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Space operator receives Airman's Medal



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EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — 1st Lt. Dominic Vicino, 20th Space Control Squadron, stands with the Airman's Medal, which was awarded in a ceremony at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Jan. 10. His heroic actions saved three people's lives in Miramar Beach, Fla. The Airman's Medal is the Air Force's highest noncombat award for Airmen who distinguish themselves by a heroic act.

By Kristin Stewart
20th Space Control Squadron

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — A 20th Space Control Squadron Airman was honored with a medal for his actions here Jan. 10.

First Lieutenant Dominic Vicino distinguished himself by risking his life to save three others at Miramar Beach March 31, 2017.

On that date, swimming was prohibited because of dangerous wildlife and life-threatening rip tide conditions along the Gulf Coast. Vicino saw two people waving their arms approximately 100-yards offshore.

"I realized they were in distress, so I dropped my belongings and bolted for the water in a dead sprint," said the weapons and tactics officer.

Vicino fought through dangerous waves and riptides to reach the victims and carry them back to shore. Then he re-entered the water and rescued a distressed lifeguard.

"I'm just glad I happened to be in the right place at the right time, said the 24-year-old.

Vicino credits his strong swimming skills to playing water polo for 15 years and to the Air Force Academy's water

survival training.

"I am very confident in my swimming ability, so I knew I could get out to them," said the Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. native.

Col. Todd Moore, 21st Space Wing commander, presented the Airman's Medal during a ceremony held before Vicino's parents and peers.

"One of the things I really value is courage," said Moore. "When we recognize that something is not OK it would be easy to run off, get someone else, or turn our back, but it takes courage to act."

His commander is proud and believes the lieutenant exemplifies the Air Force's core values.

"Vicino didn't earn this medal so much for his efforts as much as his character," said Lt. Col. Raj Agrawal, 20th SPCS commander. "It was his character that compelled him to disregard his personal safety for the safety of others."

The Airman's Medal is the Air Forces highest noncombat award for Airmen who distinguish themselves by a heroic act. The Airman's Medal is the same award given to Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, one of three Americans who stopped a terrorist attack aboard a French train in August of 2015.

Things are looking up at arctic air base

US Army Corps of Engineers

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland — Recent missile threats to the United States has the U.S. Military looking up to its northern most installation in Thule Air

Base, Greenland. It's there that the U.S. Air Force monitors the skies for missiles from its Arctic location strategically positioned at the halfway point between Washington, D.C. and Moscow. "Thule's unique location makes

it a key asset to the United States, however its unique environment makes it a difficult asset to maintain," said Dan Rodriguez, acting-Deputy Base Civil Engineer,

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(Photo by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland — Building 101, a new modern 48-person dormitory for housing unaccompanied enlisted personnel stationed at Thule.

Airman provides hurricane assistance to Puerto Rico

By Robb Lingley
21st Space Wing

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm with sustained winds of 64 miles per hour and gusts of 113 mph, hit Muniz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico Sept. 20, 2017, causing widespread damage. Recovery help was desperately needed.

On Oct. 22, 2017, Frederick Brooks, 21st Space Wing Civil Engineer Squadron interim base civil engineer was requested by the National Guard Bureau to provide assistance. Brooks, a Lieutenant Colonel with the 156th CES Air National Guard Unit, commanded 145 Airmen as they set out with rescue and relief efforts to rebuild Muniz ANGB.

Hurricane Maria was considered the 10th-most intense Atlantic hurricane on record and the most intense tropical cyclone worldwide in 2017, according to the National

Hurricane Center.

"We went there to assist in the rebuilding of Muniz ANGB after Maria struck," said Brooks. "They needed our help with fixing roofs and removing excessive mold."

Brooks was authorized to fulfill all required duties and responsibilities of the Base Civil Engineer position to include studies to restore Muniz ANGB, the planning and reconstruction of the base, and the advisement to commanders and government officials on the effective use of 156th CES resources.

"We completed 27 projects valued at \$6.1 million dollars," Brooks said. "Most were roofing projects but we had to repair fences that had been blown down and security lights and cameras needed to be fixed. Our repair work was done Nov. 22 and I was able to make it home for Thanksgiving."

