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Commander's Comments

Welcome to December UTA



Col. John J. Conoley III
136 AW Commander

Welcome to December drill! 'Tis the season to take time out of our busy work schedules and spend time with our families. Due to deployments, TDYs, and other trips, this is not always possible. But when we can, we need to take time to thank our families for their support. And speaking of our families, what did you think about our holiday party? Judging by the long line of children waiting to see Santa, I'd say it was a huge success. Of course, a successful holiday party doesn't just happen. Be sure to thank Laura Wedel, Heidi Bearden and the Family Readiness Group the next time you see them for putting on such a fantastic production - not to mention, they found a more right-sized elf than previous years to help Santa. A special "thanks" goes to the Fort Worth Air Power Council for helping fund the event.

The holiday season is also the season to reflect on how blessed we are and to remember those who are less fortunate. If you missed your opportunity to give to the Combined Federal Campaign, we also have Giving Trees throughout our buildings. This is a great way to ensure fellow unit

members have a cheerful Christmas this year. So, I ask the next time you see a Giving Tree, stop and take a look. You will find specific needs that you may be able to help with and make a meaningful difference in a child's life.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Brig. Gen. Kenneth Wisian, Commander, Texas Air National Guard presents a plaque to Congresswoman Kay Granger [R-TX-12] in appreciation for all the support she has given to the 136th Airlift Wing, here at NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Nov. 17, 2012. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Charles Hatton)



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Kindness brings **positive** support

Story by Airman Cody P. Witsaman
136th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NAS FORT WORTH JRB, Texas – The 136th Civil Engineers Squadron will be sending multiple members of their unit to serve over in Southwest Asia, but they do not look at this mission with a negative attitude, rather a positive one.

For CES, their mission is “base sustainment”, said Staff Sgt. Mark Gorton, a Civil Engineer. “We are in charge of everything from electrical to air conditioning units and runway repair to plumbing.”

CES keeps everything around the building in proper working order and keeps everyone in a comfortable and

work-friendly environment.

“Some of the major goals to accomplish during a deployment are helping the people from the region, ranging from food and clothing drives to providing a job on base for the locals,” said Gorton.

No matter what the mission is, service members should always show kindness in hopes for a positive and supportive response from the people living in the area, said Gorton.

The many tasks that CES has to perform can involve working in the brutal heat or in an air conditioned room but

“no matter where you go (during a deployment) you are going to have some bad days, but as long as you have a positive attitude the bad days will pass,” said Gorton.

A great opportunity that the armed services provides is the opportunity to meet other service members from across the nation during a deployment and some can become friends for life, said Gorton. “Each unit has its own coin and you can trade coins with the friends you meet during your deployment. Everyone wants to know what each other’s coin looks like.”

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Holiday Blues

Bring cheer to those far and near



by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert
136th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Emotional well-being is defined by Harvard Health Publications as a balance between physical and psychological states of being. When we have too much stress and anxiety we affect this delicate balance and ultimately our physical well-being suffers. This can manifest itself through such ailments as digestive disorders; sleep deprivation; lack of energy; and even more severe symptoms such as cardiac arrest.

Brenda Roland, a Licensed Professional Counselor with the 136th Medical Group, is an available resource who can help you with your emotional well-being during stressful times. Roland, the director of psychological health joined the Wing on August 2011 and has since counseled several members on ways to develop coping skills to alleviate stress and positively affect their psychological and physical well-being.

“During this time of the year (holiday

season), I have seen an increase in clients. ‘Holiday blues’ is caused by the stress of the ending year and uncertainties of the new year,” said Roland. “People tend to lose the balance between work and family life along with other life issues.”

Emotional health issues can often be brought on by strains of life issues especially during the holiday season when economical and financial hardships abound. Airmen from our Wing are no exception. Whether deployed or at home dealing with financial instability, for one reason or another causes stress and can be overwhelming.

