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Col. Robert Brooks proudly holds the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) “Stanley Cup” over his head during the UCI out-brief on June 30, 2011. (full story on page 10) (Photograph by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)



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Commander's column

By Col. Robert T. Brooks, Jr.

To say we have had a busy summer would be an understatement. From the UCI/LCAP, to Alaska, to the ASA move, and ONE, we have been and still are heavily engaged. I want to explain Operation Noble Eagle (ONE). These taskings typically come to us with less than two weeks notice. The ONE mission must be filled. The entire F-15 community/WSC (Weapon System Council) has come up with a plan to fulfill these missions because 1. It is our mission and 2. Because it helps with our overall MDS relevance. When the tasking comes down, ACC looks for any unit that is geographically based near the event to cover the vulnerability window. If a geographic based fighter unit volunteers, they cover the mission (F-15, F-16, F-22 etc). If no one volunteers, then ACC goes to a scheduling product that has an "in vul" F-15 unit that will accept the tasking. I can tell you the other ANG F-15 units have been pulling their fair share and continue to do so.

While I normally do not put this out, I think it is better for you to know why we choose to do some of the things we do. This is an excerpt from an article earlier this week:

"Over the next six months, somewhere between \$400 billion and \$1.15 trillion dollars in national security spending will likely be cut from the U.S. budget. The numbers are so staggering that they almost defy imagination, but this is the cold, hard reality that must be faced. And the stakes are huge: How America's national security leaders approach the debate over these defense cuts will do much to determine whether the United States remains capable of sustaining its global commitments in the coming decades".

Going from two inspections, to Alaska, to a move to Westover and back with ASA, this current tasking, and an AFOA (Alert Force Operational Assessment), you all continue to perform at a very high level. This could not be done without strong leadership from commanders and shop chiefs, and sound followership at all levels. Everyone has an important job on the team; continue to do your part. We are busy, but it is the world we live in today, we cannot afford to sit back and not participate. Being employed, relevant, and needed is a **good thing in today's fiscally constrained times.**

Earlier this week we welcomed home our Security Forces from 6 months in the AOR. One young man saw his 5 month old child for the first time. Additionally, we recently welcomed home EOD from their 5th operational deployment in 4 years. Welcoming home our warriors in the proper manner helps start the process of reintegration which is a small part of the broader yellow ribbon program. We will have a formal welcome home at the Oct CC Call and recognize everyone individually. Additionally at that time, we will perform official Change of Command ceremonies for MXG, LRS, and CE.

I want to congratulate Senior Master Sgt. Tom Puccio as he was recently awarded the Lance P Sijan award for the ANG enlisted category. The description of the award speaks for itself and his level of performance here in the 104th FW: **"The Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award was created in 1981 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership in their jobs and in their lives. It has become one**

of the U.S. Air Force's most prestigious awards. Sijan, an Air Force captain and fighter pilot, died while a POW in Vietnam. Prior to his capture, the United States Air Force Academy graduate and posthumous Medal of Honor recipient evaded the North Vietnamese for six weeks after being shot down in November 1967".

I would also like to congratulate our Shooting Team who competed at the 1SG Kevin Dupont Memorial Marksmanship Competition this past weekend. The team of Barnestormers led by Tech. Sgt. Chris Cekovsky won the entire match. Paraphrasing an email from the MA NG Joint Chief of Staff to Major Gen. Rice: **"Sir, hopefully word has reached you that the 104th performed brilliantly; both collectively and individually today. A great group of Airmen from across the ANG competed, but the Barnes team took home an array of hardware that is truly impressive! Chief**

Maj. Gen. Dean sends his congratulations to all of you on the Outstanding Results of our LCAP and UCI. Your efforts are not only recognized here at the state level, but also at the National Level as well. Prior to becoming the 1st AF Commander, Maj. Gen. Dean served as the Inspector General, so he understands the effort required to do so well on these inspections.

Needless to say, many of you out there are stepping up to the plate in a big way and making an impact. As a team, we moving same way same day and that will be a requirement as we continue meeting each and every one of our mission objectives and Fighter Wing goals. We are only as good as our last event – so every day we need to be on our game. Please take the time Saturday to enjoy Family Day with your loved ones. I want to thank Chief Fappiano and his team for all of their hard work in making Family Day a great event for everyone. You are all great Americans, and I am proud to serve with you.

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Chief Master Sergeant's column

By Chief Master Sgt. Todd Fappiano, Command Chief Master Sgt.

It's been a little more than 6 months since I began serving as your Command Chief; and since then I have written about a common theme, communication. I have discussed the importance of feedback and dialog, both being the critical components to success...**you can never excel if you don't know what's going on, and you can never get better unless you know what you're doing wrong.**

I am going to use this forum as a way to reflect and gain some feedback, both through being introspective, but also through asking for comments. After reading this article, shoot me an e-mail at todd.fappiano@ang.af.mil, let me know how we are doing at communicating.

Here is what we have been doing: A concerted effort has been made to develop and use a good e-mail list for traditional guardsmen to share important and timely information. This has been modestly successful because people seem to change e-mail rather frequently. The only way that this process will continue to improve is if everyone ensures their orderly rooms and/or the virtual-Mpf have update e-mail addresses.

We also began using the auto-caller to pass important information, again, it is only as good as the list of phone numbers on file in VMpf and with the FSS.

I have been working with the unit leadership to make communication a priority. The wing commander is using his "CC Notes" to give everyone a better big-picture perspective on things. I hope the team in taking the time to read these e-mails, because they are laden with great information.

Where we need to do a better job is receiving feedback. There are so many informal ways to receive feedback, hall conversations, e-mails, and club-talk, and **there is one very clear formal way, 'the chain of command'.**

Sometimes the best way for us to know what is working and not working is from you telling your supervisor, who should, channel it up. If you find a process doesn't work, be empowered and let someone know. If all else fails, send an e-mail, talk to your Chiefs and Shirts, raise it to the EAC, or just corner me and have a conversation.

The wing leadership has 2 very important roles, complete the mission and take care of the people. If we do the second well, the first takes care of itself. Keep working hard, and you will continue to see excellent results.



First Sergeant's column

By Master Sgt. Lynne Bolduc, FW/OG First Sgt.

I recently returned from the First Sergeant's Leadership Conference in San Antonio Texas. The main theme of the conference was back to basics and standards. I'd like to share the messages in hopes to empower you as they empowered and encouraged me to continue to be the best Airman I can be.

General Folgeman, former Chief of Staff AF, Chief Master Sergeant Benken, Chief of AF #12, and the rest of the AF leadership wanted to get the "High Flying Air Force" back to the basics, back to the standards. Chief Benken spoke to us about where our core values came from. He also said the AF cannot survive without them.

