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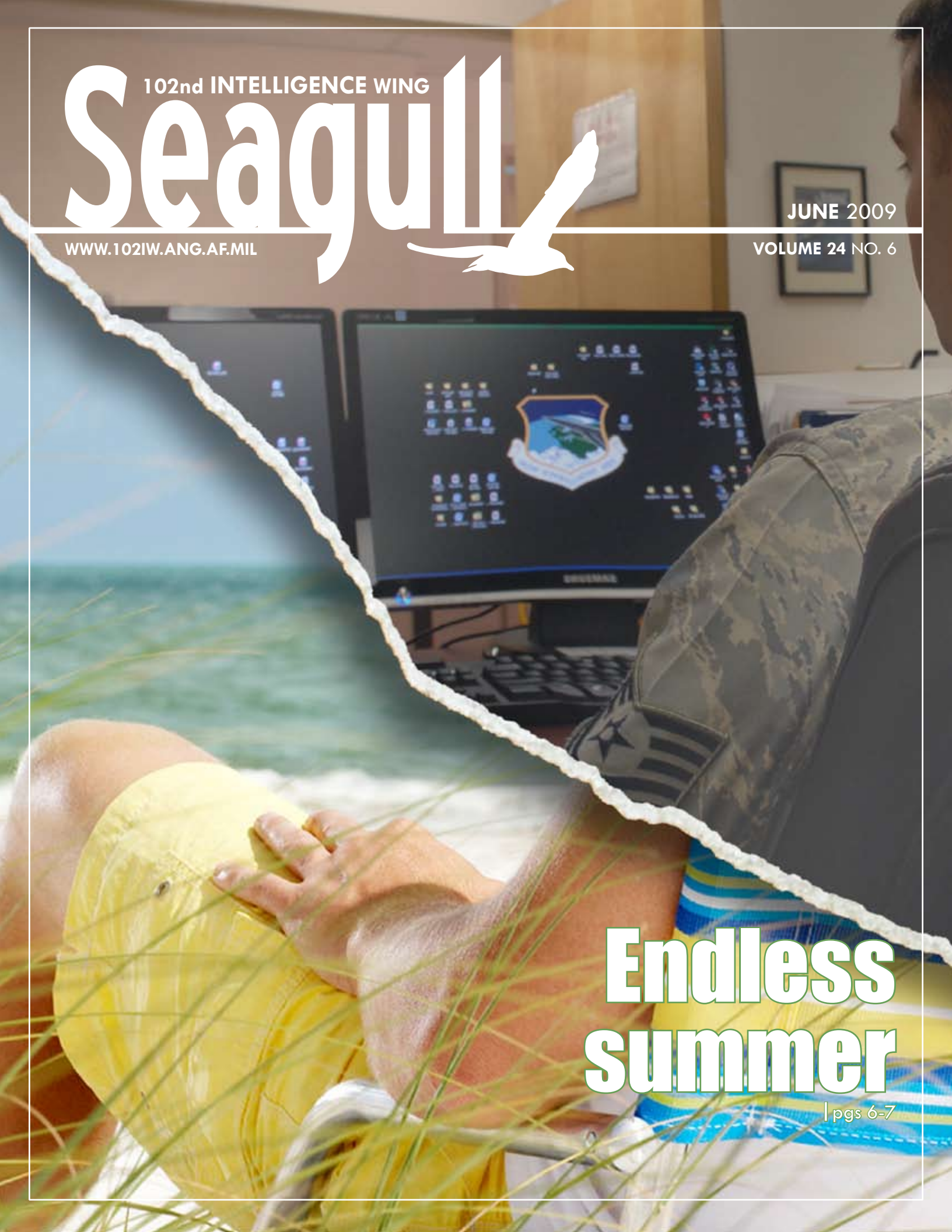
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SEAGULL IDEAS?

Do you have an idea for a Seagull article? Would you like to be the subject of a story? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your organization. *(Please limit articles to 500 words.)*

The next Seagull deadline is 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009.