“If you recognize a family member or fellow Airmen struggling, having mood swings or changes in habits, get them help. I’m here for our Wing members and available to counsel them,” said Roland. “I can help you with solutions for your temporary problem.”

If you feel overwhelmed and have the ‘holiday blues’, why not give Roland a

call? You can reach her at 817-852-3370 or she can be found in the 136th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aerial Port building. Remember that whatever you discuss is done so confidentially.

In order to help those in need the Wing is sponsoring a “Giving Tree” stationed at the front of most buildings throughout the Wing. All you have to do is to pick an ornament, purchase what is inscribed on the tag and deliver the present to Mrs. Heidi Bearden, Family Readiness Group coordinator. If your family has a need, please contact Bearden and let her know. All is done in confidentiality.

Let us help those who do not have with those who have plenty. Let us bring cheer to those far and near and not forget those who are deployed this time of the year. They too look forward to care packages from home.

Have a safe and joyous holiday, and a merry Christmas to all.



Members of the 136th Airlift Wing and their families enjoy the Children’s Holiday Celebration here at NAS Fort Worth JRB, Nov. 18, 2012. Santa was on hand to give every boy and girl a memorable gift. (National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Charles Hatton)

Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Kenneth Wisian, Commander, Texas Air National Guard hands the guidon to Col. John Conoley who officially accepted the Wing commander's position during the change of command ceremony held Nov. 17, 2012, here at the Wing. Col. Conoley has been the interim Wing commander for the past several months. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Charles Hatton)

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These friendships that arise and bonds that form can create a family atmosphere on base and in the field.

"CES has always been an awesome team; a real family-oriented team," said Gorton.

With the up and coming holidays that they will be missing, CES still wants to keep a positive outlook on their deployment.

"Even though we are leaving for Christmas, we are helping our brothers come home," said Master Sgt. Jeffery Cox, the 136 CE Horizontal Shop supervisor. "As we step off the plane, they step on it; we couldn't give a better gift to these guys, the gift of coming home."



The Spartan warriors

by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert
136th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

GLEN ROSE, Texas-- Ah-roo! Ah-roo! Ah-roo; chanted 300 Spartan warriors as they formed up at the starting line during last year's Spartan Race held at the Rough Creek Lodge and Resort, Dec. 3, 2011.

This year, Dec. 8, 2012, more than 5000 warriors will participate in a grueling foot race to test their determination, endurance and camaraderie. The race consists of 12 heats, one course, the 'beast', a 12-mile run with more than 24 obstacles filled with lots of mud.

Patrick Guyette, sponsorship director for the U.S. Spartan Race greeted the 136th Airlift Wing warriors, 20 of the finest lean, muscle-machine warriors. "This is the second time we will hold the

race here in the Dallas area. The response again was tremendous!"

The race's major sponsor for the second year is the Air National Guard and part of the proceeds will benefit Homes for our Troops. Master Sgt. Bobby Shepard, 136th Airlift Wing, recruiter, Texas Air National Guard will reward each warrior crossing the finish line with a commemorative souvenir for all to remember.

The average run for the 'beast' of the Spartan Race could last more than 6 hours per heat.

"The Spartan Race is all about getting people off their couch, getting people motivated; to get in good shape and living a healthy lifestyle," said Guyette.



Recipe for **holiday** cheer



Commentary (reprint 2011) by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert
136th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

In general, human beings aspire to do what is good. Doing good inspires people to give to those who are lacking. To those who are lacking, holiday cheer is a recipe that can transform even the bluest of hearts into a hopeful heart.

What is this holiday cheer made of you ask? The question is not 'what' but 'why' do we make holiday cheer.

When I was in high school my father decided to take our family on a road trip from Chicago to Texas. With enough food and money to last for a one-week round trip, eight people packed in a small Winnebago and we hit the road heading south.

We often stopped at highway rest stops for a picnic, to stretch our legs and have a chance to see the countryside. By day four we had seen America through the rest stops and met some interesting people.

