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**9/11**  
Ten years later

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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, May 1, 2011.**

**ON THE COVER >>**



This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Rather than focusing on The World Trade Center, The Pentagon, or United Flight 93, the dark black smoke that hung over all three incidents was chosen to accompany Technical Sgt. Kerri Cole's design.

U.S. Air Force Graphic/  
Technical 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  
102 IW  
COMMAND CHIEF**

By Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Raymondo



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By the time you read this article we will be within forty five days of our Unit Compliance Inspection. You should all be familiar with the inspection process and more importantly know your role. Although you may not be directly responsible for a particular program, you play an important part in the overall success of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. If you haven't had an opportunity to read the "102nd Get Smart Guide" I'd recommend you do so. This guide offers a comprehensive review of the inspection process and provides tips on how each one of us can help do our part to ensure a successful outcome. Of particular note is section 6 of the guide "What can you do." This section applies to all of us. Good tips on customs and courtesies, attitude and military appearance are offered in this section. This information is nothing new; it is part of our culture. Please take a few minutes to get familiar with the guide and be ready to meet the challenges of our first major inspection as the 102nd Intelligence Wing.

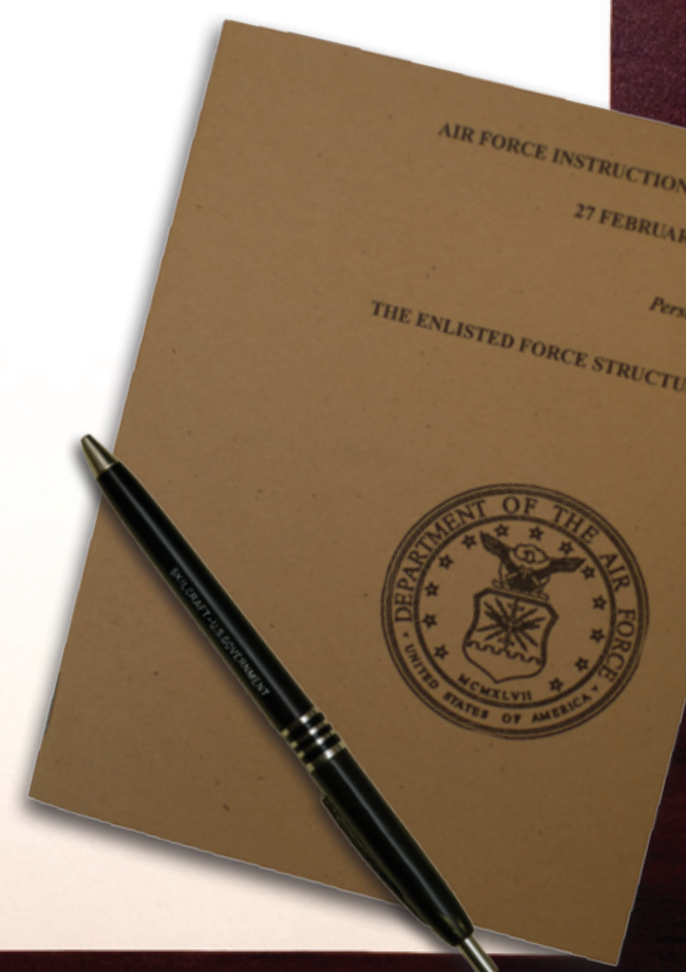
In the next few months the UCI will be in our rearview mirror. Our work doesn't stop there. The next several years bring exciting opportunities for our wing. Each day as we drive onto the base we see its continued transformation. New buildings are being erected as old buildings are being razed. We continue to reduce our footprint as we become more efficient and relevant now and into the future.

As enlisted Airmen, we must keep pace with the changing environment of our military. "The little brown book" or AFI 36-2618, the Enlisted Force Structure, provides a roadmap for enlisted development from Airman Basic to Chief Master Sergeant. Spend some time reviewing the responsibilities for your grade and for those you supervise. Continue to invest time in your career and always be ready to take that next step. Today's development will produce tomorrow's leaders.