DINING HALL MENU

Hours: 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Stuffed Pork Loin with Scalloped Potatoes
Sweet and Sour Chicken with Stir Fried Rice

Sunday:

Pulled Pork or Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
Meatball Stroganoff with Noodles
Vegetable Lasagna

ON THE COVER >>



Drill's out...for the summer!

This cover design illustrates a 102nd Airman hard at work and enjoying a beautiful Cape Cod summer day. The next training weekend is scheduled for Aug. 22 - 23.

Layout by Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

UPCOMING UTAs >>

Unit Training Assembly duty hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
102 IW 
COMMAND CHIEF
MASTER SERGEANT**

By Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Raymondo



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102D INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC)
MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD
OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE MASSACHUSETTS

When thinking about this month's column there were a couple of subjects I wanted to discuss. Therefore, I decided this would be a two part column. The first part is a follow-up to a previous commander's column and the second part is about accountability.

1. A few months ago, Col. LeFavor wrote about the Defense Travel System and mentioned the emerging "do it yourself" Air Force. He was spot on in that assessment.

Everything from myPay to vPC-GR to DTS, will direct us to become our own career advisor, finance expert and personnel specialist. While this may be a fact of life in the digital age, let's not lose sight of the fact that we still rely on the subject matter experts and still have an obligation to mentor our young Airmen and future leaders. It has become so easy to direct people to a Web site for information that we sometimes forget what it's like to be that young Airman looking for career advice or guidance in solving a problem.

Take advantage of all the high-tech resources available but also take the time to talk to your subordinates and provide some "old-fashioned" feedback and mentoring. If you are in charge of a section you need to reach out to the different functional experts on base and build relationships with them. Take time out of your schedule to learn the different applications with which you or your subordinates may be having difficulty. Hopefully, this will help to mitigate some of the frustration that can occur when dealing with a new program.

2. What does "accountability" mean to you? I recently attended the second annual Senior Enlisted Leaders Summit. One of the speakers was Lt. Gen. Loren M. Reno, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support. Among other things, he discussed accountability. He described accountability as a two sided coin; on one side, accountability is upholding standards by correcting substandard behavior through counseling, retraining or if necessary replacing people unwilling to adjust to established standards. This is probably what we most often think about when discussing accountability. We all have an obligation to address situations where our Airmen are not up to par. Whether it is something as simple as a uniform violation or as extreme as blatant disregard for established policy do not allow your fellow Airmen to continue down the wrong path. Help them fix the issue and move forward. The other side

of the "accountability coin" is the positive side. Identifying exceptional performance is just as important as correcting unacceptable performance. Recognition, praise and decorations are some ways to reward people for their efforts. When you think about accountability remember both sides of the coin.

Here's a little more information:

Two significant changes at the highest level of our enlisted leadership are about to occur. Chief Master Sgt. Chris Muncy was selected as the next command chief master sergeant of the Air National Guard. He replaces Chief Master Sgt. Dick Smith. Additionally, Chief Master Sgt. James Roy was selected as the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. He replaces Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rod McKinley.

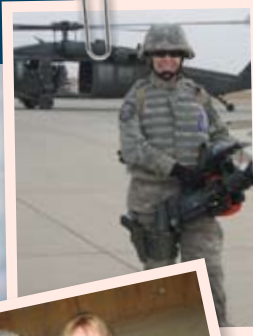
If our new leaders bring the same level of energy and passion to the job as their predecessors, we will continue to have strong representation in all decisions affecting our enlisted corps. Congratulations to Chiefs Muncy and Roy!



THE LONG ROAD HOME

Layout by Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

With Air National Guard units deploying more frequently and our Airmen often going to combat zones, the *Seagull* staff put out a call to a few 102nd Intelligence Wing Airmen, each at different stages of deployment, to ask them some questions. The hope was to gain some insight on the different mind sets that people go through during a deployment cycle, share a few tips that will benefit other 102nd Airmen who are preparing to deploy for the first time and remind our readers that there are members of our Wing serving faithfully in far off countries and counting the days until they come back to the 'Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.'



How have things changed since you first arrived at your deployed location?

