you celebrate Independence Day, take time to appreciate what makes our country great.

Appreciate your freedoms and remember what and who it is that you fight for. Your service does not go unnoticed. American's know that you bear

untold burdens to provide this quality of life for yourselves, your families, and the American public. Tell your families you appreciate them by taking time with them this holiday; don't forget to include your Air Force family.

Take time to celebrate these things this July 4th but please do so responsibly. Remember to stay safe whether you are celebrating on a boat, BBQing with friends, relaxing at home or at one of the local 4th of July celebrations. Stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings and those around you and don't take unnecessary risk.

Thank you for your service.
See you next UTA!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Nason

944th ASTS Airman saves child

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jude Joseph, a medical technician with the 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, saved the life of a child who was found at the bottom of a swimming pool July 2.

Joseph, responding as an eight-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department, was the first to arrive on scene of a 911 call. He entered the backyard of a residence to find two small children lying on the patio.

"My immediate thought was that I have two babies who need help," Joseph said. "I needed to triage the worst injured but still provide some care to the other baby and update Phoenix Fire with information."

Quickly assessing the situation, he instructed an adult male who was with the children to monitor the child who was vomiting and

then proceeded to administer CPR/rescue breathing to other child who was unresponsive.

Joseph continued to provide care until Phoenix Fire arrived on scene.

"Both children were transported to a local hospital and doctors are reporting that not only are the children expected to survive this near tragedy, but they are cautiously optimistic the children will recover with no permanent effects of the drowning."

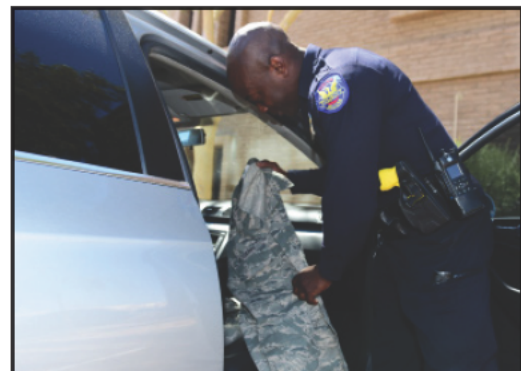
"Captain Crowley and doctors at the hospital all agree; Officer Joseph's immediate response to the home, his calmness under great pressure and his training all contributed to the recovery of the 1-and 2-year-old victims," according to

an official statement made by the Phoenix Police Department.

"My EMT training and CPR are what helped to remind me to keep the first baby's airway clear due to vomiting," said Joseph. "The second baby was checked for C-A-B (Circulation, Airway and Breathing)."

Joseph has been with the 944th ASTS for almost 12 years and credits his success to both military and civilian training he's received.

"The streets of Phoenix are where I get to practice my EMT/CPR skills the most," said Joseph. "This has not been the first time trying to save lives of the citizens [living in] Phoenix. Some situations have not turned out so well, but to be able to assist in saving the lives of two babies in one incident using my training as a med tech was great."





AF/Wing News

AFRC senior leaders meet to better improve processes



Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Louis Vega Jr.;
944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Reserve Command officer, enlisted, and civilian leaders gathered 25 June at the 944th Fighter Wing for an Air Force Continuous Process Improvement Senior Leaders course (AF CPI).

The objective of the two day course was to augment current leadership skills with the understanding of how to manage performance and strategically align continuous process improvement using the CPI tools.

The course was taught by Dr. Phil Chansler, Eaker center Air Education Training Center

instructor, and included topics on managing organizations and resources which encompass continuous improvement, changing management and strategic thinking dealing with vision and decision making.

"CPI training for the senior leaders is critical as we move forward to a leaner and more efficient force," said Chief Master Sgt. Rhonda Hutson, 944th FW command chief. "We, as leaders, must understand the process and support our Airmen in the 'Gemba'. I have seen it in action and it works. It is an ongoing process that benefits everyone."