In 1997, the Core Values were born. They came up with Integrity First, because too many Airmen (officer and enlisted) were cutting corners when no one was looking and people were dying because of it. The next value they came up with is: Service before self. This was because Airmen were thinking of themselves and what they could gain and what made them

happy, rather than following AF standards. Lastly we have Excellence in all we do.

Chief Benken gave us five examples of why the AF needed Core Values. Those examples included 4 different mishaps that resulted in the loss AF aircraft and equipment, and also loss of life. Another example was of inappropriate behavior by an officer which resulted in a pilot losing her wings and resigning rather than a court marshal.

Chief Benken said we were an Air Force that got away from standards. He also paraphrased General Fogleman, describing Core Values: "they serve as beacons vectoring us back to the path of professional conduct; the Core Values allow us to transform a climate of corrosion into a climate of ethical commitment....Core Values are the price of admission to the Air Force itself".

This sums up what we should strive for. **Excellence, we can't settle for any less. People's lives are at stake; the AF mission is at stake.** People have died because others cut corners. People have lost their livelihoods because they

don't follow the standards. Other branches have many more than three core values. Chief Benken stated that they looked at others, but determined, Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in all we do encapsulates every value.

The tools of our trade are lethal, and we engage in operations that involve risk to human life and untold national treasures. Because of what we do our standards must be higher than those of society at large. The American public expects it of us and properly so. In the end, we earn the respect and trust of the American people because of the integrity we demonstrate.

In the words of General Fogleman (taken from our Lil Blue Book) "The Air Force is not a social actions agency. It is not an employment agency. ... The Air Force exists to fight and win wars – that's our core expertise. It's what allows us to be called professionals. We're entrusted with the security of our nation. "

May you always remember the Core Values in everything you do.

104th Fighter Wing deploys to Elmendorf AFB Alaska

By Technical Sgt. Anthony M. Mutti, Public Affairs Combat Correspondent

Over one hundred and thirty Barnstormers and eight F-15C/D Eagles from the Massachusetts Air National Guard traded the heat and humidity of New England for the cool weather and long daylight hours of the Alaskan summer during a training operation at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Alaska from July 29 to August 14, 2011.

The 104th Fighter Wing mobilized to JBER, Alaska, to partake in a Large Force Exercise (LFE) with the F-15C/D aircraft from the 159th Fighter Group of the Louisiana Air National Guard and other units from throughout the combat Air Force.

The deployment was originally devised as integration training exercise with F-22 Raptor aircraft stationed in Alaska, but the F-22's have remained grounded since May 2011 for a potential oxygen system malfunction. "The stand-down is a prudent measure following recent reports of potential oxygen system malfunctions," said Pacific Air Forces Command spokesman Capt. Martin Gerst.

Despite the F-22's not being able to participate in the integration training the 104th and 159th Fighter Wings decided to complete the operational training deployment as scheduled to take advantage of the airspace and the opportunity to train in a Large Force Exercise.

"We decided to continue with the deployment because we were going to be able to participate in a great training event," said Maj. Jeffrey Beckel, Deployment Project Officer. He added, the airspace and the collaboration with multiple flying wings allows for an ideal environment for an LFE.

LFEs are defined as any exercise that has more than four aircraft playing the role of the allied aircraft

(blue-air), defending an airspace or target from opposing forces (red-air). According to Major Beckel, the 104th Fighter Wing simply doesn't have enough resources available at Barnes, ANGB to organize an LFE at home station without assistance from other organizations.

The eight 104th FW F-15C/Ds aircraft will fly in conjunction with eight F-15C/Ds from the 159th Fighter Wing, six F-15s from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and F-16s from the



(Photographs by Technical Sgt. Anthony Mutti)

18th Aggressor Squadron based at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. The primary role for the F-16s is to fly as red air. The red-air component is critical to creating a realistic scenario for simulating combat engagements. Large Scale Exercises such as this allow the pilots to fly and train in groups of 6 or 8 aircraft, similar to how they would employ during a real combat situation.

The LFE doesn't just benefit the pilots. "An exercise like this provides an invaluable training opportunity for the transportation, logistics, support and maintenance personnel as they are able to practice deploying to another location," says Maj. Michael Dibrindisi, the Deployed Maintenance Officer from the 104th Fighter Wing.

The 104th Maintenance Operations Flight Unit Deployment Manager, Master Sgt. Richard Duquette, said that one of the biggest chal-

lenges of this deployment is related to the time restraints in relation to moving both cargo and personnel. Maj. Beckel and Dibrindisi mentioned weather as another major challenge. It has rained every day flying has been scheduled. The aircraft can fly in inclement weather, but the risk to the pilot and ground crew is increased and the types of training opportunities are limited by decreased visibility.

Despite the weather, the maintenance team has been able to launch the required number of aircraft necessary each day to complete the training objectives. "The jets have been behaving excellent, we completed a 6-turn-6 on Monday and Tuesday, and today we've done a 7-turn-7," said Dibrindisi. Completing 12 aircraft sorties on Monday and Tuesday and 14 sorties on Wednesday has allowed for multiple training scenarios to be completed.

This type of deployment allows the pilots and planners the opportunity to see how to coordinate and communicate with other Air National Guard bases. Beckel noted that this event has helped strengthen the working relationship between the different units, "It allows us to already have some experience working together, so that if we ever do a deployment together, we can begin to work out the kinks during a deployment like this," said Beckel.

The 104th Fighter Wing has been flying F-15C/D aircraft since 2008 and the completion of the Base Realignment and Closure directed actions. The wing underwent a transition from A/O-10 aircraft and an air-to-ground mission to the F-15C/Ds and an air-to-air mission. This event marks the 4th off-site training event for the base since its conversion.

No one forgets their first time

By Senior Airman Anthony Melius, Public Affairs Combat Correspondent

Ask any Airman why they decided to enlist in the military and you might hear a wide variety of reasons: to serve their country, earn money for college, or for a chance to see the world. Those of us that decided to

to our shops, two very large obstacles stood in our way – Basic Military **Training and Tech School. That's all behind us now. We're no longer the new guys.** Well, at least not the *brand new guys.* **We're finding our**

hikes and I love launching the jets while we have some great scenery around.”

