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Commander's Column

By Col. Robert T. Brooks Jr., 104th FW Commander

Welcome to September 2012 UTA. I want to take this time to welcome our deployed personnel home. Our aviation package, along with several expeditionary combat support personnel deployed to several locations in the Middle East anywhere from six weeks to six months; and you continue to go out the door. Many of you were leaders in various capacities and roles, and volunteered to go overseas without having to ... I want to thank you for that.

Recently in a speech, retired General Petraeus pointed out that in World War II, 11.2% of the nation served for four years. During the Vietnam era, 4.3% served for twelve years. Since 2001, only 0.45% of our population has served in the Global War on Terror. Overtime, fewer and fewer people have shouldered more and more of the burden and it is only getting worse. I want to thank the families of those who deployed, as you all are shouldering the burden as well; you are truly "The Few." The amazing thing about the 104th, is we had folks deployed from Jordan to Afghanistan and you all were still fulfilling the ACA mission back home while preparing for the first ORI in over fourteen years. My hat is off to you, thanks for your service to this great nation. I also want to offer a big thanks the Family Readiness Group chaired by Master Sgt. Tina Dimino-Frazer for support to our airmen and families during the past year – they have done a phenomenal job.

As most of you know, we will have a change of command in MXG on Saturday. We lose a great Commander in Lt. Col. Bob Henry. Bob's impact to this Wing has been enormous, and he will be missed. Lt. Col. Henry took on the challenge of LRS Commander within a year to the UCI and LCAP, and hit a grand slam (9 Lansdowne). He then accepted the challenge of MXG Command. I appreciate him doing this, his infectious positive mental attitude while placing the mission first, and continuing to advance this Wing to the next level as we went out the door on our first ever AEF in the F-15 Eagle.

While we lose a great MXG/CC, we also gain a great new addition in Col. Pete Green and his family. Col. Green is very familiar with the 104th Fighter Wing and in fact has served here many years including two tours as squadron commander in a combat AOR. We appreciate him accepting this challenge with the ORI just over a year out, and I know you and your MXG team

will continue the fine standard that has been set by you all in the F-15 and CAF community.

If you have not yet seen the new FY 2013 goals, please ensure you are familiar with them and have them posted in your shops. Our vision remains to be the most respected Fighter Wing in the Combat Air Force. While there are many indicators we are near the top including the recent AEF, it is time to move on to the next event. There is plenty of room for improvement in all areas and at all levels in the wing. You only have to look at our one day phase 2 prior to the aviation AEF to realize how far we have to go to be ready for a combined ORI. A hungry dog runs faster, so it's time to get on to the business of getting better every day at everything you do, whether it is personal or professional. There is a time/place for recognition and rewards, and we will accomplish that. However, right now it's time to focus our efforts. How you do anything is how you do everything, and the 104th Fighter Wing is choosing the path of success so let's roll our sleeves up and get on with our business. Leadership at all levels; you have to be a good follower before you are a good leader; accountability at all levels; teamwork (all levels); individual responsibility; do the right thing; do things right; don't spread rumors. There is a lot of blood, sweat, and guts between dreams and success.

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Chief Master Sergeant's Column

By Chief Master Sgt. Todd Fappiano, 104th FW Command Chief

Barnstormers, at the end of the month I will be attending the 2012 Air National Guard (ANG) Enlisted Force Challenges – Process

Improvement Event. The purpose of this event is to discuss and provide possible solution to the ANG's leadership on the top seven issues impacting the ANG enlisted force. I would like to share with you some of the challenges identified, and my opinions on the issues:

1) Implementation of enlisted performance reports (EPRs) for the entire ANG enlisted force

... it's about time! Every one of our Airman should have the opportunity to sit down one on one with their supervisor for feedback; they should be able to learn where they stack-up against their peers and where they can improve. It will also allow a frame-work for force management, identifying their 3-5 year goals.

2) Time management for training with an ever expanding ancillary training schedule

... I believe the Air Force needs a gate keeper for this subject, requirements seem to be added at will without any quality check to ensure the training is value added for our Airman.

3) How to balance work and AFSC training into 24 drill days and 10.5 days of annual training

... This will take leadership focus, ensuring additional duties/details are absorbed by the full-time work force when feasible, allowing the DSGs to focus on training requirements, but Airmen need to remain focused, and maximize their training time.

4) Community College of the Air Force associate degree requirement implementation for promotion to E8/E9 in the ANG

... AFI 36-2618, chapter 5, para 5.1.7, "SNCOs should complete their CCAF degree, if not already earned." This is a non-issue in my mind, and should be pushed from the earliest levels, we always have to better

ourselves...it's not a promotion requirement, is a life-requirement

5) Suicide and Resiliency

... One can NEVER learn enough about these subjects, we should work to re-enforce the true meaning of being a wingman and NCOs need to make the tough decisions in order to set the right example. Mentoring happens on and off duty.

6) Enlisted Professional Development

... The bottom line is that EPD is important, for the organization, but more importantly for the individual. I believe we'll see more distant learning webinars to make EPD easier to accomplish, but I will also be vocal about increasing SNCO Academy seats for the ANG

7) Fitness Program

... The fitness program has changed the face of the Air Guard. I have never seen so many folks at the gym or out running in my entire career; the end result is a healthier force and that equates to better resiliency and more retention...show me the bad, we just need to ensure we have the right tools, making fitness goals reachable.

Guard Care

By Maj. Matthew Mutti, 104 FW Executive Staff Officer

Guard Care has become a BarneStormer tradition. This year marks the 17th year since its inception in 1995. To put it into perspective, children that received pre-school physicals during the first year of Guard Care, are old enough to enlist here at the base. By the numbers, we have provided more than 2,800 back to school physicals since 1995.

In conjunction with grants to the Community Action Parent Child Development Centers (formerly HeadStart); the members of the 104th Fighter Wing's Medical Group and Wing

volunteers provide, hearing, vision, dental and basic health screening to local area children in preparation for the beginning of their school year.

"This year we saw approximately 160 students," said Senior Airman Charles Diaz, the event coordinator. "The entire wing supports this program because it's our chance to give back to the community."

Airman Diaz has been coordinating Guard Care for four years, and has seen more than 600 children walk through the clinic's hallways.



"We love to see the children come to the base," he said. "This is the first time many of the children have been on a military base and we want them to have a great experience."

In addition to the physicals, the children also learn about nutrition and safety. At the end of the physical, they can meet the base's fire fighters and tour on of the bases fire trucks.



Photographs by Senior Master Sgt. Robert Sabonis

Barnstormers Prepare for Inspection

By Capt. Jennifer M. Piggott, Public Affairs

Convert from the A-10 Warthog to the F-15 Eagle ... check! Mission ready in the F-15 ... check! Send 200 Airmen on a 90-day deployment ... check! So what does this all mean ... it's time for an inspection!