Over the next several years, like our base, our leadership team will change. On the enlisted side we will have Chiefs, First Sergeants and other SNCO opportunities becoming available. Some of these positions will require you to step out of your comfort zone. Trust me, it's okay. I've spent the majority of my career in security forces. When I had the opportunity to apply for the Command Chief vacancy, I jumped at the chance. It certainly wasn't because I didn't like what I was doing. To me it was an exciting opportunity to contribute at the next level. You can be ready for these challenges but you must start now. Read AFI 36-2618. Understand what it means to "Maintain the highest level of personal readiness to meet mission requirements" (para 3.1.4). Get involved in activities outside of your AFSC. One way you can get involved is

to join your Airmen's Council. This is an energetic group of Airmen Basics thru Technical Sergeants who meet every Saturday of the UTA at 1400 in the Executive Conference Room. The council is constantly seeking new members and ideas to promote quality of life initiatives as well as professional development tools. If you're interested you can stop by on Saturday of the UTA.

That's it for now. Good luck with the inspection. Thank you for all your hard work and helping achieve our vision "To be recognized as the Air National Guard's premier Intelligence Wing, universally recognized and respected for performance and reputation."



## HURRICANE IRENE

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith  
102nd Intelligence Wing



Airmen man the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Aug. 28, 2011 on Otis Air National Guard Base during Operation Hurricane Irene.

In the days before Hurricane Irene there were a lot of questions as to where it would hit, how fierce the winds would be, and the amount of rain it would bring with it. In order to be prepared for any situation and serve our role as an organization that helps in a time of disaster the state began Operation Hurricane Irene.

All over the state, members of the Massachusetts National Guard were activated by an order that came out on August 26, 2011. At Otis Air National Guard Base, one hundred and seventy members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing were part of the operation. The majority of the airmen came from the Civil Engineering Squadron, the Security Forces Squadron, and the Medical Group, contributing 55, 33, and 28 airmen to the operation, respectively.

On Otis ANGB an Emergency Operation Center was set up in the command post to handle situations that arose due to Hurricane Irene. 1st Lieutenant Lloyd Johnson said, "The EOC's main function is reconstitution of the base after an event." He went on to describe some of the situations that could have happened if the hurricane had taken a different track. "If the bridges were closed (due to sustained winds over 70 mph), once that happens they actually open up the MMR, implement a 'traffic plan', and start working on providing shelter and food for the people who are unable to get off cape. There would have been a lot of traffic management, food and shelter requirements."

Although Hurricane Irene left Cape Cod and Otis ANGB relatively unharmed, members from Civil Engineering and Medical were called into action. Heading to destinations in the western part of the state to assist in tasks like debris cleanup, emergency extractions and medical assistance.

The 102nd Medical Group was participating in a previously scheduled exercise on Friday Aug. 25th which dealt with providing support to the civilian population in case of a disaster involving nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological material. Things changed though when Governor Deval Patrick ordered the Extraction Team, a group of airmen and soldiers involved in the exercise that train to rescue people from situations that involve debris and collapsed structures, and other members of the medical group to stand-by to assist in Operation Hurricane Irene.

After convoying to Greenfield, Mass. and setting up in the local community college members of the 102nd Medical Group assisted in numerous missions in the surrounding area. Describing one such mission to the nearby town of Hawley, Mass. Capt. Shane Kinsey said, "Two army 'extractors', a medic and I were requested to carry food and water to about thirty homes in a part of the town that hadn't been heard from in over 24 hours." In order to make it to the isolated area, whose roads had all been washed out, Capt. Kinsey and the other team members hiked 2-3 miles into the town, with each of their backpacks loaded down with close to 100 pounds of food and clean water.

During their time in the town Capt. Kinsey and his team distributed all of their supplies and treated multiple minor injuries. Capt. Kinsey said of the experience, "One of the things that I'll never forget is how we stood in this town full of people that were completely stranded, the roads are completely wiped out and I don't think they'll be able to get out for a while, but standing in the one intersection they have, the people were all surrounding us, they were so thankful that we were there and they were so grateful to us."

## Airman in the Spotlight



Staff Sgt.  
Karson Austin

Staff Sgt. Karson Austin is a traditional guardsman for the 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron. He is new to the Air National Guard, joining July 20, 2011, but not new to Otis. Since August of 2009, Sgt. Austin has been a civilian employee of the Civil Engineering Squadron and working as Otis's locksmith.