"Things have changed quite a bit since I first arrived here in January. When I first arrived I noticed a distinct smell in the air that I do not notice anymore because I have adapted to my environment. I'm used to working the long days and having meals with my co-workers. I enjoy time to work out each day and I have taken the opportunity to complete my Senior NCO Professional Military Education while here. I've adapted to the extreme heat but it still takes a lot out of me when I'm outside covering stories for long periods of time."

What things make being deployed easier and make time pass quicker?

"I cover plenty of broadcasts which take up much of my time here. I get to travel with the General on trips which is a perk of the job and I was recently selected to travel with Lt. Gen. Gary North, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander. I volunteer to run the 5k runs which occur twice a month. I go lap swimming each night after work to relax and usually swim a mile. I go to the base pool on Sunday with my co-workers to play volleyball and cook out. When I first got here I studied and completed my Senior NCO Professional Military Education. We just received wireless internet here so on occasion I try to use it to skype my family back home."

Is there anything you can do on your deployment that you wouldn't get to do at home station?

"Travelling outside the wire on trips to cover Joint Expeditionary (JET) Airmen. (I also) get to see the Iraqi culture, military and community. I have the distinguished opportunity to be part of a historical time in the U.S. Air Force and also was able to meet four Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA)."

How has your deployment been so far?

"Out-processing at home station was outstanding. Travel to Iraq was extremely long, with several stops along the way. Time changes and sleep deprivation are a big factor for all. "Turnover" with my (predecessor) went well; other than feeling sleep deprived and like I was "drinking through a firehose" learning the 'system.' After being here one week, the five Army soldiers that were murdered were brought to the mortuary here. I assisted the mortuary affairs staff along with two physicians and a dentist to prepare the soldiers for their journey home. That experience was much worse than I expected due to the manner in which they died."

Are there things that you hope to get done while deployed that you could not do at home station?

"I will be directly involved in transitioning the Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) physical facility to the 10th Army Contingency Support Hospital (CSH). I hope to ensure a smooth transition and be involved in Air Force medical leaving a smaller "footprint" here as scheduled."

What will you miss during your months away?

"Besides missing my family and friends? Mother's Day, my son's birthday, my wedding anniversary, Father's Day, seeing the green grass of my beautiful yard and my perennial gardens. The color green in general is not something you see here. I also miss milk - it is not the same here...no way, no how."



MASTER SGT. SANDRA NIEDZWIECKI
IRAQ
4 MONTHS INTO DEPLOYMENT

COL. MAUREEN MCCARTHY
IRAQ
1 MONTH INTO DEPLOYMENT



Master Sgt.
Robert Miller

Has your deployment given you the opportunity to do anything you normally wouldn't get a chance to do?

"I had the privilege to visit Riyadh which was an eye opening experience for me. I got to see the drastic differences between our two cultures. But at the same time I realized that there are some similarities like seeing Dunkin' Donuts, Pepsi, Coke, and they even have a Nike store. Seeing the locals riding Harley Davidson motorcycles was a real trip. This deployment has really changed my opinions about Saudi Arabia. It was nice to see Riyadh without the stereotypes. I was even shocked that they had a suspension bridge just like in Boston."

Master Sgt. Robert Miller

"This deployment provided me a good opportunity to go to the gym. I also got to work with people from different units throughout the Air National Guard."

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Kollett

"The deployment has been excellent. Gym facilities are top notch and have long hours to accommodate all shifts. This is the place to get in shape. Very limited time off base, but interesting experience just the same. Not many Westerners get to step foot on Saudi soil."

Senior Airman Marc McAndrew



Staff Sgt.
Edward Rene

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Kollett

"It was a pretty positive experience. I (completed) my 7-Level Career Development Course as well as getting back into shape and saving a little bit of cash. There is not a lot to do on this base since you are confined to it but you really do not notice because of the long work days. The time does go quickly."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Beliveau

What are you most looking forward to when you get back?

"Spending every available second with friends and family, and seeing the color green. There's not much green in the landscape over here."

Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson

"Family and friends, home cooking, winter, the Red Sox, beer and civilian clothing."