At a particular rest stop somewhere between Texas and Oklahoma, we met a family consisting of mom, dad and six young children. The father was standing outside the men's room with a sign, "Please help, out of gas money, need to get home."

The man looked desperate as his children began to whine, complaining of hunger.

His wife held two babies, each crying for food. They were tired and hungry; stuck in a rest stop with no food or money.

My dad, called us all together. Following his instructions, we gathered all the food we had left for our final two days of the trip. Dad checked the gas tank to ensure we had a enough to last all the way home.

He then gave most of the money in his pocket - \$60 - and all our food to the family in need.

We headed back home after five days on the road.

That event left such an indelible impression upon me to this day.

Later, I asked my dad why he helped that family, since we didn't have much ourselves.

And he said, "Giving makes you feel good.

If we only gave from our surplus then it wasn't enough. A generous heart gives hope. We gave hope to that family this day."

We feel emotion with our hearts, our minds and our senses. To most people, doing bad gives them a troubled conscience or ill feelings. But doing good, gives them a clear conscience or a good feeling.

I remember that day when we gave all we had to a family in need; it was a feeling of satisfaction, like the warmth of the sun shining upon my face on a cold winter day.

So why do we need to make holiday cheer?

It soothes the soul and calms the troubled heart. It gives hope to the hopeless and joy to the lonely. It is said that it is better to give than to receive. Consider how you felt when you gave something that made someone happy or appreciative. It's a feeling that you will want to experience over and over again.

Therefore the main ingredient in this recipe is to make yourself happy first. To



For the past four years, members of the 136th Airlift Wing have supported the Snowball Express by giving time, talent and monetary donations for the children of fallen heroes. (National Guard photo by airman Cody Witsaman)

achieve happiness you must acquire a good feeling. Good feelings come from helping others in need, giving to those who are less fortunate, giving your time to be with a lonely person or perhaps just a friendly smile or a helping hand.

The next step once you achieved happiness is to spread it around so others can get a taste of it. They in turn will spread the holiday cheer to others. Before you know it, the air is filled with good will and you, once again, gave hope to the hopeless.

This holiday season, the best gift given is the gift from the heart. Making holiday cheer is inexpensive. It's not too complicated and is simple to attain. It gives us good feelings and happiness.

Give to those in need, be a friend to those who are lonely, smile to those who frown and most of all share your joy with those around you.

This completes the holiday cheer recipe. Enjoy and bon appetit (Have a good appetite).



Around the **Wing**



Retirement Tech. Sgt. **Craig Lifton**

When: Dec. 9, 2012
136th Airlift Wing Staff
Public Affairs Broadcaster



Promotion Lt. Col. **Marsha Krotky**

When: Nov. 18, 2012
136th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Commander



Promotion Lt. Col. **Josh Lewis**

When: Oct. 27, 2012
221st Combat Communications Squadron
Commander

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THE HAPPENING

This month was another busy month bringing smiles and joy to every girl and boy. The Snowball Express Train ride was a lot of fun and the Snowball Express event at DFW was a huge success. Children of the Wing family enjoyed the Holiday Celebration given by the Family Readiness Group. The highlight of the event was the visit from Santa. (National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert, Master Sgt. Charles Hatton and Airman Cody Witsaman)



THE HAPPENING

Since there was so much happening in November and December we decided to publish two pages of The Happening. (National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert, Master Sgt. Charles Hatton, Airman Cody Witsaman and Capt. Ladonna Singleton)



Outstanding **Airmen** of the year

*Airman of the Year
2012*

**Senior Airman
Joshua Long
136 LRS**

*NCO of the Year
2012*

**Staff Sgt.
Carolyn Tatum
136 LRS**

*SNCO of the Year
2012*

**Senior Master Sgt
Edward Walden
136 FSS**

*Honor Guard Member
2012*

**Tech. Sgt.
Olympia Williamson
136 LRS**

*Honor Guard Manager
2012*

**Staff Sgt.
Nathan Legler
136 LRS**

*First Sgt. of the Year
2012*

**Master Sgt.
Nora Castro
136 CES**

The Work Place

Airmen from the Wing are everywhere. Their work place ... wherever they showed up to do what they do best, representing the Texas Air National Guard with pride. (National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert, Master Sgt. Charles Hatton and Airman Cody Witsaman)





