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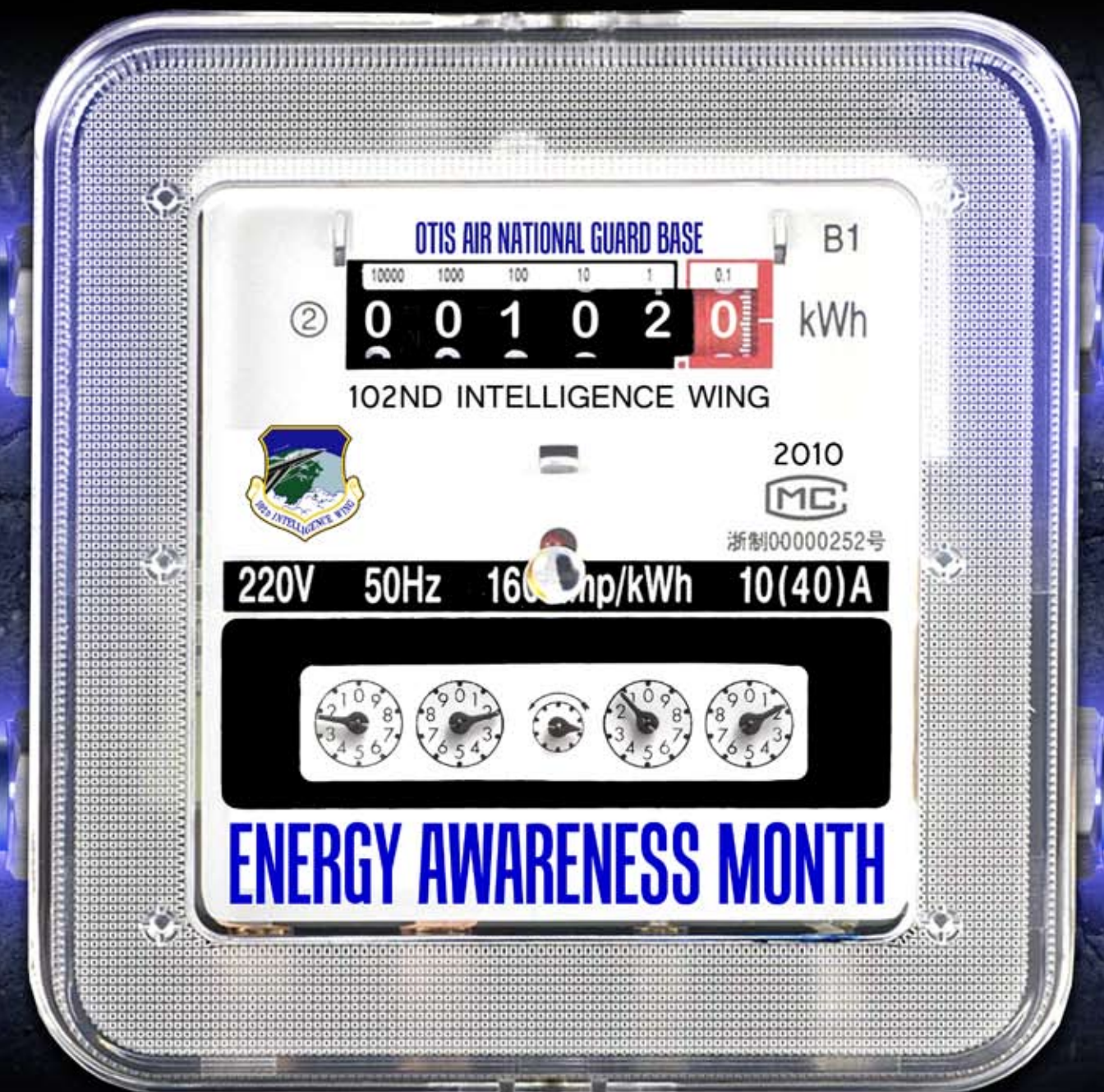
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SEAGULL IDEAS?

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 Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010.

ON THE COVER >>



October is Energy Awareness Month. The 102nd Intelligence Wing recently stood-up an Energy Management Steering Group focused on reducing energy usage at Otis ANG Base in order to save money and resources. The EMSG is lead by Col. Christopher Faux.