For the next year, the men and women of the 104th Fighter Wing (FW) will be busy training and preparing for a combined Phase I/Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), scheduled for October 16 to 23, 2013.

In October 2013, nearly 1,000 Barnstormers will be under the watchful eye of more than 60 inspectors from the Air Combat Command (ACC) Inspector General (IG) team, evaluating the unit's ability to position, employ, and sustain the forces and the unit's ability to survive and operate in a "forward" operating location.

The ORI will consist of two parts, a Phase I, which focuses on preparing to deploy aircraft, people and assets/cargo to a forward location and a Phase II, which focuses on the wing's ability to operate in that forward location with heavy emphasis placed on self-aid and buddy care (SABC), response to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRNE) attacks and contamination, as well as mission support.

"This ORI is an identical inspection to what our active duty counterparts are evaluated. Our goal is to exceed the standards," said Col. Jim Keefe, the returning 104th Fighter Wing Vice Commander. "We are being inspected on our mission and how well we execute it."

This will be a huge undertaking for the unit. It hasn't had this kind of inspection since 1998, and currently 84 percent of the unit's members have not been through this type of exercise and inspection with the 104 FW. The last ORI for the 104 FW tested the A-10 aircraft and Air-to-Ground mission. This ORI will test the unit's F-15 Air Dominance mission.

"We have a steep learning curve," said Col. Tony Gwosch, Vice Commander, 104th Fighter Wing. "Our biggest challenge is the fact that the majority of the wing hasn't experienced an ORI, so we have to get in that mode and train and prepare for the inspection. This is why we are starting our preparation early with three Operational Readiness Exercises (ORE) beforehand to ensure everyone is thoroughly ready and trained."

It isn't just the ACC IG team that will be watching over the Barnstormers, this inspection has wing, state, and Air Force leadership interest.

"This is our moment to show our capability in the Eagle," said Col. Keefe. "We have a history of excellence, dating back to our time in the A-10, but we can't rest on our laurels, we have to train hard so we are ready," said Col. Keefe.

The rigorous training schedule starts in October 2012 with a command and control exercise, which is essential to mission accomplishment and base survivability. It is followed by a Phase II ORE in November 2012, a Phase I ORE in January 2013 and combined Phase I/Phase II OREs in April, June and September 2013.

"It will be a fast paced tempo and we only have 44 training days available for our traditional guardsmen to ensure they are fully ready for the ORI," said Col. Keefe. "Now is the time to start preparing your families and employers for the additional commitment required to make this a successful inspection. You can expect that each UTA will include some type of ORI preparation training ... whether it be a full scale ORE or part-task training," said Col. Keefe.

When asked how Airmen could best prepare for the inspection, a simple two word answer was given ... "smart pack!"

"We are creating a "smart pack" guide for our Airmen to utilize during the exercises and the ORI, which highlights the key elements everyone needs to know," said Master Sgt. Chris McCrary, Emergency Manager, 104 FW.

This "smart pack" includes information on Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) levels, which increase or decrease personal protection against nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional threats. It also highlights alarm conditions (see box), Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) hazard charts and procedures, and Self Aid Buddy Care (SABC), to name a few.

"Practice makes perfect and our previous success as a unit is because we trained as a cohesive team," said Col. Keefe. "The preparation that goes into our upcoming exercises and inspection directly translates to being a cohesive deployed unit. Now is the time to come together to achieve mission success," concluded Col. Keefe.

ALARM CONDITIONS

Alarm Green attack is probable, usual wartime condition, MOPP 0, resume operations, as directed.

Alarm Yellow attack is probable in < 30 minutes, MOPP 2, protect and cover, as directed.

Alarm Red (siren) attack by air or missile is imminent or in progress, MOPP 4, seek immediate shelter, as directed.

Alarm Red (bugle) attack by ground force is imminent or in progress, MOPP 4, take immediate cover, as directed.

Alarm Black attack is over, CBRNE contamination or UXO hazards are suspected or present, MOPP 4, perform SABC, remain in shelter/cover, as directed.

Exercise & Inspection Schedule:

- Oct. 2012-
Command & Control Exercise (2-day)
- Nov. 2012-
Phase II ORE (3-day)
- Jan. 2013-
Phase I ORE (2-day)
- Apr. 2013-
Phase I/II ORE (4-day)
- June 2013-
Phase I/II ORE (3-day)
- Sept. 2013-
Phase I/II ORE (4-day)
- Oct. 2013- UTA and ORI (6-day)

Family Day a big success

By Senior Airman Bonnie Harper, 104th FW Public Affairs Journalist

Hundreds of unit members from the 104th Fighter Wing and their families gathered for a fun-filled family day on August 12, 2012 at Barnes Air National Guard Base.

“Family day is a great time for the wing to thank those that support us,” said Col. Michael Cousins, the 104th FW Chief of Staff. “Without the love and support from our families, we could not accomplish our mission.”

The festivities began in the afternoon, featuring food, sports, crafts, and other summer entertainments. The children’s activities included bounce houses, a water balloon toss, a pie eating contest, jewelry making, face painting, and sports such as kickball, basketball, and a fun run.

The adults of the 104th Family Readiness Group also engaged in the action by participating in the adult fun run, 3-on-3 basketball, and a single-elimination volleyball tournament, which was organized by squadrons and groups.

Families were also able to visit an F-15 display. People lined up to get a few minutes to sit in the cockpit and learn about the plane from some of the 104th pilots. Children and their parents could have their photo taken as they sat in the pilot’s seat, and they received printed copies of the photos on site.

Music was provided by Plan-B, a hard rock cover band, featuring Master Sgt. Mark Fortin, a 104th FW Public Affairs photographer.

After a successful family day last year, it was great to continue the tradition and have a great turn out again for 2012.

A special thanks to local support agencies that came out to sponsor the event including Operation Military Kids and the Westfield Boys and Girls Club. Dollar Tree Stores also gave away free back to school supplies.

Photographs by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis



Why the focus on drunk driving?

By Master Sgt. Christopher Curtis, 104th FW Paralegal

If you have been a member of the 104th Fighter Wing (FW) for any length of time, you may have seen that the theme of some of the legal office articles in the Airscoop seem to repeat every so often.

For instance, at least once a year we are tasked with writing something urging airmen “Please don’t drink and drive.” Some may wonder why the message is so repetitive.

One of the unique characteristics of drunk driving, (or “operating under the influence of liquor” as it is called in Massachusetts) is that otherwise good people can find themselves facing these charges if they aren’t careful.

The average person is not likely to rob a bank or engage in heroin trafficking. Hence, you don’t see too many articles from our office admonishing “don’t rob banks” or “don’t traffic heroin” (although this is certainly sage advice).

Since the military in general, and the Air Force in particular, does an outstanding job

filtering out candidates who don’t meet the highest standards regarding criminal tendencies, we are left with those very few problems that may face us.

