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Ohio Air National Guard, Staff Sgt. Steven Popke an F-16 engine mechanic, selects a compressor blade to install in the core module of an F-16 jet engine at the 180th Fighter Wing, Toledo, Ohio Feb. 12, 2012. The 180th FW is taking part in testing biofuels for the Air Force as a means to reduce the dependency on traditional fuels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Amber Williams/Released)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

ALWAYS GO TO THE SOURCE TO FIND THE TRUTH

When any fighter pilot is asked how it is they find and engage their target, they will likely tell you to work "big-to-small." So, whether it is finding and engaging the one enemy aircraft in a vast expanse of sky that seeks to do your nation harm; or the specific point of bomb impact, eg. window, within a large hardened enemy headquarters complex. We work big-to-small to ensure we engage with precision to achieve the desired effects for mission success.

In this article, the enrichment of each fellow Stinger, rather than their destruction, is my target.

The desired effects for mission success are to go from big to small. That you approach *life, being a guardsman and our upcoming Compliance Inspection* differently than perhaps you would have before this reading.

Some practical advice that I will pass along, as none of this is originally my wisdom, is always go to the source to find the truth regarding *life, being a guardsman and our upcoming Compliance Inspection*.

Life. Your guiding principle for how you live your life should be your personal faith, whatever it may be. That faith should have doctrines or truths which are normally recorded in a book for historical preservation. I challenge you to read the book yourself and see what truths are revealed to you. Balance what others may say, what hundreds of multi-degreed commentators may write to sell books and even what you have been raised to believe with what you read and understand yourself. Only then, will you understand and be able to articulate why it is you believe what you say you believe, which makes it your personal faith.

Being a guardsman. The guiding principles for the Guard's, Army and Air – modern day Militia, *not the Reserves*, existence and



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purpose are found in the U.S. Constitution Article 1, Section 8. The following excerpts **in bold** with my commentary, in italics, are most relevant: **The Congress shall have Power To . . . :**

"To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years." *Genesis of the DoD Program Objective Memorandum budget cycle and original intent that Active Duty forces be sized appropriately, up or down, based on perceived threat and available treasury funds every two years.*

"To provide and maintain a Navy." *Impractical for the Militia or else we'd be doing that too.*

"To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces." *War Dept., then DoD.*

"To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union," *Mobilization Statutes 12302, 12304, 12301(a/b/d), "suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions."*

Homeland and abroad.

"To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States," *Why we are federally funded but in Title 32 state status to train primarily for our potential federal Title 10 missions, why we have MAJCOMs that are supposed to equip us, establish our governing directives and provide oversight via formal inspections, eg. AFIs, ORIs and CI, "reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress."* *Why we work for the Governor and the Adjutant General, have UTAs and control our own hiring and promotion but within federal guidelines eg. AFSCs, EPR/OPRs, fit testing. Why we are Ohio guardsmen until such time as we are activated as a unit or mobilized as an individual under one of the aforementioned mobilization statutes to be operationally controlled by a Combatant Commander.*

I challenge you to read the **bold** and see what truths are revealed to you. Balance what others may say, what commentators including myself may write, and even what you have been educated to believe, with what you read and understand it yourself. Only then, you will understand and be able to articulate what is constitutionally correct. Understanding these truths should help you identify and recognize political decisions that are inconsistent with the Constitution. Let the Constitution be your guide as you exercise your citizen duty of advocating to your elected representatives. What do you think? Should **Congress** use constitutional correctness, especially during dire fiscally constrained times, when re-sizing the force

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F-16s fly on biofuel

180th FW makes history



Two Ohio Air National Guard F-16CG aircraft sit on the flightline of the 180th Fighter Wing, Toledo, Ohio February 12, 2012. The two F-16CG fighter jets are testing biofuels for the Air Force to reduce dependency on traditional fuels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Amber Williams/Released)

by Master Sgt. Beth Holliker

180th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

What do you get when you combine renewable biofuel with conventional aircraft fuel sources? History in the making!

As the men and women of the 180th Fighter Wing continue leaning forward in the seamless integration of renewable energy sources at the operational level, they are also writing the pages for the history books of the Ohio Air National Guard.