U.S. Air Force Graphic by Staff Sgt. Kerri Cole

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
102nd Mission Support Group
COMMANDER**

By Col. Christopher Faux



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Guantanamo Bay- Air Expeditionary Force jewel

Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay, or GTMO (pronounced 'Gitmo') for short, is still an active and vital link for U.S. Forces in SOUTHCOM. A critical supply and refueling stop for Naval and Coast Guard vessels operating near and south of the equator in the Atlantic Ocean, it is also home to the Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF GTMO).

JTF GTMO is responsible for all aspects of detainee operations; providing "safe, humane, legal and transparent" care and custody of detainees, including those convicted by military commissions, those awaiting appropriate hearings and those ordered released. This 45 square mile, history riddled facility is speckled with "camps"; each serving a separate but necessary function in detainee processing and detention. In the midst of it all is Camp Justice, whose function is to provide appropriate legal services to detainees and their respective legal representatives. The legal facilities at Camp Justice are well appointed and technologically advanced, to say the least. Like everything else provided by the JTF, detainee legal services are equal to, or better than those received by white collar criminals in the United States. Additionally, detainees receive better treatment at GTMO than most would in their home country.

Working out of tents on a nearby, abandoned airfield is the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron (ECES)...the heart and soul of Camp Justice! Formerly referred to as "Prime Beef," locally shortened to just "Beef" (Base Emergency Engineering Force) the men and women of the 474th keep the camp running under the auspices of "commission support."

Recently, five members of the 102nd Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) augmented the 186th CES of the Mississippi ANG at Camp Justice; forming the 474th ECES. Master Sgt. Dale Melanson was the 102nd NCO in charge and worked as the Camp Justice Utilities Superintendent; overseeing all aspects of power production, pest management, air conditioning/refrigeration, electric and water and waste shops. Master Sgt. James "Buck" Buckingham, pest management specialist/entomologist, tested his skills dealing with the many varieties of insects indigenous to Cuba, as well as some of the local favorites; the Cuban Rock Iguana, the Hutia (more commonly known as the Banana Rat) and the ever present scavenger the Turkey Vulture. Lucky for me, and my underwear, we did not stumble upon the large, but elusive native Python. The high heat and humidity kept Technical Sgt. Rob Tetreault and Staff Sgt. Chad "Flash" Correia, HVAC Specialists, busy during the long summer days. Unfortunately, Rob's deployment was cut short due to a serious illness and eventual passing of his mother, Theresa R. Harding. Please keep the Tetreault family in your thoughts and prayers. Flash earned his moniker by simply being the Air Force's fastest man in Cuba. Last, but certainly not least were the vital contributions of electrician Senior Airman Liz Rodriguez; the socialite who remarkably knew every person stationed at GTMO.

Why a jewel you ask? Well, they simply have some amenities not available on most AEF tours. First of all, the history of GTMO before, during and after the revolution is fascinating. Tours are available and highly encouraged. There are about nine different beaches, scuba diving/lessons, boat rentals and fishing...and yes this is a Caribbean island, so the water is warm, clear and full of amazing creatures. The "chow hall" is phenomenal; serving fresh fruits/salads, a myriad of entrees as well as homemade desserts. There are several restaurants and bars, including an Irish Pub (General Order #1 does not apply to GTMO) and a full commissary. Many of the officers and senior enlisted actually stay in houses. During a six-month tour, your family can come to visit for two weeks, or you can meet them in the States for R&R. Many of the active folks are actually on accompanied tours and live in base housing. Their children attend school on base and have many of the facilities and opportunities found on other active duty bases. Activities include golf (although the course needs some serious work), a driving range, go carts, batting cages, outdoor movie theaters and a bowling alley, as well as the standard fast food haunts like McDonalds, KFC and Taco Bell. GTMO also boasts its own radio station whose claim to fame is 'rockin' in Fidel's back yard.'

I had the honor and pleasure of visiting our CES Airmen at GTMO. Trust me when I say it was not all fun and games. Like many of the other AEF tours, they were subjected to long, hot and humid days on a facility that was in constant need of repair. However, when they did manage to get a couple hours to themselves, the azure waters and tranquil surf helped make the tour a little more pleasant than the average AEF.



AOG MEMBER ASSISTS IN GULF COAST CLEANUP

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

While many Massachusetts residents leave Florida during the summer months and come back to the Bay State, Senior Airman David Cox headed down to the Sunshine State not to relax but to assist in Operation Deepwater Horizon – the Gulf Coast cleanup.