Senior Airman Marc McAndrew

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my family, watching the Red Sox at a more reasonable time like 7 p.m. instead of 3 a.m. and eating some steak while enjoying a Sam Adams. Last but not least, having a conversation with someone who understands a Massachusetts accent."

Master Sgt. Robert Miller

"Definitely looking forward to family and friends. Six months without them doesn't seem like a very long time but you miss out on a lot of stuff!"

Senior Airman Kevin DaSilva

"Family, the New England landscape and the changing weather."

Staff Sgt. David Patistea

Any advice to Airmen who are preparing to deploy?

"The thing that I wish I had done was look into taking some online classes. I would have looked at some colleges and set it up before I came over here and been ready to start right at the get go."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Beliveau

102ND SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON
SAUDI ARABIA
RETURNED HOME MAY 21 FROM A 6-MONTH DEPLOYMENT



Members of the 102nd Security Forces Squadron pose for a photo while deployed to Saudi Arabia.

"My advice to anyone deploying would be to find a routine that helps you make the time pass, keep in touch with people back home, make new friends at your deployed location, and make the best of your deployment experience."

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Kollett

"Don't take so many bags. They let you take five, but walking through the airport with five bags is just ridiculous. Three (bags) and a carry-on is all you need."

Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson

"I would get in touch with someone that is deployed to the same location that I'm going (to) and ask them what we really need to bring and what we don't need to bring."

Staff Sgt. Carlos Ayuso-Rivera

"Don't waste any time here. Get out and do things, make friends, and always keep a positive attitude!"

Senior Airman Kevin DaSilva

"Don't bring unnecessary gear. Respect the local culture. Communication back home is the key to success. Enjoy yourself and take advantage of the opportunities given. It also helps to deploy with a great team."

Senior Airman Marc McAndrew

Endless summer

Enjoy these activities and services available to military families!



**Hanscom
Air Force Base,
Massachusetts**

Be sure to visit <http://www.hanscomservices.com> for more information on a huge range of activities, services and discounts. Activities available to military families include dining, entertainment, fitness, leisure, tickets, travel and youth programs. Save on admission to theme parks, sporting events and much more. The tickets and tours office telephone number is (781) 377-3262 and is located in building 1530.

Services programs, events and facilities are open to military ID cardholders, including active duty, reservists, DoD civilians, NAF employees, base contractors, retirees and authorized family members according to Air Force Instruction 34-262, "Services Programs and Use Eligibility." Some priority restrictions apply.



**Newport
Naval Station,
Rhode Island**

Newport Naval Station's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office has a lot to offer. Some of the wide range of services they provide are a marina with boat rental and training programs, fitness facilities, tickets

and travel, an auto skills center and lodging. Check out <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Newport/MWR> to see full scope of activities, discounts and opportunities that Newport Naval Station provides.



**USO New England
Boston,
Massachusetts**

The USO of New England is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. With it's headquarters in Boston the New England USO provides links to almost every service available to military members. Their Web site, <http://www.uso-newengland.org>, offers a comprehensive list of all the opportunities in the area. The USO lounge located in Terminal C at Logan International Airport welcomes thousands of visitors each year. The lounge serves as a comfortable resting place for military travelers and their families passing through Boston. Renovated in 2007, you'll enjoy a comfortable living room style setting with couches, a flat screen TV, DVDs, and music. You'll have access to computers, complete with internet, fax, phone cards and writing tables. Visitors can also relax with coffee, tea, soft drinks and light snacks from the kitchenette. Microwave oven and refrigeration is also available. USO New England's Headquarters and Welcoming Center is located in Building 8, 2nd deck at the United States Coast Guard Command Center at 427 Commercial Street, Boston. Presently, the center is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Center offers an array of printed materials for your visit to Boston as well as many other New England area attractions.





Through Dec. 23, 2009, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions. During this offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel may also make a one-time purchase of up to a maximum of five 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More options, this ticket can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by Dec. 23, 2009.



The Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) is a "space available" program offering Department of Defense affiliated personnel affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world.