**Background:** Sgt. Austin grew up in Maine until the age of 18. After graduating high school he moved around, back and forth between Maine, Florida, and Connecticut. In 1996 he joined the active duty Air Force where he served for nine and a half years. During his time on active duty Sgt. Austin worked as a Structural Craftsman. He eventually left active duty

service in 2005 but since leaving he said that he, "misses the environment the Air Force has to offer."

**For fun:** Sgt. Austin enjoys going to the beach during the warmer months. Some of his favorite places include Old Orchard Beach in Maine, Sandy Neck Beach in West Barnstable, and Craigville Beach in Centerville.

**Favorite travel spot:** Sgt. Austin's favorite place to visit is Japan.

By Senior Airman Jeremy Bowcock  
102nd Intelligence Wing

If you would like to nominate a 102nd Intelligence Wing member for the monthly "Airman in the Spotlight" feature, contact Maj. Nicole Ivers at (508) 968-4664 or e-mail [nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil](mailto:nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil).

## PRESEDENTIAL STOPOVER

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith  
102nd Intelligence Wing

President Barack Obama stopped briefly at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod on, Aug. 18, 2011. The President was traveling to Martha's Vineyard for a ten day vacation with family and friends. As he stepped off of Air Force One the President was greeted by Massachusetts Congressman William Keating and senior leaders from Air Station Cape Cod, Otis Air National Guard Base, Camp Edwards, and Cape Cod Air Force Station. After the official greetings had taken place the President then made his way towards a

cheering crowd of guests that had assembled nearby. He took a moment to talk with the group, shaking hands and conversing while people quickly snapped photos. Within minutes though, the President made his exit and headed to the nearby Marine One helicopter and disappeared inside. The helicopter, part of a multi-helicopter convoy of aircraft from Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 (HMX-1), soon took to the sky and headed south as the crowds dissipated.



An HMX-1 helicopter waits to travel to Martha's Vineyard as Air Force One taxis past building 158, Aug. 18, 2011 on Otis Air National Guard Base



President Barack Obama converses with a group of select guests, Aug. 18, 2011 on Air Station Cape Cod.



# Remembering 9/11

Like earlier generations that experienced dramatic events, ones that drastically changed American history, many of us can easily describe where we were, and what we were doing, on a September morning close to a decade ago. Whether we were in grade school or college, just out of technical training or already a seasoned veteran, the morning of September 11, 2001 is ingrained in most of our memories.

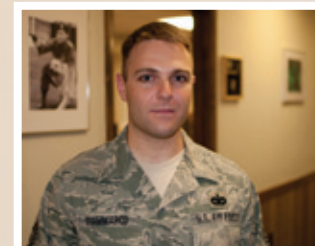
This year marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and United Flight 93. They say time heals all wounds, and as time goes by the intense emotion and vivid memories of that moment have changed. Those moments of panic, helplessness, anger, compassion, and countless other emotions slowly leave our conscious thoughts. The news channel's endless coverage starts to fade and the world slowly moves on, we continue with our lives.

To mark the tenth anniversary of the attacks, we take a look at a few airmen's individual experiences that day. We also ask you to think back to where you were that morning, and to remember what your September 11th was like. We ask you to bring up those feelings and memories which were put aside, to think about the times before that day and the times that have come after it. The purpose of it all is not only to honor those who lost their lives, whether they were caught-up in the violence of that day, or heroically put themselves in that violent situation to help others, the purpose is also to remember the raw emotions and thoughts you had on that day and to never forget.

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith  
102nd Intelligence Wing



Tell us where you were that morning, on facebook.  
[facebook.com/102IW](https://www.facebook.com/102IW)



### Technical Sgt. Nicholas Giammarco

"I had just got to my first base, Cannon AFB, from tech school and I was about a week into training. A girl came into the room and said 'Hey, did you hear about the plane that crashed?'. The next thing I knew the Command Staff came in and told us to black out all the windows. They said 'You're no longer in training, your activated to flight, now go assume your posts!'"



### Senior Airman Anthony D'Angelo

"I was in eighth grade history class. When the towers were hit our Spanish teacher came across the hall and told us about it. We turned the TV on and we were watching as the second tower got hit. After that we were sent home and school was out for a few days."



