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Security Forces Squadron Returns from Deployment

By Staff

Thirty eight Airmen from the 161st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron of the Arizona Air National Guard returned to Arizona Aug. 19 from their deployment to Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The mission of the Security Forces Squadron was to secure U.S. Air Force and coalition forces, and resources supporting air mobility operations. The unit was responsible for base defense via mobile response and patrols, fixed posts, law enforcement and entry control. They encountered military cooperation with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Interior Forces and Ministry of Defense National Security Service.

In addition to their security duties, Security Forces Squadron

also trained local military in base defense methods and provided Military Working Dog training and techniques to Kyrgyz troops.

The unit returned to Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, where family, fellow Airmen, Patriot Guard Riders and other community groups were there for a brief, emotional welcome home ceremony.

"We are very excited to have them home: they were gone for a long time, worked hard and did a great job," said Col. Steven Balsler, 161 ARW Commander. "I have high expectations for the servicemembers of the Security Forces Squadron and they always deliver."

More than 7,000 Arizona Army and Air National Guard Soldiers



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nathan Graham, assigned to the 161st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron, Phoenix Ariz., is welcomed home by Colonel Steven Balsler, 161st Air Refueling Wing Commander. Staff Sgt. Graham returned home following a six month deployment to Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on August 18, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kelly Deltloff)

and Airmen have answered the call and been ordered to federal active duty in support of Opera-

tions Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom since September 2001.

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Wing Commander's Message

By Col. Steve Balsler



On the Cover

A Boom's eye view of an F15 being refueled in route to Hawaii.
Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicole Enos.

On the Back

Fighters from the 162nd Fighter Wing fly in formation as one of our KC-135 refueling tankers fills up the jet during a training mission. This photo was taken by Master Sgt. Jack Braden for Airman Magazine. The November-December edition of the magazine will feature a story on the 162 FW in Tucson.

The momentum of our Wing is moving at a tremendous pace. In preparation for our Operational Readiness Inspection in June of 2012 we are making strides which will lead to a successful mission accomplished.

We had an opportunity to meet with our partners from Andrews Air Force Base and garnered lots of confidence from the leadership team with our preparatory exercises. I believe they left impressed knowing that the 161st is ready and we will hit the ground running. The training going on with maintenance **and other teams thinking outside of the norm and going "above and beyond" made a big difference** and has the Andrews team excited about working with us.

Please come forward with any comments, criticisms, or suggestions for improvement as this is a Wing-wide effort and every Airman is critical to the success of the overall program.

Moving forward we have great opportunities in the 4th quarter for deployment and we continue to maintain a high tempo operation. More than a dozen Wing members deployed or are serving as augmentees throughout the Air Expeditionary Force. If you have an interest in gaining experience as a deployer, check with your chain of command to understand what options might be available.

The Wing is receiving attention all over the state and local community. One notable effort is all the receptions we host for returning soldiers from our Army guard family. These homecomings hosted in our hangar provide a unique environment for patriotism to touch the heart of all those in attendance. If you have not had the opportunity to be here for one of these ceremonies, I personally invite you to experience one of them in what can only be described as a heart-warming memorable event as families and their soldiers are reunited.

I recently had the opportunity to speak to some community groups. My experience with the older tanker air crews down in Tucson allowed me to share our history and mission while discussing the changes in the aircraft and advances in our mission capabilities. We have a lot people out in the community that are interested in what goes on here at our base and they are watching us.

In the next few months I will have an opportunity to showcase the 161st as I travel to Washington, D.C. for several high level meetings. There is a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) summit for **commanders. October's SAPR training facilitated by Lt. Col. Paul Aquirre is a model program that others will follow throughout the Guard. I'll also be attending a Guard Leaders Summit and encourage each of you to submit comments and suggestions for improving our mission and programs.**

Here are some other noteworthy items:

- Let me thank everyone for supporting the bake sale and raising funds for Breast Cancer research. The event was very successful and shows our willingness to support one another and promote a good cause.
- **Operationally, we've had a very successful financial closeout and contracting audit. My appreciation extends to everyone who put in the extraordinary time and effort to see that everything and everyone performed above and beyond their duties.**
- While we are still waiting on the data and metrics to come in and some groups are still testing, I do want to acknowledge all of those who put forth such a great effort to improve their fitness scores. I heard many celebrated some personal outstanding accomplishments where they scored about a 95 percent or more. Congratulations and keep up the excellent work.
- We do have much to look forward to these next months with Home Town Heroes, the Fall Festival, Family day, and holiday parties to remind us of how much our service matters as we build relationships with our fellow Copperheads and their families.

As always, be safe, keep up the good work and know that it is noticed.



Prescription medication: Are you sure you should take that pill?

By 1Lt Will Martinez

Be sure to take prescribed medication that has been only prescribed to YOU. Take the medication only for the length and dosage that a medical professional has directed. It is recommended to notify your unit leadership and the Wing Medical Squadron if you are prescribed medication.

Below is the Air Force policy on Drug Abuse and an article that provides real world examples of misuse of prescription medication.

Policy on Drug Abuse

Drug abuse is defined as the wrongful, illegal, or illicit use of a controlled substance, prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, or intoxicating substance (other than alcohol) or the possession, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation of any **controlled substance**. **"Wrongful" means without legal justification or excuse and includes use contrary to the directions of the manufacturer or prescribing healthcare provider (prescription medication may only be taken by the individual for whom the prescription was written) and use of any intoxicating substance not intended for human ingestion (for example, inhalants such as markers, gas, paint, glue, etc.).**

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Prescription drugs can end your career

From news.AF.mil

Commentary by Col. Howard Hayes

354th Medical Group commander

5/1/2009 - EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFNS) -- A technical sergeant in my squadron took a single pill from his son's prescription bottle in May 2007, and that pill started him down the road toward a court-martial and discharge from the Air Force.