Most of the Airmen living off base weren't able to make it home

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New Year's Resolutions — Why Change? promise to keep doing the good stuff

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE STATION, Colo. — Has anyone ever heard someone say “Starting in January, I’m going to exercise the same amount I do now”? Or “Last year was great! I’m going to do the same things this year”? Maybe “I feel good, so I’m not going to change my routine in 2018”? Probably not, but, why don’t we hear more things like this? Why are New Year’s resolutions always about ‘change’? Why don’t we hear more re-affirmation or commitments to the things we are doing right?

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In 1987 I saved a specific copy of the base paper from Griffiss Air Force Base, my first duty assignment. There was a very clear leadership lesson I learned from it. On the front cover was a very large photo of the outgoing Maintenance Group Commander with the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon receiving the Defense Department Phoenix Trophy for the Best Maintenance Complex in all of DOD. Turn the page - on the inside of the front cover was an article with extracts from the new Maintenance Group Commander’s Change of Command speech that stated “I’m going to break down this unit to the flight level



By Steven Rose

21st Space Wing

and build it back up for efficiency and improvements. It seemed very odd to me as a young lieutenant that if someone was taking command of the BEST unit in DOD, the last thing you’d want to do would be to change anything at all. Like the 1991 to 1998 Chicago Bulls, don’t change anything and build a dynasty of championships! To use an old adage: “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!”

Modern leadership literature and classes will both advocate for and promote ‘change’, and it is true that change is often thrust on us from external factors. Changes in threats, mission, personnel, and resources will force change in how we do business or conduct our lives. Some change is inevitable and necessary, but the life lesson I’ve learned is that there is a necessary balance between when to change, and when not to change. I contend that if the ‘change scale’ gets overly balanced on one side, more harm can be done than good. If we lose sight of the things we are doing well, then we will lose them through a process of “change

for the sake of change.”

I offer that as we all assess our New Year’s resolutions, both at work and at home, we all reflect on those things we’ve done really well. Whether they are ‘best practice’ write ups during an inspection, quarterly/annual award accolades, or a celebration of 60 years of sustained excellence, take time to focus on the things we’ve done right, and then recommit to doing them again.

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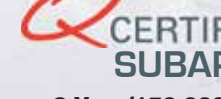
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21ST SPACE WING ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards banquet will be held at The Club, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. The theme is “Stars of the Knight.” Please come out and celebrate the great accomplishments of the nominees! Event POC’s are Master Sgt. Charles Biddulph, charles.biddulph@us.af.mil and Master Sgt. Kristine Piper, kristine.piper@us.af.mil.

HEART LINK SPOUSE ORIENTATION CLASS

If you would like to learn more about what resources are available to spouses, hear from helping agencies and meet other spouses, this workshop is for you! A continental breakfast, lunch & base tour are also included. The class will be held Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register by contacting Nona Daugherty at 719-556-9264 or nona.daugherty@us.af.mil.

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Peterson AFB still recovering from devastating 2016 hailstorm

By Robb Lingley

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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — On July 28, 2016 one of the worst hailstorms in the history of Colorado Springs swept across the city leaving massive destruction in its path. Peterson Air Force Base was in that path.

To this day buildings, homes, cars, fences, and even airplanes are still being repaired from the sixth-most damaging storm to hit Colorado Springs, according to a 2016 Colorado Springs Gazette article.

Tierra Vista Communities on Peterson AFB suffered extreme damage to its housing development. To this day TVC’s repairs are an ongoing process.

“We’ve extended working hours to remain

in effect from 7:00 AM to dusk, Mon. – Fri. and 8:00 AM to dusk on Saturday,” said Chris Vincent, Tierra Vista Communities project engineer. “Final quality control inspections are underway and crews will be revisiting individual homes, as necessary, to complete punch list repairs (roof, paint, and exterior).”

“The count for solar systems varies from the number of residential rooftops due to dual systems installed on duplex units,” said Vincent.