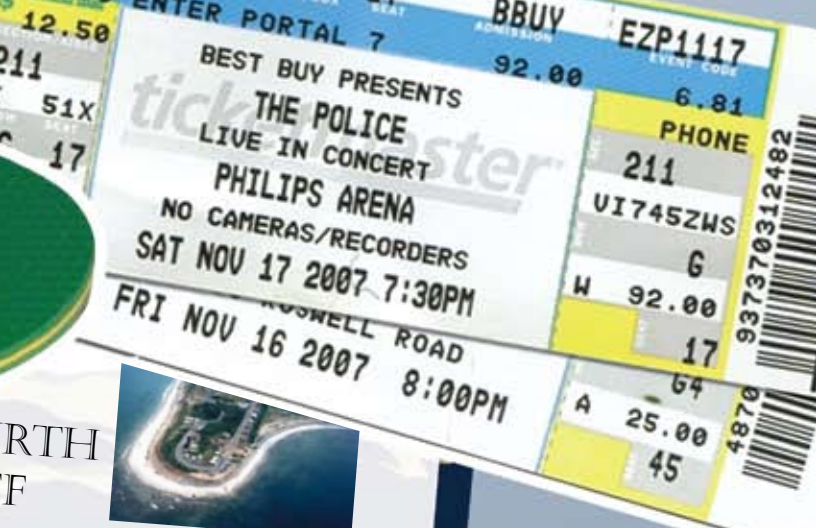
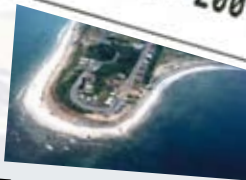
Space-available vacations for only \$329 per week (that's per unit, not per person!) at over 3,500 resorts in 80 countries. A majority of the availability being in the U.S., Mexico, South America and Europe. Many resorts have kitchen facilities, cozy living rooms and private bedrooms, so you can go on vacation without leaving behind the comforts of home. For specific information on eligibility or to book your reservation log onto: <http://www.afvclub.com> or call toll free 1-800-724-9988.

FOURTH CLIFF

The Fourth Cliff Family Recreation Area is a 56-acre seaside resort located in Humarock (Scituate) on Massachusetts' South Shore. Fourth Cliff is in a superb location, sitting high on a cliff at the end of a peninsula, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the scenic North River on the other.

Their facilities include cottages, chalets, townhouses and efficiencies and are open to all ID cardholders, including active duty, reservists, DoD civilians, NAF employees, base contractors, retirees and authorized family members.

With 17 cabins and four efficiencies available year round, Fourth Cliff offers an excellent opportunity for solitude and relaxation. They also have several RV camper and tent sites available in season.



LOCAL



Air Station Cape Cod
Massachusetts
Military Reservation

For information on things to do in the area around Otis Air National Guard Base, look into Air Station Cape Cod's MWR office. You can find their Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod> and then click on the MWR tab. The MWR office is located in building 5205 next to the Child Development Center. It provides a huge variety of services, programs and activities to make your stay in the Cape Cod area more enjoyable, entertaining and relaxing. They offer beach parking passes (that save you money at many local beaches), tickets and tours, rental equipment (like single and tandem sea kayaks) and so much more!

113th BOSTON MARATHON

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

The 113th annual Boston Marathon took place April 20 with more than 25 102nd Intelligence Wing Airmen taking part in various aspects of the race; from running the marathon to providing crowd control.

Airmen from the 102nd Security Forces Squadron (SFS) were in Natick, Mass., to assist the Natick Police Department in controlling the massive crowds that come to see the marathon every year. Before the race even began, they were there, being briefed on their responsibilities and limits, as they took their positions along the race route.

Throughout the day they received thanks from onlookers and even some runners for their service to the country, some asking for a picture with them.

"I think for most of us, the biggest thing that stood out is when the disabled veterans ran through, that was pretty inspiring to all of us," said Senior Master Sgt. James Leblanc, 102nd SFS.

More than 25,000 runners streamed by the 102nd Airmen on their way to the finish line. One of those runners was a fellow Airman, Lt. Col. Vaughn Littlejohn of the 102nd Air Operations Group, who was running the marathon for the first time.