The drug was a low-level amphetamine used to correct attention deficit disorder. Both the sergeant and his son suffered from the same condition and used the same medication. The NCO had exhausted his supply and since he was too busy to make an appointment, he took the pill from his son's supply. Without a current prescription, he was found guilty of illegal drug use.

When I heard about the case, I thought, "No big deal. It was the correct drug. He had just run out. After all, his doctor would probably renew the prescription when he went in for his next appointment." As it turns out, this NCO lost his line number for master sergeant and was referred for court-martial.

Nothing I could do as his commander could stop the process as he had turned up positive on a urinalysis test without a prescription. The case was referred to a major general who allowed the sergeant to remain in the Air Force after paying a fine and losing his line number.

Later that year, a master sergeant complained to his friend that he was having trouble concentrating on the job. His Top-3 buddy told him that it sounded just like his attention deficit disorder and he gave the sergeant one of his pills. He told his friend to wait until the weekend to take the drug since he didn't know how it would affect another person.

Well, that weekend his friend took the pill and on Monday it was detected on a urinalysis test. The master sergeant was found guilty of distributing drugs and his friend was guilty of using an amphetamine without a prescription. Both were lucky enough to receive early retirements.

Each time the clinic gives you a new prescription, your provider will give you instructions on the use of that drug. When you pick the drug up, the pharmacist will review your medications in the computer, print out an instruction sheet for your use, ensure the bottle is properly labeled, and finally ask if you understand how to use the drug.

If you are taking an antibiotic, we will tell you to take all the pills. Although you may begin to feel well soon after the first dose, it is important to consume all the pills in order to affect possible resistant strains of bacteria. If you are prescribed a pain killer, you must use the drug for the injury that it is currently prescribed for and not store the drug for future use.

You cannot self-prescribe medications for the same symptoms just because you have pills left over, unless your current provider has clearly given you permission to do so and your prescription is still valid. And, you cannot provide your drugs to another person; that's a violation of both state laws and the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Drugs have a shelf-life, are dangerous around young children, and will only cause you problems when they are no longer needed. If you have old prescriptions the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy recommends that you:

1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
3. Put this mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or sealable bag.
4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including prescription number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
5. Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, in the trash.

Bottom line: Don't take drugs from your friends or give drugs to others. It's illegal. It can ruin your career, and it can have serious health consequences.



Equal Opportunity Team (l-r) 1Lt Will Martinez, MSgt. Darren Sweet, and 1Lt Brian Wiscombe.



Chief's Corner: My First Run-in With The First Sergeant:

By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Nedved

Early in my career, like most young Airmen, I did everything in my power to avoid the First Sergeant. They were, and still are, a force to be reckoned with and being called by them commonly meant that you missed your flu shot or did something else wrong. I recall **one Fall season in the early 80's**, when I was a young Airman in CE living in the dorms stationed at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. It was deer season and a number of us had filled our tags on the last weekend of the season. Having field dressed our deer, and having nowhere else to go, we brought our trophies back to the dorm to finish the job. The dorm was quite a site with dead

deer in the hallways and the Day Room waiting to be butchered and wrapped. The next morning, a number of us, including yours truly, received a call from the First Sergeant. We were told to report to the Squadron conference room for reasons not completely known at the time. Once we all arrived, the First Sergeant explained, in no uncertain terms that we were no longer allowed to bring dead animals into the dorms, including trophy-sized bucks.

I learned later in life that the role of First Sergeant, and the professional Airmen that step up to the plate to fill those billets

are a breed apart and among **the best of the best. I've yet to meet a First Sergeant that wasn't** passionate about their job, their troops, the mission, and the military.

With that in mind, I'm proud to announce that Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bauer has been selected to wear the coveted diamond as the new First Sergeant for the 161st Logistics and Readiness Squadron

All of the candidates that appeared before the board were rated on their knowledge of AFI 36-2113 (The First Sergeant),




their dress and appearance, and their military and civilian education and experience. Competition was fierce and all of the candidates did a fantastic job which made the final selection even more challenging.

For those interested in applying, there are First Sergeant positions opening up at 161 SFS, 107th and the 214th.

Equal Opportunity Special Emphasis program:

- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH – Sept. 15 – Oct. 15
- DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH – October
- AMERICAN INDIAN and ALASKAN NATIVE HERITGE MONTH - November

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS




- **ADULTS:**
 - Remove tripping hazards from your entry way
 - Patrol your streets to deter malicious mischief
 - Report suspicious or criminal activity
 - Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept clear of door steps and landings
 - Consider flash lights instead of candles
- **MOTORISTS:**
 - Drive with extreme caution
 - Avoid unnecessary vehicle travel
 - Look before you back-up
- **PET OWNERS:**
 - Don't leave your pets in the yard
 - Don't feed treats to pets; chocolate is toxic to a lot of animals
 - Dressing up your pets can be very hazardous for them
 - Keep pets away from doors
- **CHILDREN/PARENTS:**
 - Never trick-or-treat alone
 - Carry a flash light and cell phone
 - Wear bright, reflective costumes
 - Costumes and wigs should be non flammable
 - Cross streets at corners, never cross between parked cars
 - DO NOT accept rides from strangers
 - Avoid walking through alley ways, parks or back yards
 - DO NOT go inside a stranger's home
 - Determine a curfew time
 - Inspect all treats for both intentional and unintentional hazards; discard all unwrapped or home made treats
 - Have children eat a good meal before they leave to discourage eating treats before they get home
 - Teach the difference between tricks and vandalism



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Brown

Have you noticed how negativity is infectious? It's an amazing phenomenon: grumpy people and bad moods are contagious. One person comes into the shop with a chip on their shoulder, and suddenly everyone is a grumpy. Someone comes home after a bad day and the mood of the whole house sours.