10th Air Force selected the 944th FW to host this course which is offered up to four times a year. AFRC senior leaders are required to attend the training at least once during their tenure.

"The course was very beneficial and the participants learned a lot," said Capt Sabrina Ura, 944th FW process manager and event coordinator. "Now, they can go back to their units and implement the tools they learned and utilize CPI and strategic thinking in their own work centers."

July 2015 promotions:

**Congratulations to the following
944th Fighter Wing promotees**

From Airman Basic:

Airman Genesis Lauriano, 944 LRS

From Airman:

A1C Karla E. Nesbitt, 944 MDS

From Airman First Class:

SrA Enrique A. Carrillo, 924 MXS

From Senior Airman:

SSgt Mercedes R. Catchings, 944 LRS

From Staff Sergeant:

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TSgt Steven M. Omahoney, 944 SFS

TSgt Jamie T. Thompson, 944 SFS

TSgt Alex Torres, 944 SFS

From Technical Sergeant:

MSgt Brian A. Suckamp, 944 CES

From Master Sergeant:

SMSgt Patrick C. Mahan, 944 LRS

Veteran's Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

By Cindy Dewey, Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

Are you familiar with the Veteran's Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014?

If not, I recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the "Choice Act." I also solicit your assistance in relaying this information to all our Citizen Airmen. This important legislation impacts Post 9/11 GI education benefits and out-of-state tuition fees (Section 702). It also expands eligibility for sexual trauma counseling and treatment to Reserve Component members on inactive duty training (Section 401).

The 2014 Choice Act – Factsheet has been placed on the AFRC Portal. It summarizes key changes to the GI Bill program requirements and eligibility criteria. These new requirements will ensure that our Citizen Airmen and their eligible family members will not have to bear the cost of out-of-state charges while using their education benefits.

For questions regarding Section 702 please contact the Veterans Administration at Section702.Vbavaco@va.gov. They will also provide updates on their website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill. Please direct questions regarding Section 401 to your base Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

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SAMUEL C. MAHANEY, Brig Gen, USAFR
Commander





Wing News

Reservists help keep F-15s in the sky at Mountain Home

By Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A total of 10 reservists from the 414th Maintenance Squadron, from Semour Johnson, North Carolina, have been integrated with the 366th Maintenance Group, Mountain Home, Idaho, since January of this year.

Their task is to fulfill roles in multiple maintenance sections to ensure the mission continues on seamlessly despite low manning due to separations, deployments or permanent changes of station.

"With the drawbacks the Air Force has had to face, we're still expected to keep up the same tempo with less people," said Master Sgt. Jerry Duck, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief. "They [the 414th] have relieved a lot of stress and pressure which is crucial."

Master Sgt. Jared Ralphs, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron phase section chief, agreed.

"Despite being 'young' in terms of time in service, they've been open to do anything and everything that is tasked to them," said Ralphs.

The 366th Maintenance Group continues to receive in-coming active duty Airmen, but the majority have come straight from their initial technical training schools.

"We get new Airmen but they still need to be trained," said Ralphs. "The transition [with the 414th MXS members] was almost seamless."

Total Force Integration capitalizes on the unique strengths of both active and reserve Airmen and enhances the Air Force's ability to conduct missions by sharing resources, aircraft, crews and support.

The positive impact the reservists have had on the active duty units goes both ways.

Ralphs indicated that the active duty side is receiving much needed manning assistance while the reservists gain experience and career broadening.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Young, 414th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, typically works on the flightline at home station but is supporting the 366th EMS phase section.

"I didn't even know there was a 'phase section' at first," said Young. "I've learned so much about different aspects of my job that I previously didn't have any experience with."

In addition to his primary duties, Young has

taken advantage of resources the base and the unit has to offer by completing both his Community College of the Air Force degree and his 7-level upgrade training.