Colonel Littlejohn spent 18 weeks preparing to run the course, training in a marathon program for first-time runners. Although he has competed in 10K races and the Annual Falmouth Road Race, this was his first time running a full 26.2 miles.

Wearing number 24,482, Colonel Littlejohn started the race in the second wave of runners at 10:30 a.m., setting off with a mass of people from rural Hopkinton, Mass., heading toward Copley Square in downtown Boston.

When asked why he chose to take part in the race, Colonel Littlejohn gave a number of reasons. Reconnecting with a childhood friend who also took part in an 18 week training program, honoring the memory of his mother-in-law, Jane

Heggie, who passed away in 2006, and to raise money for a children's charity based out of Rockland, Mass.

The charity, Medicines for Humanity, provides basic medicines to impoverished children all over the world to reduce child mortality rates and works with health care providers in these areas to make lasting improvements to their organizations. Through roughly 70 donors, Colonel Littlejohn raised more than \$5,000 for the charity.

Colonel Littlejohn recalled the experience of running in the race.

"The experience was amazing. Literally from start to finish there were people lining the streets, everywhere you went for the whole 26 miles, it was unbelievable." He remembered seeing 102nd SFS Airmen and calling out to

them as he passed through Natick.

Nearing the finish line, Colonel Littlejohn scanned the crowd for his friends and family. He spotted the group, which was wearing their team T-shirts emblazoned with the team name 'Run For Jane.' As he paused with his family before

finishing the race, one of his 10-year-old daughters, followed by the rest of her siblings and cousins, came onto the course.

"The crowd of runners was pretty thinned out so they asked, 'can we run with you?' So we all ran across the finish line together."

The Boston Marathon, first held in 1897, is the world's oldest annual marathon. More than \$800,000 in prize money was awarded this year but some of the most notable stories came from those who gave rather than received this year; like the thousands who ran for charities and the 102nd Airmen who donated their time and energy for good causes.



OTIS UNITS WIN OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith



In a recently released message from Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt, director of the Air National Guard, it was announced that the 253rd Combat Communications Group and the 267th Combat Communications Squadron were two of 36 Air National Guard units selected to receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) for 2008.

The AFOUA was created Jan. 6, 1954, in order to recognize units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievements that clearly set themselves apart from similar units.

The award nomination package for the 253rd CCG covered a wide range of distinguished accomplishments, showing how much the unit has contributed to the National Guard's

mission and its ability to continue defending America. The accomplishments ranged from taking a lead role in several exercises across the state and country, to developing and revising current communications procedures, to supporting real world war efforts. An example of this is when the 253rd CCG deployed personnel to Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, they supported more than 1,500 Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force members in remote areas with critical communications and other services.

Airmen who were assigned or attached to the 253rd or 267th any time between Nov. 1, 2006, and Oct. 31, 2008, are authorized to wear the award. This marks the fourth time since 1977 that the 253rd has received this distinction.

Motorcycle Rider Safety

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

Airmen from around the area came to Otis ANGB to take part in a week-long training course May 2-6 that certified them to be motorcycle safety instructors, or 'RiderCoaches,' for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), a nonprofit organization promoting the safety of motorcyclists, is sponsored by several major U.S. manufacturers and distributors of motorcycles.

Some of the ways the Foundation increases safety is through educating auto drivers on motorcycles, encouraging safety equipment, and by offering training courses for motorcycle riders.

The Airmen that attended this course were taught how to teach the Basic Rider's Course (BRC) by Glenn Picklesimer of the MSF. The BRC is designed so that even someone who has never been on a motorcycle can practice and learn in a safe environment with a mixture of classroom theory and hands-on experience before they head out on the road.

"The course is actually designed to teach people who have never been on a motorcycle at all, that know nothing about motorcycles," said Mr. Picklesimer. "We're not turning out experts here, we're still turning out new riders but it gives them the tools they can use to improve from that point."