I confess that I have done this. Just the other day I was behind with work and frustrated with the list of things I had to accomplish. I was not doing (in my opinion) my best work. In this grumpy, stressed-out funk, I went home to my family. And what happened? I grumped at my kids and snipped at my wife. Before long, they were grumping and snipping at each other. My bad mood soured the whole house.

Negativity is infectious: it gets to us on the outside and on the inside. Have you noticed that, once you start noticing critical things about yourself, everything starts looking bad? If you didn't complete a project on time, or

Do everything without complaining or arguing
Philippians 2:14

you perceive your work isn't very good, suddenly everything you see looks bad. Before you know it, you are your own worst critic.

I have a suggestion for all of us, before we are overwhelmed by negativity: take a negativity Sabbath. For those who are not familiar with the Bible, in the 10 Commandments, God commanded that one of every seven days needs to be a down day, a day when no work was done, a day devoted to

relaxing, refreshing, and worship. This one day in seven was called the Sabbath. A negativity Sabbath is a day, once a week, when you decide that you will see the day and everything in it as good. **It's the day when we decide that everything that comes across our desk will be good, even if it is not. It's the day when we decide that our kids' behavior -- even if it's not what we would prefer -- is OK. It's the day that we decide that our spouse's annoying habits are not going to get under our skin.** The negativ-

ity Sabbath is the day we follow **St. Paul advice to "do everything without complaining or arguing."**

Like many things, negativity is a habit. By taking a negativity Sabbath, we break the habit. On the negativity Sabbath, you make an effort to stop those bad thoughts, bad words, and pessimism that can invade our lives. **Let's take a negativity Sabbath:** spend one day a week seeing good around you. The negativity Sabbath is sure to help you push away that infection of negativity.



161st Air Refueling Wing Holiday Party

Saturday Dec. 11th, 2010 at 6pm

Hilton Pointe at Squaw Peak

All rooms are suites and the National Guard Rate is \$69

1 King or 2 Queens and a pull out sofa

The night's events include the Hospitality Suite, Silent Auction, Live Band, Cash Bar and of course fun and fellowship

There will be discounts on Golf and the Spa

Childcare will be on premises from 5-10PM for a small fee

\$10 per child, maximum of \$30 per family

Ticket Prices:

E1 - E4 \$20 — E5 and Above \$40 — All Officers \$50

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161st Family Readiness Program provides fun for all

By Glenn Klassen

The 161st Family Readiness Program is full of fall fun and festivities. The fun begins with the annual Fall Festival at the base on October 16, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are just \$5 per person and include dinner, games, and the best haunted house around.

Just around the corner will be the 161st Annual Family Day with a holiday theme. Guard members and their families can enjoy a day of the following activities and fun:

- Great food
- Santa photo booth
- Cookie decorating
- Arts and crafts
- Face painting
- Snow to play in

For questions, donations, or to help volunteer, please contact Family Readiness Director Glenn Klassen at 602-302-9199, or glenn.klassen@ang.af.mil.



Don't miss out on the 161st Air Refueling Wing Family Day events. Photos with Santa are just one of the many activities to be enjoyed and take home as a memory. Pictured above is Senior Master Sergeant Chase Gibbons with his wife, daughter, and of course the big man in the red suit!

COPPERHEADS SOUND OFF—Question of the Quarter

“ If you could weapon-ize any animal to support the military, what animal would it be and why? ”



Senior Airman Jake Ferroni, 161st Communications Flight

“ Doves with laser eyes; who would expect a laser-eyed dove? ”



Staff Sgt. Maryhelen Rosales, 161st Command Post

“ An armadillo because it already has a shell and no one expects an armadillo, come on! It would shoot grenades from its tail. ”



Senior Airman Joseph Gunnone, 161st Security Forces

“ Wolverines because they would kick some Ninja Turtle butt! ”



Senior Airman David Stewart, 161st Life Support

“ A shark with frickin' laser beams because Dr. Evil would want it that way. ”



FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 16 October 2010

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Cost \$5.00 per ticket

Come Join the Fun!

Attractions:

Haunted House

Hay Ride

Food

Pumpkin Painting

Carnival Booths

Photo Booth

Costume Contest

Trick or Treat Lane

DJ or Live Band

Face Painting



Contact Glenn Klassen at 602-302-9199, or glenn.klassen@ang.af.mil



161st Guard Members learn to build Strong Bonds

By 2Lt Matt Murphy

Servicemembers of 161st Air Refueling Wing and their spouses recently gathered at the Cottonwoods Resort and Suites in Scottsdale, Ariz. for the first ever Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat facilitated by the unit's chaplains. Strong Bonds is a unit-based, chaplain-led program which assists commanders in building individual resiliency by strengthening the Air Force Family. The core mission of the Strong Bonds program is to increase individual airman and family member readiness through relationship education and skills training.

Strong Bonds is conducted in an offsite retreat format in order to maximize the training effect. The retreat or "get away" provides a fun, safe, and secure environment in which to address the impact of relocations, deployments, and military lifestyle stressors. This new event for 161 ARW personnel utilized the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage curriculum by Laugh Your Way America.



Twenty guard members and their spouses from the 161st Air Refueling wing gather for a group photo at a Strong Bonds retreat led by 161st Chaplain Captain Lance Schrader and his wife Karla (front row bottom right) Photo courtesy of Capt. Schrader.

Capt. Lance Schrader, 161 ARW chaplain, and his wife Karla had the opportunity to lead the first Strong Bonds retreat for the unit. "[The program] provided a fair balance between curriculum driven instruction and one-on-one time with your spouse," said Schrader. "One of the exercises, called a flag page, helps you identify the five things in life your spouse feels best about. You get to understand what their five motivators of happiness are," he added.