Not every “First TDY Airman” is fresh out of training. SrA Mike McKenzie, Fuel Systems Maintenance Shop, finished tech school in October of 2008. A fulltime student at UMASS Amherst during the spring and fall Semesters, Airman McKenzie spent this summer working at Barnes. **“I'd say what I've learned in the last two and a half months has really taught me a lot more than just the weekends over the three years prior,” he said, “...I feel a lot more confident in knowing what to do on the jet and that's really what made me feel comfortable coming out here on this TDY.”**

The First Sergeant for this trip and a veteran of about 30 TDYs, MSgt Fred Fopiano, has some advice for those Airmen going on their first TDY – **“Look to your supervisors for guidance. Take the lead from your NCOs. Over-prepare. Check what you pack and whatever you pack, double check it again.”**

When this trip is over, the expectation placed on my fellow young Airmen and myself will be higher and

deservedly so. Hopefully, within the next couple of years, some may reach the NCO ranks and then it will be our turn to reminisce back to this trip here at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska and offer guidance to young airmen. Most importantly, **though, we'll look back and remember what bits of information were most helpful and we'll always remember to be patient because, well - we were on our**



Senior Airman Michael Bedrosian of the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard, marshals an F-15D fighter aircraft while deployed to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska in support of a joint Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force training exercise. (U.S. Air Force Photo by: Technical Sergeant, Anthony M. Mutti)

serve through the Air National Guard only get to capitalize on that last reason when Temporary Duty Assignments (TDYs) come up and **the need to accomplish the Wing's mission takes us outside of our home state.** Currently, there are several young Airmen from the 104th Fighter Wing temporarily stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER), Alaska and this “Last Frontier State” is their “First TDY”. Myself included.

Many of us on our first TDY Alaska are relatively new to the military, having only completed tech-school within the past year or so. Some of us started our military service in the same place together – Student Flight at the 104th Fighter Wing. While under the supervision of SMSgt Douglas Daponde, we in the Student Flight were fresh-faced and anxious about finding our role within our new units. But, before we could even get

niches, building relationships with our Wingmen, and trying to show our NCOs that we can be trusted. In so many words – doing whatever it takes to prove ourselves worthy of wearing the uniform and serving alongside proven Air National Guardsmen. When the chance arose to support the Wing in Alaska, we took it and here we are.

SrA Kyle Bienia, Crew Chief, is one of the Airmen on his **first TDY. Airman Bienia said he's been preparing for this deployment one drill at a time absorbing as much knowledge as he can from his supervisors and trainers. His biggest fear while here in Alaska? “Screwing something up,” he said, “but my fa-**



Lieutenant Colonel Bigelow watches as an F-15D from the 104th Fighter Wing, Mass Air National Guard, taxis down the flight line prior to take-off while deployed to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Air Force Photo by: Technical Sergeant, Anthony Mutti)

avorite thing has been our time off. **We've gotten to go on some great**

first TDY once too.

Confined space exercise

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs Journalist

The 104th Fighter Wing Fire Department conducted a Confined Space Response Exercise on 25 June 2011. Several units participated in the approximately one hour long exercise including Security Forces, Civil Engineering, Base Safety as well as members of the Command Post.

The exercise was designed to test the readiness, tactics and practices of the unit in response to an emergency event involving an incapacitated victim in a manhole.

The first phase in the process is to test the air quality of the confined space and report to the “Hole Boss”, who is responsible for the “Hot Zone” which comprises a 15 feet perimeter around the hole. Once the space is deemed safe, a two man rescue team is dispatched to lift the victim with the help of a tripod. If the rescue team runs into trouble a two man Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) is poised to help.

All actions were monitored and assessed by the UCI inspection teams.

CMSgt. Armand Lamour is the chief of the department and lauds the training this exercise provides. “The exercise is productive for us because it hones our skills, identifies areas to work on, teaches newer members various roles and provides outside leadership a picture of what takes place during a particular emergency,” he said.

Airman 1st Class Kevin McClellan, a recent graduate of the firefighting academy at Goodfellow AFB in Texas, was glad to be involved in the exercise. “It’s good practice and gives us a chance to get comfortable with the equipment,” said the Wilbraham native. “When the real situation comes up we will be ready.”



(Photograph by Technical Sgt. Melanie Casineau)

Egress response exercise

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

An F-15 has landed and the force of the approach has rendered the pilot unconscious in the cockpit. He has managed to shutdown the system but the aircraft is not chalked. Emergency crews respond immediately and have 90 seconds to extricate the pilot from the aircraft.

After administering the hose on the stationary aircraft, fire crews ascend the ladders positioned on each side of the cockpit and pull the pilot to safety, well within the 90 second time frame.

Fortunately, this sequence is only a drill.

The Egress Response Exercise is a central component of the training

regimen for the fire crews of the 104th Fighter Wing. “It is one of our most productive exercises and really is our bread and butter,” said Lt. Eric Brousseau, a 13 year fire department civilian. “We are becoming more comfortable and proficient each time,” he added.

CMSgt. Armand Lamour concurred, “The crews did an awesome job and it was a great exercise, practice pays off”.



(Photograph by Master Sgt. Mark Fortin)

Fire Department participates in UCI exercises

By Airman First Class Bonnie Harper, Public Affairs Journalist

Members of the Fire Department here participated in four different exercises during the June 23 and 24 drill weekend as part of the Unit Compliance Inspection.

There was one morning and one afternoon exercise for each day.

In the afternoon of the Saturday drill, the exercise consisted of a mock chlorine spill in the parking lot outside the Army Aviation Support Facility.

It was simulated that a one-ton container of chlorine fell off the loading dock, causing the spill.

Some of the firefighters quickly set up a decontamination station while others got into HAZMAT attire in preparation to address the spill.

Two different teams were sent to clean up the spill, each one returning to the DCON station to be rinsed off by water hoses and to have their suits brushed clean of any chemicals as well.

Throughout the event, the firefighters

made sure to act out or simulate every step of the process when dealing with a chemical leak.

Although the firefighters were using training suits, the exercise itself provided real-world HAZMAT training, said Eric Brosseau, the fire department training officer.

This type of drill is an annual requirement, as well as a requirement for the UCI, said Brosseau.

The Sunday morning exercise consisted of a reported fire in Building 077. All personnel were accounted for, except for one. A full Fire Department response was initiated, and our six fire trucks made their way to 077, said Senior Master Sgt. Travis Raby, the deputy fire chief here.

One of the drill requirements that was evaluated by a Inspector General was for our tanker truck to lay 300 feet of large diameter hose, hook it up to a fire hydrant, get water from the hydrant to

the truck, and then water from the truck to the fire in under three minutes. Our firefighters were able to accomplish this task in one minute, 35 seconds, said Raby.

We had two firefighters enter building 077 with one 1" $\frac{3}{4}$ hand line to find and fight the fire. Two more firefighters entered the building to rescue the missing person. The two rescue firefighters located the victim and removed him from the building. The victim was turned over to our EMS staff, and was simulated being transported to Noble Hospital.

