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Commander's Comments

Dr. King's message still lives

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I had the good fortune to attend the commemoration of Dr. King's 81st birthday at the Georgia Capitol yesterday morning. It is humbling to be in the same room with Andrew Young and Dr. King's sister and children and to think how

they are such a part of history and had such a close relationship with a man who prodded our country to live up to the promise in its founding declaration that "all men are created equal."

The speakers at the ceremony focused on that aspect of Dr. King's message. The new Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, David Ralston, touched on the note that under his leadership the House was going to abide by Dr. King's guidance that we love each other, even when—or especially when—we disagree.

Former Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, Leah Sears, spoke about how her appointment to the Court in 1992 by Gov. Zell Miller as a 36-year old black woman would never have happened had Dr. King not spoken up and led our country to fulfill its promise.

Seeing the results of Martin Luther King's work in the leaders who spoke at the service demonstrated again the power of the promises that our founding fathers made—even though it took much struggle to get those promises fulfilled. But because of those strug-

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January 23, 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Roll Call	Finch Bldg
0900-1100	KPI Briefing/Finch Bldg staff, 1 Rep each from Confederate and Oglethorpe	Conf. Room, Finch Bldg
1100-1200	Promotion Ceremony -- Maj. Rebecca Gray -- Reception (conf. room)	Chapel
1200-1230	Lunch	
1300	Maj. Gen Hammond, Cols Shannon, Ferrero	Maj. Gen. Hammond office ..Finch Bldg
1300-1600	Staff Work	
1430	Retirement Ceremony – CMSgt Willis	Aud. 283rd
1600	Release	
January 24, 2010		
0700	Assemble	
0730	Chapel Service	
0800	Officer Promotion Board	
0800	Enlisted Promotion Board	
1100-1200	Lunch	
1530	Release	



One More Chance...

By Command Chief Betty L G Morgan

One more chance to do the right thing; One more chance to visit a GSU or a wing.

One more chance to be politically correct; One more chance to gain and give respect.

One more chance to let others know, just how the GaANG should flow; One more chance to attend a seminar, conference, or technical school, in order to acquire knowledge of every policy, practice, and rule.

One more chance to work as a team, instead of running and ducking the dream.

One more chance to express your voice, whether it is for or against, it is your choice.

One more chance to stand tall, but not allowing anyone to stumble and fall.

One more chance to award, recognize, and nominate,
by doing what needs to be done which is step up to the plate.

One more chance to tell the story, without you looking for praise and glory.

One more chance to support your state, from the first of the year to the present date.

One more chance to complete a physical test, not just to pass, but strive for the best.

One more chance to rise up to the occasion; with little or no forceful persuasion.

What will you do with your one more chance?

Will you give it your best shot, or won't give it a second glance.

You have 365 days to decide,

To make a difference or catch a free ride. One more chance.....Happy New Year!!!

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struggles, we have become a better country and a better people. I know that we are the kind of organization that can help defend this country and our people because of those struggles by Dr. King and all of the others who were there with him.

Since Martin Luther King said and wrote so many memorable and inspirational words, I will just close with a few lines of his:

--Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent.

--I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

--Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

--I submit to you that if a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.



You Don't Have To Be One Of To Stand With

**Month: January 2010
State Human Resource Advisor
Chief Leslie Allen**



You don't have to be one of to stand With: As an Airman, I don't have to look like you, think, be or speak like you ... to stand with and advocate for you! As Airmen, We are Better Together Than We Are Alone!

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.” Helen Keller “If not you, then who?”

- You can make meaningful change in your life and career in the New Year. To do so, forget about New Year resolutions and instead set GOALS!
- Do you have a Mentor? Do you know that a good mentor will help you set goals, teach the need for goal setting, and help their protégé master the process of establishing and effectively pursuing goals? Many young and inexperienced people fail to understand the importance of setting proper goals and objectives, or they lack the expertise to make their goals realistic and attainable. Let's take a minute and establish a very important GOAL.
- One of the most important goals of your career is to be sure your records are current.
- Currently we still only show about 17% with “any” degrees in the Enlisted force of our ANG.
- UPDATE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION RECORDS make sure everything is updated.

Why is this so important, this tracking is not only for Professional Development, but for commander reviews of Airmen with degrees that might be considered for commissioning and for Officers with their commission wanting to further their career it sets guidelines for promotion selection timelines, having a complete up to date record determines who is selected for promotion and who is not, and bases selection on “best qualified” standards not merely “fully qualified”.

Every enlisted person should insure that an official transcript of your highest degree is sent to your Base Education and Training Manager (BETM). Follow up with your BETM until you confirm the transcript was received. If you have problems or are not sure how to do this contact you're Wing Human Resource Advisor and they can guide you. The transcript must be officially sent in a sealed envelope from your college or university registrar's office. (Note: this may cost some members a nominal fee).