Drunk driving is one of those very few problems. Put

committing a crime.

Be a good wingman. Just as you would save a buddy from drowning or falling off a cliff, intervene if their judgment is affected by alcohol and they are about to drive.



Don’t let phrases like “drunk driving” fool you. These are just common expressions people use and not legal terms.

The threshold for being too intoxicated to drive is much less (.08) than would cause someone to be falling down drunk or talking nonsense – keep a good eye on your wingman and be keen to any signs of impairment.

simply, someone may not have any intention of doing anything wrong – just go to a party, have a good time, and share drinks with some friends.

When the time comes to leave, judgment is impaired from too much alcohol so the full consequences of getting behind the wheel are not realized. The otherwise good person is now

Oktoberfest is almost upon us, and the traditional winter holidays are just around the corner. Enjoy these events to their fullest by keeping yourself and your wingman physically and legally safe.

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Army Gen. Frank Grass becomes 27th chief of NGB

By Jim Greenhill

ARLINGTON, Va. – Army Gen. Frank Grass became the 27th chief of the National Guard Bureau in a Pentagon ceremony Friday.

“I’m very excited about the future; there’s hard work to do,” Grass said. “To the men and women of the National Guard: ... You’re the most professional, most well-trained and experienced National Guard our nation has ever had. ... I pledge that I will work every day to serve and support you ... so that we can continue to be a ready, accessible and essential operational force for our states as well as our nation.”

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta hosted the change of responsibility ceremony in the Pentagon Auditorium.

“I know our citizen-warriors will be in good hands,” Panetta said. “Today, we entrust General Grass with a national treasure – a force that has been transformed from a strategic reserve to an essential part of the operational military and whose ranks are now filled with skilled combat veterans.”

Grass relieved Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley as the chief of the National Guard Bureau. Grass also received his fourth star during the ceremony.

“I am confident that General Grass will be a strong advocate for the National Guard’s most valuable asset – its soldiers, its airmen and their families,” Panetta said. “The reason we are the greatest military power on earth lies not in our weapons, lies not in our planes or our ships or our advanced technology, as great as they all are: The strength of our military lies in our people.”

As chief of the National Guard Bureau, Grass serves as a military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense and the National Security Council and is the Department of Defense’s official channel of communication to the governors and adjutants general in all 54 states and territories on all matters pertaining to the National Guard.

He is the second chief to also serve as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. McKinley was the first, and also the first four-star officer in the National Guard’s more than 375-year history.

“The chiefs and I welcome General Frank Grass and his wife Patricia to the team,” said Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. “This is the right man for the job: A thinker, a learner and one of the most experienced leaders in our military today. He knows what it means to put service before self and to put people first. And he knows what it will take to overcome the challenges of tomorrow – and those challenges are not going to be easy.

“It’s because of leaders like you and the soldiers and airmen of the National Guard that we remain the world’s pre-eminent military force,” he said.

Grass is responsible for ensuring that more than half a million Army and Air National Guard personnel are accessible, capable and ready to protect the homeland and to provide combat resources to the Army and the Air Force.

The National Guard rose to

the challenges of the past decade, Panetta said.

“The Guard responded,” he said. “Be it patrolling our nation’s skies. Be it fighting and dying on the warfronts. Be it responding swiftly and compassionately to floods and fires, disasters of one kind or another, meeting the needs of their fellow countrymen ... in distress here at home and abroad – and that is what the National Guard is all about.

“Last year in Libya, the Air National Guard was there providing the bulk of the tankers that were so essential to that effort. And today more than 28,000 National Guardsmen remain deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan, in Kosovo and elsewhere overseas.

“When I travel to the war zones, when I travel abroad, I cannot tell the difference between guardsmen and the active-duty force, and that’s the way it should be, because we are all part ... of one team.

“The men and women of the Guard have shown again and again that they are always ready and always there. ... Throughout our history, America has depended on the citizen-soldier. Those Citizen-Soldiers who’ve been willing to leave their farms, to leave their homes, to leave their businesses, to leave their jobs, to leave their families in order to fight to protect this country.

“In deploying the Guard, we have made certain – this is very important – we have made certain that every community, every citizen shares in the responsibility of defending America. (Cont’d on p. 8)

27th chief of NGB (cont'd)

If we are to fight wars – as we must when we are called to do that – all of us, all of us need to be part of that effort if we are to succeed.”

The United States is beginning to emerge from a decade of war that has seen more than 460,000 Guard personnel deploy to Afghanistan, Iraq and other overseas operations, Panetta said.

“Our National Guard today is far more capable, far more experienced and battle-hardened than at any point in our nation’s history,” he said. “The Guard remains not just an important part of our fighting force, but they are our first responders when disasters strike here at home.”

More than 7,000 Guard members were assisting civil authorities Friday in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac, he noted.

“The Guard has always been there for the nation,” Dempsey said, noting the Air National Guard’s role routinely protecting the nation’s air sovereignty from Soviet intrusions during the Cold War – missions that McKinley participated in.

“Today, the Guard is still on the front lines, both at home and abroad,” Dempsey said.

The Minuteman, ready to set down the plow and pick up the musket at a moment’s notice, is the Guard’s symbol. “Guardsmen and women ... breathe life into that emblem every day,” Dempsey said, adding a tribute to McKinley: “Craig’s been their greatest advocate.”

Dempsey also thanked McKinley’s wife. “Cheryl, thank you for making a difference you can see and feel in the lives of the men and

women of the National Guard.”

The change of responsibility ceremony welcomed Grass – and honored McKinley for his service as the 26th Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

“His nearly four decades of service to this country have marked an incredible dedication to what America’s all about,” Panetta said.

“His hard work and dedication to the people of this country and his commitment to the people of the Guard exemplifies the very best in America’s citizen-warriors.”

“We honor General McKinley for his remarkable service to the National Guard Bureau, to the Department of Homeland Security and to our nation,” Secretary Janet Napolitano said. “His leadership has been instrumental in helping build the strong relationships that we have today among our many federal, state, local, tribal, territorial and foreign partners.”

Napolitano cited improved disaster-response capabilities and strengthened border security. “Gen. McKinley and the National Guard have been essential partners,” she said.

To improve our coordination and better prepare for and respond to disasters, he embraced a whole-of-government approach,” she said.

“The partnership between DHS and the Guard has never been stronger.”

McKinley received both the Defense Department Distinguished Service Medal and the Department of Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal on Friday.

“What do you say after a 39-year career?” McKinley said. “How do you thank the people who built up

an enterprise and allowed you to be a part of it as I have?”

“The simplest words in the English language are ‘thanks.’ Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you from the bottom of Cheryl’s heart. Our family has been deeply honored and privileged to serve.”

The audience included former chiefs of the National Guard Bureau: retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John Conaway, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Russell Davis and retired Army Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum.