Karla Schrader said, "One of the most meaningful aspects of the seminar, for me, was the chance to interact with that part of my husband's life. I was thrilled to get to know even just a handful of the men and women who make up the [161 ARW] family, a group that I otherwise might never meet. It also was a joy to

hear the sharing that went on within the group. So many were willing to talk about their own lives and marriages, what works and doesn't work, and then to both laugh and cry together. It's affirming to know that our experiences are not weird or wacky. Rather, they're universal and completely normal."

Tech.Sgt. Karl Schaller, 161st Force Support Squadron food services manager, also known as "Chef Karl" to the unit, attended the retreat with his spouse. "It gave me insights for a better relationship - enlightenment for a better marriage. If no one says you can throw your socks and underwear on the floor then it is not okay. You should pick them up," said Schaller. He also said the program gives you a whole meaning in understanding how to

communicate with your spouse. He said he called his mom about the program and his married children and they are making it a family affair to "laugh their way to a better marriage."

"It helps women understand men and men understand women," says Staff Sgt. John Baltz, 161 ARW chaplain assistant. Sergeant Baltz and his wife Debbi are new parents and he shared how the retreat gave them a new perspective on one another and they can come to a mutual better understanding of each other's needs.

"It helped me to open up and see my faults as a husband and it will help me change my habits," added Sergeant Baltz.

Captain Schrader and Sergeant

Baltz also commented how the retreat was a great opportunity to get to know their fellow Copperheads. "Being with people in our unit to build relationships, it has given us a common language to understand one another at a different level," said Captain Schrader.

The Chaplains office has plans to host two marriage retreats in 2011 and one retreat for our single airmen focusing on building strong relationships are approved and underway. For information on Strong Bonds events visit www.strongbonds.org or contact the chaplain office at 602-302-9078.



Booming Business for the 161st

By 2Lt Matt Murphy



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Davidson, 161st Operations Group boom operator, drops the boom of the KC-135 during an aerial refueling mission over the Pacific Ocean, August 18, 2010. The 161st Air Refueling Wing KC-135s refueled three Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s on their way to Nellis Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force Photos by Staff Sgt. Nicole Enos/Released)



"We get to lay down and pass gas," says Senior Master Sgt. Bill Garrett of his position as an air refueling specialist commonly referred to as a **"Boom"** operator. Somehow **"boom"** and **"gas"** are two words the average person may not want to hear in conjunction. Sergeant Garrett's recent trip or **"sortie"** was from Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base to Honolulu, Hawaii where he mentored and trained a new boomer, Staff Sgt. Kyle Davidson.

According to the official Air Force job description, refueling specialists are tasked to hook up the flying tanker with the aircraft being refueled. The equipment used to accomplish the task is in the form of a long metal arm, with different sections, called the **"boom"**. This is the specific reason that the job position has become nicknamed **"boomer, or boom operator."** The boomer is responsible for extending the long joined extendable metal boom that connects the KC-135 refueling tanker with the different types of aircraft. As a boomer, training and flying missions average four and a half hours long.

It is a job position with a lot of flexibility; the person that serves in this position can be anyone from Airman Basic to a Chief Master Sergeant.

"Making a contact with a receiver, just like anything else - practice makes perfect, but it's such a little part of the overall big picture game of being a boom operator. I think one of the big things with going with someone like Senior [Garrett] who's so experienced and been doing it for so long are the little ins-and-outs of going on a TDY, going OCONUS, is invaluable seeing someone who's done it a lot," says Sergeant Davidson of his mentor. Davidson recently returned from his technical school in Altus, Oklahoma prior to the Hawaii trip.

"You're going to find that there are guys that are more experienced and have seen more stuff, but also the younger guys are going to look at it from a different way, too and factor into that. It's nice having them back from school because they know the books. As you get older, you really have to watch yourself. You start to get away from the books and you stay in them and its good having these guys come back because they know that stuff. It's been drilled into them," said Sergeant Garrett.

Sergeant Davidson and Garrett agree the booming business at the 161st is a great job. Garrett says, **"For an enlisted position, it is probably one of the best to have. You get two officers to take you to work, care for you... where else do you get that?"**

It will take approximately 100 to 150 hours before Sergeant Davidson completes all of his qualifications, but with sorties to places like Hawaii he doesn't seem to mind the work





Maintenance Group Deployment Ready with ATSO Training

By Staff Sgt Michael Matkin

The 161st Air Refueling Wing aircraft maintenance flight developed and created an Ability to Survive and Operate, or ATSO, training facility in preparation for an upcoming Operational Readiness Exercise and Operational Readiness Inspection in a hanger at Phoenix Sky Harbor Air Force Base.

The ATSO training facility consists of multiple stations that recreate the full spectrum of a deployment.

"To make training as realistic as possible we decided to go through the full deployment starting with a pre-deployment briefing, such as checking dog tags and ID cards to get them in the mood," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kellow, training facility designer and ATSO training instructor.

After the pre-deployment briefing, participants were put on a

bus and transported to the hanger. They were then in-processed and issued weapons.

"[The pre-deployment and in-processing phase] gets them in the mindset that they are not at work - that they are deployed," said Sergeant Kellow.

Once they are issued weapons, participants move into a different section of the hanger where the training stations are located.

"We decided to train on some of the most common scenarios, such as bunker building, covering critical assets, and performing self-aide buddy care, because it's one thing to read about it and it's another thing to actually complete a task," said Sergeant Kellow. **"Also, by keeping the training more realistic everyone seems to get a lot more out of it and it seems to stick a little better."**

"The training was really worthwhile, especially since this is what we are going to be graded upon when it comes time for the ORE and ORI," said Lt. Col. Mitchell Culp, participant and the 161st Aircraft Maintenance Commander. **"The station dealing with the casualties was especially good training; however, the best part was getting out of MOPP4."** MOPP level determine the necessary gear and preparations in the event of nuclear, chemical or biological attack.

