

## Major Brewington takes over command in Georgia



Major Eric T. Brewington

A change of command ceremony was held at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia January 6, 2004. At that ceremony Major Eric T. of the 347th Contracting Squadron assumed command of the 347th Contracting Squadron. The Squadron is to train and deploy combat contracting officers and provide over \$55M of contracting support annually to USAF's only active duty CSAR wing, AETC's 479 FTG pilot training mission and ACC's 820 SFG in support of its rapidly deployable force protection role totalling 4,200 personnel.

Major Brewington was born in Robeson County North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brewington of Pembroke. He entered the US Air Force as an AFOTC Distinguished Graduate in 1990 after graduating from Pembroke State University. He earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Acquisition and Contracting in October 2000 with Western New England College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Major Brewington's first assignment was as the Section Commander

and Squadron Commander's Adjutant with the 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Florida. He attended RED FLAG '92. In 1993, He was assigned overseas to the 67th Special Operations Squadron, 352d Special Operations Group at Royal Air Force (RAF) Alconbury, United Kingdom. He served as the Squadron's Chief of Current Operations and in 1996 became Deputy Chief for Group Current Operations, 352d Special Operations Group, RAF, Middenhall, United Kingdom. His deployments include Operations PROVIDE Promise in 1993, Deny Flight in 1994 and Joint Endeavor in 1996.

In 1997, Major Brewington cross-trained into contracting through the Air Force Institute of Technology Education with Industry Program in Lockheed Martin. In 1998 he was selected as Contracts Manager, Joint STARS Program, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. He was responsible for the administration of \$2.5 billion procurement of two JSTARS aircraft and upgrades to five additional aircraft. While there, the team streamlined the delivery process of JSTARS aircraft and delivered two jets for the Kosovo crisis 122 days early. In 2000, he was selected as the contracts Manager for Global Grid PAD, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. He was the lead contracts administrator for Air Combat Command's Tactical Air Control Party Modernization and also the Laser Ranger Finer upgrade. Both of these procurements were fielded early. While in AFMC, he was awarded Air Force Material Command's equal Employment Opportunity Program Manager of the Year for 2001 in the Native American and Alaskan Native category.

In July 2001, Major Brewington was assigned as Flight Commander, Specialized Contracting Flight, 3d Contracting Squadron, 3d Wing, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. He was responsible for the largest Specialized Contracting Flight in PACAF. He acquired and managed contracts worth approximately \$314 million for Eleventh Air Force, Alaskan Command, Alaskan NORAD Region missions, and COPE THUNDER exercises. The 3d Contracting Squadron provided enhanced readiness through contract support for the 3d Wing, the 611th Air Support Group, 3 forward operating bases, 18 remote radar sites, and 11 federal agencies with combined populations totaling 26,000 statewide.

Major Brewington has completed Squadron Officer School in residence, Air Command and Staff College (Seminar), and has a level III certification in Contracting (systems Acquisitions).

Major Brewington and his wife, Mary Jane, also a native of North Carolina, have been married for 16 years and have four daughters, Erika Ana'cia, age 15; Meagan Leigh, age 14; Kristin Arelia, age 12; and Laurel Tsali, age 8.

Several relatives, including his parents, attended the ceremony.



## Bricy Hammonds reappointed to Housing Commission

Pembroke-Bricy Hammonds have been reappointed to another five-year term of the Pembroke Housing Authority Commission by the Honorable Milton R. Hunt, Mayor for the Town of Pembroke.

Mr. Hammonds was originally appointed on January 7, 2000 to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner William Locklear. With the passage of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998, all public housing authorities across the United States were required to have at least one resident appointed and elected to its Board of Commissioners. After a careful search, Mayor Hunt selected Bricy Hammonds as the first resident to serve under the newly adopted HUD guidelines. Since his appointment, Commissioner Hammonds has been actively involved with the Resident Advisory Board and other community meetings sponsored by the Authority. He has faithfully attended every called meeting of the Authority since his appointment as Commissioner. "We are extremely pleased with Mayor Hunt's appointment," said Lemark Harris, executive Director. "His reappointment of Commissioner Hammonds to serve as Commissioner for public housing in the town of Pembroke is indicative of his commitment for a strong public housing program for the residents of the Town of Pembroke."