“Carpet replacements are complete for those residents who elected it,” Vincent said. “Many residents declined replacement because they are planning to move out soon or didn’t feel replacement was necessary.”

An update on the above information was provided to TVC residents via email Nov. 7, 2017.

COMPLETED REPAIRS

- 1,801 out of 1,801 damaged windows are complete
- 504 out of 504 damaged residential roofs are complete
- 2 common area buildings are complete with the exception of gutters
- Community Center roof replacement expected completion mid January
- 8 bus shelters are complete
- 5 picnic shelters are complete
- 536 out of 536 damaged solar systems are complete
- 481 out of 504 damaged gutter replacements are complete
- Gutters still pending on two maint. buildings and community center
- 175 out of 175 damaged garage doors are complete
- Awning repair and replacement is still under repair at Chief Master Sgt.’s homes



(Courtesy photo)

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Hailstorm damage repairs at Tierra Vista Communities are still underway on Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The storm struck July 28, 2016, and is on record as being the sixth-most damaging storm in Colorado Springs history.



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CMSAF focuses on resiliency in 2018

By Tech. Sgt. Patrick Brown
Maxwell Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS) — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright said he feels the Air Force is headed in the right direction concerning education and enlisted-force structure, but Airman resilience is an area that needs more attention.

He’s starting the new year with that focus, he told the crowd during an all-call in the Polifka Auditorium at Maxwell Air Force Base Jan. 10, 2018.

“What I’m most concerned about, and where my priority will be in 2018, is the area of resilience,” he said. “I still feel like there’s work to be done. I want to get out there and spend more time and energy this year getting after what’s causing our Airmen to be less resilient. What’s causing us to have less of a wingman culture?”

His desire to see the Air Force go back to more of a “wingman culture” stems from strong personal relationships that helped him get through difficult times. He said support from fellow Airmen and building a strong sense of resilience is key to what he predicts will be a tougher operations tempo in the future.

“The reason I’ve decided to place this laser focus on resilience is because ... it gets tougher,” he said. “It’s tough now, but it gets tougher. With what’s happening in the world with the level of global insecurity and instability, our jobs will only get tougher. I don’t look out a year or two or three from now and see less mission. I see more deployments to Europe. I see more deployments to Africa. I see continued deployments to the Middle East, and I also see, at some point, some deployments to the Pacific.”

The chief pointed to not only the strain on those on the deployments, but also the strain on the families left behind and the Airmen who remain to continue the mission.

“The mission here never stops, and the folks who are left behind are the ones who have to pick up the slack,” he said.

Finding the correct work-life balance, the chief said, is key to building better resilience.

“A big goal of mine is to be able to give

you as much time back as possible,” he said. “I want you to be able to focus on the mission. I want you to be able to take care of each other and take care of yourselves. And I want you to be able spend time with your family. Family time is very important.

To find that balance between focusing on the mission, one’s self and personal relationships, Wright introduced what he called the “2-10-5-7 philosophy.”

The philosophy is a way to structure time: two hours of personal time in the morning,

10 hours for work, five to family and other personal relationships, and the remaining seven to sleep.

He emphasized the five hours to family should be “unplugged,” referring to smart-phones and social media. He admitted the five hours unplugged was his greatest struggle in trying to follow the regiment. “I won’t say I’ve been successful, but I’ve made a conscious effort to maintain more balance.”



(U.S. Air Force photo by Melanie Cox)

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS) — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright speaks to Airmen during an all-call at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Jan. 10, 2018. The chief said he will focus more on building Airman resiliency in the new year.

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Peterson Air Force Base.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District is doing something to address both of these areas. They are performing a major base consolidation that will save energy, tax-payer money and most importantly improve U.S. Air Force readiness.

Thule pronounced "Two Lee" is Latin for northernmost part of the inhabitable world. Thule Air Base is located in the northwestern corner of Greenland, in a coastal valley 700 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 950 miles south of the North Pole.

For over half a century, the base has been home to active-duty Air Force members who live and work in this remote and harsh environment to perform National security.