Not only were members of the unit impressed with the ATSO training setup, but visiting groups were also highly impressed.

"We had a group of [servicemembers] from the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center, Volk Field, Wis. visit and they told us that our base is doing a thousand times better than 99 percent of

the other units," said Sergeant Kellow.

The 459th Air Refueling Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, also visited the ATSO training facility. This group, which is tasked to partner with the 161 ARW for the base's next ORE and ORI, included their Wing Commander and most of his subordinate commanders.

"They were very impressed and we have talked about an exchange where we would help one another at our respective bases," said Sergeant Kellow. **"This partnership is the key to our future ORE and ORI success and is mutually supported by both commanders."**

"As the 161 ARW prepares for the upcoming ORE and ORI, training such as this, will prove invaluable," said Colonel Culp.

Community Honors Two of the 161st Air Refueling Wing Finest

By 2Lt Matt Murphy

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee recently honored two members of the 161st Air Refueling Wing. Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Islava was selected as the winner of the Donald Plough Award and Chaplain (Capt.) Lance Schrader, 161 ARW Chaplain, received the Truman Young Award Sept. 15, during a reception at Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base.

Referred to as the "Truman/Plough Award," the Military Affairs Committee recognizes one outstanding enlisted and one outstanding officer personnel in memory of the award's namesakes. The award was established to honor Maj. Truman Young, a pilot, and Tech. Sgt. Donald Plough, a boom operator, who were killed when their KC-135 was hit in a mid-air collision and crashed on March 13, 1982. They served

honorably in the Arizona Air National Guard with the 161 ARW and it is with humble devotion to their memory and the memory of all of the crew on Copper 5 that the committee recognizes two professionals who uphold their honor.

Award winners were selected for exhibiting exceptional duty performance and military bearing, fostering esprit de corps through teambuilding, motivating and mentoring others. In addition, they must demonstrate total dedication to the mission and loyalty and devotion to country as they completely embody the Air Force core values. Their performance must exceed minimum standards and be involved in their community. They must also portray a positive military image and always uphold Air Force and Air National Guard values, policies, standards and traditions.



PHOENIX, AZ -- Technical Sergeant Cynthia Islava (left) and Captain Lance Schrader (right) are shown with Tempe Military Affairs Committee member Don Bliven after the presentation of awards September 15, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kelly Deitloff)

Chaplain Schrader is the first unit Chaplain to ever receive the Truman award. He said, "It is incredibly humbling and I am honored to be singled out amongst all the great officers I serve with. I am proud to be a

part of the unit."

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Sproul nominated Chaplain Schrader. **"Chaplain Schrader** (Story Continues on page 14)



Moving ImPORTant Cargo Aerially

By Staff Sergeant Michael Matkin

Good things come in all sorts of different packages: large, small, heavy and light. This is especially true when the package contains essential equipment for a servicemember to complete their job. Acting as force multipliers, members of the 161st Air Refueling Wing Logistics Readiness Squadron Aerial Port Flight, ensure war fighters get their equipment and more importantly, that the equipment reaches its destination safely.

Members of the AP flight loaded six pallets containing maintenance equipment onto one of the Wing's KC-135 aircraft, in support of the upcoming NATO deployment to Germany.

"This has been a great real world training opportunity in load planning and utilizing our material handling equipment. Our shop doesn't get an

opportunity to load a lot of cargo because our base's main mission is air refueling," said Master Sgt. Perry Toro 161 ARW AP load planning NCO in charge. "We also completed our first joint inspection with the Maintenance Squadron."

Once the cargo is ready for shipment Aerial Port completes a joint inspection with the unit the equipment belongs to. During this inspection they confirm the weight of the items and check to make sure the dimensions are configured for the aircraft it will be loaded upon. Servicemembers from Aerial Port then inspect the cargo to make sure it complies with Air Transportation shipment regulations, such as making sure the correct tie-down restraints are being used. They also make sure that if there is any HAZMAT material that the proper paperwork is filed and a placard is visibly on the



PHOENIX, AZ -- A K-Loader is guided closer to load a KC-135R. Personnel with 161st Aerial Port Flight conducted training at the same time a real world mission is preparing at Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base, July 11, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Charles M. Wade)

container. Finally, they inspect the condition of the pallets, bins and nets to make sure they are serviceable and that the cargo is properly palletized.

Before the cargo is loaded onto the aircraft AP servicemembers utilize a computer program called the Automated Air Load Program System. The users input the weight and dimensions of the load and the computer balances out the load based upon the type

of aircraft; organizing the cargo making sure that the bins and pallets are loaded in the correct position based upon their weight in the aircraft for safety to the aircrew and the aircraft.

"The airmen did an awesome job," said Sergeant Toro. "They completed some great training and did it with a sense of urgency associated with real-world exercises - mission complete."

Community Honors -Continued

shows an eagerness to relate and minister to the people he serves that is highlighted by some incredible accomplishments for a young officer who has only been in the guard a short time," said Chaplain Sproul. Chaplain Schrader graduated top in his class for military chaplains and is responsible for implementing numerous programs serving hundreds of troops.

Force Support Squadron Commander Maj. Lorri Conley said it was her entire team of officers that nominated Sergeant Islava. "She is the go-to individual that is always looking for solutions to problems," said Major Conley. "Sergeant Islava is the epitome of

service before self no matter what the need. She is the first to volunteer for deployments, augmentee assignments, and anything she can do to help out and she does it with a smile," added Major Conley.