“Ever since the incident occurred, all I’ve heard about is civilian volunteers from all over the country and local residents from the Gulf area stepping up to protect their livelihood and cleaning up the oil,” said Cox. “I just felt compelled to get involved and somehow make a difference in helping people in this part of the country.”

Cox, a member of the 102nd Air Operations Group, spent 30 days at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., as part of an Air Force Master Air Attack Plan cell team coordinating air traffic information from three different command posts.

“Everyday the team was receiving a variety of flight information from Miami, Mobile (Ala.) and Houma (La.),” said Cox. “Our job was to coordinate and centralize all of the information so that it was in one standard format that all the parties involved in air operations activities could understand.”

As devastating as the oil spill has been to the areas and people of the Gulf Coast, the incident has provided all of the military and civilian agencies working together a better understanding of how to interact with each other more effectively. “Coming into the situation, it seemed that all of the different agencies involved had their own unique way of conducting business,” explained Cox. “We [military] established new protocols for working with civilians and building new platforms of communication so that everyone could understand the different wordings and concepts all the agencies used internally.”

Being exposed to a joint force environment and interacting with multiple civilian agencies, including BP, also provided Cox with a new level of experience he may not have received as a traditional Guardsman working at home station. “I’ve been in the Guard for less than two years and have been looking for an opportunity to go operational,” said Cox. “Getting more involved in what the Massachusetts Air National Guard does on a national level has been a great experience and learning opportunity.”

INTEL DUO HEAD TO PENTAGON FOR YEAR-LONG INTERNSHIP

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Two Airmen from the 102nd Air Operations Group were recently selected to participate in a unique internship at the Pentagon.

The one-year program with the Air Force Intelligence Analysis Agency is only open to Air National Guard members and consists of only two slots, both of which were filled by Otis ANG Base.

“This is a much better opportunity than I thought would be afforded to me so short into my career,” said Senior Airman David Westerwind. “I was interested in attending some follow-on schooling, but I never imagined I would be accepted for an internship at the Pentagon working for the AFIAA.”

Senior Airman Olivier Edouard, who was a combat medic while in the Army National Guard, has always wanted to be in the intelligence field. “This is a very

exciting time for me and my family,” said Edouard. “It was exciting when we found out that we were the two selected from the entire Air National Guard to participate in this internship. This is a dream come true because it’s an opportunity you get once in a lifetime.”

During their internship, Westerwind and Edouard will be interacting with an array of military and government intelligence agencies while becoming better trained on the procedures of analysis, creation and staging of intelligence presentations. They will also

have the opportunity to immerse themselves in various aspects of intelligence research and education.

“The whole idea behind this internship is to work in a joint force, active duty environment where we can further develop our skills and capabilities,” said Westerwind. “Given the increasing role the Air National Guard is playing in the intelligence community, especially with the global war on terror, it makes sense to expose Guardsmen in our career field to the global vision of what’s happening at the top levels in the intelligence community,” added Edouard.

As the 102nd AOG continues to augment the 608th Air Operations Center at Barksdale AFB, La., and other Guard units do the same for their active duty associate, the Air National Guard Bureau recognized the need to create this internship to help

Guardsmen in the intelligence field to have a better idea of what’s happening at a higher level.

The Airmen credit their supervisors for their responding quickly to the opportunity’s short suspense. “One of the reasons we were able to succeed in the application process was due to the support and efficiency of our chain of command,” said Westerwind. “They made sure the paperwork got submitted on time and everything went smoothly.”



Senior Airman Westerwind



Senior Airman Olivier Edouard

Airman in the Spotlight



Airman 1st Class Luiz Vicentini

Airman 1st Class Vicentini is assigned to the 102nd Public Affairs Office as a knowledge operations manager. He began his time at Otis ANG Base with the Student Flight in April 2009; attended basic training in February 2010; and completed technical school in June 2010.

Airman 1st Class Vicentini is originally from Brazil and has lived in the United States for more than 10 years. His grandfather and father have also served in the military.

Education: Airman 1st Class Vicentini has a Bachelors Degree in Architecture and Urban Development. He is also

working on his Masters Degree in Sustainable Architecture at Boston Architectural College.

Hobbies: Surfing, snowboarding, diving, and taking his family on vacations are just some of the things Airman 1st Class Vicentini enjoys doing when not performing his duties.

Career: Currently, he is focused on obtaining his 5 skill level and advancing his military career.