Throughout this time the Army Corps, under extreme arctic weather conditions, has helped the base fulfill this mission by constructing many structures including several dormitories, an aircraft runway, taxiways and aprons and even a medical facility. Now the Army Corps is consolidating and modernizing the base.

In the early 1950s, the base's main mission was to be an aircraft refueling stop. It was home to 10,000 U.S. military Airmen and there were many buildings spread throughout the entire base.

During the Cold War era, the base's mission changed and it is now performing missile warning and space surveillance for the United States.

Today, the base is home to 650 personnel - 200 are U.S. Military and the rest are Danish and Greenlandic residents.

Many of the original buildings are still in use, but have become severely weatherworn, energy and fuel is being wasted to heat them and they are a distance to travel to.

These buildings are also a distance from the base's central heat plant. This requires maintaining long pipes to transport heat to these old buildings.

The U.S. Air Force, as the rest of the U.S. Military, has been on a mission to save energy. Because of this, they decided to call on the Army Corps to consolidate the base.

"Much energy and money will be saved by not heating those archaic facilities," said Stella Marco, project manager, New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The consolidation effort will reduce the size of the base by 40 percent.

The Army Corps is doing this by demolishing 31 old buildings and building new structures closer together in the central area of the base where essential services are located including the airfield and hangars, dining facility and hospital.

The main structures that are being constructed are dormitories for non-commissioned officers who are visiting or on temporary duty at Thule.

Presently, the Army Corps is working on five dormitory projects. This includes constructing flat-top and high rise dormitories and renovating 636 existing dorm rooms.

The Army Corps is also constructing a base supply and civil engineering shop and a vehicle maintenance and pavements and grounds facility. Other possible projects include expanding the base's air passenger terminal and air freight terminal.

These new and renovated buildings are going to be heated with an upgraded heating system. The base's heating plant is receiving new more

energy efficient exhaust gas heat recovery boilers and engines.

The new system will recover waste heat from the engines for production of steam to the steam distribution system that is being converted to a hot water system.

Performing construction in an Arctic environment is challenging and the Army Corps is an expert on this after having performed work for the base for over half a century.

Consolidation is always good as a way to save energy and money, but it is even more important in the Arctic.

"At such a remote and cold location, construction, maintenance and utility costs are very high," said Markus Tyboroski, Site Support Engineer, Thule Air Base.

"For example, it costs three times as much to build a new facility at Thule as compared to an average location in the United States and annual fuel costs for power and heating are \$12 million."

This consolidation, will result in reduced base operation and maintenance costs and will provide energy savings," said Rodriguez. "It's estimated that there will be an energy reduction of 35 percent. Since 2009, when the consolidation was starting up, the base has saved almost \$37 million in energy savings and in base operating costs."

Ultimately, the consolidation effort is to benefit the Airmen protecting our Nation. Rodriguez said, "The consolidation will provide Airmen improved support because they are receiving modernized facilities and the buildings will be closer together. It's great to see the project funded and in the works."

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Construction challenges in the Arctic

Construction in the Arctic can be challenging due to severe weather and limited daylight, which requires the use of unique building materials, techniques and fast paced construction.

Most of northern Greenland is covered with permafrost, which is permanently frozen ground - ranging from 6 to 1,600 feet in depth.

This requires structures to be constructed with a special elevated Arctic foundation. If buildings are not constructed off of the ground, the heat from inside the building can melt the permafrost, making the ground unstable and causing buildings to sink.

Buildings are elevated three feet from the ground with the use of spread footings that go down about 10 feet deep and concrete columns that come up and support the floor system above the ground.

Construction takes place during the summer and autumn months when the temperature is a "balmy" 40 degrees Fahrenheit. In the winter, temperatures can be as low as minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

It is also during this time of year that there is sufficient daylight. Because of Thule's proximity to the North Pole, the region has 24-hours of sunlight from May thru August and 24-hours of darkness from November thru February.

The warmer weather makes it possible to break up the iced in shipping lanes. This allows cargo ships into port that are supplied with fuel and building materials.