On receiving the award Sergeant Islava said she is ecstatic. "I am humbled and honored by it," said Sergeant Islava. "After doing some research on the history of Copper 5, I found out the crash happened about six days after I was born. When I think about the crews here today and if something happened to any of them how hard it would be, I just can't imagine how difficult it was for their families. I am just so very honored to get an award in their memory."

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One COMM Link, One Fight

By Staff Sgt. Michael Matkin

When natural disasters hit, it is usually without warning. This can cause communication chaos between first responders and other local, state, and federal agencies, because communications systems are often totally knocked out in the aftermath of a fire or an earthquake.

To bridge the multiple communication gaps and open the lines of communication between agencies, a Joint Incident Site Communications Capability can be deployed. Deployed in each state by the National Guard Bureau, the JISCC is able to arrive at an incident site, providing global communications within one hour.

Servicemembers from the 161st Communications Squadron, 107th Air Control Squadron and the 162nd Communications Squadron, as well as Arizona Army National Guard members jointly participated in an exercise deploying a JISCC.

"We practiced the entire deployment of the JISCC

package, from breaking it out of the trailer to setting it up, as well as powering it and performing operational checks," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Stratton 161st Air Refueling Wing network cyber systems operations. "It only took us about thirty minutes to set up the antennas, but to have the whole JISCC set up, including the tent, it took about four hours."

The system has an array of computer and communications equipment and comes with its own tent. However, the system can also be set up inside a standing structure. The focal point of the system is a 33-foot antenna. It gives the system capabilities to communicate over high frequency, ultra high frequency, very high frequency and 800 megahertz channels. This capability is vital in the aftermath of a disaster. Among other capabilities, the JISCC can link an incident site anywhere in the nation to state and national headquarters. It also has the capability to connect to cellular telephones and home telephones; it make conflicting communication systems compatible.



Left, Tech. Sgt. Stephen Zimmer and Tech. Sgt. Michael Radice, 162nd Communications Squadron and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Stratton, 161st Communications Squadron, assemble communication equipment as part of deploying the JISCC kit, July. 28, at Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base. The JISCC bridges multiple communication gaps and opens the lines of communication between military and local agencies. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joshua Morrison)

Staff Sgt. Anthony Reynolds, 161 ARW cyber systems operations, reports the JISCC continues to expand its capabilities with new enhancements such as upgraded antennas, new generators, which allow the JISCC to run non-stop without having to ever power down and provides better integration with different communication devices.

To train the unit on these new capabilities Chuck Fiorentino, a civilian senior engineer with Applied Global Technologies, was on hand to instruct servicemembers on how to deploy the JISCC. Fiorentino trained to set up the components of the kit, safety, security, and standard operating procedures.

"It is important to me [as a civilian] to be able to come out here and train [servicemembers] on the use of the JISCC equipment," said Mr. Fiorentino. "It has been a privilege to train [servicemembers] on this kit.

The kit they deployed was the new Block 2-C kit, which covers everything from radios to video-conferencing, networks to phones, and even generators and a trailer, said Mr. Fiorentino.

"It has been a great training opportunity to set the whole thing up and use it. Even taking everything down and packing it back up at the end of the week was a tremendous training opportunity and now it is ready to be deployed again if a real-world or training opportunity arises," said Sergeant Stratton.



Ariz. Guardsmen assemble communication equipment as part of deploying the JISCC, July. 28, at Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base. The JISCC bridges multiple communication gaps and opens the lines of communication between military and local agencies. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joshua Morrison)

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New BEEF team arrives *(From The Wire—A JTF Journal)*

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Shane Arrington –JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron recently held a change of command. Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffery Garland, incoming BEEF commander and his crew of Airmen from the Arizona Air National Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing, replaced Air Force Lt. Col. David Kennard, outgoing commander, and Airmen from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Civil Engineering Squadron and the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron, July 29.

Garland said when the squadron first found out they were coming to GTMO, **they didn't know what to expect**, but after a little research they discovered it had more to offer than just a detainee facility.

"We're happy to be here," Garland said. **"Obviously the mission comes first**, but also building a little bond within [the unit] will be nice. This is our first time deploying **together as a unit."**

While their primary responsibility is to support military commissions and maintain Camp Justice, the BEEF also spreads its services across the base. In such a joint environment, these Airmen from Arizona may soon find themselves working alongside Soldiers and Sailors from JTF Engineering and Navy Seabees.

The [previous unit] did a fantastic job and **we're just hoping** to follow in their footsteps a little bit," **Garland said. "Basically, we're team players; we're here for the entire base. We're going to do everything we can to help out and do our part in this overall mission."**

Since this is their first time deploying as a unit, Garland said he plans on not only bettering the JTF mission, but also the unit cohesiveness and relationships of his Airmen.



Air Force Col. William Danskine (left), 612th Theater Operations Group Commander, passes Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffery Garland, incoming BEEF commander, the guidon during a change of command ceremony, July 28. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

With a ramp-up in commissions in the last six months, the 186th and 102nd took charge. Kennard said it was a bittersweet feeling turning over command of the 474th. He said he is glad to be going home, but there are things he will be sad to leave behind.

"It's hard leaving command and leaving the good people here you've worked with," Kennard said. **"[We're] proud of the mission, proud of the work we've done, and, you know, it is kind of hard to let go of that and leave."**

Kennard also agreed that deployments are great ways for units to get closer. He said most change of commands are sad in the fact that the commander has to leave their people behind, but deploying in units means everyone comes together as a team and leaves as a better team, having grown stronger through working together so far away from home.