Another page was added to the history books Feb. 12, when two of the wing's F-16s successfully transitioned from bio-fuel to traditional JP-8 jet engine fuel, then back to biofuel again during a Large Force Employment training sortie.

The two aircraft participating in the biofuel testing took off from the 180th Fighter Wing

fueled solely with the renewable fuel. As part of the approximately two hour training mission, the jets were required to perform aerial refueling maneuvers and top off their tanks by connecting to a KC-135 Stratotanker filled with conventional JP-8 jet fuel. After refueling was complete, the jets continued on with the training mission before landing back at the 180th to be refueled again with bio-fuel. The seamless transparency of alternating fuel types demonstrates how smooth the integration of alternative fuel sources can be.

"The evolutionary development of alternative fuels means that our nation will be able to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and ultimately move to renewable energy sources," said Col. Scott Reed, 180th Fighter Wing Maintenance

Group Commander.

"This is both a strategic imperative for our national security and a major step toward preserving our environment."

The 180th's positive experience with biofuel is a major part of the Air Force's effort to certify more than 40 aircraft models by 2015.

Since flying the first biofuel mission Jan. 10, the two F-16 fighter jets designated to test the eco-friendly fuel have flown a total of 39 flights and have used about 60,000 gallons of the 100,000 gallons of biofuel planned for this phase of testing.

For more information on check out the Airman Magazine story, [Ohio Airmen help F-16 go green.](#)

Symposium sparks career progression dialog

By Airman 1st Class William Winston

Public Affairs Specialist

A diverse group of Airmen from the 180th Fighter Wing gathered in the Operations Auditorium for the wing's first minority symposium during January drill. The title of the event was the Power to Create Your Own Destiny.

"In 2011, Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, the adjutant general for the Ohio National Guard, started an initiative for inclusion that was centered on the idea that regardless of race, religion or gender that everyone would be able to achieve whatever goals they would want to accomplish and to be effective for this mission," said Capt. Tiffany Pasker, the director of personnel at 180th FW and the organizer of the minority symposium.

Pasker added that the 180th FW leadership reviews statistics for promotion rates, professional military education awards and career progression. The statistics revealed to them that minority groups lag behind in these areas.

The minority symposium represented the wing leadership's support for an inclusive environment and their desire for all Stingers to be able to contribute to the success of the wing's mission.

Col. Steve Nordhaus, the 180th FW commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Troxel, the 180th command chief, made remarks at the start of the event that highlighted their desire for ideas on ways to improve the work environment and promoted their support.

Later, the command chief master sergeant of the OHANG, Chief Master Sgt. Tamera Phillips and Col. Florencio Marquez, the



**Command Chief Master Sgt.
Tamera Phillips**
Ohio State Command Chief Master Sgt.

commander of the 180th Medical Group, spoke to the group about key moments in their military careers that help them achieve some their goals.

"It was interesting to hear the point of views of the speakers," said Senior Airman Tyran Boyd, from the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron. "I could relate to the information that was delivered by the speakers."

Also Senior Airman Nasheka Maddan, from the 180th Headquarters, said that one of the biggest takeaways she got from the speakers was the importance of a positive attitude.

"It was great to have support all the way up to the state command chief and that she was able to come down to give her perspec-

tive about being in leadership," said Pasker. "It meant a lot to me that these speakers shared their support and time for this event."

At the end of the symposium, there was an open forum where the speakers and attendees shared reactions about the event. They tackled questions like, how should senior NCOs use their experience to mentor and engage junior servicemembers?

"The symposium was a good starting block," said Boyd. "I took away that if we apply the core values then everyone can apply themselves for the job and do it in the most professional way."

Pasker said the dialog that was started during the event was great. Furthermore, several of the Airmen stayed well past the duty day to continue their discussions.

Boyd added that the symposium had a positive impact on him, but he felt there was much more to discuss.

Pasker said that the group at the symposium can serve as a tool to help the wing leadership generate ideas on ways to address issues that impact minorities.

"We are trying to make the 180th FW the best ANG base which is Col. Nordhaus' vision," said Pasker.