"The operation was successful, and the IG stated that we complied with all objectives," said Raby.



(Photograph by Master Sgt. Mark Fortin)

104th Marksmanship Team on Target

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs Journalist

"Check your sights, check your magazines and don't drop anything," advised Tech Sgt. Chris Cekovsky, a combat arms instructor and member of the 104th Security Forces Squadron.

The 2011 State Marksmanship Competition was held from 12-14 August 2011 at Fort Devens, Mass. Units from across the Massachusetts National Guard participated in the nationally sanctioned competition that also served as a valuable training opportunity. The top shooters qualify to represent the Massachusetts Guard on the national stage at a competition held in October at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Airmen were presented with a unique training opportunity. Typically, Air Force personnel are limited to a 25 meter range and firing at the Devens range allows Airman to shoot 400 meters with an M16, gaining valuable experience.

Soldiers and Airmen fired both rifles and pistols at various distances and from different positions. The three day match measured the proficiency of each individual and team against the field. For example, participants fired 10 shots each from a pistol at a fixed target from 30 yards, 25, 20 and then 15 in

incrementally shorter time intervals.

"This event is a fantastic opportunity to train and compete with our Army brothers in a realistic simulated combat environment. It is a high speed exercise and we are glad to be here," said Tech. Sgt. Val Johnson.

The challenging event allows unit members to become more acquainted with firing weapons in a competitive setting resulting in a subsequent improvement in performance.

Master Sgt. Wilson has previously participated and enjoys the atmosphere. **"The competition gives you the jitters and is more stressful than qualifying. The time element and rapid magazine changes can be tough. You cannot simulate combat but competition will drive your heart rate up safely without bullets flying at you,"** he said.

Tech Sgt. Stephen Jeffers, a full time member of Security Forces and an expert shot, points to the value of **the match. "Getting time with small arms is difficult and to get this experience is important,"** he said. "It is easy to shoot a weapon on your own pace but the time element can

be an added stress."

Perceived as the favorite of the competition, members of the 104th did not disappoint attaining the highest team scores in the competition. As well, Tech Sgt. Chris Cekovsky was awarded the First Sergeant Kevin A. Dupont Memorial Trophy for tallying the highest individual cumulative score. His name will be added to a plaque on display at Joint Force Headquarters in Milford, MA.

"I was impressed with the performance and professionalism of the 104th team members. They were outstanding," said CW2 Dennis Devine, Range Control Officer.



(Photograph by Staff Sgt. Matthew Benedetti)

Pigeon rescues hiker in Alaska

By Senior Airman Anthony Melius, Public Affairs Combat Correspondent

One local woman is definitely appreciative that the 104th Fighter Wing came to Alaska – Barnstormers saved her from **potential serious injury...or worse.** On Sunday, 31-July-2011, Technical Sergeant Keith Pigeon from the 104th Fuels Shop was hiking at Portage Glacier, just south of Anchorage, with about 14 other members of the 104th Fighter Wing when a call to action was answered.

As some of the group made their way up what Tech Sgt. Pigeon **described as a “mountain of snow,”** he noticed a woman off on her own walking around some crevices that were above snow cave located at the bottom of the mountain. Thinking this **wasn’t a safe place for the** woman to be, Sgt Pigeon kept a cautious watch on her should she lose her footing.

Unfortunately, his concern was not without cause as the woman slid face first about 15 to 20 feet down the slope, then dropping nearly 5 feet into a crevice, and landing on a narrow slippery ledge

from Senior Master Sgt. Bill Greenwood, from the 104th Quality Assurance office, to remain still until someone could get to her and guide her to safety.

Being the closest person to the woman, Sergeant Pigeon cautiously edged his way down the snowy incline, getting as close as he could to



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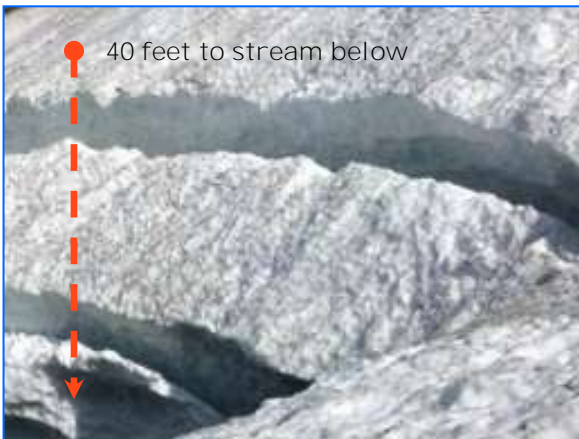


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and slippery ice. Once close enough to the woman, Sgt. Pigeon reached out his arm, and took hold of hers, allowing her to be pulled to safer ground near the rest of the hikers. When asked about his **efforts, Pigeon replied, “You know, she’s safe and that’s it. The guys and I were just relieved that she was OK... Thank God she didn’t fall.”** Staff Sergeant David Gould, Air Maintenance Crew Chief, **agreed adding, “we**

were all relieved because if she fell, it would have been catastrophic. It would have put a definite damper **on the trip.”**

This event demonstrated to all the 104th members enjoying a little down-time, the importance of a wingman. The terrain can be treacherous. TSgt Pigeon and the rest of the Barnstormers with him proved that being a good wingman **doesn’t just apply to one another in the Air Force, but to anyone that needs a helping hand.**



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Mutti

her. The location where she stopped was precarious and slightly more treacherous than could have been seen from a distance.

To one side of the woman was an approximate 25-foot drop into a shallow stream filled with jagged rocks. To the other side was the pitch-blackness of a crevice, which Pigeon described as **“extremely deep.”**

When Sgt. Pigeon approached the victim, she was on all fours, still not responding to verbal cues and unsuccessfully attempting to stand on the narrow

located just above the opening of the snow cave. The woman showed signs of panic. She continually attempted to stand despite pleas

Obtaining legal services

By Major Sean Lardner, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

One of the benefits of being a military member is the free legal services you can obtain from your base legal office. Judge Advocates (JAGs) can prepare and execute wills, medical directives, and powers of attorney. They can advise you on a number of legal matters, including family law, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, and consumer law. JAGs can advise you on the Service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

However, there are restrictions on what types of matters JAGs can advise and restrictions on the extent of service that JAGs can provide. For example Judge Advocates cannot provide advice **on a member's commercial or business activities** (to the extent those legal issues go beyond SCRA and USERRA). They cannot advise on matters in which the member is pursuing legal action against the federal government. JAGs cannot handle real estate closings for military members. And although JAGs can provide advice and guidance on various types of litigation, such as divorce or personal injury law suits, they cannot represent you in state or federal court. Additionally ethics rules prohibit JAGs from recommending particular attorneys to military members.

