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PCS season brings new leadership to 694 IG

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

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Changes in leadership for the 694th Intelligence Group began at the top of the ladder as Col. Katherine Gauthier took over as commander of the group July 10. Recalling last month's coverage, Col. Gauthier joined the group from Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom, where she was the Director of Operations, Joint Analysis Center, U.S. European Command.

Gauthier brings to the group experience in many facets of the Air Force, including telemetry systems, political-economic advising, and joint intelligence center experience, as well as positions with the inspector general and as a political-military planner, to name a few.

But Col. Gauthier is not the only new face of leadership around the group. Within the month of August, four of the group's six squadrons also welcomed new commanders.

The first change took place at the 94th Intelligence Squadron Aug. 2 when Lt. Col. M. Jay Mitchell grabbed the squadron's reigns. Mitchell joins the group from the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, where he



Lt. Col. Jay Mitchell

nearly 17 years of intelligence experience under his belt. Just a few of his intelligence assignments include Chief of Operations Intelligence and Chief of Intelligence Branch within the 602d Tactical Air Control Wing; Honor Graduate of and Intelligence Division Instructor for the USAF Weapons School; Weapons, tactics, and Intelligence Officer at the Joint Intelligence Center in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH; and Chief of the National Airborne Operations Center Intelligence Operations Team at the Operations and Logistics Directorate, J3/4, United States Strategic Command.

The 94 IS is responsible for the Consolidated Remote Operations Facility, Airborne, mission where both tactical and strategic information is provided to theater commanders and top national leadership, including the President and the Secretary of Defense. In addition, the 94 IS operates the National Tactical Integration Central Cell, which specializes in leveraging the national Signals Intelligence system, providing time-sensitive, actionable intelligence information at the operational and tactical

levels of war. was Deputy Chief of Non-rated Operations Officer Assignments Branch and Chief of Intelligence Officer Assignments.

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The next change within the group was Aug. 21 when Lt. Col. Darren Medlin stepped up as the 91st Intelligence Squadron's new commander. Medlin joined the group from his position as the Chief of Intelligence Architectures at the Joint Force Headquarters, Homeland Security, in Norfolk, Va.

Medlin brings with him more than 16 years of intelligence experience, including assignments within the 6913th Electronic Security Squadron and the 6924th Electronic Security Group as both a flight commander and as Chief of Mission Management, as well as an earlier assignment at Fort Meade as a Junior Cryptologic Career Program Staff Officer.

As commander of the 91 IS, Medlin is responsible for more than 400 active duty and reserve airmen who participate in a variety of National Security Agency missions, including information assurance, research, acquisition, and numerous other support activities.

The groups' third change of command was Aug. 23 when Lt. Col. John Kaplan took command of the 694th Support Squadron.



Lt. Col. Darren Medlin

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September holds important significance for America, AF

by Col. James O. Poss

70th Intelligence Wing Commander

We have recently passed the first anniversary of the September 11 attack on the US. We also acknowledged the anniversary of the birth of the Air Force, which occurs September 18, with our annual AFBirthday Ball.

These anniversaries will be important throughout your Air Force career. The date of September 11 will mark our generation, much as December 7 marked the generation of our grandparents, and the birthday of the Air Force will always be an important part of our Air Force tradition. I hope these two anniversaries will help you refocus your efforts in support of your Air Force family and the American way of life.

Our wing has been at the center of the war against terrorism from the beginning. I am confident you will continue to focus on helping our fellow airmen, US sister services, and our allies fight this treacherous enemy.

Like the war against piracy, which was occurring when our nation was born, this conflict will not end quickly. I need you to stay focused on helping our troops and allies in Afghanistan, protecting our homeland from future attacks, and paving the way for our next phase in this conflict.

To succeed in our mission, another area of concern is to look after the members of our Air Force family. The areas where we need to help each other most are stress awareness, suicide awareness, and safety awareness. I realize the long hours everyone devotes to the mission add to the stress factor. Help each other in



Col. James O. Poss

scheduling time off or to be in a less stressful situation. While some stress helps us to achieve more, to do better, or to work faster; too much stress can lead to problems that make a person less

productive. To keep ourselves at optimal performance, we need to make sure we take time to relax and recharge our batteries.

Related to helping each other through stressful periods, we need to watch our friends and co-workers for indications of contemplating suicide. Sometimes people feel suicide is the only way out of a bad situation. A stressful job can have negative repercussions on one's personal relationships,

finances, etc., and lead the individual to contemplate suicide.