“I stand on their shoulders,” McKinley said.

“You have set a high standard for me to follow,” Grass told the general he relieved.

Numerous cabinet secretaries, service chiefs, adjutants general, the directors of the Army and the Air National Guard, senior enlisted leaders and foreign representatives – including many from the 65 nations of the National Guard’s State Partnership Program – attended Friday’s standing-room only ceremony.

About 40 members of Grass’ family were present, including his wife Patricia. The couple have five children and seven grandchildren.

At the end of the ceremony, before heading across the Pentagon Courtyard to his new office, the second four-star general in National Guard history and its new 27th chief quoted a fellow Guard member – President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt:

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Protecting the country and one another

By 104th FW Safety Office

The U.S. Air Force recently surpassed its record for the longest period of time without a single on-duty ground fatality, keeping personnel safe for over a year as they performed more than one billion man-hours of labor.

"We surpassed this challenge because of our strong safety culture, the support and guidance of our supervisors and commanders, the actions of our safety professionals (past and present) and, most significantly, the diligence and dedication of our superior Airmen," stated Bill Parsons, GS-15, DAF, Air Force Chief of Ground Safety.

Parsons became the Air Force's Chief of Ground Safety in March 2011. He has 36 years' experience as a safety professional, with 17 years spent in the Air Force, more than ten years running his own international safety consulting firm, and several years just prior to his current post where he held various leadership positions in OSHA's national office.

Though the recent safety record occurred on his watch, Parsons' emphasizes that safety is a team effort. "I learned a long time ago, as a safety professional with the Air Force and as a business owner, that I can't do anything myself," says Parsons. "I have to have the support of the staff and the folks in the field."

The Air Force Ground Safety Program is based on the guidelines found in OSHA's proposed *Injury, Illness and Prevention Program* (I2P2). This comprehensive approach ensures management leadership and guidance for the safety program, a qualified professional safety staff, job safety training and education for workers, a hazard identification and abatement process, a mishap investigation and reporting process, and more. Further, there is a systems safety process that

allows for ensuring safety considerations in the design and purchase phase as well as throughout the life cycle of systems.

Over the last ten years, use of these guidelines and processes has cut the number of off-duty ground fatalities roughly in half and reduced on-duty ground fatalities by exactly 50 percent.

The Air Force Ground Safety Program performs excellently, and as long as the rate of mishaps continues to drop, Parson's states that its method of engaging service members will continue. The challenge at this moment is to maintain safety professional's performance as they continue to serve in the Air Force, as well as to provide them with a way to most effectively demonstrate their expertise if they decide to serve in civilian capacities.

"The better support we provide them with training and education, the better safety professional we're going to have," Parsons stated in an interview with *Wingman Magazine*. "We're moving forward on some initiatives to bring certification programs to all Air Force safety folks, both military and DAF civilians. We're going to make that happen. It's only going to help us prevent injuries, prevent fatalities, plus, it better prepares our safety professionals for that next step. The Air Force did that for me. Without the Air Force safety program, I would never have been able to work for OSHA. I would never have been able to have my own company. I would not be in the position I am today."

Certification is a powerful tool skilled professionals can use to showcase their expertise, and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) has been collaborating with Parsons to offer military safety



L/R:

Pat Conroy, Christy Uden, Bill Parsons, and Chris Gates

Photo by Staff Sgt. Kerri Cole, 102nd IW Public Affairs

professionals easy access to safety certification. Patrick Conroy, OHST, CHST, shares with Parsons a similar Air Force experience and a strong belief in the value of certification. The two brought together Christy Uden, BCSP Quality Assurance, and safety professional Chris Gates, CMSgt, USAF (Retired), for a series of meetings as part of this collaborative effort. BCSP has also met with the U.S. Coast Guard, and is prepared to share ideas explored with each branch of the military as opportunities arise.

"In carrying out any mission, whether that mission is part of protecting the country or protecting colleagues in a company or worksite, the team relies on the competency of its members," explains Conroy.

BCSP currently offers U.S. military personnel and veterans a family of safety certifications which meet the requirements necessary for reimbursement through the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Active duty, Reserve Component personnel, and military retirees who are eligible under various entitlement programs (e.g., Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP), etc.) may **contact the DVA** for reimbursement of associated examinations fees.

Unlocking potential

By Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Daponde, 104th FW Family Support

Mentoring is about relationships that enhance individual's development in the early, middle and later career years. Mentoring is part of all our lives. Our first mentors were our parents, then teachers, coaches, and family members. Mentoring's sole purpose is so that we can reach our full potential. So what is potential?

The dictionary defines potential as, "possible, as opposed to actual, capable of being or becoming, or a latent excellence or ability that may or may not be developed." To put it into laymen's terms potential is a hidden ability, a possibility that anything **IS** possible. An individual is capable of becoming anything or anyone they want to be. To reach this potential a demand must be placed

on it. There needs to be a motivation to achieve. Your ability needs a responsibility and coupled with demand creates a potential that is unlimited.

As members of the 104th Fighter Wing it seems that we have been pushed to extremes in what is expected and when it is expected. Just when we think we have reached our breaking point our leaders ask us to do more. That is because they expect more of us than the accomplishments we already have reached. If they didn't, we would remain stagnate, then what?

Bottom line is our true ability cannot be measured. We need to help those around use unlock their potential and not be afraid to go beyond our failures and fears. We all

have the responsibility to raise expectations, face our fears, and unlock the potential and ability of those airmen we come supervise, sponsor, influence, and mentor.

What are we to mentor them about? This is easy. We need to guide them on becoming the best possible member of the 104th FW by making them invaluable to the unit. We ensure they are meeting their physical, emotional, and educational needs. We help guide their careers so they can progress in a timely manner. We provided guidance on issues and irritants that stand in the way of performance personally and professionally. We provide opportunities for rigor and relevance in the workplace. We make them a full-fledged member of the team.

Commercial Air Travel 72 Hour Cancellation Policy

By Defense Travel Dispatch

Beginning October 1, 2012, any authorization that includes air travel must be approved within 72 hours in advance of the trip start date to avoid airline reservation cancellation. This is due to the new policy being instituted by the airlines under the FY13 GSA City Pair Program contract.

Under the new policy, if an Authorizing Official (AO) does not approve an authorization within 72 hours of departure, the airline reservation will be cancelled and the traveler will arrive at the airport without a ticket or a reservation in the airline's system. This applies to all City Pair and non-contract government flights that are either booked through DTS or through a Commercial Travel Office (CTO).

Those travelers making travel plans within 72 hours of departure must have their authorization approved within 24 hours of creation to avoid cancellation.

Arriving at the airport without a ticket can impact mission, travel funds, and put unnecessary stress on the traveler. Travelers are not advised to rebook at the airline counter. Often, counter agents are not familiar with GSA's City Pair Program and may book the traveler on a full priced fare at a much higher cost due to the last minute booking. To rebook a flight, travelers should follow their normal travel ticket procurement process.