### Senior Airman Natanael Gouveia

"I was in high school, history class, and there were teachers running down the hall screaming and yelling, everybody was going hysterical. They brought in the TV and showed us on the news exactly what was going on. We couldn't really do much about it at the time but I knew I wanted to join the military from that point forward."



### Staff Sgt. Mike Anderson

"I was at Northern Essex Community College, in my sociology class, and my teacher brought in the TV. He said 'Look, this is what's going on right now' and we watched the whole thing there. I got home after class and had two messages from my flight chief, saying 'Get down here as soon as possible' and immediately after that I was on post here."



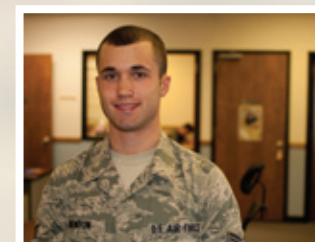
### Staff Sgt. Keith Ledin

"I was in school at Massasoit Community College and I saw it all taking place on the TV. About an hour and a half later I got a phone call while at school to pack my bags 'You've been activated' and three hours later I was on base."



### Chief Master Sgt. Reginald Graham

"When I first heard about the attacks I was in the Brockton District Courthouse, just walking past a jury pool. I can remember the whole commotion in the room with all the potential jurors saying 'I think we're under attack' and 'look on the TV!'. I saw the second plane going into the tower and the first thing I remember thinking is 'Oh my god, we are at war.' We had to evacuate the building just after that."



### Senior Airman Zackery Benton

"I was in the sixth grade, I don't remember a lot of it but the fire alarm went off and we had a fire drill and after that they sent us home. My cousin had been sent over the house to watch us and i watched everything happen on TV."



# AOG DOMINATES COMMANDER'S CUP

By Master Sgt. Aaron Smith  
102nd Intelligence Wing

The first season of the Commander's Cup challenge comes to an end on Family Day, with the presentation of the cup to the points leader. By earning the most points during the season, the winning organization will have their name engraved on the base of the cup. The cup will continue to pass between the monthly winners throughout the year, but only one group has the pride of having their name on it. This year that one group is an organization that has dominated the competitions during this initial year. The Air Operations Group has led many of the other groups for much of the season, earning double the points of the third place finishers. Winning the events aren't all that the cup is about though.

A large part of what the Commander's Cup is about is getting unit members get together on UTA weekends to have a good time, rather than having airmen rush for the gate as soon as work finishes. The goal is to bring back that strong sense of community and camaraderie that the Air National Guard is known for. Lt. Col. Jeff Jensen said, "When we played softball the other day we had 20 people, we had seven or eight show up just to watch. People are excited, they come out to play and have fun." With any new event, it can be tough to get the word out to people.

There have been a few instances of organizations not having enough people to play. Lt. Col. Jensen of the Air Operations Group, and the individual behind organizing the Commander's Cup, said, "It's going to happen that some folks are going to be TDY, some are going to be deployed, but as long as you have somebody that gets the word out, somebody that says 'All right, at 3 o'clock we've got to get some people over there', even if its just to cheer people on" then people will show up. Lt. Col. Jensen said that he hopes to continue to grow the events further and plan them a month or two out, in order to encourage even more participation. He also encouraged groups to submit any fully-formed ideas that they might have for events.

The next Commander's Cup event will be golf on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at 1500 on the Otis Golf course. It will be a nine hole best ball scramble with a shotgun start. It will cost 15\$ per person, including cart. Each group can enter 3 teams of 4 people for a total of 12 people per organization. You will want to put your best players in one group and you only need to have 1 team to participate.

There will also be an Officers vs. Enlisted Softball game on Sat Oct. 1st. Be at the field by 1500, the game will start at 1530.