Commissioner Hammonds is married to the former Thelma Smith of Pembroke.

Commissioner Hammonds is shown left with Mayor Milton Hunt.

## FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital participates in national cancer prevention and detection study

PINEHURST-First Health Moore Regional Hospital is participating in a nationwide study to find ways of lowering the risk of developing ovarian cancer and improving the ability to detect the cancer early. Cancer specialists at Moore Regional are now enrolling patients in this new clinical trial, which is funded by the National Cancer Institute in collaboration with the Gynecologic Oncology Group. Women who are at high risk for developing ovarian cancer and who meet several other criteria may be eligible to participate in the Ovarian Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Study. "A strong family history of ovarian cancer or breast cancer that occurs before menopause is one of the major risk factors for ovarian cancer and an eligibility criteria for this study," said John Byron MD, a gynecologist who is the principal investigator for the clinical trial at Moore Regional. "For example, one of the women we have already enrolled in the study doesn't have breast or ovarian cancer, but her mother and three of her mother's sisters had breast cancer before the age of 50. So her risk of having a genetic predisposition to malignancy is extremely high." About 25,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year. As with many cancers, the survival rates are much higher when the disease is detected early. Currently, there are no standard recommendation concerning medical intervention for women with a high risk of ovarian cancer. Some women choose to reduce their risk by having their ovarian and fallopian tubes removed, even if there are no indications that they have cancer. They decide to play it safe, because women often don't know they have ovarian cancer until it is far advanced.

In the early stages, the disease typically causes no symptoms, only mild, vague symptoms. One goal of the clinical trial is to reduce the number of unnecessary surgeries by finding reliable ways to detect early signs of ovarian cancer. The study will look at the inci-

dence of ovarian cancer in the two groups of women- those have their ovaries and tube removed and those who are closely followed and tested annually for indications of disease. The study is not randomized trial and is unique in that patients can choose which of the two courses they want to follow. The ovaries removed from women who choose surgery will be thoroughly analyzed for any signs of malignancy. Women who choose not to have surgery will have an ultrasound test to check their ovaries, tubes and uterus. The ultrasound will be repeated once a year. Women in the study also will receive yearly mammograms, and they will have an initial blood test to check certain proteins in the blood which are associated with cancer. Annual follow-up tests show will detect any changes in protein levels. Significant changes will alert clinicians that a problem may be developing. If, at any point, the test show early signs of cancer, a woman may choose to have surgery. Data collected on both groups women in the study will be analyzed continuously. If and when the results show that one course of management is safer and more effective than the other, the study will be stopped.

The Ovarian Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Study plans to evaluate more than 3,400 high-risk women nationwide over the next two years. Only a few hospitals in North Carolina are eligible to take part in the study. Moore Regional Hospital is participating as an affiliate of UNC Hospital, and through UNC's membership in the national Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG), a national organization that develops and oversees clinical trials involving all types of gynecologic malignancies. Anyone with question about eligibility for the ovarian cancer study can call Pat Young R.N., clinical trial coordinator at Moore Regional Hospital, at (910) 215-2200. "We want to hear from women who are interested in the study and think they might be eligible," Young said. More information about the clinical trial is available by calling the National Cancer Institute's information service at 1-800-4-CANCER

## A Commoner's Comments

If they can't sign it will they ignore it?

With the mischievous chuckle that sometimes precedes his never ending humor, Carl Ricky Jones asked me if the State of North Carolina will have to rewrite its history. Carl was referring to the same situation Washington Post columnist David Broder addressed in a late December, 2003 column concerning Essie Mae Washington-Williams, he reported that she "finally confirmed decades of rumors and told the Washington Post's Margaret W. Thompson that she was in truth the daughter of the longest serving senator, who died this year at age 100."