"Looking toward the future, we want more participation from minorities here," said Pasker. "Also, we are looking for more leaders across the state to participate in future events that are focused on minorities."

The next minority symposium is scheduled for 1430 April 17 in the Ops Auditorium

OHANG celebrate Tuskegee Airmen

Servicemembers attend premiere of "Red Tails"

Photostory by Senior Airman Amber Williams
Public Affairs Photographer



A Tuskegee Airman autographs a poster for Tech. Sgt. Steve Chapa, a jet engine mechanic at the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard at the premiere of the "Red Tails" movie in Toledo, Ohio, January 19, 2012. Four of the original Tuskegee Airmen attended the early premiere of "Red Tails" with Ohio Air National Guard Airmen.



A Tuskegee Airman pins honorary Col. insignia on Toledo Mayor Michael P. Bell at the premiere of the "Red Tails" movie in Toledo, Ohio, January 19, 2012. Four of the original Tuskegee Airmen attended the early premiere of "Red Tails" with Ohio Air National Guard Airmen.



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Political participation: do's and don'ts

By Stephanie Heibertshausen, 1LT
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Ohio's Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, Mar. 6, 2012. The military wants you to participate in our democratic process – within limits. You are encouraged to vote, and may do so in uniform during the duty day, and promote and encourage other people to vote. Just as any other private citizen, you may express your personal opinions about political candidates and issues, join partisan or nonpartisan political clubs, attend meetings and sign petitions. You are also permitted to make personal donations to a candidate's campaign, political organizations or parties. Displaying political bumper stickers on your personal vehicle is also permitted.

With the exception of voting, however, your participation in these activities must be limited to times when you are not in uniform. If you are acting in an official capacity, you may not make public political speeches, serve in any official military capacity in partisan groups, participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions, or engage in fundraising activities. Further, any written political editorials must clearly state that the views expressed are those of the individual only and not the Department of Defense.

Do all of your Facebook friends know your favorite candidate? Be careful when discussing politics through social media. You may maintain a personal blog, but do not ask your readers to donate funds or use your official duty title or position to support a candidate. Airmen may not post a picture of themselves in uniform on a Facebook page that endorses a political

Don't be that guy!



Republican presidential candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, stands with Army Cpl. Jesse Thorsen during a rally on Tuesday in Ankeny, Iowa. The Pentagon said that Thorsen may face legal troubles for violating military rules barring service members from participating in partisan political rallies in uniform.

candidate or on a partisan political page.

The bottom line: Your views are yours, and yours alone. Do not express those views in such a way that others may perceive as being views of the military or views being expressed in your official military capacity. Any questions?

Contact the Legal Office for Assistance.

Public Health office provides safety information

Many of you know the Public Health office for the dreaded annual audiogram.

Did you know that in addition to Occupational Health we are also your resource for reproductive health, deployment medicine, community health, food facility inspections and ALFOODACTs?

Have you asked yourself what does ALFOODACTs mean? I'm sure all of you have seen that word in the subject line of an e-mail. ALFOODACTs are food recalls that PH is required to distribute to personnel to ensure the health and safety of our people, their families and our mission.

Thanks to the help of Public Affairs and Communications your PH office can now provide you with the most current food recalls without flooding your e-mail box.

The recalls can be located on the 180th FW Facebook page, and on the [MDG AF Portal page](#).

The PH office is continually looking for ways to improve our customer service. For individuals required to complete an annual Occupational Health Questionnaire, you will soon be able to access that form on the Portal, sign it electronically and email it to 180fw.mdg@ang.af.mil. Shops affected will be notified as soon as this is available.

To help us better protect our personnel, please ensure pregnancies of military members are reported to the PH office as soon as possible. Individuals will be scheduled for a briefing and paperwork with PH.

If you have any feedback or questions please contact the Public Health office at, 868-4286 or 868-4342.

Airmen receive Chuck Smith ESOH Award

The 180th Fighter Wing has been selected as the first recipients of the Chuck Smith Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Award.

The Chuck Smith ESOH award was created to honor the late Chuck Smith, who was the driving force behind the original ANG ECAMPs and was instrumental in creating what have become the AF ESOHCAMP protocols.