The classes also offer something for riders of higher experience levels. Besides controlling the motorcycle, the classes focus on safe riding practices and emergency situations. They teach students how to stop quickly in a turn, how to handle debris in the road, and how to best swerve around sudden obstacles.

"We teach a lot of accident avoidance, stuff you would normally learn by the school of hard knocks and that may not always turn out good" said Picklesimer.

The soon-to-be instructors came from all over the area, including Guard units in New York, Rhode Island and Maine. During the week of training the students dealt with long days in the classroom and harsh weather on the practice course.

"The days have been long. It has been 10 to 12 hours in the classroom with a couple of hours of studying at night," said Lt. Col. Robert Henry, 102nd Logistic Readiness Squadron commander.

The week culminated with the new instructors teaching the base's first BRC under clear blue skies, May 7-8.

Having 102nd Airmen as qualified instructors not only helps the base comply with U.S. Air Force and DoD regulations, which require this training for all motorcycle riders on military installations, it can also save lives.

"A former student once told me, 'I would be dead now if I didn't know what you taught me in that course,'" said Picklesimer.



(U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Aaron Smith)



Instructor riders from around New England practice on Otis Air National Guard Base's motorcycle training course. They came to get certified at a five-day course that allows them to teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider's Course to other riders.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN >>

By Master Sgt. David Rogissart



“I remember my first encounter with Dan while working on the night shift at the sheet metal shop (aircraft structural repair). It was a Monday after a drill and I was toting my gym bag on one shoulder and my hangered uniform on the other. As I walked into the shop, I saw this huge giant of a man with hands the size of boxing gloves by one of the work tables inspecting a broken aircraft panel. Chuckling to myself, I wondered, “how does someone his size get into an aircraft compartment, let alone handle some drill bits?” We were formally introduced and slowly became friends. Dan and I would banter back and forth, quiz each other on current events or I would listen to him talk about his family. Dan was a devoted family man who adored his wife and loved being a father to his son. His family was his life. As I look back, I am amazed that a man of his physical stature had the gentleness of a lamb and a heart three times its own size, not to mention a knack to make one laugh at his own unique brand of humor.”

Daniel M. Hyland (Nov. 24, 1966 - April 16, 2009)

Staff Sgt. Hyland’s full obituary can be found at <http://www.obitservices.com/obits.php?ID=9661>

SILVER FLAG EXERCISE >>

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano

Seven Airmen from 102nd Sustainment Services spent a week in April at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., to enhance their abilities to build and maintain bare-base operations at forward-deployed locations during a Silver Flag exercise.

Silver Flag provides training where combat support teams from various career fields can interact and conduct training operations in a realistic environment.

The team from Otis joined 26 other Services specialists from the Vermont and Rhode Island Air National Guards to train under simulated wartime conditions. The exercise also included more than 170 Airmen from civil engineer, medical, contracting, finance, and personnel units from various active duty, Reserve and Guard units throughout the Air Force.

According to Master Sgt. John Mallard, NCOIC of the Otis team, the first four days of the exercise consisted of field instruction on various types of training, which included building a field kitchen. On the fifth day, the 200 Airmen were brought to a remote forest area where they had to build and sustain a forward-deployed operational base. “During the exercise, Services personnel honed their skills by working with basic expeditionary resources to maintain and sustain a field kitchen, mortuary office, fitness and recreation center, and lodging for the “deployed” Airmen,” said Mallard. “Services personnel were also tasked with many different simulations that required them to utilize the field-specific training they received in the earlier part of the week.”

SCHOOL HONORS >>

Master Sgt.
Matthew Jackson
102nd AOG
Above 90 Average
Network Intelligence Analysis course

Staff Sgt.
Randall Herold
102nd CES
Above 90 Average
Utilities Systems Course

Tech. Sgt.
James Albano
102nd OSS
Class Leader
Imagery Analysis Course

Senior Airman
Damien Dane
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Above 90 Average
Imagery Analysis Course

Tech. Sgt.
David Collins
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Above 90 Average
Imagery Analysis Course

Airman First Class
Danielle Mason
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Above 90 Average
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QUARTERLY AWARD PACKAGES

Nomination packages for Airman, NCO and Senior NCO of the Quarter for the third quarter, fiscal year 2009, are due to the commander’s office no later than close of business June 7.