Personal philosophy: “Family is the foundation of everything. I owe everything to them: what I am, what I have, and what I became is due to them. I met my wife in the United States and my son was born here. I am willing to protect and give my life for this country as much as I would for my own family.”

If you would like to nominate a 102nd Intelligence Wing member for the monthly “Airman in the Spotlight” feature, contact Capt. Evan Lagasse at (508) 968-4003 or e-mail evan.lagasse@ang.af.mil.

AIR FORCE ISSUES WARNING ABOUT ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Air Force News Service

8/20/2010 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force surgeon general has issued a memo alerting all Airmen about safety concerns regarding electronic cigarettes, a new type of nicotine product.

Also known as “e-cigs,” electronic cigarettes are battery-operated devices that look like conventional cigarettes. The e-cig contains a cartridge filled with nicotine, which is delivered to the user as a vapor. Water vapor is emitted from the end of the device to mimic the appearance of smoke.

“Advertisements claim electronic cigarettes are a healthier way to smoke, but one sample tested by the Food and Drug Administration contained diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze,” wrote Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles B. Green, the Air Force surgeon general.

Other samples tested by the FDA contained cancer-causing agents, yet there are no health warnings on these products similar to those seen on conventional cigarette packages, the memo states.

“Manufacturers offer cartridges with decreasing levels of nicotine, with the idea that they can be used to help someone quit smoking,” Dr. Green wrote. “No studies have been done to demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of these products as tobacco cessation aids, and they are not approved by the FDA as a drug delivery device. Commanders also need to be aware that the cartridges used in these devices are replaceable and could be used to discreetly deliver substances other than nicotine.”

The memo states that due to the nature, appearance and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category as tobacco products, the use of which is governed by Air Force Instruction 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force. This new product will be included in the upcoming revision of AFI 40-102 due out this fall.



REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

October is ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

Energy Vampires are Everywhere!

By Chief Master Sgt. Bret Retherford
178th Civil Engineer Squadron

It's Halloween... the time of year that beckons thoughts of ghosts, phantoms, and vampires! In energy management, we think of "phantoms" as phantom load, or electrical consumption that occurs when all of the obvious electrical loads like heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), major appliances, and lights are turned off. A phantom load is simply electrical consumption that cannot be readily accounted for. The main cause can be attributed to another energy management term known as "Energy Vampires." Energy Vampires are electrical devices that consume power in your home and place of work even when they appear to be turned off, but are actually operating on a low power mode.

While exterior lighting, security lighting, exit signs, etc., account for some of the load, what about the rest? It should be well-known that most electronic devices are sucking up energy even while they are turned off. So, what's wasting energy right now even though the device appears to be turned off? Below are some common answers:

Vampires Everywhere! Where are they?

Believe it or not, your seemingly innocent devices on standby or idle mode are leading a sinister double life by quietly consuming your electrical power. Some of the major consumers of standby power include: Computers, multifunction printers, computer speakers, copiers, fax machines, flat-screen TVs, DVD/VCR/CD players, stereos, power tool chargers, radio chargers, and microwave ovens just to name a few. Even devices such as cell phone and laptop chargers consume power if left plugged in the wall, even if the phone or laptop is not plugged into the charger. It may sound minor, but add all of those separate items up in one facility times the number of facilities at your Wing, and the result is hundreds of devices consuming power 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In fact, standby power can account for up to 15 percent of commercial and 10 percent of residential energy use.

Why do electronic devices use energy

when they are switched off?

Electronics consume standby power for one of two reasons; they either have an adapter that will continue to draw electricity, or they have devices (such as clocks and touchpads) that draw power. Anything with a remote control will also draw standby power since the device needs to be able to detect the remote when it's pushed.

Does everything suck energy when it's

plugged in and turned off?

No. If your coffeemaker or toaster doesn't have a clock, then it's probably not using standby power. The coffeemaker consumes its power at the warming plate, which tends to get left on all day. Consider using a coffeemaker that uses an insulated carafe instead. Your hair dryer and table lamps (although they may have a power adapter for the dimmer) are not drawing standby power either. Devices with a switch that physically breaks the circuit do not consume standby power.



Will switching things on and off shorten their life?

No. You'd have to turn devices on and off thousands of times to shorten their lives. The real downside to unplugging electronics is that clocks and remotes will not work, causing you to reset everything.