Building materials include prefabricated parts so that the workers can perform construction rapidly. Materials include concrete foundations, insulated steel and metal walls and roof panels.

When winter arrives, workers begin interior construction. This work includes constructing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems that are designed to withstand extreme frigid sub-zero temperatures.

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Plan ahead, learn more about the Survivor Benefit Plan

By Audrey Jensen
21st Space Wing

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Every Airman is required to meet with the Airman & Family Readiness Center to decide if they want to be on the Survivor Benefit Plan before they're cleared for retirement.

The SBP, a nonprofit annuity program that was created by Congress in 1972, provides continuous income protection for a spouse after a service member dies. All Airmen have to decide if they want to be on this plan, said Kimberly Mulig, 21st Force Support Squadron Airman & Family Readiness Center, Survivor Benefit Plan counselor.

"We need to plan for living a long time and most especially for the spouse to live longer than the retiree," Mulig said. "The retiree has guaranteed income until the last day, but the spouse does not. Even if you pay off your house, you still have utilities, groceries and everything else — there's always expenses."

"The Survivor Benefit Plan is different from life insurance, but we advise that people have both."

Though the SBP makes it so part of the service member's retired pension, which is paid monthly to a service member after they retire, will be protected for their spouse, there is a common misconception that a deceased member's spouse will continue receiving that pay, Mulig said.

"To this day, we run into active members and their spouses who believe the retired income for the military member is inheritable by the spouse — it's not," Mulig said. "Retirement pay stops the day the military retiree dies."



"When the retiree passes away, the spouse is losing that retired pay, any VA benefits that retiree was receiving for disability, and social security. That's three incomes that stop coming into the home on that day and it's very devastating."

By participating in this plan, Mulig said military members can give up to 55 percent of their retired pay to their spouse for life.

"It's always going to be calculated based on what their retired pay would have been that year," Mulig said. "It's not a stagnant amount, it grows with cost of living increases as the years go by."

Coverage is free while an Airman remains on active duty, but once the service member retires, a monthly premium is held in the Military Retirement System Trust Fund, which is how eligible survivors are paid.

To help Airmen make the best decision for their individual situation, it is required for them to meet with Mulig before they're cleared to retire.

"Every Airman has to have a one-on-one briefing with me," said Mulig. "It is a mandatory briefing for every retiring member to have the plan explained to them, and they must make a decision about whether they want to participate."

For transitioning Airmen, Mulig said she provides briefings of the SBP in Transition Assistance Program classes as well.

"That's just to get them familiar with what the Survivor Benefit Plan is so that, hopefully, when they're ready to talk about it for their own personal decision they are more familiar with it," Mulig said.

To schedule an appointment prior to retiring or for more information, contact Mulig at 719-556-4229.

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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Survivor Benefit Plan was created by Congress in 1972 as a nonprofit annuity program to provide income for eligible spouses after a service member passes away. Every Airman is required to meet with the Airman & Family Readiness Center and decide if they want to be part of the SBP before being cleared for retirement status.

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From the land of ice, ringette champion dominates

By Audrey Jensen
21st Space Wing

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland — While on her first leave from the Air Force, Airman 1st Class Carlye Thompson, 21st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, competed in a sport not many are familiar with. Thompson competed with 18 other teammates from Team USA at the World Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 27 to Dec. 3, 2017 against five teams with players from around the world. Team USA played a total of six games against Team Finland, the Czech Republic, Team Sweden and the Open Jacks, a team with players from different countries. They took second in the finals, losing to Sweden 6-5.

“We all got to the championship and only had one day to practice [before playing Finland],” Thompson said. “They were a tough team and we weren’t expecting to win, but we wanted to come out working together, communicating and being positive.”

After their first game, which USA lost to Finland, Thompson said the team still accomplished their goals throughout the tournament as they beat the Open Jacks and the Czech Republic.

Ringette, which is like ice hockey, first started in Canada in 1963 and requires six players (including a goalie) on each team to pass around a ring instead of a puck with straight sticks instead of hockey sticks. The game is divided into two 15-to-20-minute halves, and the rink has five free pass circles, which are used for restarting the game after

a violation.