This award is unique because the 180th did not self-nominate, like the other ANG environmental awards. The recipient was selected by the ANG functions (environmental, safety, and occupational health) and the ESOHCAMP contractor to recognize the overall "healthiest" ESOH program based on the 35 units assessed during calendar year 2011 ESOHCAMPs.

The criteria for the award should include one or more of the following items:

- Implemented innovative tools or ideas (programmatic) as it relates to the ESOH program
- Reduced or eliminated E, S, or OH risks either at the shop or base level
- Identified and implemented new technology (equipment) to reduce ESOH risk)
- Made full use of existing parameters that made



Courtesy photo from the 180th ESOH

The 180th Fighter Wing has been selected as the first recipients of the Chuck Smith Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Award. The 180th ESOH team will receive the award next month at the AF ESOH Symposium in Denver, Colo. (Pictured left to right back row: Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski, Tech. Sgt. Joe Carter, Master Sgt. George Plasencio, Senior Master Sgt. Jim Dickman. Front row: Staff Sgt. Ben Laubender, Jennifer Lake, Tech. Sgt. Andrea Vollmer, Senior Master Sgt. Annie Menchaca-Bratton, SSgt Angela Delgado, Master Sgt. Ann McCormick, Col. Steve Nordhaus)

the ESOH process easier and more efficient

"It is a huge honor for us to be the first unit recognized; we will get the award during AF ESOH Symposium next month in Denver," said Lt. Col. William Antoszewski, 180th Fighter Wing Environmental Engineer.

Fitness: Making you a better warrior

by the 180th EFAC/Warrior Wellness

Our Air National Guard is ever evolving. We are deploying all around the world, and sometimes with little notice.

At one time deployments and TDY's were scheduled months in advance, we knew exactly how much time we had to prepare. We still get notice on many of our missions, however we owe it ourselves and to one another to be ready for our nation's call to duty anytime.

One of the things we can do to be prepared is meeting our physical fitness standards. The days of going out and running three weeks before our PT test are no longer effective! It is our responsibility and duty to

meet the Air Force fitness standards all year round.

Furthermore, the reality is that those who are able to meet, or exceed, the AF fitness standards are less likely to contract heart disease, diabetes or muscular skeletal problems. Thus, being a healthy service-member makes you a better warrior and it allows us to be more useful to our wing.

As we are promoted, it is also important to be a good example and mentor to Airmen that follow in our footsteps by meeting these fitness standards.

Whatever your career goals? You must first meet your fitness goals!

New 180th Airmen

Brianna Binkley, MSG
Andrew Hobbs, AMXS
Codey Kinemond, SVF
Colton Moore, AMXS
Brittany Plocek, OSF
Thomas Sodeman, MDG
Benjamin Thompson, LRS
Jason Westrup, LRS

Promotions

Lt. Col.:

Frank Dailey

Capt.:

Tiffany Pasker, FSS

1st Lt.:

Roy Poor III, FS
Janeen Przywiecki, MG

To Chief Master Sgt.:

Paul Martin, FW

To Tech. Sgt.:

Timothy Fiordaliso, FW
Timothy Kutz, FW

To Staff Sgt.:

Sarah Hinds, OSF

To Staff Sgt.:

Jacob Pettee, LRS
Trevor Thompson, MXS

To Senior Airman:

Corey Eubank, FSS
Kenneth Keil, MXS
Nicholas Neal, MXS
Joseph Pyle, SFS
Nathan Sears, MXS
Christie Smith, LRS
Seth Snyder, MXS
Barrett Trail, MXS

To Airman 1st Class:

Erin Brubaker, OG
Tyler Sloan, OG

To Airman:

Benjamin Phelps, MXS

Retirements

Tech. Sgt. Jason Gongwer, LRS
Master Sgt. Timothy Schnitker, CE
Chief Master Sgt. Richard Michalak, LRS

Cuts, Change and Consistency

By Chaplain (Capt.) Peter Drury

180th Fighter Wing Chaplin

In February alone, looming cuts and large-scale changes have been proposed by our Commander-in-Chief, Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force. We can't sort through what parts are drama and what parts will be real changes. Every year seems more uncertain than the last.