New year new goals

Never surrender... never give up

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Edward Walden
136th Force Support Squadron/Services Flight Superintendent

The month of December brings many things with it ... cold weather, holidays, family gatherings, and the end of the year. It is the end of the year that we will focus on in this article.

Did you set any fitness or health goals last January? Did you meet those goals? If so ... AWESOME ... GREAT JOB!!!!!! It is time to set new goals for the coming year. However, if you are like most people, you did not meet the goals that were set. Life, family, work, injuries, etc ... all get in the way of meeting those goals. What you need to do is figure out what were your obstacles and what you can do to overcome them. Once you've figured

this out it is time to set some new goals. January starts the new year and should be a great time to set new goals. What do you want to do; lose 10 pounds? Improve your fitness score by five points?

“If you are tired of starting over, stop giving up.”

Lose two inches around your waist? Run a 5k? Be able to do 50 pushups without stopping? The key to all of these is the “attainable” goal and a standard to meet. Yes, it is a good idea to eat healthier, but you cannot truly measure this goal. Set

a goal that you can achieve and know when you've achieved it.

One of the best ways to achieve these goals is to work with a partner. It is very easy to give up on yourself. It is much harder to let down your partner.

Take the time to enjoy the month of December and start putting some thought into what fitness and health goals you want to achieve starting in January. Remember these two mottos when you are facing your goals next year:

“If you are tired of starting over, stop giving up;” and “do something today that your future self will thank you for.”



Airmen from the 136th Airlift Wing striving for excellence during their annual fitness test, Nov. 17, 2012. (National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Patrick Chambers.)

Chaplain's Corner



Commentary by Chaplain (Major) Louis Ferguson
136th Airlift Wing Chaplain

Holidays can be stressful. If it's any comfort, just about everybody is juggling a lot right now, too.

Wasn't it so much easier when we were kids? I miss my childhood Christmases. I miss watching dad climb the ladder to hang the lights on our house. I miss Mom sitting in front of a huge stack of Christmas cards. I miss the sound of the mixer, and the sweet smell of the cookies my mom was baking in the kitchen. I miss running down the hall Christmas morning and seeing all those presents wrapped under the tree and waiting for me.

Hmm, maybe the thing I miss most about my childhood Christmases was the fact that I didn't have to do anything to get ready for Christmas! Now my wife and I are the ones climbing the ladder, decorating the house, mailing the cards, baking the cookies, braving the crammed parking lots and stores. Maybe the joy of Christmas got lost somewhere in all the

work we have to do to get ready for it.

But wouldn't it be nice to go back and enjoy Christmas once more the way we did when we were kids?

It's really possible, you know! I don't mean getting someone else to decorate, bake, shop and wrap for you. I mean stopping from time to time to sit back and let someone else prepare Christmas for you-or should I say, let someone else prepare you for Christmas.

Now that we are in full swing of this holiday season remember the words of Isaiah the prophet: even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:30-31a). OH YEAH! It's God who gives us the strength we need to continue. It is GOD who sustains us. We HOPE in the Lord for His will to be done.