In January 2016, Thompson also competed in the Ringette World Championship in Helsinki, Finland, where Team USA placed fourth. In 2017’s competition, not only did Thompson place second with her team, she was also awarded MVP after assisting on five goals.

Before she joined the Air Force in 2016, Thompson grew up playing hockey and after high school tried ringette, which is mostly participated in by females.

“I originally didn’t even know what ringette was,” Thompson said. “I played hockey with another girl that played ringette and she sent me a Facebook message and said, ‘Hey you should really try this out.’ ... Ringette is so much faster than hockey. I said, ‘This is a challenge and I really want to challenge myself.’”

Separate from hockey, at top ringette competitions, a 30-second shot clock starts when a team takes possession of the ring, and if they don’t shoot on goal before 30 seconds, the ring goes to the other team.

While in Thule, Greenland, Thompson practices at the gym with a hockey stick and rings since there is no ice rink on base.

Ringette is not an Olympic event, but Thompson said she will continue to compete with Team USA while in the Air Force.

“It’s an amazing sport and it’s still growing, so to be able to be part of it and help grow the sport — it means a lot to me,” Thompson said. “I want to be able to say that I helped produce this sport and make it what it is. Our whole goal is to make it an Olympic sport.”

While on leave, Thompson said she was



(Courtesy photo)

ONTARIO, Canada -- Airman 1st Class Carlye Thompson, A21 Security Forces Squadron, entry controller, competed and won silver with Team USA Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 at the World Ringette Championship in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. She was awarded MVP of the game after assisting on five goals.

able to compete and also see her family.

“I wouldn’t have rather been on the beach,” she said. “I knocked out two birds with one

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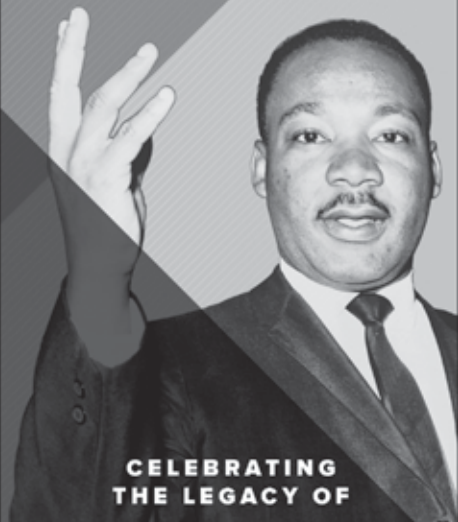
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MUÑIZ AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Puerto Rico — Lt. Col. Frederick Brooks, 156th Civil Engineer Squadron interim base civil engineer and other Airmen work on a roof at Muñiz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, in October, 2017. The roof was severely damaged by Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm that struck Sept. 20, 2017.

Hurricane

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because they had no power or water so the 156th CES provided a Disaster Relief Bed Down System, a series of tents, on base where everybody stayed and worked seven days a week.

The Airmen assigned to Muniz ANGB were tired, added Brooks. They had been working non-stop for roughly six weeks restoring the base after the storm hit.

“The tents were equipped with washing machine and dryers,” said Brooks. “They also set up temporary military-style kitchens to provide meals. Every day was like Groundhog Day for breakfast.”

Brooks had never worked with hurricane relief before. The worst he had ever worked was in Boulder, Colorado, for

bridge inspections after the Colorado Front Range Flood in 2013.

“I worked with the Department of Transportation and helped inspect 30 bridges so they could be re-opened to the public all while wearing a military working hat,” Brooks said.

The hurricane blew the roofs off the buildings in Muniz ANGB where there’s an afternoon rain shower nearly every day and rain getting inside the buildings caused extensive moss over time, said Brooks.

“Because of this we had to go in the buildings and remove the ceiling tiles, which are great for growing mold,” Brooks said. “We had to use blue Federal Emergency Management Agency protection tarps to cover the roofs and prevent water from getting inside the buildings.”

During the restoration prime power was consistently turning off and on so generators had to be brought in to provide

back-up power.