In the near future, DTS will be modified to automatically send a notification to the traveler before



cancellation occurs. Until this change can be implemented, travelers will not receive any notification.

In the current fiscal environment where it is necessary to be conservative with travel budgets, monitoring the statuses of travel documents and ensuring travel authorizations are approved, is the best way to avoid unnecessary costs and stress associated with rebooking travel.

Where did the safety standards go?

By 104th FW Safety office

If you find yourself looking for one of your AFOSH safety standards such as Flight line/Hangar Operations, welding, food services, vehicle maintenance, confined space, or any one of the many other safety standards that gave us direction and cannot find them; they are no more. Big Air Force has finally taken the plunge into attempting to make safety easier and this new safety regulation is a first step in that direction. Without getting into the weeds I will tell you that for the first time in my safety career The USAF has been narrowing down the safety library to where we only have a hand full of regulations. The new AFI 91-203 has incorporated all of the current 91 series AFOSH standards into one 942 page document for a one stop shopping regulation approach. In many ways this lines up with OSHA standards in that there are general industry and construction standards and both have relevance

to each other if the standard can be applied.

With that said we now have a 201, 202, 203, and 204 safety regulation all of which are 91 series regulations that will either answer your safety question, or help you find a direction to find one. AFMAN 91-201 is the current Air Force Explosive Safety Standard; AFI 91-202 is the Air Force Mishap Prevention Program; AFI 91-203 (new) Air Force Occupational Safety Instruction; and AFI-91-204 Safety Investigations and Reports. If the answer you are looking for is not in one of these, it may be in another consensus standard such as NFPA, ANSI, OSHA, FAA, or National Safety Council Mishap prevention manuals. If you have such a situation, feel free to ask the Base Safety Office for assistance.

Having fewer books in theory is a good thing and our hopes are that managers, supervisors, and workers

can more easily find the answer, thus improving overall safety. There are a few twists however. Like anything else Big Air Force touches they have to make updates and the new 203 is no different. Items such as hangar door marking, ladder height before requiring ladder training, and Hazardous Energy Control (Lock Out Tag Out LOTO), and weight lifting restrictions before requiring team lifting are a few of these areas where changes have been made. Again this is 942 pages so there will be slight hiccups along the way but the Air Force Safety Center has already been open to issuing change guidance in official memorandums. If you have any old safety AFOSH standards we ask that you make sure they are still applicable before using them and if they are not we ask you to review the new 203 to see what if any changes have been made to the section it applies to.

Do we have a world champion in our midst?

By 2nd Lt. Anthony M. Mutti, 104th FW, Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Michael Cousins isn't at drill this Sept weekend; instead he's in Los Vegas, Nevada racing in the Ironman 70.3 World Championship!

This triathlon consists of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run – how many of you could do that?

Cousins came in top for his age group during a qualifying race in Panama City, Panama February 12, 2012.

“The real honor is in qualifying, and frankly, I was a little surprised that I did,” said Cousins. “Now, I’ve really focused my training during the warm summer months.”

How does one train for an endurance triathlon? If you're Cousins put aside at least 15-19 hours a week to swim, bike, run, lift weights and work on your core.

When asked how his 23 years in the military might have helped prepare him for this race, Lt. Col. Cousins had this to say, “Of course, there's the whole focus on fitness, but it's also just another mission. It may be difficult, but you focus on things one step at a time, you focus on all the little pieces, you do those right, and the whole thing will come together in the end.”



Photograph by Master Sgt. Mark Fortin

Giving back \$60,000

By Maj. Matthew T. Mutti, 104 FW Executive Staff Officer

The impact of a dollar here, and nickel here are often over looked when contributing to a good cause. But over time, those dollars, nickels and even pennies add up.

At the conclusion of this year's Fire-Fighter Boot Drive, and concurrent Golf-Tournament, the Barnes Fire Department, with help from the entire base, was able to cut a check to the Holyoke Soldiers Home for \$9,200; making the total over the past 7 years, \$60,018 dollars.



"It is our hope to give back to those who have given so much for us", said Larry Buell, one of the event organizers. "Our donations are used

specifically to improve the lives of the veterans at the home, improving their quality of life."

Over the past years, the Holyoke Soldiers Home has used the contributions from the Barnes charity to



Mr. Barabani receives a check from Mr. Buell (left) in 2011. (Photograph by Senior Master Sgt. Rob Sabonis)

purchase new furniture, televisions and cordless telephones for the residents; items that would not be typically budgeted for.

Mr. Paul Barabani, the Superintendent of the Soldier's Home, shared his excitement for the charitable work, noting that the efforts by the 104th Fighter Wing and the Barnes Fire

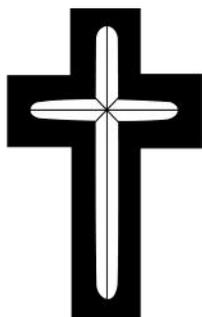
Department are certainly commendable and demonstrate the wing's commitment to giving back to the community.

The charitable events this year included its hallmark Golf Tournament, this year hosted at Southampton Country Club Country Club. This year's field was a bit thinner than last year; largely due to the wing's deployment overseas; but the 120 golfers who participated had a great time.

In addition, the Fire Fighter held their annual 'Boot-Drive' during the August training, and the generosity of the unit always exceeds the organizers expectations. "The wing should be very proud of this accomplishment," said Buell. "It comes down to veterans helping veterans...and truly making a difference."



Fireman Matt Bail collects a donation in August 2012 (Photograph by Senior Master Sgt. Rob Sabonis)



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Misarski, 104th FW Chaplain

Why does he/she do that?

Have you ever asked that question of your spouse, boy/girl friend, child or even coworker? Everyone is uniquely created by God. As multi dimensional as you can imagine God to be, that is how many varieties of people there are in the world. Each one is uniquely created in God's image. You don't have to be religious to see that. So how do we deal with them? How do we communicate with them in a way that they will hear us? How do we speak their language in order to motivate them?

A man named, Larry Bilotta invented this simple yet powerful tool called the Flag Page. It is a snapshot of a person's heart; their passions, motivations and the basis by which they engage the

world. In the process of surveying 56 descriptive words, the Flag Page shows an individual how they uniquely act and react to situations and in relationships. It will show what they truly love about life and what gets them going in the morning. As compared to personality tests that give complicated results, the Flag Page gives a colorful and understandable picture of the inner workings of a person. It shows what is right with that person and what makes them unique.

The Flag Page can be used to understand yourself, your spouse, your child, your fiancé or coworker. It can be applied to the home, church or work situation. Mark Gungor, the major proponent of the Flag Page was dramatically affected by it resulting in him becoming a national marriage speaker. He and the people around him found out how he was uniquely wired. He now speaks to military personnel several times a year.