What is HOPE? I picture hope as a person smiling on the inside. Probably worn out on the outside and ready to give up, but inside there is this deep

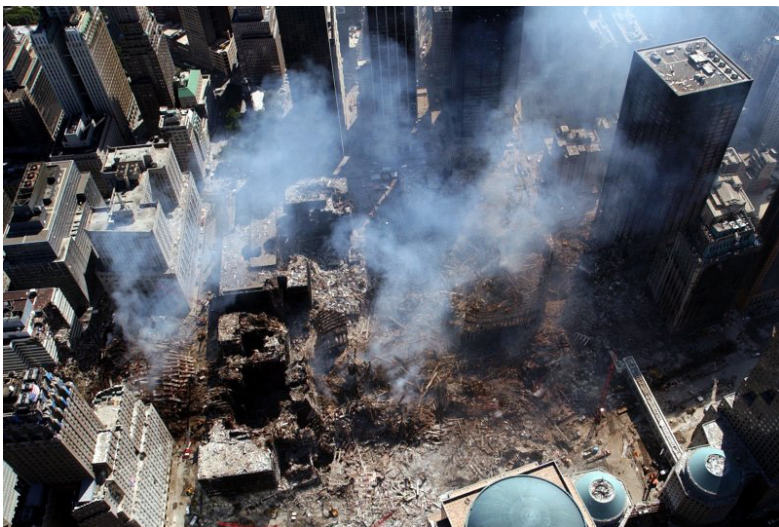
love and commitment to the One in whom we place all our trust. Maybe we are ready to call it quits, but we don't because inwardly we believe that God will finish the good work He started.

I ran across this quote the other day: "Many of the great achievements of this world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working." I suspect the same is true in most all of our lives.

So no matter who you are or what your situation is, hang in there. OH, and if you need MORE strength...remember the prescription is HOPE.



136th Airlift Wing members and their families smile as they celebrate the joy of the holiday season. (National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Charles Hatton and Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert)



Security, **community** team up with Eagle Eyes

By Kjersti MacKubbin
AFOSI agent, Det. 118

In the wake of 9/11 attacks the United States found that its enemies possessed the capability to carry out terrorist attacks on American soil with little regard for themselves. In response, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations established the Eagle Eyes program.

The program focuses on understanding that many acts of terrorism require careful planning and are often rehearsed in advance. By utilizing the entirety of its force, the Air Force is able to have “eyes” beyond its specialized units through Eagle Eyes.

People need to understand that there are far too many ways for someone to conduct surveillance or elicit information. Military members need to be aware of what to look for. The Eagle Eyes program has identified some specific areas that may be possible predictors of terrorist acts or malicious intent.

Information can be extracted in many seemingly harmless ways. Something as simple as taking photographs of the base or license plates can provide a tremendous amount of information if ran through certain databases. Names, addresses, social security numbers, names of relatives and even phone numbers

are among them if members of the base aren’t vigilant and willing to report suspicious incidents.

Elicitation of information pertaining to military operations, capabilities or people is another common indicator that military members should be cautious of. This can occur anywhere: the local supermarket, in a college class, at the gas station or on internet social networks such as Facebook or LinkedIn. In bars and nightclubs, intoxicated individuals sometimes forget what they can and cannot say. Those eliciting information know this, and may buy drinks to get the information they want.

Aside from making a point not to divulge sensitive information, service members must also be aware that there are other signs terrorist attacks may be about to occur that don’t directly affect them. Tests of the installations security, the acquiring of supplies, suspicious persons that seem out of place, dry runs and actual deployment of persons and assets to commit an act of terrorism are all things that should be immediately reported to Security Forces, Anti-Terrorism Office or AFOSI.

Basically, anything that doesn’t seem right should be reported to Security

Forces, Anti-Terrorism Office or AFOSI as soon as possible and they will determine what needs to be done. They would rather get the call and be able to talk to the person than attempt to track them down when the incident happened hours or days earlier.

The Eagle Eyes program requires a high level of cooperation between the military base and the community to be a successful one. Those that live and work in a community know those things that belong and don’t belong, so please report the latter!

For more information about the Eagle Eyes Program, contact Special Agent Kjersti MacKubbin at AFOSI Det 118, 782-7969 or Mr. James Pettus, 301 FW Anti-Terrorism Officer. To report any activities contact the Joint Police Department Law Enforcement Desk at 817-782-5200 which is open 24/7.