This leaves the military member with the task of hiring the right attorney for their particular case. Given the number of attorneys listed in typical phone book or found in a Google search, this task can be daunting. Although we cannot recommend particular attorneys, we can provide some general guidance when searching for the right attorney.

Don't start with the phone and look for the biggest advertisement. In the legal world, size (of ads) does not matter. Some attorneys with large ads may be outstanding attorneys or they could simply be desperate for business. Similarly, a flashy website may only tell you that the attorney is handy with web design or paid someone who is tech savvy to create a website for them.

Instead, the first thing one should do is ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers **for recommendations. It's very possible** that the member knows one or more people who have hired an attorney for a similar matter. This type of feedback is far more informative than what is writ-

ten on a Yellow Pages ad or website. You will have a better understand of **that attorney's qualifications, whether** their work was competent and their fee reasonable, and whether they met the **person's expectations.**

If you cannot find an attorney through personal recommendations, try the Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. The LRS maintains a pool of attorneys and when you request a referral for a particular type of matter, they will put you in touch with a local attorney. You can then have an initial consultation of 30 minutes for \$25.00 or less. If you do not retain this attorney, the LRS will provide another referral. You can contact the LRS at (866) 627-7577 or visit their website at: <http://www.massbar.org/for-the-public/need-a-lawyer>.

Depending on your financial situation, the Lawyer Referral Service may be to refer you to attorneys who take cases on a reduced fee basis or refer you to the local Legal Services agency for free legal services. You can also contact the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center (617-603-1700 or <http://www.larcma.org>) to see if you qualify.

The Massachusetts Bar Association offers two limited free programs to veterans. The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer Program (877-686-0711) offers free telephone advice to veterans on general legal problems such as access to benefits, family law matters, employment issues, and landlord-tenant matters. The service is available the first Wednesday of each month from 1730 to 1930. During April and November of each year, the program offers greatly expanded hours. The Veterans Benefits Appeal Pro Bono Program (617-338-0572) offers free legal advice for veterans with appeals to the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This service is provided every Monday from 1500 to 1700. For both programs, you can leave a voice message with your name and phone number any time during the day and receive a return call during their hours of operation.

When meeting with the attorney for the first time, be prepared for two things: giving the attorney as much information as possible, and having your own set of questions so that you can as-

sess the attorney and whether you feel comfortable about hiring him or her. Bring all documents related to the matter, or if possible, send copies before the meeting so that the attorney can review beforehand. Write down a summary of facts and contact information for possible witnesses. Having all the information up front lets the attorney know you are a client worth having and may save fees in the long run as attorneys often charge for every minute of their time spent on the case.

While attorneys are assessing whether they want to take your case, you need to assess whether you want the attorney to represent you. Prepare a list of questions you want to ask: how much experience in this area of the law do you have? How do you intend to handle my case? How will I participate in the case? How will you keep me informed? What is the fee arrangement for this type of case? Will we sign a detail fee agreement? What types of expenses will I be expected to pay and what expenses are built into the general fee? What do you expect the total fee to be? How long do you expect this case to take before resolution? Do you carry malpractice insurance? These are the types of questions you want the attorney to answer for you.

Before you hire an attorney, you should be able to answer these questions: am I confident he or she has the experience necessary to handle my case? Do I understand his or her explanation of the case and strategy for resolution? Do I understand the fee arrangement and how much it may cost? Am I comfortable working with this person?

Although the Base Legal Office cannot provide the fullest range legal representation depending on the type of matter, it should always be your first stop. Judge Advocates can often times provide advice and guidance that helps you resolve matters without the need to hiring an attorney. The legal office has walk in legal assistance hours from 0900 to 1130 hours every Sat of the drill weekend. If you cannot stop by our office during this time, please call the legal office at ext. 698-1244 to make an appointment for a time that works with your schedule. We will be happy to accommodate you.

UCI results top the charts

By Maj. Matthew Mutti, Wing Executive Officer

The 104th Fighter Wing completed two high-level higher headquarters inspections with 'OUTSTANDING' results. The wing demonstrated better than 97% in-compliance ratings on both inspections: 98.16% for the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection and 97.48% and a grade of "OUTSTANDING" for the Logistic Compliance Assessment Program Inspection.

"The professionalism demonstrated by the Barnes Team was outstanding," said Col. Peter Schneider, LCAP Team Chief. "This inspection marks the best inspection seen to date for a fighter unit since October 2009."

The citizen Airmen of the 104th Fighter Wing hosted more than 100 inspectors during these two separate inspections, the Air National Guard LCAP and the ACC UCI. These inspections are completed throughout the Combat Air Force by objective assessment teams to inspect the capabilities of the Air Force, Guard and Reserve units. The teams are charged to objectively evaluate, educate, and motivate the force through review of all the operational processes required for the units to complete their assigned missions.

"We are so proud of the hard work our Airmen demonstrated during these inspections," said Col. Robert Brooks, 104th Fighter Wing Commander. "These results validate the professionalism of our team; we are prepared to support the nation and the state through both providing Homeland Defense and completing our Expeditionary Combat missions."

A week prior to the UCI and LCAP inspections, the Boston Bruins won the Stanley Cup, demonstrating the power of team-work. Many sportscasters in the early part play-off considered the Bruins to be one of the most unlikely teams to win the series, and it was the team-work that was lauded as the most important aspect of their championship run.

As the wing prepared for the inspection, the wing leadership used the Bruins as an example for finishing

strong. Lt. Col. Charles Wilson, from the exercise and evaluation office worked with Senior Master Sgt. James Burke from the 104th Logistic Readiness Squadron to create Barnes' own Stanley Cup, signifying that team-work and hard work paid-off, excelling during these arduous inspections. This 'cup' was presented to Col. Brooks, the team captain in the same fashion as the Stanley Cup is presented to the winning team's captain at the end of the NHL play-offs. The 'cup' was then passed amongst the wing members in attendance during the out-brief.



The inspection teams recognized 50 members and 6 teams as being superior performers; validating the hard work by all unit members.

The following members and teams were recognized during the Commanders Call following the inspection out brief.



