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# Commander's Column



**Brig. Gen. John L. Smith**  
Wing Commander

A great deal of news is coming out of Washington these days with the budget talks and all. However, last week I received two other bits of information that are very interesting. The first was that our twelve C-130 H models have apparently survived the budget cuts and will be coming to replace our "B" models in FY92.

The second item is that the 123rd TAW will be one of the few units to receive an ORI/UEI next year even if Desert Shield continues at its current level. This is a decision reached by MAC due to the fact that we are a converting unit and have never received a MAC IG inspection.

With that in mind and based upon our mobility exercise last UTA, we have a long way to go and not much time remaining to put our house in order. If the evaluating team from MAC and Pope AFB had one theme to say, it was we are going to be a good unit and the problems they saw could be corrected, but their concern

was over the short time available to us before the ORI (i.e. 10 UTA days).

It will take a tremendous team effort and require personnel who will step forward to work toward problem solutions. A secondary problem which is a major one in terms of ORI success is that the inspection team noted that very few people wanted to become involved when a problem occurred, most were merely content to step back and monitor, rather than take action to resolve the problem.

Let's dissect that report and work out our problems. I have no doubt we are capable of passing this inspection, but it is going to take involvement at every level to accomplish it. If you had a problem last UTA in how things were done or why they were done, bring them to your commanders' attention. The clock's running, let's show the world what we are, who we are and our ability to meet these challenges.

# Chaplain's Column

*Reflections: reminding ourselves of changes*

**By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry**

It's that time of year -- the time when leaves begin to change into a beautiful swirl of colors. Reds, golds, browns and more. The different colors remind us that time goes by and seasons change.

Seems like only yesterday that summer was winding down and now the leaves are changing and we're

beginning to think of Thanksgiving.

Can it be? Even Christmas is around the corner.

One of the things we can always count on is the changing of the seasons. Though it may come in different ways each year - and though it is different in Vermont than in Florida - things do change as the year goes by.

Yet there's something we can count on that never changes: God's love and care for us. In fact, the changes that the earth goes through each year are just another evidence of God's love and providing our needs.

So as you watch the leaves change this fall, let it remind you of something that never changes: God's love for you.

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# News

## Unsung airman saves boy from fishing pond

By TSgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Staff Writer

It began as an afternoon of fun.  
It ended in near tragedy.

Airman 1st Class Anthony Gross sat near a Georgia pond this summer, feeding the ducks and relaxing during a break from his technical training at nearby Dobbins AFB.

From the corner of his eye, the KyANG member witnessed a scene that would chill anyone's heart. A head was bobbing from the water, a nameless face, calling for the sky above.

For Airman Gross, who doesn't understand why people call him a hero, it was human instinct that saved a young boy's life on Aug. 7.

"I didn't think anything about it, not since it happened," said Airman Gross of the 123rd Services Flight here. "I'm not a hero."

But he is. Although the boy was saved and he walked away unharmed, most people credit Airman Gross for avoiding a potentially tragic event.

Brig. General John L. Smith also

agreed. As he presented a letter of commendation here Sept. 23, the 26-year-old college student insisted he deserved no special attention.

"This is typical of Anthony. He's a modest young man," said Lt. Col. Maurice Wood, commander and head of the 123rd Services Flight. "If Anthony had it his way, none of us would ever have known. We're all very proud of him."

The youngster was never identified. In fact, the revelation surfaced only after a master sergeant sent a letter of commendation to General Smith in August. Several witnesses confirmed the incident, including MSgt. Laverne Pearson, an Air Force reservist of the 10th Civil Engineering Flight at Bergstrom AFB. He was so impressed with Airman Gross' bravery that he discussed the life-saving act with his friends, then forwarded their message to Gross' commander.

"That could have been my child. I'm a father myself," said Airman Gross. "If it happened all over again, I would have done the same thing."



**A1C Anthony Gross**

*Right place at the right time*

# News Briefs

## AF Aid Society more important than ever

Submitted by TSgt. Deborah Nelson  
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The Air Force Aid Society is the official AF charity. It exists worldwide to provide assistance to service members and dependents in time of need.