"My section chiefs here assisted me with getting scheduled to take my [End of Course] test for my 7-Level upgrade training," said Young. "They performed the necessary competency reviews with me and made sure I had sufficient study time in preparation."

Young and the other members from the 414th MXS have been grateful for the continued service and care they have received from their host units to include munitions, engines, weapons, and avionics, all of which play an integral role in mission completion.

"I honestly didn't think that one person could make a difference but it has. They came in here like they've been here forever and have been a part of the family forever," said Duck. "They're 'fire and release' kind of guys as we like to call them, you give them a job and they go and get it done the first time."

Although the personnel from Seymour Johnson are nearing their return home in the next couple of weeks, the units they've temporarily been assigned to have already requested additional support. The 414th MXS will be providing five personnel for an upcoming deployment.

"They are definitely making a big impact on us... it was absolutely the right decision to send them out here," said Duck. "We really appreciate having their help."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder



Wing News

Preparation key to smooth transition for Germany trip

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Louis Vega Jr.; 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Forty-four members of the 944th Fighter Wing, Mission Support Group landed in Germany on May 31st, ready to start their annual tour of supporting the 86th Airlift Wing, at Ramstein Air Base.

The 944th MSG started planning this AT in January putting it all together within four months despite the size and complexity of the trip. "It's important for folks to know that a lot of people did a lot of work to make this happen," said Col. Paul Theisen, 944th Mission Support Group commander.

The efforts of the advanced team, which arrived a few days before the main group, combined with the experience of Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Brook, 944th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle manager, provided a smooth transition from the states to Germany.

"It never gets any easier because you are always striving to make the reception process smoother and shorter for the main body arrival and return trip back," said Brook. "Each AT or TDY is unique in its own way and has its own logistical problems to solve."

The Airmen were integrated into their respective work stations to provide support wherever needed. 944th Security Forces have members working all shifts, on two different installations and various sections within the host squadron.

"Both installations have been more than accommodating and grateful for our support," said Master Sgt. Christopher Buscaglio, 944th SFS operations chief.

Other duty sections on the deployment include logistics readiness, chaplain office, equal opportunity, and inspector general, just to name a few.

While discussing the end goal for the AT, Theisen said, "If there is a phrase that I will be known for during my time with the 944th FW, it will be, 'earn an invite back'."



Marrow Program



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This event is open to anyone from age 18-60 years old in good health, registration takes 5-10 minutes

Point of Contact:

Kimberly Branche 623-856-8095

Volunteers can sign up in the CSS Orderly Room

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944th Force Support Squadron

Hosting 2nd Annual

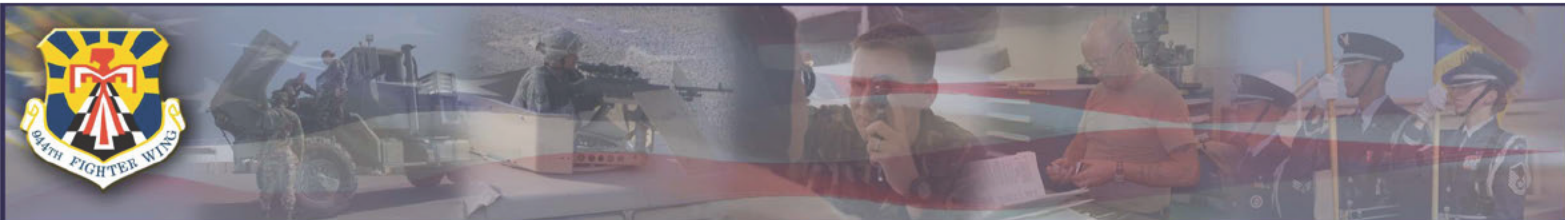
Bone Marrow and Awareness Drive

Friday, August 7

0800 – 1200 hours

944 FW Conference Room





AF News

Don't get hooked by phishers

By Tech. Sgt. Dan DeCook, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

Fast cash promises on popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are causing major problems for service members.