“My team would have to go around the base and manually start all the generators to get them to turn over to prime power,” said Brooks. “When prime power came back on we would have to manually shut the generators down,” said Brooks. “Because of this we had to have a team ready 24/7.”

Brooks estimates that by the time he had left 60 percent of Muniz ANGB had been restored and the base was fully functional.

“Going to Muniz ANGB was a different mindset because the Airmen there didn’t appear to know what to do,” said Brooks. “Being able to spur energy into them with our insight and call to action was a game changer for them.”

“This was one of the biggest opportunities of my life. It was so gratifying and we worked so hard,” Brooks said. “I think we helped make a difference.”



(U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Frederick Brooks)

MUÑIZ AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Puerto Rico — Roof damage on Muñiz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, in October, 2017. The roof was blown off by Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Frederick Brooks)

MUÑIZ AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm, struck Muñiz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, Sept. 20, 2017. According to the National Hurricane Center, Maria was considered the 10th most intense Atlantic hurricane and the most tropical cyclone worldwide in 2017.



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MUÑIZ AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Puerto Rico — Lt. Col Frederick Brooks, 156th Civil Engineer Squadron interim base civil engineer, works on the reconstruction of Muñiz Air National Guard Base in October, 2017. Muñiz ANGB was hit by Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm, Sept. 20, 2017.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Frederick Brooks)

MUÑIZ AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Puerto Rico — Luis Muñiz Marin International Airport near Muñiz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, in October, 2017. The airport, shared with Muñiz ANGB, was severely damaged by Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm.

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On February 1, 2018, TRICARE Pharmacy copayments will change.



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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — On Feb. 1, 2018, copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies will increase. These changes are required by law and affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active duty service members.

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- 6 Muse of love poetry
- 11 Large
- 14 Big name at the pumps
- 15 Healer
- 16 Super Bowl wins for Joe Flacco
- 17 Cast your net? (Part 1)
- 20 Russian range
- 21 Grocery store employee
- 22 U.S.S. Enterprise, e.g.
- 26 Injured arm supporter
- 27 Kind of water or smokes?
- 28 Grp. with many objectors?
- 31 Thing to up in poker
- 32 Flurry of activity
- 33 Mexican band member
- 37 Cast your net? (Part 2)
- 42 Burned to ashes
- 43 Good rock to pick
- 44 Winter road treatment
- 47 Harmless cyst
- 48 Long departed
- 49 Particular regions
- 51 Bran muffin relatives
- 55 Most serious and somber
- 58 Appear
- 59 Cast your net? (Part 3)
- 64 Seeing - dog link
- 65 Form an estimate of
- 66 Contract for a tenant
- 67 Pentagon div.
- 68 Incite a layer?
- 69 Instrument to hymn to?

DOWN

- 1 Tire inflation meas.
- 2 "Weird Al" Yankovic movie
- 3 Tina of "30 Rock"
- 4 Like prepped pizza dough
- 5 Pronounces as if drunk
- 6 Meaty bacteria?
- 7 Enter a marathon
- 8 Word with "fine" and "liberal"
- 9 Pup or dome
- 10 Layered cookies
- 11 Old-style dagger
- 12 Desired outcome
- 13 Beatle Harrison
- 18 Morse bit
- 19 Bakery offering
- 22 Catch, as lazy flies
- 23 List heading
- 24 Heaps
- 25 Friend or chum
- 29 Bangkok bill
- 30 Summit
- 33 Blemish, as a surface
- 34 Less than many
- 35 Frost coating
- 36 Came down with
- 38 Book page size
- 39 Off-the-wall nut
- 40 Sea eagle
- 41 They're crossed when completed
- 44 Drooped
- 45 Desert creek
- 46 Looked through, as pages
- 48 Stronger-smelling, as meat
- 50 Twilled suit material
- 52 Grayish in the face
- 53 Brewed drink
- 54 String quartet instrument
- 56 Doe's beau
- 57 Member of a goon squad
- 60 Vanity case?
- 61 Satchel
- 62 Where many things are made
- 63 Digital number?

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