AFAS helps active duty, retired, members of the Air National Guard and Reserve and their dependents.

Recent worldwide mobilization has the potential to cause short term monetary problems for AF members

and their families.

AFAS provides assistance in the form of interest-free loans, grants or a combination of both, available for such needs as:

- \*Basic living maintenance
- \*TDY expenses
- \*Emergency needs
- \*Moving costs
- \*Fire and other disasters
- \*Medical and dental not covered by CHAMPUS
- \*Etc.

Because Desert Shield and

worldwide events may threaten our financial stability, it is timely to remind all members and their dependents of the AFAS assistance capabilities.

Further questions or concerns may be addressed to the AFAS national headquarters or your nearest CBPO.

# News

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## Pistol team on target, rebuilding

By Maj Toby Harrell  
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Four members of the Kentucky Air National Guard made up the majority of a six-man Kentucky National Guard team that recently competed in a national marksmanship contest. The team participated in the National Match Pistol Competition from Oct. 8-12 at Camp Robinson, Ark.

The pistol match was part of the Winston P. Wilson National Guard Rifle, Pistol and Light Machine Gun Championship. The shootout provides competition for individuals and teams from all National Guard units in the United States.

The team members from the KyANG are Lt. Col. Larry Zettwoch (team captain), MSgts. Jim Charbonneau and Mike Cook, and TSgt. Gary Storms. Sgts. Mitch Henson and Darrell Columbia are team members from the Kentucky Army National Guard.

In what Colonel Zettwoch describes as a "rebuilding year," the



The KyANG Pistol Team, on top row from left: MSgt. Jim Charbonneau; Sgt. Darrell Columbia; Lt. Col. Larry Zettwoch; and TSgt. Gary Storms. Kneeling, from left, are Sgt. Mitch Henson and MSgt. Mike Cook.

team finished 30th out of 40 teams. Colonel Zettwoch did finish first in the pistol sharpshooter class, however. By doing well in four categories of firing .22 and .45 caliber pistols, Colonel Zettwoch's total score allowed him to walk away with the blue ribbon.

Sergeant Storms was recognized for his experience and expertise by being selected to work on the armorer's team. This team is on hand at a pistol match to make repairs and adjustments to any weapons that malfunction during the competition.

the most skilled experts are selected for the armorer's team.

Colonel Zettwoch is recruiting new team members. "The requirements are ability, motivation and availability," he said.

Pistols and ammunition are provided, as is transportation to various shooting matches, which are frequently held on Sundays. Interested personnel should contact Sergeant Storms at ext. 495 or Colonel Zettwoch at ext. 627 during UTA weekends.

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## Briefs

### Autovon - a thing of the past

Keesler AFB, Miss. (AFNS) -- In a move transparent to users, the Department of Defense retired its seemingly ageless "autovon" for a more modern switching network.

The Defense Switching Network, or DSN, is capable of handling computer, video and voice communications and, according to the Action Officer at the Air Force Communications-Computer Systems Doctrine Office, there is no change in the routine use of this network versus the old automatic voice network.

"Dialers are able to use the same numbers they used for autovon," Capt. Robert Nauer said. "Users can access DSN in the same way they did autovon and, in most cases, the caller will dial the one or two digit access code and same seven digit number as used with autovon. It will be completely transparent," he said.

The switch was made Feb. 13, effectively making the term "autovon" obsolete from the world of military jargon.

### Walkman radios add jazz to MAC

Washington (AFNS) -- Walkman-style tape players and radio receivers are now allowed aboard Military Airlift Command aircraft, but can only be used after the plane reaches cruising altitude, MAC officials said recently.

An Air Force approval to the MAC request for use of the portable players waives the regulation prohibiting use of non-transmitting electronic devices aboard MAC aircraft.

The "Walkman Waiver" covers battery-operated, hand-held or pocket-size tape recorders and radios.