**FIELD DAY!**

Air Operations Group:	4
Wing / Medical Group:	3
Mission Support Group:	2
Intelligence Group:	1

**PAINTBALL!**

Air Operations Group:	4
Wing / Medical Group:	3
Mission Support Group:	0
Intelligence Group:	2

**FLAG FOOTBALL!**

Air Operations Group:	3
Wing / Medical Group:	0
Mission Support Group:	2
Intelligence Group:	4

**F1 RACING!**

Air Operations Group:	4
Wing / Medical Group:	3
Mission Support Group:	2
Intelligence Group:	1

**TOTALS FOR THE YEAR**

1ST PLACE: AOG {19 POINTS}

2ND PLACE: WING/MED {12 POINTS}

3RD PLACE: TIE- MIS SUPP & IG {8 POINTS}

**SOFTBALL!**

Air Operations Group:	4
Wing / Medical Group:	3
Mission Support Group:	2
Intelligence Group:	0

# THE NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY

By Kimberly Healy  
102nd Intelligence Wing Volunteer



From Left to Right: Susan LaFlame, MA ARNG volunteer, Sandy Wakefield, 104FW Airman & Family Program Manager, MSgt Tina Dimino-Frazer, 104FW member & volunteer, Todd Frazer, 104FW volunteer, Bobby Vecchione, MANG State volunteer, Kimberly Healy, 102IW volunteer

of the FRG in Massachusetts, a military spouse, and a parent, these classes really hit home. The "ScreamFree" sessions alone offered guidance on leadership, personal responsibility, and the techniques of give-and-take in a relationship. This, I feel, has given me a new outlook on the different aspects of every relationship I have in family, friendship, and work levels. The next class, 'Resources for Young Children' has given me different outlets for children to understand the deployment process and the easy way of relaxation on each level. Each gave me more information on behaviors; techniques, leadership, and communication that I hope to carry on to my own family and offer to others.

Some of my favorite memories include the activities and the time that we got to spend with our fellow Mass. FRG members. While there I had the chance to go to a USO sponsored Montgomery Gentry Concert at the KFC Yum Center, visit the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum, dine with General Carter, and walk around the city of Louisville.

The Montgomery Gentry Concert alone was breathtaking. Before the concert even started we were given the red carpet to the VIP room where there was food galore. When the concert started every attendant in the stadium was witness to servicemen across the world talking to family members via satellite in the concert itself. I cannot even express how that affected my thoughts towards all of those who worked to make it happen.

On July 24, 2011 I arrived at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky for the National Guard Family Program Volunteer Workshop. While I imagined that for the next week I would work through enough classes to fill my mind for a year, I did not expect all of the benefits and true enjoyment I received while I was there.

To start off my adventures in this new state I had never been to, I attended our own customized "Running for the Roses" with Kentucky's Adjutant General, Major General Edward Tonini. Pat Daly was also on hand to show off the Kentucky Derby cup. While I was feeling a little out of place in this large group of people I did not know, that was soon let go because of close atmosphere and the gathering of people I would soon get to know. In the end, the night was fantastic. The best part was watching every state's delegated Family Readiness Group (FRG) volunteers come together in their colors and watch their states horse race for the finish line. We all cheered as Massachusetts' horse, Champion City, won our first race and led much of the final race. The night certainly gave me something to look forward to in the next week with all of the new people to meet and to see how excited each was to be a part of their own FRG.

As the actual first morning started, our first commitment was to attend the opening ceremonies in the grand ballroom of the hotel. During that time I had the privilege to listen to Louisiana State Senator Mary Landrieu, Major General Edward Tonini, and General Craig McKinley among many others to discuss what has and is being done to help support our states, our servicemen and women, and our families.

Once my time there was done, it was time to move onto the workshops which were packed with classes regarding family readiness organizations, knowing the military and TRICARE, communication skills, and understanding children and families before and after deployment. Some of the more notable ones that really stuck in my mind were the "ScreamFree" sessions, 'Resources for Young Children', and 'Resiliency and Transition'. While I am a member

Through all of the experiences that I encountered, the places that I saw, and the classes that I took, the most remarkable part of the National Volunteer Workshop is the communication between the FRGs, the work that is put in to make the transitions easier for family and servicemen and women, and the absolute need to help one another.



The country music duo Montgomery Gentry plays as the headlining act for the first ever USO Homefront Concert at the KFC Yum Center on July 26, 2011 in Louisville, Kentucky. The concert, headlined by Montgomery Gentry, was in support of all military members and those who support them.





# Family Day 2011



- Hayrides
- Haunted House
- Costume Parade
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Rides & Games
- Static Displays
- Food & Drinks

## Sunday, Oct 2



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