If this peaks your interest, come talk to someone on the Chapel Team at Barnes. The Flag Page is part of the "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" Weekend that we are putting on September 14-16, 2012 at Jiminy Peak. If you and your spouse are interested, check with us (or Sandy Wakefield) to see if there is any more room. Even if you cannot be with us for the event, we would be glad to help you take the Flag Page test and apply it to your particular situation. Come see us in the Base Chapel (Building #12) or extension 698-1057.





Safety: How goes it?

By Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Dumais, I04th FW Safety

This unit has experienced seven injuries since the last How-Goes-It

- Member felt flushed; administrative function; medical event; member OK .
- Worker stuck head on A/C door; laceration; lost situational awareness; 5 stiches.
- Worker struck face W/bolt cutters; lacerated cheek; improper tool use; surgical glue and meds.
- Member discovered medical event; high BP; medical event; member OK.
- Worker injured moving boxes; back strain; twisting/repetitive motion; 2 lost days.
- Off duty AGR injured foot; nail penetrated foot; housekeeping; <1st aid.

This unit has experienced Two mishaps since the last How-Goes-It

- Member rolled PMV; strained neck; unknown, unknown.
- MJ1 impact structure; brake failure; unknown; \$3800 (Dull Sword, deployed item).
- Tools, tools, tools! We all use tools for various things, but how often; if ever, did you think about the bad things they can do to you if not used correctly? If they are power tools this can be even worse!

I recently took some time to do a little trending of our injuries since CY09 to look at how many head cuts we have experienced working around the aircraft and I was a bit surprised by what I discovered. Aircraft head cuts are the third leading injury generator here, with slips and falls being number one (1), followed by tool related injuries number two (2).

Keep in mind one eagle bite is too many and if you were to look at the number of folks who traverse under them on a regular basis, I think you would find that there are about 300

of our 1000+ personnel that do it pretty regularly so to say its number three, really doesn't tell the whole story.

Enough on eagle bites; let's talk tools. Why on earth someone would put their face or body part in the direct path of hardened steel or drop forged tool is beyond me, but time and time again our personnel have done just that. The results as you may have guessed are not good. Chipped teeth, lacerated lips, cheeks, foreheads, and nasty bruising are just a few of the results.

Now to the troubling part about power tools; POWER! Whether it's the cutter spinning at the speed of who know what, or the drill that is turning with enough torque to break your wrist or slip into a body part, they all deserve our respect every time we use them.

- Below are a couple of common injury generators here at the base:
- * Wrench slipped off jam nut or other type nut;
 - * whacking self in multiple locations resulting in lacerations, chipped teeth and bruising;
 - * safety wire pliers impact teeth/face when wire breaks;
 - * chipping teeth/cutting lips, eyebrows and face;
 - * using speed handle and having the bit break or slip causing the speed handle to impact operators face/head lacerating it;
 - * pulling cutter tool towards self, causing it to impact whatever is in its path; lacerating and bruising whatever it strikes;

- and last but not least are the "piranha pliers" and the hammer from hell; pliers will always ruin

your day when they slip, causing your hands and knuckles to experience new levels of suffering, and last but not least is hammer that you know you should have never hit yourself with.

- With all that said, the safety office asks you to look at the tools you use, and use them properly by performing a hazard assessment (fancy word for "how this could hurt me") and take the appropriate actions.

The last item we would like to discuss is slips and falls. These are no laughing matter and our leading cause of injuries across the base. Whether its snow and ice, oil, water, or fuel on a floor, an obstruction, a torn rug, something on the stairs, or a misrouted cord in a walk path, they are all waiting for their next victim.

If you see any slip, trip, or fall hazards; fix them or report them! If we can lower the number of slips, trips and falls along with making progress on reducing tool injuries, we are on our way to a better/safer workplace for everyone.

The safety staff wants to say thank you for everything each of you does every day, and asks for everyone's help to reduce our leading injury generators. Keep making it happen; SAFELY!



For Your Information**Medical Group Training Manager Position Available**

Position/Title/Grade: Training Manager E-6
 Minimum Grade eligible to apply: None—see below for Special Qualifications
 Unit: 104th Medical Group
 Supervisor: Col. Sean Collins
 Application Deadline: Open until filled

POC for more information: Col. Sean Collins, e-mail: sean.collins@ang.af.mil or Master Sgt. Marnie Wallace at marnie.wallace@ang.af.mil

The 104th MDG is looking for a traditional guardsman to fill our training manager position. We are looking for an energetic and knowledgeable individual. Interested individuals must understand principles, policies, and procedures of Air Force Education and Training programs; interviewing and counseling techniques; training techniques and instruction methods; task analysis procedures, learning process, curriculum development, training evaluations, and Education and Training systems and products; effective writing skills; editing practices; instructional media application, training reporting, program and curriculum validation, and implementation procedures; training program management; scheduling training events and facilities; conducting assistance visits and training meetings; work center and individual job qualification standard development; education institution registration requirements; military personnel classification system and policies; application of communicative interpersonal skills. Knowledge of AFTR computer training and tracking program.

This individual administers all Education and Training programs, serving as the MDG Education and Training program manager responsible directly to the MDG/CC. They consults on ISD process and career field Education and Training plans (CFETP). They advise on: Education and Training materials and services; conducts work center visits, and organizes programs to develop and conduct job site training. Identifies Education and Training providers, capabilities, and resources, and ensures availability of materials. Recommends revisions to Education and Training programs and CFETPs. Records and evaluates the history of Education and Training achievements, establish goals, and enroll in classes, courses, and programs. Prepares and maintains records, files, and materials.

Application package must include:

- Cover sheet
- Letter of application
- Resume
- Current passing fitness assessment
- RIP (record of individual personnel)

Paralegal Positions Available

Position/Title/Grade: Paralegal/E-6
 Minimum Grade eligible to apply: None—see below for Special Qualifications
 Unit: 104th FW // Staff Judge Advocate
 Supervisor: Lt. Col. Robin Peterson
 Application Deadline: Open until filled

POC for more information: Lt. Col. Peterson, cell (479) 430-3223, email: robinpeterson@cox.net

Technical/Educational background desirable: Prior experience in legal or paralegal work desirable but not mandatory. Ability to multi-task and excellent attention to detail is mandatory. Outstanding interpersonal communications skills, untouchable personal ethics and integrity. Individual must be a self-starter, with exceptional organizational skills and the ability to manage large client loads in high tempo situations.

Duties and Responsibilities: Prepare documents such as wills, powers of attorney, promissory notes, bills of sale, etc. Process correspondence and maintain suspense files. Performs legal research. Process special and general court-martial proceedings. Process Article 15 and UCMJ actions. Assist with investigations. Examine and process legal actions.