Not only does a suicide mean the loss of an individual, it leaves a void in our Air Force family. It is my charge to return you to your families alive and well, but I need everyone to help me accomplish that, whether we are fighting terrorists or personal demons.

Another symptom of stress is losing our focus on safety. I know it may seem tedious to have constant reminders about safety, but a short lapse in judgment can lead to serious consequences. We got through the 101 critical days of summer without any fatalities. Keep up the good work on the safety front so we can continue to cause nightmares for our enemies who made September 11, 2001 a tragic day in American history.

With the "0070th" Wing on the watch, we can reflect upon and celebrate these September anniversaries for many years to come.

Commander's Action Line

A direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

The action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the chain of command, inspector general, chaplain, or other professional means.

Try to resolve issues and problems at the lowest level possible. If you feel you are not getting satisfactory results, you may direct your concern to this forum.

Questions and concerns must be accompanied by a complete name, phone number or e-mail address for official responses. For privacy concerns, names will be withheld from newsprint on request. All Action Line items will receive the commander's attention. Action items can be brought into the public affairs office in building 9805, room 205 or e-mailed to 70iw.pa@ft-meade.af.mil.

Also, look for an Action Line link on the 70 IW web page.



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Kaplan's previous assignment was with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Alexandria, Va., as Chief of the Electromagnetic and Infrastructure



Lt. Col. John Kaplan

Protection Branch, technology Application Directorate. Kaplan is a communications officer by trade and brings his more than 15 years of communications

experience to the 694 SPTS.

Just a couple of his many communications positions include an earlier stint at the Pentagon as Chief of the Engineering Support Branch with the 7th Communications Group and as the Executive Officer to the Group Commander. In addition, Kaplan was Chief of Programs/Engineering, Chief of Maintenance and Flight Commander of both the Workload Control and Program Management Flights at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

The final change of command for the group this summer was Aug. 28 when the 22nd Intelligence Squadron welcomed Lt. Col. Mary O'Brien as the new commander. O'Brien comes to the group from her position as Chief, Operations Branch, Congressional Inquiries Division, Legislative Liaison, at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in the

Pentagon.

A career intelligence officer with more than 13 years experience, O'Brien has served in a variety of positions, both intelligence and non-intelligence related. A few of her intelligence assignments include positions as an intelligence analyst, targeting officer, and collection manager, as well as serving as an intern in the J-38 Reconnaissance Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, and as the Program Element monitor, Resources Division, Directorate of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force. In addition, O'Brien served as a legislative fellow on the personal staff of Congressman Ike Skelton.



Lt. Col. Mary O'Brien

As commander of the 22 IS, O'Brien assumes responsibility for more than 600 active duty and reserve information operation warriors who participate in a variety of National Security Agency missions, delivering intelligence support to warfighters, commanders, and national decisionmakers at all levels.

These five new commanders have transitioned seamlessly into their respective squadrons and, like their fellow commanders, are mission ready for any challenges they may face, at home or abroad.

301 IS welcomes new commander

by SSgt. Shawna P. Hann

301st Intelligence Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative



Lt. Col. James Plott

MISAWA AB, JAPAN--Lt. Col. James R. Plott assumed command of the 301st Intelligence Squadron from Lt. Col. Gregory J. Burns in a ceremony held July 5.

After receiving the squadron flag, Plott addressed his command for the first time.

"I must say that I regard the service, and the squadron, as a family," he said. "Families rejoice in each other's successes, pull together to triumph over adversity and boost up family members who are in need or going through tough times," he continued. "And from what I've seen so far, the 301st definitely qualifies as a family."

Greater access to pay information through E/MSS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)

— The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Employee/Member Self-Service system has been expanded to allow greater access to pay information and more changes to pay records.

The new enhancements provide more options to

employees, are user-friendly, and help give employees more control over their pay information, said Jim Pitt, deputy director of electronic commerce, military and civilian pay services.

Active-duty and reserve Air Force servicemembers can now increase or decrease the amount of state

tax taken from their pay.

They can also now make home address changes and request a personal identification number letter on demand.

To use the E/MSS system, employees must have a customized personal identification number. Those needing a PIN may

request a new PIN letter at the E/MSS Home Page. This letter will be mailed to the address on file with the pay system. Allow seven to 10 business days for mailing. All retirees and annuitants needing a new PIN should contact the E/MSS customer support unit at 1-800-390-2348.