HQ UCI Superior Performers:
 Capt Corey J. Mackey FW
 Capt Glenn G. Milliken, Jr. FW
 SSgt Jennifer L. Tretheway FW

MSG UCI Superior Performers:
 SMSgt William G. Butman III FSS
 SMSgt Andres A. Huxtable FSS
 SMSgt Paul R. Turgeon CF
 MSgt James A. Brown II FSS
 MSgt David A. Diem CF
 MSgt Daphne A. Janes FSS
 MSgt Christopher J. Jolicoeur LRS
 MSgt Nathan L. Mutti LRS
 MSgt Dawn E. Soldan LRS
 TSgt Jeremiah W. McClosky CES
 SrA Jacquelyn M. Comer FSS

MXG Superior Performers:
 MSgt Christopher A. Auclair AMXS
 MSgt Chester N. Bennett, Jr. MXS
 MSgt John R. Chandler MOF
 MSgt Abdias N. Garcia AMXS
 MSgt Lisa H. Robbins MOF
 MSgt Ryan T. Shea AMXS
 TSgt Joseph E. Anteski MXS
 TSgt Judith Flores MXG
 TSgt Keith D. Mudgett MXS
 TSgt Thomas E. Pavelchak AMXS
 TSgt Aaron J. Richards AMXS
 TSgt Michael R. Stula MXS
 SSgt Kirk A. Crochiere AMXS
 SSgt Clifford W. Daley MXS
 SSgt Bento Fernandes MXS
 SSgt Michael J. Kearns AMXS
 SSgt Alex I. Stinebrickner AMXS
 A1C Brian A. Whitman MXS

OG UCI Superior Performers:
 Capt Neal R. Byrne III 131 FS
 MSgt Darcie L. Rock OG
 TSgt Valdemar A. Johnson OG

UCI Superior Performer Teams:
 Command Post
 Maintenance Data Systems Analysis
 Public Affairs

LCAP Superior Performers
 MSgt John Chandler MXXOOE
 MSgt Jason McLearn MXAA
 TSgt Kristin Martin MXOOM
 SSgt Paul Simms MXMFN

LCAP Superior Performer teams:
 Fuels Management
 Logistic Operations and Compliance
 Munitions Control

C.W. Bill Young DoD Marrow Donor Program

By Master Sgt. Chris Curtis, Law Office Superintendent

Give something special to someone **you don't know. Hope! Get registered** today for the National Marrow Donor Program!

Registering is as simple as a couple of mouth swabs and providing some medical and contact information. If matched, donation is as simple as a blood platelet donation, not the horror stories you may have heard! To register you must be between 18-60 years of age and a member of the DoD; active duty military members and their de-

pendents, DoD civilians, Reservists, National Guard and members of the Coast Guard.

Note: If you have ever joined a bone marrow registry elsewhere such as for a local drive for a local person Cancer Society event or any other drives you **don't need to re-register**. This DoD registry along with many others worldwide is linked together to create one national database. For those of you not in a registry we hope to see you stop by and at least check it out!

Place: Barnes ANGB, DFAC, Chapel Area

Date and Time: Saturday 20Aug11, 0700-1100, and at the Family Day Children DNA area from 1200-1400

To bring: Primary and alternate contact information for persons not living with you. Address/phone/e-mail.

Airman in Focus: Master Sgt. Lynne Bolduc

By Airman 1st Class Bonnie Harper, Public Affairs Journalist



(Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Robert Sabonis)

Master Sgt. Lynne Bolduc, a native of Amherst, Mass., has been a member of Barnes Air National Guard Base since her initial enlistment 20 years ago. She was introduced to the Air Force through her dad, who was also a Barnestormer, and her two active-duty brothers, one whom is still serving.

Looking for a new adventure and educational assistance, Bolduc decided to enlist in the guard. She originally thought that she would only stay in for her six year term, but she decided to make a career in the guard due to the

fun times she had and the people that she got to work with, she said.

Bolduc spent the first five years of her enlistment in the services flight as a cook and a part-time mortuary worker. After that, a full time administrative position opened up and she spent the next 16 years serving as an admin for various units including logistics, maintenance, intelligence, operations, communications and headquarters.

"I was really lucky to be afforded the opportunity to work in different areas as an admin," Bolduc said. "You kind of see how the whole wing works and it gives you a better perspective. It is really cool because you get to learn every facet of the wing and how they all work together to get the mission done, and you know that it takes more than one area to actually do what we do."

For the past three years, she has also been working as the part-time first sergeant for Fighter Wing Headquarters and Operations. As a first sergeant, you have to balance between taking care of the enlisted force and keeping commanders informed of enlisted issues, Bolduc said.

"Our motto is taking care of people," she said. "People first, mission always."

She recently transferred from her admin role in the Logistics Readiness Squadron to work in Aviation Resource

Management and is excited about this new chapter in her career, she said. In ARMS, she currently works with flight records, pilot training and the ops desk.

One of the things that Bolduc enjoys most about being in the guard is the people and the opportunity to network and meet new people, she said.

"You build friendships and you build bonds with people that you can't build anywhere else," Bolduc said.

Throughout her career, Bolduc has deployed to several state-side locations as well as Sicily, in support of Kosovo, and Belize, Central America. Her various deployments have taught her the importance of flexibility and patience, she said.

"In your career, you have to be flexible because if you're not you're going to hit road blocks," Bolduc said. "You have to be able to roll with what you're dealt with. You're going to have times where your whole situation is crashing down around you. You have to be able to still do your mission and you still have to work."

Bolduc and her husband Mark, the command post superintendent here, both support each other in balancing their military careers and family life. They currently reside in Easthampton with their two children, ten-year-old Sean and nine-year-old Caitlin.



Safety: How goes it and UCI preparation

By Master Sgt. Shannon Huard, Ground Safety

This unit has experienced 5 injuries since the last newsletter.

- Worker struck self with wrench, Chipped tooth, Slipped wrench, no lost time.

- Worker struck self with speed handle, Lacerated forehead, Speed handle slipped, No lost time.

- Worker injured eye, Scratched cornea, Fiber optic cable debris, No lost time.

- Worker injured; Lacerated neck; Struck a/c pylon; Greater than 1st aid.

- Worker fell from ladder; Bruised body; slipped on rung; Lost time

This unit has experienced 4 mishaps since the last newsletter.

- Utility pole fell on gate shack, Live power lines on ground, Insects deteriorated pole, No injuries, <\$1000 damage.

- Lightning strike, Aircraft components damaged, Thunderstorm, \$55K.

- MJ-1 missing hardware, Vibrated out, Assembly flaw, Unit returned to service.

- MJ-1 cross brace bolts loose, Vibrated out, Unknown, Bolts tightened.



Chaplain's corner

By Capt. (Fr.) Ken DeVoie

Firstly, I would like to welcome back from deployment all of our Security Forces and EOD personnel. You have been greatly missed and you have been, and continue to be, prayed for. Secondly, I hope that you all had a wonderful summer season. There are a few weeks left. Enjoy them, be safe and make good memories!

And.....the kids are going back to school too... Yeah!!!