Special Qualifications: Individual must possess a minimum 5-level in any AFSC. Must have a minimum General ASVAB score of 50 (60 preferred) and be able to type 25 WPM.

Training: Completion of the Paralegal Apprentice course in residence is mandatory. The course six weeks at Maxwell, AFB, Ala.

Application package must include:

- Cover sheet
- Letter of application (what you can bring to the position)
- Resume
- Current passing fitness assessment
- RIP (record of individual personnel)
- Commander concurrence (email 104FW/Orderly rm)
- Letter of recommendation (optional)

Application Procedures: Mail/e-mail to Lt. Col. Robin Peterson, Staff Judge Advocate, 104th FW/JA, Barnes ANGB, 175 Falcon Drive, Westfield, MA 01085. You may also email your resume to robinpeterson@cox.net.

For Your Information

Free PASTA Dinner

When: Friday Sept 21 from 4:30 –7:00 p.m.

Where: Dining Facility

Who's Invited: Barnes Members and Families

Sponsored by the
104th Family Readiness Group



PROJECT NEW HOPE



"NEW HOPE...NEW LIFE"

"Free" Retreat for Women Vets

Register @ www.projectnewhopema.org

When: October 5th – 7th, 2012 Barton Center, Oxford, MA

About the Women Veterans' Retreat:

These 3-day retreats are a powerful, energizing way for women who have experienced the human impact of being in a war zone to recover their personal strength and vitality. Participants may use this retreat to recover from whatever way they feel that the war has personally affected them, whether that is healing from combat stress, PTSD or MST, re-adjusting to civilian life, addressing other personal issues, or gaining practical everyday skills in the company of others who have been in similar circumstances.

In the aftermath of military service, many women find that their 'comfort zone' in the civilian world has become smaller, and that their lives have become constricted in one way or another. One's range of activities, self-expression, and ways of being with others and one's self can narrow in an effort to ensure safety and predictability. As a result, confidence in one's ability to negotiate relationships and unfamiliar situations can drop. These retreats provide an open and affirming forum for women to take steps toward the fuller life that they envision for themselves. The nourishing natural environment, and the support of others on a similar path, gives women in the retreat a series of opportunities to recognize their strength and capabilities, and to practice new ways of managing unfamiliar situations and relationships.

The path to growth and recovery almost always involves working outside of one's comfort zone, and it can sometimes feel awkward or uncomfortable. This 'stretch' will be different for each woman, but common themes that may emerge include trust, setting boundaries, asking for support, finding one's strength and competence, practicing positive 'self-talk', and staying present in the presence of fear. You will have complete choice about whether you participate in any activity, and to what degree. Your facilitators will help you explore your options, and provide education about how to make self-affirming choices.

TSP Roth now available

On 7 May 2012, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board implemented a new TSP feature call TSP Roth. This new feature offers Federal employee the option to designate some or all of their contributions as Roth contributions. Effective 28 June 2012, employee can now make contributions to Roth TSP through the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) or the ABC-C automated telephone system 1-877-276-9287.

For additional information on TSP Roth, please visit the ABC-C TSP website at:

<https://www.abc.army.mil/>

<https://www.ebis.army.mil/>

Westfield Day at the Big E



Thursday 27 Sept is WESTFIELD Day at the Big E.

The 104FW is invited to participate in the daily 5pm parade. 104FW will have representation of military members, the Base Honor Guard and a few Military vehicles to support. The 104th Family Readiness Volunteer Group (FRG) is welcome to march with the Unit as well. We have a banner and encourage families to join us to show our support.

Families wanting to participate are asked to arrive no sooner than 3:45pm at Gate 1 (closest to the Agawam/ West Springfield Bridge).

Parking is available on any side street along Memorial Ave, West Springfield as well as on the Big E grounds. There is a fee to park and the closer one parks to the grounds the more they are charged. Usually during the week parking averages \$5-\$10 per car.

Families need to RSVP that they are marching and a rep from the FRG is posted at the entrance gate to allow access. Entrance is free for marchers and we ask that families do participate in the parade as well as enjoy the grounds.

More details will flow as the event gets closer.

RSVP to the Wing Family Programs office via ext. 698-1183 or email: Sandra.Wakefield@ang.af.mil

For Your Information

UMASS Minuteman 5th Annual Military Appreciation Night

Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 8:00 pm

UMASS Minutemen Versus The UMaine Black Bears

The Mullins Center Community Arena (200 Commonwealth Avenue, Amherst, Mass.)

ADMISSION : FREE TO MILITARY AND RETIREES



The UMass Minutemen, American Collegiate Hockey Association, Division Two, Men's Hockey Team respectfully invite the military members, their families, their friends and the retirees from the 104th Fighter Wing/Barnes Air National Guard Base-Westfield MA, the 439th Military Airlift Wing/Westover Air Reserve Base-Chicopee MA and the ROTC Units which are part of the UMass Campus Family.

The purpose is to honor those men and women, past, present and future who represent the small part of our population who possess the character and the courage to wear the uniform and preserve our freedom with their own personal sacrifice.

Retirement Party for Col Tony Gwosch



41 Years of service!
4 June 71 to 31 Oct 12

SHAKER FARMS COUNTRY CLUB

866 Shaker Rd,
 Westfield, MA 01086



19 October 2012
Tee Time: 12:00
Social Hour: 5:30-6:30
Dinner: 6:30
Presentations: 7:00

Golf and Dinner: \$65
Golf only: \$40
Dinner only: \$25



For tickets...see Tina Scobie, Tina Dimino-Frazer, Brian Wallace, or Jim Keddy

Second and Final Danell-Stevens Memorial Golf Outing



Lt. Robert H. Danell, USAF



Capt. Fred H. Stevens,

**Sunday September 16, 2012
East Mountain Country Club**

1458 East Mountain Road
Westfield, MA 01085

**Golf (Scramble Format) - \$85 Per Player
(Includes Golf, Cart, Tee Gift, Lunch & Buffet Dinner)**

Dinner Only—\$25

Tee Signs—\$75

Special—4-Some /Tee Sign—\$400

Raffle Prize Donations Gladly accepted

Proceeds to help build a Stone Memorial to honor these two American war heroes, who tragically lost their lives on October 19, 1952 at Barnes Airport in Westfield, MA. Last year's Golf Outing was a tremendous success—we raised over \$5000—putting us over halfway towards our goal of \$10,000. This year's Golf Outing will be the second and final golf outing with the formal dedication scheduled for Saturday October 20, 2012, the day after the 60th anniversary of the accident.

Please Register and Pay Online at www.eastmountaincc.com

Or you may register at the EMCC Pro Shop

Please make checks payable to: East Mountain Country Club

For more information—

Contact Mark Perez 413-530-1100 Mark Danell 802-238-7434 or Leo Dube 413-315-1466



Danell—Stevens Memorial Dedication



Saturday October 20, 2012 — 1 p.m.