Power Strip FAQ's

Plugging electronics into a power strip and turning it off when you're not using it is a widely prescribed solution for curbing vampire power. Here are answers to common questions:

- Power strips draw energy when they are turned on, but not when they are switched off.
- Any decent power strip should have surge protection. Flicking your power strip on and off will not create a power surge capable of damaging electronic devices. In fact, it will protect devices from other surges.
- Some worry about the possibility of fires caused by plugging too many things in at once. If you plug in the allowed number of devices, then power strips are safe. Just don't plug your power strip into another power strip, or you run the risk of creating an overload.

**Only you have the power
to kill the vampires
at work and at home!**

Civil Engineering has limited control of the energy consuming devices on your base. You have the power to control the rest. Remember to do your part by turning off and/or unplugging all of the vampires at the end of each day and on weekends. The extra effort will help save our limited energy resources, funding, and wear on the equipment not only at work, but also at home.



“SCRAMBLED” BY MARTIN RICHARD

Book Review by Staff Sgt. Alexis Colonna
102nd Air Operations Group

“See, here’s the thing...”

Anyone who has spent any amount of time working with our own Lt. Col. Martin “Opus” Richard will recognize and probably find themselves borrowing this handy non-affirmative response. Why? Because it works. Not only does it buy time to plan a thoughtful response, it also is a way to say no, without saying, “No.” It’s low threat. It implies obstacles rather than rejection, and it puts him on your side, even when taking a side isn’t necessary.

This is a perfect example of Richard’s approach to leading in a stressful environment, the subject of his new book, “Scrambled.” Many recall the long grueling hours of Sept. 11, 2001 and the significant military and civilian response that followed. In “Scrambled,” Martin Richard, one of the Air Force’s first airborne responders to 9/11, shares the leadership techniques and experiences applied over the skies of New York City that day, from the first indications of something gone awry to the full-blown stress of responding to a major terrorist attack.

Written in a first person perspective, this

is not a step-wise, self-help book intended to change you into something you may not be. Rather, the book challenges you, from its personal approach, to claim your “I” in the thick of it - that is, to recognize your natural response and acknowledge you, so you can focus on the task at hand. Anyone who has been in a high-stress situation will recognize the feelings and sensations shared. Using 9/11 as a backdrop, Richard focuses on raw stimulus and response: the questions, obstacles, decisions, and random distractions that our human minds and hearts attempt to track when stress suddenly runs high.

Unlike books of the type spearheaded by Stephen Covey, there are few steps to remember, realms of influence to negotiate, or concepts to memorize. Rather, Richard teaches by example, providing only a few acronyms, all at a third grade spelling level. While he does include a cheat sheet toward the back of the book, the examples by which he teaches are more than sufficiently memorable in their own right. Full of the gratitude and candidness of a protégé turned mentor, Richard’s lessons learned from years of leadership experience in the world

of military fighter jets are shared with the reader, the next protégé. The book reads true to the author’s voice and reading it is much like seeking guidance in his office.

For those in a position of follower, especially those with leadership experience but lacking academic training on the subject, “Scrambled” is an excellent way to learn to express and discuss topics and concepts already in use. For those in a position of leadership as well as followership, such as middle management, this book is full of wisdom and experience that can refine your ability to recognize stress in yourself and those you lead, and in recognizing it, to take appropriate steps to acknowledge and refocus you and your team appropriately.

True to Richard’s nature, “Scrambled” is a compassionate, lively, and candid discussion of professional leadership in the epitome of a stressful environment, the skies over New York on Sept. 11, 2001. For those that will “never forget,” “Scrambled” is a rare leadership reference that is full of meaning, memory, and purpose. For those of the 102nd who experienced this leadership, this is also a glimpse into our legacy.

FAMILY READINESS MANAGER COMPLETES FIRST TRIATHLON

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

On any given day, Erin Creighton barely ran 1.5 miles -- never mind knowing how to swim; but all that changed in January when the Airman and Family Readiness manager decided to participate in her first triathlon.

“It was an ad hoc decision I had made after reading about a triathlon scheduled to take place in Falmouth,” said Creighton. Unfortunately, she had missed the deadline to sign up, so she performed a web search for local area triathlons and decided to do the Whaling City Triathlon in New Bedford.

“Although the decision was spontaneous, a part of it was driven by the fact that I had a goal that didn’t have anything to do with anyone else but me.”