NCO brings home martial arts gold

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

70th Intelligence Wing
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Karate Kid, move over! Staff Sgt. Chad Rogers has taken his childhood fascination of ninjas and martial arts to a whole new level. In July, he won a gold medal at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Seventh World Championship, held in London, England.

Rogers, an Arabic linguist with the 22nd Intelligence Squadron here, now holds the title as World Champion in Synchronized Form 2002. Not bad for a guy who just picked the sport up a few years ago.

The martial art of Arnis (also known as Eskrima or Kali) is a system of self-defense that utilizes the baston, or stick, as its principle weapon. All weapons are an extension of one's hands, maximizing the individual's reach and striking impact.

Arnis, like other fighting systems, can be practiced empty handed (wrestling, grappling, submission holds, hand to hand combat, feet techniques, joint locks), or with the use of the weapons.

According to Rogers,

what makes Arnis unique from other forms of martial arts is that it begins its training with the use of weapons rather than empty hands.

The Eskrimador (one who practices Arnis), first trains with a single stick, or "solo baston." As the Eskrimador's skill set increases, he or she will master other weapons such as the dagger, the balisong (butterfly knife), the tabok tabok (nunchuk), and the kawayan (staff).

"What little boy doesn't want to be a ninja," says Rogers of his childhood fascination. But shelving his ninja dreams, Rogers instead began wrestling at the age of four.

"If there were a belt system in wrestling, I'd be a third- or fourth-degree black belt," jokes Rogers. But Rogers says there's no doubt his wrestling background has helped him progress quickly to a first-degree black belt in Arnis.

Quickly indeed. Rogers took his first Arnis class only four years ago and is now the reigning world champ. He says it wasn't a difficult decision choosing the art of Arnis over the many other martial arts, though.

"This is more of a free-



Photos by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Rogers practices the skills that recently won him a gold medal at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Seventh World Championship, held in London, England.

will, fluid sport where you can really add your own skills and inputs," says Rogers. "That really attracted me to this sport ... the immediate weapons training didn't hurt either. I liked the fact that it was a 'combat' art."

What sparked the "ninja" flame after so many years, though? Rogers said he found an old article in *Airman* magazine on Chuck Norris. The article mentioned that Norris practiced his art

while serving in the Air Force. "That kind of inspired me to follow this path and reconnect with an old dream," he said.

Now that he's brought home a world championship, Rogers says it's time for him to set his sights on new goals.

First, he hopes to test for his second-degree black belt during an upcoming visit from his Grandmaster, the



Rogers with his gold medal.

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man who invented the particular style of Arnis that Rogers studies.

Next, he will continue training to defend his world championship title in the next competition. “That way I can prove to myself that it wasn’t just the luck of the draw,” says Rogers.

“You never know when that somebody who is better, faster, or stronger might come along – perhaps in the 2004 tournament.”

One last goal, he adds, is to get the Air Force to give him a permissive TDY to defend his title. “This last trip was expensive! (hint hint),” he says.

Thinking more long term, though, Rogers says he really enjoys instructing and would love to eventually open his own school and share the art with future generations.

Behind Rogers all the

Martial art of Arnis dates back to 1500s, still used today by AF special forces

In 1521, the Spanish Explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, discovered the islands of the Philippines while sailing around the world. During his attempts to claim the Philippines for Spain, Magellan met resistance from the local natives.

On April 25, 1521, on Mactan Island, Philippines, Magellan and his men waged an attack on Lapu Lapu, the ruler of the island. Armed with only primitive weapons and the knowledge of Arnis, Lapu Lapu and his men proved to be a capable force against the heavily armed Spaniards.

During the battle, Lapu Lapu and

Magellan finally met face to face. Lapu Lapu’s offensive was swift and lethal. The first blow from Lapu Lapu broke Magellan’s leg. The final blow that came from Lapu Lapu’s Itak (machete) ended Magellan’s life.

Later, Arnis was utilized by Gen. Douglas McArthur in World War II. McArthur employed a select group of Arnis practitioners for intelligence gathering in the jungles of the Philippines.

Currently, McChord Air Force Base contracts out Arnis instructors to teach to the Special Forces troops stationed there.

(Note: Historical information provided by SSgt. Chad Rogers.)

way is his commander, Lt. Col. Claire Saucier. “SSgt Rogers’ accomplishments reflect his dedication to the extremely complicated martial arts discipline of Arnis and afford him the opportunity to be an ambassador for the Air

Force within our community, and now to the world. We’re all very proud of him here.”