Many ANG members, some of whom earned degrees on state tuition assistance benefits, have not officially updated their personnel records to more accurately reflect their educational background. While CCAF degrees are automatically updated in our personnel system, higher degrees earned outside of our service are not. So don't wait ask your college or university if they will send an official transcript free for military members

Chaplain's Corner

A New Year Begins

As each year passes, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. We must also come to the realization that our days on this earth are numbered. In the book of Psalms we read, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom".

The evangelist Billy Graham has often remarked on the "brevity of life". He prays each January the following, "As I begin a New Year, Lord Jesus, I pray that my walk through the days ahead will be filled with Your love for others, a love that does not count the cost".

In 2010, take time to be pleasant, to smile, to go out of the way to assist a neighbor from time to time, and most especially, show extra, devoted love for our family members.

The great preacher C.H. Spurgeon expressed it well in a prayer: "And now we hoist sail and draw up anchor to sail into another year. O Thou blessed Pilot of the future as of the past, we are so happy to leave all to Thee; but in leaving all to Thee we have one wish, and it is that Thou wouldst in the next year glorify the Father's name in us more than in any other year of our lives. Perhaps this may involve deeper trial, but let it be if we can glorify God . . . Thy children make no sort of stipulations with their God, but this one prayer ascends from all true hearts: "Father, glorify Thy name."

Read: Acts 4: 10-12

Enlisted, Officer Promotion Boards

Pesident	Maj. Rebecca Gray
Member	CMSgt Thornton
Member	CMSgt Anatasie

The Enlisted Promotion Board is scheduled for Sunday, 24 January 2010 at 0800 hrs. Location will be the Finch Building, Bld 840, 1388 First Street, Dobbins ARB GA, Small Conference Room.

President	Col. Zachman
Member	Lt. Col. Dunham
Member	Lt. Col. Dixon
Recorder	Maj. Jackson

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Eddie Rickenbacker – ‘Ace of Aces’

(last in the series)

The retired Major Eddie Rickenbacker joined with several associates and purchased Eastern Airlines in 1938. He was immediately elected president and general manager.

The revamped company developed a weather reporting and analysis system. It also was the first airline to become a bonded carrier which meant that it could transport goods into the United States. Eastern also reduced rates.



Rickenbacker following his rescue in the Pacific in 1942

By the early 40s, Eastern was serving 40 cities with a fleet of 40 DC-3s. But when World War II erupted, the company was forced to give half its fleet to the government for military use. Many of its pilots left to serve in the Army Air Corps. And Rickenbacker himself volunteered to serve once again – as a non-military observer for Secretary of War Henry Stinson. On a salary of a dollar a year, Rickenbaker traveled to air bases around the world to evaluate their mission readiness as well as to build morale.

During a late 1942 trip to bases in the Pacific, the B-17 Rickenbacker was flying in ran out of fuel. The crew ditched the plane in the ocean. In the mass confusion, they forgot to take along the emergency rations. The eight men spent 22 days on 3 rafts without food or water. Attired in his business suit and fedora, Rickenbacker took leadership over the men. He made them pray every

night. He was convinced that God had a purpose in keeping them alive. He used his fedora to collect rain water. They lived on fish. One day, a seagull landed on Rickenbacker’s head. He grabbed it and twisted its neck. Then the crew shared it for dinner.

Eventually, a Navy patrol plane found the crew. But Rickenbacker refused to go home to recover. He wanted to finish his mission. He later recommended to Secretary Stinson that certain survival equipment be added to all planes. The recommendations included: a rubber sheet to protect the crew from the sun as well as to catch water and sea water distilling kits.

In 1953, Rickenbacker moved up to chairman of the board of Eastern Airlines. Then in 1963, he moved to a ranch in Texas and retired alongside his wife Adelaide. Five years later, they moved to Florida. During a visit to Switzerland in 1973, Eddie Rickenbacker died of pneumonia. America’s great ‘Ace of Aces’ left a remarkable legacy of leadership and service.

Thank You Headquarters!

On December 14th MSgt Danyal Colbert Gaiters and I delivered and distributed your gifts and donations to the Veteran Administration. The pictures are of Danyal and me with some of the VA volunteers. We joined with other groups and distributed the donated items throughout the VA hospital and Community Living Center.

The vets were thrilled and very appreciative. All 50 bags donated by headquarters personnel were handed out; in addition to the extra supplies you donated. Thank you all so much for your participation and interest in this very significant and meaningful project. We met and spoke with several of the patients.

Most of the vets were Army and they were surprised but yet, we think, pleased to have military visitors even from the Air Guard. They asked about our MOS (AFSC) and where we were assigned. We told them we were with the Air National Guard Headquarters at Dobbins ARB in Marietta and the Christmas gift bags were provided by our HQs personnel. They were very thankful.

After spending time with them we got the feeling they would really appreciate visits throughout the year from military members, especially if you wear your uniform. If you are interested in volunteering or just visiting vets call the Volunteer Services office at the VA. The number is 404-421-6111 Ext 7728. Again, thank you so much for your support of this worthwhile project. Thanks to the Christmas Committee and all who helped put the packages together and thanks to all who donated supplies and/or money.