Erin completed the triathlon, which took place in July, in one hour and 32 minutes. “This was such a great opportunity for me to push myself and learn from my experiences,” she said. During the triathlon, she had to run over 400 yards after the swim to get to her bike. “I wish I had spent more time practicing running in a wet suit,” said Creighton jokingly. “It wasn’t easy running with that thing on and it probably slowed me down just a little bit.”

The triathlon consisted of a third-mile swim, an 11.5-mile bike ride and a 3.3-mile run. When she decided to do the triathlon, she didn’t know how to swim and had not ridden a bike in more than five years. “I guess you could say I had some ‘minor’ obstacles to overcome before I would be ready for the triathlon. There were a few occasions where I had to find motivation; where I asked myself, ‘why am I waking up at 5 a.m. to jump into the ocean?’”

Setting small goals for herself and having family and friends motivating her, were essential factors in being able to stick to her training schedule and completing the triathlon. “Getting ready for this triathlon was a big deal for me. I really appreciated my family and friends pushing and encouraging me to keep going. It made me realize how much support I have around me,” said Creighton

Now that she has entered a new realm of exercising with the completion of her first triathlon, she has set her sights on competing in another triathlon this month. “What can I say – I’m hooked!”



NEW LEADER FOR MASSACHUSETTS AIR GUARD



Distinguished guests, senior military leaders and hundreds of Airmen from Massachusetts Air National Guard units throughout the state attended a change of command ceremony to honor Maj. Gen. Michael D. Akey, outgoing commander, and to welcome Brig. Gen. L. Scott Rice, incoming commander, Sept. 12, 2010.

Brig. Gen. L. Scott Rice (right), Massachusetts Air National Guard incoming commander, accepts the colors from Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter (left), The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard, during a change of command ceremony held at the National Guard Museum in Worcester, Mass.

(U.S. Air Force Photo by Technical Sgt. Eric Klein)

For more photos from the ceremony, visit the 102nd Intelligence Wing’s public website at <http://www.102iw.ang.af.mil>.

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM HELPS DEPLOYING AIRMEN

By Master Sgt. Jennifer Lovering
101st Intelligence Squadron

“What is a Yellow Ribbon event and why do I have to attend?”

Many deploying Airmen have asked that very same question. Airmen may feel this is just an additional step to the pre- and post-deployment checklist. However, it is an important event that was created to insure that every Citizen-Warrior is fully equipped emotionally, spiritually, physically and mentally to deploy, accomplish the mission and transition back to family and civilian roles as smoothly as possible.

The YR program is a Department of Defense initiative to coordinate and synchronize all available local, state and federal resources and support agencies for deploying or de-mobilized service members and their families. The program was established in the National Defense Act of 2008, Section 582 of Public Law 110-81 “National Defense Authorization Act” and mandated by National Guard Bureau Policy Letter, dated July 20, 2009.

Attendance is mandatory for Airmen ordered to active duty or full-time operation support, other than training, for 90 consecutive days or more. Airmen must attend a YRE no earlier than 6 months prior to their deployment and then a post-deployment YRE at the 30/60/90 day mark. These events are free. Families are encouraged to attend since the intent of these events are to disperse current information on benefits and available resources. The YRE focuses on reintegration and reconnecting Airmen with their families by providing information and services to facilitate the transition by having the opportunity to talk to professionals about deployment-related topics such as employment, finances, legal, and health care.

During a YRE, Airmen and their families will have the chance to hear from personnel from Tri-care, Military One Source, Operation Military Kids, Vets Center, and a financial advisor, just to name a few. YRE is a great tool to educate many Airmen and their families on the benefits they are entitled to.

At the state level, Kimberly Harris is our YRE coordinator who plans events throughout the state in various hotels and venues. Kim Harris recently hosted a pre-deployment YRE on Otis. She accommodated our deploying Airmen from the Intelligence Squadron and Combat Communications who work non-traditional duty hours.

At our unit level, Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Burger is currently amid her tour as assistant in the 102nd Airman & Family Readiness Program Office. This special active duty tour clearly reflects the importance in which the leadership of the Air National Guard views the Yellow Ribbon Program. Ensuring that Otis’ Airmen & their families are fully aware of the array of entitlements and benefits, in addition to the wide variety of community programs and support available to them is a paramount task for Sergeant Burger. Specifically, Burger assists the MA ANG State YR Coordinator in the identification, coordination and tracking of attendance for 102nd, 253rd & 267th Airmen and their families.