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136 AW Trafficking in Persons
Coordinator
ATO

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DoD PD LE Desk: 817-782-5200

Are you **pregnant?**

Are You Pregnant? Important Information for Your Pregnancy

Many factors affect the health of the unborn child. Exposure to these factors may lead to premature death of the fetus or birth defects. Adverse influences to the unborn child include smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, and a poor diet. Also, environmental factors such as excessive exercise/heat and lead or radiation exposure in the workplace may have detrimental effects on an unborn child. Infectious diseases such as German measles, food poisoning, and toxoplasmosis (from cat litter boxes and undercooked pork) may also damage the fetus.

The first three months of a pregnancy are the most sensitive to the above environmental and disease threats, because that is when the cells are multiplying the fastest and are most susceptible. This is the reason early education and profiling are so important at the earliest date of pregnancy detection.

When a member of the 136th AirWing realizes that she is pregnant, she is required to notify her supervisor and report to Public Health as soon as possible. It is important that she bring documentation of pregnancy from her private physician which includes the estimated date of delivery.

Any questions concerning your pregnancy or scheduling an appointment may be directed to the 136th Public Health Office at x3713.

Monthly or quarterly recurring statement for newsletter:

IAW ANGI 40-104 (Pregnancy of Air National Guard Personnel), a 136th AirWing member must report a confirmed pregnancy to her supervisor and Public Health at the earliest possible time to allow her unit to accurately report operational and readiness capability, and to assess the member's work environment for potential hazards. Each pregnancy must be verified with written confirmation from the member's primary OB provider and include the estimated date of delivery.



Wing Safety Snip-Its

You and your Wingman matter

by Maj. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward
Air Force Safety Center

11/19/2012 - KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. -- As we approach year-end, I invite every Airman...total force, civilian and Air Force contractor...to consider the extraordinary accomplishments of our Air Force over the last year. Together with the Joint Force, we've defended America's interests from every corner of the world, meeting incredible challenges with courage, commitment and innovation.

Today, our Air Force remains history's most capable and respected, and despite the inevitable uncertainty that lies in the future, there is no doubt we will continue to be the greatest fighting force on the planet for decades to come. This optimism comes from you, each and every Airman. As our most important and valuable resource, it is your energy, your strength and your resilience that will take our Air Force to the next level in terms of combat effectiveness, efficiency, and capability.

To be part of the solution, part of the answer...part of the future of the greatest Air Force in history, not only must you commit yourself to Integrity, Service, and Excellence, you must commit yourself to Safety as well. An operationally focused and fully combat capable unit, organized, trained and equipped to defend America, can be crippled by the loss of just one Airman. You and your wingman matter...a lot...and you owe your family and your country a commitment to value your safety and the safety of those around you, with the same intensity that you hold for our other core values.

I urge you to consider all that you've learned about risk management and use those lessons in your decision-making every day. Losing an Airman to a preventable accident is the most tragic thing any unit can endure. You know what to do....



Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward assumed the duties of Air Force Chief of Safety and commander of the Air Force Safety Center on Sept. 17.

make responsible choices and avoid a lapse in judgment that could jeopardize your safety or that of others, today, tomorrow, throughout the holidays and the New Year.

I wish you all happy holidays and a winter season filled with great memories.

Questions, Comments, Concerns? Contact the
136th Safety Office at 817-852-3210.



136th Airlift Wing Honor Guard

Are you a sharp Airman with deep devotion to duty and a strong sense of dedication?

Do you look forward to the challenge of leading Airman and representing all other serving your nation?

If so, then YOU are exactly the Airman that the 136th AW Honor Guard is looking for!!!

To Honor...with Dignity

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Honor Guard NCOIC:

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Please send all Honor Guard/ Color Guard Detail Requests to the Honor Guard Program Manager (MSgt Lisa Jeter) via email.