**East Mountain Country Club
1458 East Mountain Road
Westfield, MA 01085**

Open to the Public

On October 19, 1952, two decorated war veterans lost their lives in the skies over East Mountain Country Club.

Come join us as we dedicate this memorial to

Lt. Robert H Danell, USAF and

Capt. Fred H Stevens, USAF.

www.eastmountaincc.com

For more information call Mark Perez (Cell) 413-530-1100



104th FW Officer's All Inclusive Christmas Party

Saturday – December 1, 2012

Cocktail Hour: 1800 Dinner Served: 1900

Dinner, Music, Dancing & Fun - Open Bar All Night
(All Gratuities Included...so NO Tipping)

Men's Best (or worst) Christmas Sweater Contest
Ladies Dress for a Night on the Town

Dinner Buffet To Include:

Chicken Francais
Baked Citrus Crumb Cod &
Sliced London Broil

(Vegetarian meal available - To be ordered when you purchase)

Westwood Pub & Restaurant

94 North Elm St
Westfield, MA 01085

**Tickets: Capt DeVoie x1082, Capt Benedict x1283
2Lt Marchesseault x1767, or 2Lt Wynn x1226**

Tickets: \$50 each – Bought or Committed by Nov. UTA

Religions notes:

General Christian Service: Saturday of the UTA, at 1600 hrs, in the Base Chapel / building 12, Chaplain Stephen Misarski presiding.



Orthodox/Catholic Mass: Sunday of the UTA at 1500 hrs, in the Base Chapel of Bldg. 12.

Congratulations on your Retirements

Keith Buckhout	MXS	24
Nov 2012		
James Parnell	SFS	
1 Dec 2012		

CCTV broadcast line up

Channel 7 - Training videos & Base Info

Channel 9 - Warrior Network

Channel 10 - Pentagon Channel - inop



Ancillary training schedule - channel 7

<u>Morning</u>	<u>Training Video</u>
0900-0940	Forklift Fundamentals and Ops
0940-1013	Confined Space Awareness
1013-1023	Basic Ladder Safety
1023-1053	Lockout/Tagout
1053-1101	FOD Prevention
1101-1108	Copyright Infringement

<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Training Video</u>
1300-1340	Forklift Fundamentals and Ops
1340-1413	Confined Space Awareness
1413-1423	Basic Ladder Safety
1423-1453	Lockout/Tagout
1453-1501	FOD Prevention
1501-1508	Copyright Infringement

Congratulations on your Promotions

To Senior Airman (E-4)

Kevin MacIellan 1 0 4 F W
CES



To Staff Sgt (E-5)

Shaun Reagan 104
FW MXS



To Tech. Sgt (E-6)

Sara Jean Jacobsen 1 0 4 FW
MXS



Welcome to new members

6 Jul 2012	Taran Savoie
CE	
12 Jul 2012	Felicia Yager
MXS	
14 Jul 2012	Nicholas Hartung
MXS	
15 Jul 2012	Antonieta Ferreira
CPTF	
17 Jul 2012	Kara Smith
OSF	
24 Jul 2012	John Severin
LRS	
25 Jul 2012	William LeClair
MXS	
31 Jul 2012	Preston Hallett
AMXS	
31 Jul 2012	Kyle Kendall

This Month in History

Sep 20, 1904 - Wilbur Wright made the first circular flight in an airplane at Huffman Prairie, near Dayton, Ohio.

Sep 1, 1914 - 1st Aero Squadron organized at San Diego with 16 officers, 77 enlisted men, and eight planes.

Sep 2, 1916 - Lt William A. Robertson and Cpl. Albert D. Smith sent radiotelegraphic messages from their plane nearly two miles to Lt. Herbert A. Dargue and Capt. Clarence C. Culver in a second plane.

Sep 6, 1916 - The first fragmentation bomb tested.

Sep 4, 1922 - Lt. James H. Doolittle completed the first transcontinental flight in one day in a rebuilt DH-4B with Liberty 400 HP engines. He flew from Pablo Beach, Fla. to Rockwell Field, Calif., and covered the 2,163 miles in 21 hours, 20 minutes flying time.

Sep 10, 1942 - The Secretary of War formed the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. Then in October, female pilots began ferrying aircraft from production sites to airfields in the U.S.

Sep 14, 1944 - Col. Floyd B. Wood, Maj Harry Wexler, and Lt. Frank Recford made the first flight into a hurricane to collect scientific data in a Douglas A-20.

Sep 2, 1945 - Japan formally surrendered to be the U.S. on the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. This marked V-J Day and the end of World War II.

Sep 30, 1949 - The Berlin airlift, gradually reduced since May 12, officially ends. Allied aircraft carried 2,343,301.5 tons of supplies on 277,264 flights. U.S. planes carried 1,783,826 tons.

Sep 4, 1952 - The U.S. Air Force awarded the production contract for Lockheed's 383 transport, better known as the C-130 Hercules.

Sep 1, 1953 - The U.S. Air Force announces the first instance of aerial refueling of jet-powered aircraft by jet-powered aircraft, in which a standard B-47 Stratojet received fuel in the air from a KB-47B Stratojet.

Sep 29, 1964 - The XC-142A vertical takeoff and landing aircraft made its first short-takeoff flight at Dallas, Texas.

Sep 1, 1965 - The first of a 13-site computer-controlled radar system for detecting enemy aircraft became operational at North Truro, Mass. Engineers designed the system, called the Back-up Intercept Control System, to take over America's air defense if the Semi-Automated Ground Environment System failed or was destroyed.

Sep 10, 1965 - The U.S. Air Force launched the first Defense Meteorological Satellite Program weather satellite, which enabled the Air Weather Service to gather global weather-data.

Sep 2, 1969 - The Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory used its Lunar Laser Observatory to bounce a laser signal off a retroreflector placed on the moon by Apollo 11 astronauts.

Sep 19, 1969 - An F-4E flying near Edwards AFB, Calif., successfully air launched the first Maverick air-to-ground missile.

Sep 1, 1975 - Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. becomes the first African-American officer to achieve four-star rank in the U.S. military.

Sep 17, 1976 - The first Space Shuttle, the Enterprise, rolled out of Palmdale, Calif.

Sep 29, 1976 - The first of two groups of 10 women-pilot candidates enter undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., the first time since World War II that women could train to become pilots of military aircraft.

Sep 24, 1987 - The Thunderbirds gave their first show in the People's Republic of China before 20,000 in Beijing.

Sep 27, 1991 - President George H. W. Bush terminated Strategic Air Command's alert force operations, which started operating in October 1957. This action heralded an end to the Cold War.

Sep 1, 1995 - The SR-71 Blackbird, fastest aircraft in the world, returns to active service. It was removed from the U.S. Air Force inventory in 1990 when planners assumed that satellites could perform the strategic reconnaissance mission.

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