For additional information, please visit the following website: <http://www.yellowribbon.mil> or contact Kimberly A. Harris, Yellow Ribbon Event Coordinator (ANG at 14 Minuteman Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481 or call (508) 233-7259 DSN: 256-7259 Cell Phone: (508) 742-8943).

OFFICERS COUNCIL SUPPORTS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Chaplain (Capt.) Mary Scheer
102nd Intelligence Wing

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan’s Purse that brings basic care items and presents to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

In 2009, Operation Christmas Child teams in Australia and New Zealand delivered over 300,000 gift-filled shoe boxes to South East Asia and the South Pacific. Globally, Samaritan’s Purse distributed more than 8 million shoe boxes to children in 105 countries on

6 continents.

The Company Grade Officers Council at Otis ANG Base supports Operation Christmas Child and its outreach to children in need. The Officers Council invites you to please consider donating some small items that will be wrapped in shoeboxes and shipped out to children in areas of need.

Donated gift items will be collected during the October Unit Training Assembly in Building 158 in the entry way on the first floor,

outside the Chapel Office on the third floor, and at a booth during Family Day.

Gift Ideas include small toys, sports balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, sharpeners, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring or picture books, toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, hard candy, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches and flashlights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. The Otis Air National Guard Base CFC has begun and is scheduled to end Dec. 15. Contact Maj. Nicole Ivers for a donation form: (508) 968-4664, nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil or visit Building 158, Room 230. Thank you for your generosity!

VA BENEFITS BRIEFING

A VA representative is scheduled to conduct a VA Benefits Briefing on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 - 10 a.m., in the building 167 (Security Forces building) briefing room. This briefing will address all veteran benefits for all service members. The briefing includes, but is not limited to:

1. Members activated for Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom may be eligible for VA health care for up to 5 years.
 2. Home of the Brave Home Loan State Program (no money down, no PMI, no funding fee, and can be for second home).
 3. You can transfer your Post 9-11 GI Bill to your children at any age, as long as you are a current member of the military.
 4. Vocational Rehab program - attend a vocational trade course, absolutely FREE for disabled vets (10 percent or more).
 5. Vocational Licensing and certificate program - attend a college, absolutely FREE for disabled vets (10 percent or more).
- There are many more benefits; please visit <http://www.va.gov/> and <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=veteranshomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eveterans>.

HOLIDAY COMMISSARY ROAD SHOW

The staff at the Newport Commissary is planning a return trip to the Massachusetts Military Reservation for a Thanksgiving Holiday sale scheduled for Oct. 28-30. This is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday sale only! The sale will include all of the Holiday fixings, paper towels, detergent, etc. Banners depicting the sale event are forthcoming and it promises to be bigger than last year's event. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) will be offering Butterball Turkeys as part of the sale. For more information, please contact Senior Master Sgt. "Chopper" Lynds at (508) 968-4150.

VETERANS DAY BALL

The third annual Veterans Day Ball is scheduled for Nov. 6 at Union Station, Worcester, Mass. Tickets are \$42 for all ranks. Attire for the Ball is Mess Dress, Air Force Semi Formal (enlisted), or tuxedo/business suit/gown for civilian attendees. Please contact your immediate chain of command for ticket purchase information.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE COUNCIL >>

In an effort to increase communication and information flow between the command and their civilian employees (Title V, Non-Dual Status Title 32s and Mass. Cooperative Agreement/State), Col. Anthony Schiavi, 102nd Intelligence Wing commander, has authorized the formation of the 102nd Civilian Employee Council (CEC) as a way to not only keep all civilian employees informed about wing and other issues, but to also ensure an avenue exists for civilian employees to bring ideas, concerns or issues to the wing leadership.

As with any successful endeavor such as this, participation is needed by both the employees and the command. Although the council will need to be a defined size, all interested civilian employees are encouraged to make their desired participation known.

Col. Schiavi is excited about the possibilities this council can bring to the employees, the wing and the command. He is looking forward to your support and participation whether it is as part of the council or by submitting your thoughts and ideas via an appropriate mechanism to the council.

The individuals currently assigned to the CEC are: Kimberly Scudder (Chairperson), Robert Blair (CES), Tom Landon (LRS), Richard Lawrence (PMEL), Rose Ware (EM), John Ullmann (LRS).

