

**Remembering the  
Forgotten AGE Mechanic  
"anonymous"**

Through the history of world aviation  
Many names have come to the fore  
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last  
As they're joined by more and more

But back in the beginnings of flight  
In our quest to conquer the sky  
There was first the designer and mechanic  
Who built a machine that would fly

But somehow the order got twisted  
And then in the public's eye  
The only man that could be seen  
Was the man that knew how to fly  
We all know the name of Lindbergh  
And we've all read his flight to fame  
But think, if you can, of his maintenance man  
Can you remember his name?

And for each of the great flying heroes  
Thousands of others around  
They are the mechanical wizards  
Who keep their feet on the ground

And for every great aircraft that flies  
Ground equipment is ready and there  
The blast of air, the zap of amps  
To put the plane in the air

Jammers, compressors, and maintenance stands  
Turbines and light carts so bright  
All require great talent and skill  
To make these units run right

No Air Power With-out Ground Power's our motto  
And wars are not easily won  
But without the work of a good AGE troop  
Our pilots would march with a gun

So when you see our mighty jet aircraft  
As they mark their way through the air  
Remember, it's the sweat of the mechanic with a wrench in hand  
That keep the heroes up there

# Retirement Ceremony

## For

### Master Sergeant Paul E. Grewe

## United States Air Force



*Cannon A.F.B. NEW MEXICO*

*1500, 1 July 2009*  
*The Landing*  
*Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico*

# Master Sergeant Paul E. Grewe

Master Sergeant Grewe is assigned to the 27th Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM. As Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Flight Chief, Sergeant Grewe ensures combat readiness of AGE used to support back shop inspection, maintenance and transition to C-130 support. Manages all operations associated with inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of 238 pieces of AGE valued in excess of \$5M. Devises plans, provides input and interfaces with HQ AFSOC, AFMC, AFPC and Air Logistics Centers to resolve equipment, personnel and maintenance issues. Develops maintenance and inspection schedules, establishes work-center training, and evaluates proficiency of personnel. Also he ensures the 28 assigned AGE technicians are 100 percent qualified and that their health, welfare and morale are sustained.

Master Sergeant Grewe was born in Wheatridge, Colorado to Bob and Bea Grewe, he has 3 sisters and 2 brothers. He attended Estes Park High School, graduating in 1987. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in November 1987. His career includes positions as AGE Team member, Maintenance Floor Supervisor, Team Leader, Support NCOIC, AGE Production Superintendent, Maintenance Operations Center Superintendant and AGE Flight Chief. He has served in a number of assignments and has deployed in support various operations and exercises throughout Europe, in Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He has directly supported numerous Air Force aircraft to include B-1 Bombers, KC-135 Re-fuelers, fighters ranging from A-10 Thunderbolt to F-16 Falcon, C-5 Galaxy and SOF assets such as Pave Low Helicopter and our very own C-130W, just to name a few. His volunteer accolades encompass soccer coach and referee, Fish and Game Wildlife Reservist and white water rafting guide.

Master Sergeant Grewe is married to MSgt Kimberly Grewe who is assigned to the 27 Special Operations Security Forces Squadron. She is originally from Oregon, Illinois, they have one child; Reed born October 2003.



## EDUCATION:

1987 Basic Military Training School, Lackland AFB Texas  
1988 AGE Technical School, Chanute AFB, Illinois  
1990 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, RAF Upwood England  
1993 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan  
1995 Associates Degree Applied Science AGE Technology, CCAF  
1997 AGE 7 Level School, Shepherd AFB, Texas  
2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, AB, Germany  
2004 Associates Degree Business Administration, UMUC  
2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Non-resident

## ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1987-January 1988; Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas  
2. January 1988-May 1988; AGE Technical School, Chanute AFB, Illinois  
3. June 1988-June 1992; AGE Mechanic, 10<sup>th</sup> Equipment Maintenance Squadron, RAF Alconbury, England  
4. July 1992-August 1994; AGE Journeyman, 410<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, K.I. Sawyer, Michigan  
5. August 1994-December 2001; AGE Craftsman, 366<sup>th</sup> Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Mountain Home, Idaho  
6. January 2002-January 2006; AGE Support Section NCOIC, AGE Team Leader, 100<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, England  
7. February 2006-present; AGE Team Leader, Production Superintendent, Maintenance Operations Center Superintendent and AGE Flight Chief, 27th Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor (with three oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal (with six oak leaf clusters)  
National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Airman - May 1987  
Airman First Class - March 1989  
Senior Airman - November 1990  
Staff Sergeant - February 1996  
Technical Sergeant - March 2002  
Master Sergeant - March 2006