Columnist Broder wrote: "Had she spoken with anger about the hypocrisy of a man who espoused separation of the races but exploited a powerless young black woman sexually, she could have stirred the racial tensions never far below the surface. Instead, she spoke kindly of her father's outreach to her and the financial support he provided." But even though the senator's white children acknowledged Ms. Williams' claimed paternity, can this revelation be chiseled in stone at this point?

After all, Rush Limbaugh is out of drug rehab, and back at the helm of "Republicans can do no wrong" talk radio. Will Limbaugh and his counterparts spin that "powerless young black woman" into a sex crazed manipulator, who raped young Strom repeatedly until she was sure she was pregnant, so she could set herself up as a "victim" and "extort" money from the Thurmond family? And spin Strom into a southern gentleman, who did not report the repeated rapes and have his tormentor arrested because he did not want to embarrass the "powerless" young black woman's family? Referring to Ms. Williams' first appearance as Thurmond's daughter, Columnist Broder closed with "For the moment at least they were not blacks or whites, they were South Carolinians, able to acknowledge and deal with their past--and the reality of their complex history." Will the spin-doctors of conservative talk radio be able to deal with Republican Strom Thurmond's hypocritical past? Probably not. But there's a bit too much conclusive evidence for them to spin this one into a falsehood-bet cha' a dollar to a doughnut that they'll never even mention the incident on the air. Now will they?

Think about it, please!

by Robert C. Currie, Jr.

## Basketball Camp accepting applications

Registration is now open for the 26th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 5-18 are eligible. The summer camp locations and dates are: North Carolina Wesleyan College in rocky Mount, NC June 27-July 1, and Wingate College in wingate, NC July 4-8. Included on the Camp staff are: Raymond Felton (UNC), Rashad McCants (UN), Christ Dahom (Duke), Jason Capel (Pro) and Eric Montross (Pro). For a free brochure call 704-377-66387 anytime

## UNCP Graduates Honored for Community Service

PEMBROKE NC- Thirteen UNCP Pembroke graduates earned distinction of being named Leadership Fellows by the Leadership and Service Opportunities Program (LSOP). The student volunteered for more than 150 hours community service as undergraduates.

Five additional graduates earned Distinguished Leader awards for completing a minimum of 25 hours of community service and a series of leadership workshops during the fall semester.

These outstanding volunteers received a special transcript and gold tassels for their robes during the commencement ceremonies.

"Each of these dedicated students completed many hours of community service throughout their tenure at UNCP in addition to completing a series of leadership workshops," said Melanie Clark, LSOP coordinator. "For their efforts,

Amy Woodell of Pembroke who received her degree in Social Work is a member of the special group honored as Leadership Fellows.

## Corn and Soybean Meeting

There will be an important meeting for corn and soybean growers Tuesday Feb 3, 2004 at the Ten Mile Center Church on US Hwy 301 North. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm and a meal will be provided. Please attend this very important meeting.

## Share Your Love for Reading Become an Adult Literacy Tutor

If you love to read, we have a rewarding volunteer opportunity for you. If you can donate 2 to 3 hours per week, you can help and adult learn how to read.

The Robeson County Church & Community Center Literacy Council is offering a Free Adult Literacy tutor training for people interested in teaching another adult to read. Classes will be held on Saturday February 7th and Saturday February 14th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Once completed you will be a certified tutor.

Contact Frances Thomas at (910) 738-5204 for more information and for workshop registration.

Classes will be held at Robeson County Church and Community Center 210 East 15th Street, Lumberton, NC

## AIMI to hold cultural classes

American Indian Mothers Inc. will be holding cultural classes every Thursday night, beginning December 11, at 7 pm, in the AIMI building on Hwy 71.

Instructors will be Matthew Chavis teaching drums and singing. Sam Pedro will be Lead Singer and Dave Locklear will be teaching bead work.

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