And although he’s very proud of his new gold medal, too, Rogers says he doesn’t think the Wheaties representatives will be

beating his door down any time soon. “I think I have a better chance of making ESPN 2 some day, but I wouldn’t hold Wheaties back if they asked nicely.” Good thing success hasn’t gone to his head yet.



Operation ‘HART’ suicide prevention information

LOOK for the signs:

- 4 Withdrawn from friends/family/social activities
- 4 Marital and relationship problems
- 4 Disciplinary problems
- 4 Hopelessness (i.e., “The world would be better off without me.”)
- 4 Trouble concentrating
- 4 Giving belongings away
- 4 Change in sleeping habits
- 4 Change in eating habits
- 4 Drastic behavior changes
- 4 Traumatic loss for individual
- 4 Fixation with exotic weapons
- 4 Preoccupied with death/dying
- 4 Lose interest in their personal appearance
- 4 Talk about committing suicide
- 4 Strange euphoria following depression

Listen for the feelings:

- 4 Don’t agree to keep your friend’s secret
- 4 You can help by getting them help

Act! Find help:

- 4 Discuss the problem openly and frankly
- 4 Show interest and support
- 4 Seek help from someone! Escort and stay with them
- 4 Contact a minister, counselor, physician, commander or 1st. Sgt.

Be aware of your feelings:

Nearly everyone at some time in his or her life thinks about committing suicide. People having a crisis often perceive their dilemma as inescapable and feel an utter loss of control; however, most decide to live and realize the crisis is temporary and death isn’t. There is no typical suicide victim. It happens to young, old, rich and poor.

Emergency numbers:

- Army Community Services**
301-677-5590
- Fort Meade Military Police**
301-677-6622
- NSA Employee Services**
410-712-4444
- 70 IW Readiness Center**
301-688-4764
- 694 IG Life Skills Support Center**
301-677-0162
- 70IW Chaplain**
301-677-0811

- Crisis Hotline (PG County) 301-864-7161
- Crisis Hotline (Montgomery) 301-738-2255
- Crisis Hotline (Wash DC) 202-561-7000
- Crisis Hotline (Howard Co) 410-531-6677

** Information provided by the Fort Meade Helping Agency Response Team.*

Eagle Warrior



A1C Celia Brown

694th Support Squadron

Years of service: 1 Year, 4 months

Hometown: Upland, Calif.

Family: Husband, SrA Matthew Brown,
22nd Intelligence Squadron

Job Title: Relocations Clerk

Primary duties and responsibilities:

Processes all assigned personnel (students included) for assignment relocations and arranges travel for personnel relocating overseas. Prepares special orders and other related forms. Requests port calls for overseas travel. Prepares relocation folders and records for transfer. Monitors the daily transaction register and updates the Personnel Data System. Processes and monitors applications for special duty assignments, base of preference, and other personnel programs.

Most rewarding job aspect: "Interacting with everyone and ensuring military members and their families receive the best service possible."

Goals: "Take a backpack trip through Europe and complete my CCAF within the next year."

Hobbies: "Running 5Ks for children's fundraisers and working on my small garden."

Favorite aspect of Fort Meade: "I enjoy the diversity of the military on Fort Meade; it has made me realize that the Air Force is the best!"

What would you change about Fort Meade? "Increase the BAH, and start COLA at Fort Meade. For the MPF, I would give an extra 20K to our budget!"

70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

Quarterly Award Winners (April-June)

Congratulations to the following 70th Intelligence Wing quarterly award winners:

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt Jordon T. Cochran, 694th Intelligence Group

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

MSgt Allen W. Young, 373d Support Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

SSgt David Morgenstern, 31st Intelligence Squadron

Airman of the Quarter

SrA Richard J. Badgley, 31st Intelligence Squadron

Civilian of the Quarter

Ms. Michelle Stanbrough, 694th Intelligence Group

Congratulations to the following Air Force Cryptologic Office quarterly award winners:

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt Kevin Wenks

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

SMSgt Payton Flynn

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

TSgt Mimi Ducane

Congratulations to the following 373d Intelligence Group quarterly award Winners:

Airman of the Quarter

A1C Nicole Whitted, 373d Support Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

SSgt. Randall Bach, 373d Support Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

MSgt. Allen Young, 373d Support Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

1st Lt. Erinrose Velthuis, 301st Intelligence Squadron

Congratulations to the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center quarterly technician winner:

Junior Technician of the Quarter

A1C Larry Avant, 373d Support Squadron

Airman Leadership School Graduates

70th Intelligence Wing Airman Leadership School Award Winners

Class 2002-G

John L. Levitow Award

SrA Angela E. Cessor-Culver

Distinguished Graduate Award

SrA Eugenia Montalto

The Leadership Award

SrA Christopher M. Alcott

Academic Achievement Award

SrA Eugenia Montalto

Other Class 2002-G graduates:

22nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Caline A. Alent

SrA Jeannie S. Auxila

SrA Vanessa M. Vavra

29th Intelligence Squadron

SrA Heather D. Lea

SrA Jodie L. Orisich

32nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Merri S. Arocha

SrA Nathan P. Griswold

SrA Lindsay M. Hughes

91st Intelligence Squadron

SrA Juan J. Basabe

94th Intelligence Squadron

SrA Serina M. Rivers

694th Support Squadron

SrA Ka'li N. Borders

SrA Julie A. Collins

SrA Stacie M. Golden

AF family services liaison stands ready, waiting to help



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

TSgt. Kirkland Brown is the 70th Intelligence Wing's Air Force Liaison for Family Support Services.

Five things the Air Force family services liaison can do for you ...

by **TSgt. Kirkland Brown**

*70th Intelligence Wing
AF Family Services Liaison*

Being a tenant unit on an Army post may have its challenges, but I'm here to ensure one of those challenges isn't finding much-needed assistance in the area of family support.

The Fort Meade Army Community Services folks do an excellent job of helping everyone, regardless of service. But some things are Air Force specific or require a helping Air Force hand.

To that end, my position here was created to translate existing ACS services to "Air Force lingo" and to provide additional Air Force-specific family support programs.

Without further ado, I'd like to share with you five things (in no specific order) I can do for you as your Air Force liaison for Family Services. Remember, though, this is just the tip of the iceberg. There's plenty more

the ACS, and I, can offer you and your family.

Some of these programs are Air-Force specific, and some are programs offered by the ACS. They are all equally valuable programs aimed at helping you and your family throughout your assignment at Fort Meade.

The RAP

The Relocation Assistance Program offers tools and tips to ensure a smooth transition from one location to another.

Whether just getting here or on your way to another location, this program can help by providing information on area medical facilities, base relocation videos, recreation, education, pets/kennels, furniture rentals, housing, child care, etc.

The Fort Meade RAP also offers a lending closet, which is well stocked with household items for short-term loan.

Air Force Aid

Air Force Aid for emergency situations is available to active

duty members and their dependents; retired Air Force personnel and their dependents (on a case-by-case basis); Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel on extended duty over 30 days (Under Title 10, U.S. Code); and dependents of deceased Air Force personnel (who died on active duty or retired status.)

The Air Force Aid program usually combines an assessment of the emergency situation and an evaluation of the person's budget to arrive at a decision to provide an interest free loan, a grant, or combination of both.

Hearts Apart Program

Hearts Apart is for military, DoD civilians and family members separated from one another due to military commitments (deployments, TDYs, remote tours, etc.)

This program offers information, personal support and group activities through e-mail access, morale calls from home, childcare, free car maintenance, and video teleconferencing at accessible deployed locations.

Key Spouse Group

The Key Spouse Group also helps to maintain strong connections between Air Force active duty and family members.

The group makes sure key information is passed on to family members, enabling them to take advantage of great community programs.

The group's most important mission is making sure families are not forgotten when the sponsor goes on a deployment, extended TDY or remote assignment.

The Key Spouse Group

meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the joint scout center. For more information, send an email to: key_spouse@yahoo.com.

Financial Readiness

The Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program provides education, client advocacy and advice on consumer and financial matters.

This program also facilitates training on money management, investments, banking and smart shopping, and sponsors money management classes specifically designed to assist target audiences.

In addition, the FAP provides assessments to determine if an exception to policy for immediate on-post housing or child care is warranted, based on financial need and advocates to resolve consumer complaints, fraud and scams.

To find out more about any of the programs I've briefly mentioned here, or to find out what additional programs the ACS has to offer (and there are many!), give me a call at 301-677-3617; check out the Family Support Services website at <http://www.694fss.ftmeade.army.mil>; or visit me at the ACS at 4217 Roberts Avenue.

Through a partnership with Work Life Services, I also work out of NSA on Tuesdays and Thursdays to serve those who don't make it out of the building very often.

My NSA office is located in building SAB-1, Room S1CE17, and the phone number there is 301-688-1697.

In addition, check out the Eagle every month to see each of these programs and more highlighted in detail.