All smiles on board the Snowball Express Train as members of the 136th Airlift Wing and their families enjoy the special treat by BSNF, a railroad company who support military service-members. The members rode the train for one and a half hours through Fort Worth, with Santa visiting every boy and girl on board, Nov. 29, 2012 at the Fort Worth Stock Yard Station. (National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert)



Our Mission Are you...



The Mission of the 136th AW Honor Guard is to represent Airman to the local community.

The Vision of the 136th AW Honor Guard is to ensure a legacy of Airman who:

- **Promote the Mission**
- **Protect the Standards**
- **Perfect the Image**
- **Preserve the Heritage**

One who is selectively chosen to represent Airman serving in today's Air force. Through their precise drill movements, immaculate uniform appearance and attention to detail, you display the integrity, service and excellence expected of all Airman.

One who will be the face of the Air Force to Americans as you represent the Air Force and the Air National Guard in special events and performances throughout the Wing, local community, and the state of Texas.

One who is dedicated above all to serve the community with the utmost pride and respect.



Honor Guard Application



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Squadron/ Unit:	_____
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Daytime Phone number:	_____
E-mail Address (duty/ personal):	_____
Duty:	_____
Personal:	_____
Supervisor Name and Phone Number:	_____



Members of the 136th Airlift Wing and their families enjoy a special treat by BSNF, a railroad company who support military servicemembers. The servicemembers were invited to ride the Snowball Express Train. The train ride was more than one and a half hours through Fort Worth, with Santa visiting every boy and girl on board Nov. 29, 2012 at the Fort Worth Stock Yard Station. (National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Gilbert)

Administrative **action**

by Lt. Col. James Cattleman
136th Airlift Wing Executive Support Officer

The 136th Airlift Wing will be publicizing administrative actions throughout the entire Wing. For November/December the following actions were taken:

MSG

1. Five Letters of Reprimand (LORs) - Fitness Failure
2. Four LORs - GTC misuse/abuse
3. One LOR - Insubordination/Unprofessional Behavior

4. One Demotion - GTC Misuse/Abuse and Unprofessional Behavior
5. One Discharge - AWOL
6. One Discharge - CDC and Fitness Failure

OG

1. One LOR - GTC misuse/abuse

Misuse or abuse of the **GTC**

by Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Rodriguez
136th Comptroller Flight Superintendent

This time of the year we find our pockets a little shallower than usual. Though empty, we find innovative ways to spend the money we do not have, including illegal uses of our government travel card. A word to the wise, do not get tempted to misuse your GTC. If you misuse or abuse of your GTC, you may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action, as appropriate by your commander. Here are some of the examples of misuse of the GTC:

Government Travel Card Misuse/Abuse

(a) expenses related to personal, family or household purposes,

(b) cash withdrawals from ATMs or banks when not related to official Government travel requirements,

(c) intentional failure to pay undisputed charges in a timely manner, and

(d) ATM cash withdrawals taken more than three days prior to official Government travel.

For any questions regarding the proper use of your GTC contact your Unit agency program coordinator or call the 136th Comptroller Flight at 817-852-3250.

The 136th Airlift Wing is on Facebook!!

Visit the link below to "like" us...You don't even have to "friend" us to receive Wing updates for community events, discount tickets, free items such as sporting events, giveaways, special events, and photos of 136

AW Airmen in action. Stay tuned for inclement weather base closure information - now on Facebook.

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1A2X1 - (3) LOADMASTER
3E4X1 - (2) WATER/FUEL SYSTEMS
3D0X3 - CYBER SYSTEMS SURETY
3E2X1 - (2) PAVE/CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
1P0X1 (E-8/E9) - AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT
2T3X1 - VEHICLE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
2T2X1 - (2) AIR TRANSPORTATION
2A5X1 - (2) AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE
2A6X5 - (2) AIRCRAFT HYDRAULICS
1C7X1 - AIRFIELD MANAGEMENT
3M0X1 - (2) SERVICES
3N1X1 - REGIONAL BAND

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