Many the proposed changes are way above our pay grade. So how should we respond?

Our values anchor us when changes come. Our Core Values are: Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do. No matter what happens around, above or below us, these values don't fail us or depreciate over time. They set us apart and define our character.

Someone said that Integrity is who you are when no one is looking. It's the inner, the real part of us that does not change with different situations.

Selfless service is a trait of heroes, great parents, supervisors and subordinates. When a whole team thinks this way, it's great!

Excellence in all we do, I love serving the 180th because we have men and women committed to being and bringing the very best to our work. It's an honor to be in the world's best Fighter Wing!

When you are around a downer doesn't it affect you? Therefore, before a drill weekend starts take a little time to lift your own mindset. Also, let's help each other and try to lift the attitude of your wingman. When life gets us down, and it does sometimes, let's look to the strength of others around us.

CDC 90% CLUB

Congratulations to the following individuals who passed their CDC end of course exam with a score of 90% or higher:

Name	CDC	Unit
Joseph Boyer	2A353N	MXAAA
Joshua Herriott	2A051N	MXMFS

CLEP TESTING COMPLETION

Congratulations to the following individuals who have successfully passed their respective CLEP exam. The CLEP exam results will be applied toward his CCAF (Community College of the Air Force) degree. For more information on obtaining a CCAF degree, please contact the Force Development Office (ext. 4175, 4182 or 4344).

Name	CLEP Exam	Unit
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Atherton	Human Resource Management	MXOOM
Senior Airman Matthew Sprockett	Principles of Public Speaking	OG

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which **provides for the common defense of the United States?** Think about it!

CI. I hope you have decided for yourself that a CI, while unpleasant, is constitutionally correct. Then you can view it as a choice part of the structure of our representative republic which we all take part in shaping and preserving. Viewing the CI as a choice should help us maintain positive attitudes as we prepare. We could not choose to change the CI in the next seven months so it is the 180th's next big event and high-

est priority. In the case of the CI, your truths are normally found in parent AFIs. Chapter one or two should contain a section entitled "Responsibilities" which applies to us Stingers, anywhere between the Wing and the individual.

I challenge you to read the parent AFIs yourself and see what truths are revealed to you. Balance word of mouth procedures, self-inspection checklists and even what you have been trained to think with what you read and understand yourself. Only then, will you understand and be able to articulate to the inspector general the details of your program. Beware of local-

ly developed, but often neglected, supplements and verify the parent AFI that directs a local supplement. The CI is a very black and white inspection, where command of the AFIs and the ability to exude a confident level of expertise to the IG are keys to success.

Lets always go to the source to find the truth regarding life, being a guardsman and our upcoming CI. Work big-to-small to ensure we engage with precision to achieve the desired effects for mission success. Lastly, I want each of you to know that I could not be more impressed with this organization and proud to be a Stinger.

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Inspector General Complaints Program

Don't let a minor complaint turn into a serious, unmanageable issue. The U.S. Air Force has a well established complaints program. You have the right to present a complaint without fear of reprisal and you can get fair help quickly when you communicate your complaints to the IG.

Seek resolution by using the following process:

- 1st - Talk to your immediate supervisor
- 2nd - Talk to your First Sergeant
- 3rd - Talk to your section, squadron and/or group commander
- 4th - Talk to your Inspector General

Not all matters are appropriate for the IG complaint system (AFI 90-301, table 2.5), but the IG will help in any way possible. Remember, the IG door is always open.

Air Force Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention and Detection Program

- Fraud:** Any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of value
Waste: The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Air Force funds or the consumption of Air Force property
Abuse: Intentional, wrongful or improper use of Air Force resources

Report suspected fraud, waste and abuse or mismanagement to:

- Your section, squadron and/or group commander
- 180th FW IG Hotline: Comm.: 419-868-4444, DSN: 580-4444
- AFRC Hotline: 800-223-1784, DSN: 497-1495
- AF Hotline: 800-538-8429, DSN: 425-1562
- DOD Hotline: 800-424-9098