Airmen with the Arizona Air National Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing stand at parade rest during a change of command ceremony, July 28. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



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Kuwait Deployment is Meaningful, Rewarding for Air Guard Group Commander

By Staff Sgt Michael Matkin



Lt. Col. Allen Kirksey, 161st Logistics and Readiness Squadron commander, engages in logistics paperwork similar to his tasks during a recent deployment where he orchestrated the return of fallen warrior. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Michael Matkin)

Deployments can be both rewarding and challenging. They can also give servicemembers a sense accomplishment and pride at having served their country and their fellow servicemembers. Getting fallen warriors home to their families provided Lt. Col. Allen Kirksey, 161st Logistics and Readiness Squadron commander, Phoenix, Ariz. just that.

Colonel Kirksey was mobilized and deployed for six months to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait as an Air Force Logistician assigned to the Central Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center Future Operations. Colonel Kirksey worked for the CDDOC Director, Air Force Major General Robert H. McMahon, and Future Operations Director, Colonel Dana Morel assisting in the direction of all Future Operations Division daily functions;

synchronizing and optimizing effective use of strategic and theater multi-modal resources to maximize distribution, deployment, redeployment, sustainment logistics, and theater redistribution operations, and integrating and providing analysis and change management for CDDOC initiatives and courses of actions.

Towards the end of his tour, he was assigned to the CDDOC Current Operations, Requirements Cell (the heart of the CDDOC) where he led nine Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps servicemembers managing the full spectrum of intra-theater airlift. During his six months, he assisted in coordinating Logistics operations supporting Fallen Heroes, emergency airlift, airdrop, and resupply, and battle injury evacuation missions while

also sustaining sorties delivering passengers and sustainment cargo to the warfighter, and as part of Tajikistan joint logistics humanitarian relief mission, worked with numerous partners to include Army Central Command, CDDOC, Air Mobility Division, and the U.S. embassy in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, coordinated C-17 cargo aircraft flying to Kulob, Tajikistan, with a full load of tents, sanitation kits and other emergency supplies to support flood victims at the request of the government of Tajikistan.

Through his work in Kuwait, Colonel Kirksey was given multiple opportunities to help and serve, most notably while coordinating the movements of fallen warriors.

"Dealing with the [fallen warrior] movements was the most humbling and fulfilling part of my deployment," said Colonel Kirksey.

While coordinating the transportation of a fallen warrior, Colonel Kirksey encountered a unique opportunity to help fellow guardsmen from the Louisiana Army National Guard.

A member of the Louisiana Army National Guard Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment of Shreveport, La. was killed in action by an improvised explosive device in Southern Iraq.

"Lt. Col. Kirksey was one of the key players that assisted us [with

the movement of one of our fallen warriors]," said Col. Johnny Ball, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander, Louisiana Army National Guard. "Without his help, we would not have been able to meet all of the requirements in such a short period of time. I appreciate Lt. Col. Kirksey's willingness to help us understand all of the requirements, getting us the forms we needed and showing us how to fill out the forms; all done around midnight as well. It's comforting to see that whether you're an Army or Air Guardsman, we continue to support one another."

Not only was the fallen warrior a fellow Guardsman, but there were special circumstances around this case, said Colonel Kirksey. The fallen warrior's first cousin was also assigned to the same infantry unit and had requested to be the warrior's escort.

"We were able to coordinate our thoughts and get our ideas pulled together on this end while the unit members were trying to hold themselves together on their end; we really wanted to get this done in an efficient and dignified way," said Colonel Kirksey.

"It is really nice to know that the little things you do add up to something as meaningful and special as this," he added. "When it all boiled down it was an Arizona Guard guy helping a Louisiana Guard guy."

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Labor of Love Leaves Legacy of Leadership

By 2nd Lt. Matt Murphy

Each summer for the last five years, an extraordinary transformation takes place in the pines near Flagstaff, Arizona. Over two hundred young men and women, known as cadets in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp attend a Summer Leadership School at an Arizona National Guard training facility called Camp Navajo.

For seven days, the AFJROTC cadets who hail from a dozen different schools throughout Arizona focus on academics, drill and ceremony, sports, and group leadership. They are taught by volunteer leaders from the Arizona Air National Guard, senior ROTC cadets from Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Emory Riddle University, and AFJROTC commanders.

This intense course of instruction provides an opportunity for selected cadets to exercise their leadership and management skills in the camps' daily operation and maintenance. Cadets participate in a daily physical training regiment, undergo rigorous scrutiny during daily inspections of their personal areas and dress/grooming, and receive classroom instruction on leadership topics.

The cadet flights receive instruction in military drill and compete against other flights in a drill competition and intramural sporting events. Cadets tackle the challenge of the obstacle course and rock wall and learn to navigate through the woods utilizing map and compass. They receive instruction in fire craft and survival, and develop their critical thinking and collaborative skills through the use of innovative group leadership problems.

This program that inspires team work, self esteem, and core leadership skills doesn't happen by

itself. While she is humble about taking credit for making it come together over the last five years, Master Sgt. Holly Boudro, retention officer for the 161st Air Refueling Wing, should take much of the credit for developing a labor of love that leaves a legacy of leadership for these young men and women. **"AFJROTC has no eligibility requirements. Anyone can join," says Sergeant Boudro. "It is an outlet for children to stay on the straight and narrow and lay a foundation to a successful, career and life."**

Sergeant Boudro will be the first to tell you she is not alone in her love for this program. Volunteer paramedics and several EMTs look forward to coming back along with many of her peers from the 161 ARW.

One returning volunteer is Technical Sgt. Karl Schaller, 161 FSS food services manager, he led the way to making sure 250 people had three meals a day during the school. That is 5,250 meals over the course of the program.

"Getting the kids inspired, teaching leadership, exposure to the profession is so worth it," said Sergeant Schaller. "I've been doing this for three years and it helps the cadets understand that the Air Force really goes above and beyond how they feed their troops. Some of the meals the cadets enjoyed included fried chicken and Salisbury steak. He also explained that cadets are served an extra helping of discipline. Outside of the curriculum and events, when cadets are in line to eat, they must read and study their "Warrior Knowledge Book."