BURGER BURN AT EAGLE’S NEST

June 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Airman’s Council.
Choice of one hamburger with baked beans and chips OR two hot dogs with baked beans and chips.

567TH AIR FORCE BAND

The 567th Air Force Band is scheduled to entertain military families at the Massachusetts Military Reservation Base Theater (USCG) July 2 at 7 p.m. Please contact Capt. John Keeler (john.keeler@us.army.mil) if you have any questions.

‘MOVE OVER’ LAW

The Move Over Law went into effect March 22 and it aims to protect police, firefighters, paramedics, tow truck drivers, and all roadside emergency and maintenance workers. Chapter 89-7C states:

- Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle with flashing lights an operator shall:

(1) proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions, and, if practicable and on a highway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the operator’s vehicle, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle, or recovery vehicle; or

(2) if changing lanes is impracticable, proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions.

- Violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

CHAPEL CALL

By Chaplain (Maj.) David G. Berube
102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain

Encouragement

I recently read a story in one of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books about the power of encouragement. It is about an old man who approached a famous artist of the 19th century seeking his opinion about some sketches and drawings. The man wanted the master's opinion about the potential of the person who created the pieces.

After looking at some of the work it was clear to the master that it was not good. He didn't see any talent but wanted to be gentle in his assessment as he knew this was the old man's work. The master carefully explained his assessment to the man, who seemed disappointed yet not surprised. The old man apologized for wasting the master's time but asked if he would look at a few more pieces done by a young art student.

These sketches were much different. The master immediately recognized great talent. He told the old man that the student who drew them should be nurtured and encouraged. This young artist, the master offered, had the potential to be great.

Seeing that the old man was clearly moved by his words, the artist asked if the sketches were by the man's son. The man stated that they were not. They were more of his drawings, done 40 years earlier when he was an art student. He shared with the master that if he had heard such praise when he was

young he would not have been discouraged and given up on his art. Timely encouragement may have made this old man's name a household word and who knows what great works of art would have colored our world as a result?

Almost everyone I talk to is currently managing a very busy life. The pace is sometimes almost frantic, and we can feel swept along through the day on the verge of being out of control. In the sometimes non-stop rush of life it is easy to feel more discouraged than encouraged. Even when we know we're accomplishing a lot, and believe we're doing a good job at it, we can slip into doubt about how we're doing. Doubt can turn even the most promising of us into uninspired, mediocre people. Over time our talent for greatness can wither away.

There is good news, though. With good, timely encouragement, promising people become accomplished performers. With regular encouragement, accomplished performers become great. And encouragement isn't hard to come by – if we're all willing to offer it to one another.

So, I invite you to join me in a mission to encourage the people around us as often as possible. Let's make it a habit to point out the great things our colleagues, families, friends, neighbors, and even strangers are contributing to the world. It's a simple mission with deep impact. Who knows, we might even find ourselves becoming more encouraged in the process.

UNIT SPOTLIGHT

102nd Intelligence Wing Communications Flight



Tech. Sgt. Joe Richardson uses a telephone test set to troubleshoot and verify that specific phone circuits are working correctly.



Master Sgt. James Moynihan looks over Local Area Network (LAN) equipment while working inside of a "communications closet." Sergeant Moynihan was working to help establish connectivity at the Distributed Ground Station.



(U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano)

Master Sgt. Timothy Sandland looks on as Senior Master Sgt. Deborah Cho addresses a computer system issue.

The 102nd Communications Flight continually strives to promote and ensure dependable communication capabilities to the 102nd Intelligence Wing through effective planning and programming, maintenance, and communications support management. The flight plans, manages, operates and maintains more than \$19 million in equipment and telecommunications infrastructure, supporting command and control and other base customers located on the Massachusetts Military Reservation. The Flight provides the best possible communication service and support to the 102nd Intelligence Wing while keeping up with the ever-changing technology.

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