Phishing scams have continued to evolve in an attempt to keep up with progressing technology. Today, some phishing scams have been using social media outlets to fool users into revealing sensitive and personal information at an alarming rate.

Phishers typically send a short message targeting young adults and, recently, more service members, asking if they would like to make quick cash. Preying on those in need of money, phishers entice victims with the idea of an easy payday. Many service members are sending debit card personal identification numbers or online credentials, only to be left holding a large bill.

One popular scheme involves a phisher depositing a fake check into a willing member's account and then using the personal information obtained to withdraw funds from that account. For example, an Instagram post with the hashtag #USAA offers a \$5,000 deposit to establish dialogue with a potential victim. The victim then provides account information, allowing the phisher to upload a phony check into their account. Since many banks offer immediate withdrawals, the phisher can take the money and run. In some cases, the victim agrees to the scheme and deposits the fake checks themselves with the intention of claiming no knowledge later on. Either way it's done, the account holder is responsible for the funds.

Recently, a 20-year-old Sailor had a checking account balance of \$25 with USAA. After he engaged with a phisher and provided account information, several fraudulent checks were deposited into his account, totaling \$17,453. The fraudster withdrew his fee and left the Sailor liable for \$6,500. Phishers often deposit large amounts because only a portion of a deposited check is available right away.

While many service members are falling for these fake check phishing attempts, banks aren't. They also aren't paying the bills

left in the wake.

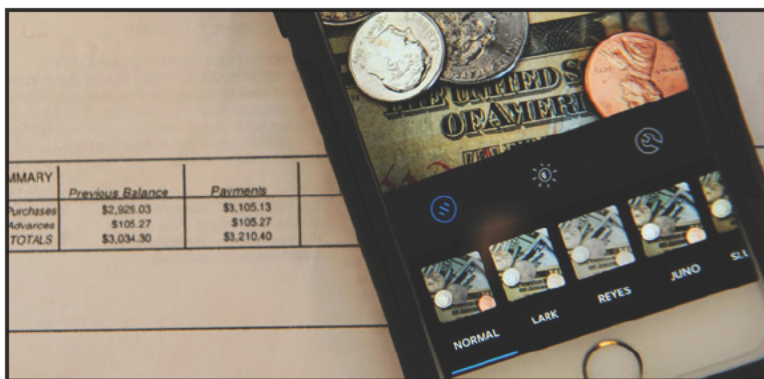
"USAA is not going to post something like that on social media," said Brent Mosher, the USAA executive director of financial crimes, investigations and recovery. "Fraudsters ask for things we would never ask for -- personal identifiers, debit card information, account numbers -- we already have all that."

A financial woe isn't the only thing that comes with being a willing, or unwilling, victim. Security clearances, which take financial standing in account, can also be affected. Depending on their level of involvement in the schemes, service members may face legal action and possible discharge.

Phishers aren't content with just social media sites. They are also crafting emails with company logos from official looking addresses. Phishers send emails from what appear to be trusted establishments.

According to the Cyber Security Division within the office of Headquarters Air Force Communications, these emails often contain links to fake websites which ask the potential victim to enter their personal and account information. The site then records the information entered giving phishers all they need to wreak havoc on such things as bank accounts and credit cards.

Banks and other financial institutions do not ask for personal information or account information via email. If you suspect an email or social media post is phishing, contact the company directly using information on a recent billing statement.



BOSS'S DAY NOV. 7, 2015

Register your boss by Aug. 31! -- <http://tinyurl.com/ojwgf4g>





Staff Sgt. Stephen Young, 414th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, inspects the inside of a panel on an F-15E Strike Eagle during a routine 400-hour phase inspection at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, June 1. An aircraft that has reached a certain number of flying hours must go through more in-depth inspections to ensure it maintains its flight safety status. (U.S. Air Force photo Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder)



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