Some great opportunities are coming up. On 16-18 September, **the Chaplain's Office is hosting a Get-Away weekend for our married couples here at the 104th. The theme of the weekend is "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." It is being held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in historic**

Sturbridge, MA. As of today, we have funding for 25 couples to attend and we have 43 couples signed up. Because of this great response, we have requested funding for two more Get-Away weekends for FY 2012 (February & September). If you have not yet signed up and would like to go, please let Sandy Wakefield know in Family Programs, she is the keeper of the master list.

I want to take a brief moment to encourage you to take an inventory of how you are doing at maintaining a healthy balance in life. Remember that you are a combination of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. If one area in your life is out of balance or missing, the whole of who you are can suffer along with those who are closest to you.

There is a famous line from the horror thriller movie "The Shining"... "All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy." How true that can be! All work and no play can make for very imbalanced people, be a major cause for unhealthy marriage, contribute to poor parenting, not to mention, set the stage for a whole host of physical, mental & emotional stressors and even "burn out." Achieving balance is the key to success in a healthy life.

Hang in there! You are doing a great job and a lot of people care for you. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Chaplains for assistance. Our counsel is private and "off the record." Take care, and God bless you and your loved ones!

Security Forces now home

By Maj. Matthew T. Mutti, Wing Executive Officer

Twenty-five members of the 104th Fighter Wing's Security Force Squadron return from a six-month deployment to Iraq on Monday, August 15; landing at Bradley International .

The team of Security Forces members took part in the transformation missions while in Iraq. They were responsible for educating and training Iraqi soldiers to better defend their country.

They provided air base defense at Sather Air Base as well as provided area security for the English Language Training program in and around Baghdad.

"I am so proud of what these men and women accomplished," said Maj. Steve Reynolds, the 104th Security Force Squadron Commander, and the deployed

operations officer. "They were an amazing team to work with, and understood the importance of their role with the Iraqi forces."

This specialized team also served as military police instructors; teaching new Iraqi Security Forces how to better protect their assets. The Air National Guard team conducted training courses, training Iraqi instructors, certifying nearly 150 instructors prior to their departure. Their efforts left the Iraqi military better prepared to train their new military members

While in Iraq the team provided critical defense at Kirkuk and Baghdad and worked with the Department of State, preparing the provisional team for opera-

tions in Iraqi, following U.S. military withdrawal.



Senior Airman John Schubarth holds his daughter for the first time after returning home from Iraq. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert Sabonis,

For Your Information



1st Annual Pioneer Valley Club Golf Tournament



When: July 15th

Time: 1100L

Where: Tekoa Country Club



Golf+Dinner: \$65

Dinner Only: \$20.00

Grand Prize: 4 Red Sox Tickets

Come unwind and celebrate with the PVC. Tournament includes lunch at the turn, catered dinner, prizes and giveaways

POCs:

Nick Hebert

Kristin Martin

Robert Oleksak

Barbara Plotniak

Yasser Menwer

Katie Fredette

For Your Information



Spaghetti Dinner

FREE PASTA NIGHT

(Salad, Pasta, Dessert & Beverage)

14 September 2011

WHERE: DINING FACILITY

TIME: CONTINUOUS SERVING FROM 1630 UNTIL 1900

RSVP REQUESTED By: 9 September 2011

Beth St. Clair (413-245-6615) bethstc@gmail.com

OR

Sandy Wakefield (413-568-9151) Ext. 698-1183

What's Being Served at the Dining Facility?

Saturday

Brunch from 700-1100

Soups – Cream of Broccoli, Chili

Entrees – Brunch: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, hash browns, meatballs, steak (thin)

Short Order – Eggs to order

Desserts – Jell-O-w-Fruit Cocktail, Jell-O and ice cream

Sunday

Standard meal times

Soups – Cream of Broccoli, Chili

Entrees – Turkey a la King

American Chop Suey

Short Order – Tuna Melts served with curly fries, Turkey Wraps w/Potato chips

Desserts – Jell-O-w-Fruit Cocktail, Jell-O and ice cream

AGR's, Officer's and Members on Orders - \$4.25



September 10th

at the NCO Club

Sample German food and beer from local vendors.

Colonel Robert T. Brooks Jr.

Wing Commander 104th Fighter Wing

Cordially invites you to attend a ceremony honoring

Chief Master Sergeant Anthony F. Swana

And

Chief Master Sergeant John R. Stec

upon the occasion of their promotion and induction into the rank of

Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force

Sunday, 21 August 2011, 1500 hours

Dining Support Facility, Building 003

Barnes Air National Guard Base

Westfield MA



Military: Uniform of the Day

Civilian: Casual

Commissary Case Lot Sale Westover ARB 9-11 September

Attention all commissary shoppers!

The Nearest commissary too far away?? No problem. The Guard & Reserve On-Site Sale Program brings the benefit directly to you!

Come shop and take advantage of savings that average 30 percent or more on your groceries. Interested in more sales? Sign up for the Guard/Reserve Sales

<http://www.commissaries.com/guardreserve>

Location: Westover Air Reserve Base

650 Hangar Avenue
Chicopee, MA 01022-1739

Dates: September 9th— September 11th

Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 11: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For Your Information

Health Promotions Classes

At the Medical Group

Looking for ways to create a healthy lifestyle? Live your life to the fullest?

Evidence shows that some of the leading causes of death in the United States, such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and some lung diseases often can be prevented by improving personal health habits. Eating right, staying physically active, and not smoking are a few examples of good habits that can help you stay healthy. Please join us in the clinic to learn easy ways to stay fit and healthy!

Starting in September the 104th Medical Group will be starting Health Promotion classes for all Wing members to attend.

No appointment necessary, just walk-in and join the group. The class will meet on Sunday morning from 0830- 0930 at the 104th Medical Group Classroom.

Here is a look at the Health Promotion Calendar:

Sept Health Promotion: Turn your dream of weight loss into a reality: "10 Tips to help you keep that weight off"

Oct: The Food Pyramid is Out! Come Learn About the New Food Plate!

Nov: Holidays Don't Have to Mean Weight Gain! Tips For Healthy Holiday Eating

A key feature in how to be healthy is taking personal responsibility; it is the foundation of good health!

Please also visit the 104th SharePoint site to get additional information regarding exercise and nutrition.

For further questions or class suggestions please contact MSgt Nina Gutierrez at nina.gutierrez@ang.af.mil or 698-1402.

First Sergeant Positions Available

104th Medical Group

NOTE: Selectees may be moved to any valid First Sergeant Position within the wing at the request of the Wing Command Chief and with the concurrence of the unit Commander.

Position Title/Grade: First Sergeant / E-7

Eligible applicants: Must be an E-7 or an E-6 who is immediately promotable to E-7. Position is a MINIMUM three year tour with a maximum of 6 years. Members must carefully review ANGI 36-2113 to ensure they meet minimum standards and qualifications for position requirements and responsibilities before applying.