Civilian employees who are interested in becoming a candidate to join the council should submit their Name, Work Location, Phone Number, E-mail Address and a short narrative of what they hope to personally bring to the CEC, in writing to 102 IW/DPC, Box 24 or by e-mail to kimberly.scudder@ang.af.mil. We hope to have a good representation of the entire civilian workforce.

Any questions can be addressed to Kimberly Scudder, Civilian Human Resources, Building 197 at (508) 968-4333 or by e-mail to kimberly.scudder@ang.af.mil.



PROMOTIONS >>

Captain John Stringfellow	Senior Master Sergeant Kathleen Bird
Master Sergeant Kimberly Rapoza	Staff Sergeant Adam Sassone Keith Soares
Senior Airman Natanael Gouveia	

CHAPEL CALL

By Chaplain (Capt.) Mary Scheer
102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain

In the August Seagull, 102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dave Berube wrote about the importance of resiliency, how important it is to our well-being and illustrated ways to build resilience every day so it will be there for us in times of crisis.

Another way to strengthen our resilience and readiness for handling stress and crisis is to develop faith. At its core, faith is the belief or trust in an idea, person or thing. It can refer to a religion, teaching or thing for which there is no proof.

We all have faith; we just differ in "what" we place our faith in. Even if our faith is not in organized religion, most people believe in something even if it's in their own abilities. It's important that we think about our faith and that we're intentional about the ways we develop it.

In July, the 102nd IW Chapel Team attended a conference at the Harvard Medical School which looked at the ways spirituality and medicine can work together in treating people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). It was fascinating and affirming to learn how the brain and body can be influenced and strengthened by faith.

And yet, how is faith obtained? Faith comes by hearing. We decide what we believe in based on what we have been exposed to, what we have explored and through what others have shared with us. And eventually we choose for ourselves what we will believe and trust in.

And it is out of our faith convictions that we can encourage ourselves and others. Sometimes we are so afraid to say something because we don't want to be seen as being pushy or intrusive. But I think the issue is "how" you share your beliefs and "how" you use it to encourage and serve others. Someone once said that sharing your faith is like one hungry person telling another how to find their way to the bakery.

There's a saying, "Be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about the hope you have," (1Pet. 3:15). If someone is having trouble and they ask you what you believe and why, it's OK to share with them. In fact, an encouraging word that inspires faith and hope can go a long way in helping when we are going

through a rough patch.

During the summer, my husband and I became grandparents. Our granddaughter, Jordyn Nicole (*below*), was born in June. When I held her for the first time, I thought about all the possibilities and pitfalls this new little life may experience. I wish I could pour into her all the wisdom she will need in the future. Yet wisdom alone will not be enough. She will need faith. Like the rest of her, her faith is in its infancy, but as she grows, learns and matures, her faith should grow, deepen and mature so it will be there to meet whatever challenges she faces in this life.

Yet faith does not just grow on its own. We have to put time and effort into it. Similar to the way a muscle benefits from repetitive weight lifting, faith benefits from repetitive use. The better developed it is, the better able it will be to sustain us in difficult times. When the winds and waves of life threaten our inner peace and happiness, it helps to have faith that is fit to meet the challenge.

Every year, we exercise to pass our fitness test. We have an advantage because we know when the test is coming. We may never know when our faith will be put to the test, but it will, and like everything else, readiness in the area of our faith increases our resilience and will improve our success.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE UCI?
UNIT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PREPAREDNESS

The 102nd Intelligence Wing is scheduled to undergo a Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) from Oct. 28 - Nov. 2, 2011.

A UCI is a United States Air Force inspection conducted to assess areas mandated by law, as well as mission areas identified by senior Air Force and Major Command (MAJCOM) leadership as critical or important to the health and performance of a unit. Failure to comply with established directives in these areas could result in significant legal liabilities, penalties, or significant mission impact. During UCIs, MAJCOM inspector generals evaluate each common

core compliance area (CCCA), which is driven by law, executive order, or applicable directive. Examples of Air Force-level CCCAs based on law are intelligence oversight, transition assistance programs, voting assistance programs, sexual harassment education and prevention, and homosexual conduct policy.

Inspectors grade each individual unit and parent wing on a five-tier scale: Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal and Unsatisfactory.

The time to prepare is now! If you have questions, please contact Lt. Col. Paige Inscoe, 102nd Inspector General, (508) 968-4304.



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