The book contains an honor code, Air Force Core Values,



Cadets from Deer Valley High School participate in a teamwork exercise at the AFJROTC Summer Leadership School at Camp Navajo, west of Flagstaff, Ariz. (Photo from Deer Valley High School)

standards of accountability and other critical information to be successful at school.

Sergeant Boudro describes this **experience in terms of "getting the right people in the right places." She speaks highly of her colleague Master Sgt. Gilbert Alcaraz who serves as a military technical instructor during the weeklong event. "Alcaraz spent five years as a T.I. at Lackland. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience serving at the school," said Sergeant Boudro. "It really helps the cadets get a taste of the true Air Force experience."**

Much of Sergeant Boudro's career in the Air Force centered on recruiting and she knew she needed to be involved in this experience tailored for future recruits. She is inspired by the dedication of her fellow volunteers, but finds the real benefit in watching the cadets.

The cadets are challenged on a variety of activities and skill levels. **"They don't give up. They are so entrenched in the program and they all want to succeed and it's not easy,"** said

Sergeant Boudro. She also describes how throughout the school there are always the little moments when you know the time, effort and sacrifice are worth it. Some of the cadets celebrated their birthdays during the school. Giving up a party with friends and family to experience this leadership **program is no easy task. "We had over a dozen kids who had birthdays during the school. They received military challenge coins and we sang to them. You get a lump in your throat. Everything is exciting,"** said Sergeant Boudro.

With over 20 volunteers managing 250 cadets and making this experience happen, you **won't hear Sergeant Boudro or Schaller or any other participants complain about the countless hours of preparation, lack of sleep, and hard work to run the school. Instead they go back year after year and help a new generation of young people learn leadership skills they will have for the rest of their lives.**



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Experts highly recommend homeowners interconnect smoke alarms so when one smoke alarm sounds, they all do. (This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.)

A licensed electrician can install hard-wired multiple-station alarms. Wireless alarms, which

manufacturers have more recently begun producing, can be installed by the homeowner.

There are two types of smoke alarm technologies – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms that take advantage of both technologies.

Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test

button. If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, **should be replaced when they’re 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.**

Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

Smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing There are some smoke alarms with strobes or the ability to be used with strobes – also called visible notification appliances – that signal to awaken those that are deaf (those with profound hearing



loss.) the use of tactile notification appliances (such as a pillow or bed shaker) is also now required, and activated by the sound of the smoke alarm. The means for signaling to awaken those who are hard of hearing (those with mild to severe hearing loss) is through the use of a complex low frequency audible signal. Smoke alarms currently on the market do not produce this signal. However, separate notification appliances are available that do produce this signal, and are activated by the sound of the smoke alarm.

New Air Force Legal Assistance Website



Next time you need a will, power of attorney, or just have a legal question, visit <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil> first. The Air Force JAG Corps unveiled the new Air Force Legal Assistance Website worldwide on 1 Feb 10. The website is designed for active duty and reserve component members, retirees, and dependents.

This new website was created to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may **access the site’s features from the comfort of their homes without a CAC card. The site’s features**

include:

- Legal Topics: Short papers on common legal assistance topics such as wills and family law issues. It also contains links to other helpful sites.
- Legal Worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills, and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the website provides **each client a unique “ticket number.” Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office personnel.**
- Online Survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of our legal professionals. Many clients have visited a legal office to obtain a will or other legal

document, and realize after arriving that they need to gather more information or documents from home. Sometimes a client realizes he needs to speak with his spouse about an issue. Completing an online worksheet will help minimize these multiple visits. By filling out an online worksheet, clients will be able to consider critical issues online prior to visiting the legal office. After receiving a ticket number, a client may take his ticket number to the legal office. An attorney or paralegal **will then access a client’s data with the ticket number.** This will reduce the amount of information the client needs to bring with him, and allow the legal office to streamline the process to some degree.

- While the website increases convenience for clients, everyone should note the following:
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The JAG office looks forward to continuing to serve the 161st Air Refueling Wing community’s legal needs, and sincerely hopes you find this website helpful. Again, take a look at the website next time a legal need arises.



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1. Opportunity
2. Motivation
3. Rationalization

We still use this idea today when talking about the motive for fraud, waste, and abuse.

Opportunity occurs when people have access to assets or information that allows them to commit fraud. Here, internal controls need to be effective. The ability for any individual to be able to “override” existing controls should put up a “red flag.”

Motivation can be as simple as the quest for power. Other times, it is caused by pressure. In these current uncertain times, the pressure could be caused from outside physical or emotional stresses such as the loss of employment and financial hardship.

Rationalization occurs when we convince ourselves that the behavior is okay for whatever reason. A rationalization might be “My family needs this item more than the base” or “My supervisor has not treated me well, so this is my way to even the score.”

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In Memory

Aaron Boyd Clements "Boyd" passed away on August 27, 2010. Clements served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean war.

His obituary refers to him as "a true American Cowboy in every sense of the word. Not because he wore a cowboy hat, a pair of boots, ranched and fed cattle for a living, but because he was gentleman who loved his family and friends first."

His connection to the 161st Air Refueling Wing is part of a legacy that will live on. Clements was a founding member of

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Full Scale Exercise, held at Volk Field Aug. 14th through the 20th, 2011.

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Nuclear Operational Readiness Inspection, held at the 161 ARW, June 5th through the 8th, 2012.

Operational Readiness Inspection, held at Volk Field June 9th through the 16th, 2012.

the Phoenix Air National Guard Patriots. He was also the best friend of the PANG Patriots first president Jerry Angle. Clements efforts to have the charity established will serve members of this unit for years to come. The PANG Patriots is the only 501 3(c) that directly serves the members of the 161st.

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