Applicants must possess excellent communication and administrative skills, exceed fitness standards and exemplify Air Force Core values.

Applicant must receive concurrence from current commander for consideration.

Applicant selected for this position must agree to serve tenure of no less than 3 years from date of graduating from First Sergeant Academy (FSA). If the member was a prior First Sergeant, the tenure starts the day of assignment. Applicant must have 3 years retainability prior to being placed in the UMD 8F000 position. Applicant must agree to complete the SNCO Academy Course in residence or by correspondence within 1 year from date of assignment. If a First Sergeant does not complete the SNCO Academy within 1 year from date of assignment, he/she must be removed from the position.

Training: Applicants (if selected) should be able to attend the First Sergeant Academy at Gunter Annex, AL at the earliest available school date and must complete the SNCOA in residence or by correspondence within 12 months of selection.

Application package must include:

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

Any package that is late or incomplete WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Unit: 104th Medical Group

Supervisor: 104th Medical Group Commander

Estimated date of assignment – 1 October 2011

Submit Applications via electronic format (word, pdf, etc) via email to:

Maj Dave Mendoza, david.mendoza@ang.af.mil 104FW/DP, NLT 1200, 5 September 2011

Board date: 10 September 2011

For more information contact: CMSgt Todd Fappiano at todd.fappiano@ang.af.mil or 413-568-9151 x1343

Welcome to new members

Gunning, Ari	CptFlt	27 Jun 2011
York, John	131 FS	27 Jun 2011
Boyer, Denise	CES	1 Jul 2011
Stedman, Taylor	AMXS	6 Jul 2011
Polastry, Jeremy	MXS	8 Jul 2011
Pisano, Kevin	CES	18 Jul 2011
Boudreau, Brian	AMXS	19 Jul 2011

Congratulations on your upcoming Retirements

Frye, Peter	LRS	10 Sep 2011
Gosselin, Daniel	LRS	10 Sep 2011
Russell, Jason	MDG	11 Sep 2011
McIntosh, Arthur	MDG	22 Sep 2011
O'Neil, Michael	MXS	30 Sep 2011
Weppner, Christopher	LRS	1 Oct 2011
Haggerty, Patrick	CES	4 Oct 2011
Thouin, Roger	AMXS	9 Oct 2011
Febus, Gilbert	LRS	11 Dec 2011
Carnevale, Joseph	SFS	1 Jan 2012

CCTV line up

- Channel 7 - Training videos & Base Info
- Channel 9 - Warrior Network
- Channel 10 - Pentagon Channel



Ancillary training video schedule

Morning Training Video

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

Afternoon Training Video

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)

Angel Lugo, 104FW FSS



To Technical Sgt. (E-6)

Ryan Green, 104FW AMXS



Brian Nason, 104FW AMXS

Religions notes:

Ecumenical time of Prayer & Reflection

Saturday 0650 – 0720 hrs. in the Avionics Class Rm

Celebration of the Eucharist (Roman):

Saturday, at 1600 in the DFAC

Protestant Services:

Saturday, 1600 in Bldg 001 Conference Room



Free Credit Score

From 25 July 2011 through 31 August 2011, our friends at Financial Educational Foundation have provided all military members and their family and friends, access to receive a complete free credit score and credit reports

This report is FREE and does not go against your credit score and history. FINRA is the Finance Industry Regulatory Authority. FINRA is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. They oversee nearly 4,535 brokerage firms, 163,620 branch offices and 631,640 registered securities representatives. Their chief role is to protect investors by maintaining the fairness of the U.S. capital markets.

To get your free credit report/score log on to:

www.SaveAndInvest.org/Military

Password: EADNLRID

This Month in History

The back cover of the AirScoop is dedicated to the history of the unit and the Air Force. We will feature historic covers or articles from the archives and highlight a few historic headlines. (side note) From 1947 to 1954 the Base Newspaper was named the Thunderbolt. The first official Copy of the AirScoop was published in January 1954.

August Headlines:

1942 : When Lt. Elza Shahn ferried his P-38 to England, he spotted a German FW-200 Condor near Iceland. These German long-range reconnaissance aircraft gathered data on weather and allied shipping to help U-boats attack ships in the Atlantic. Lt. Shahn shot the Condor down, becoming the first American Army pilot to shoot down a German plane in World War II.

1955: Twelve F-84F Thunderstreaks flew nonstop 5,118 miles from London, to Austin, Texas, in 10 hours, 43 minutes to set distance and time records for a mass flight.

1955: At Edwards AFB, Calif., Col. Horace A. Hanes, director of flight testing at the Air Force Flight Test Center flew an F-100C to an FAI speed record of 822,135 mph for straightaway flight. He later received the 1955 Mackay Trophy.

1960: Capt. Joseph W. Kittinger, Jr. parachuted from 102,000 feet -- a world record.

1971: The first C-5A landed at Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, to deliver general cargo and pick up three C-47 helicopters.

1972: The Air Force and Navy signed an agreement for joint participation in the F-15 engine program at the Pratt & Whitney plant in East Hartford, Conn.

1992: U.S. airlifters moved over 23,000 tons of food, water, medicine, and other relief in 3,000 missions to Somalia during Operation Provide Relief lasting through Feb. 28, 1993. The supplies helped thousands of starving refugees, who suffered from a prolonged drought and civil war. The airlifters flew over 3,100 missions to deliver 34,400 tons of cargo in the operation.



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LICHTENBERG PICKED FOR SEPTEMBER '83 SPACE LAUNCH

Maj. Byron K. Lichtenberg, an A-10 pilot assigned to the 104TFG, has been selected as the U.S. Payload Specialist for the Spacelab I STS 9 flight scheduled for a September 30, 1983, launch. Lichtenberg and Ulf Merbold of W. Germany will be responsible for conducting a number of experiments while orbiting the earth at 17,000 miles per hour. The purpose of conducting the experiments is to demonstrate the capability and value of the Spacelab to the scientific community.

Born in Strousbourg, PA, Maj. Lichtenberg attended Brown University where he was student group commander of the Air Force ROTC. After graduating cum laude with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, he entered the AF pilot training program where he graduated first in his class. Byron's 1st flying assignment was in SE Asia where he flew F-4 Phantoms on 138 combat missions earning 11 air medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

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Maj. Byron K. Lichtenberg

The Space Shuttle program made its final launch July 8th, 2011. This Airscoop, published Dec 1982 highlights Maj Byron Lichtenberg as being chosen for the Shuttle Program. Lichtenberg later flew in a Space Shuttle mission, March 24, 1992.

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