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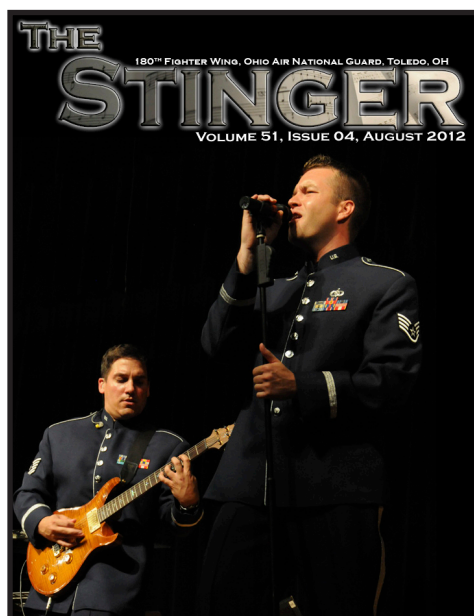
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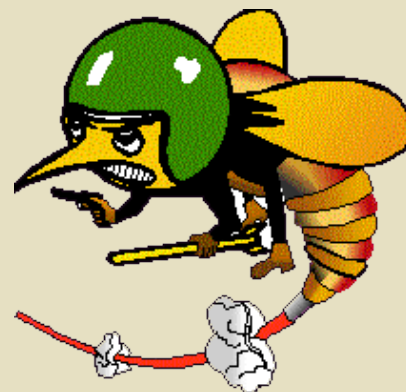
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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

## HOW TO SUCCEED DURING THE CI

When I was younger, I heard the phrase, "It doesn't matter how you play the game, as long as you win." If you have kids, you know that this is not a great analogy to give your kids, as it disregards everything we know about sportsmanship, teamwork and life in general. That phrase comes back to mind as I think about the upcoming Compliance Inspection the 180th Fighter Wing will undergo in October.

If you haven't been through a CI before, and many of you haven't, the CI is quite a bit different than the Operational Readiness Inspection, which we successfully completed in 2010. The ORI is a test of how we would theoretically survive and operate in war if necessary. While very important, the ORI tests our abilities in somewhat unlikely scenarios. The CI is designed to test how we handle our day-to-day operations and since the CI evaluates what we do every UTA, success on this inspection is very important. In the CI, it does matter how we play the game and that we win.

Since I cannot possibly explain to you what each individual duty section must do to win at the CI, I will discuss four areas that I feel are paramount to our success in October: Programs, Positive Attitudes, Professionalism and Pride.

**Programs:** The heart of what



Photo by: MSgt. Elizabeth Holliker

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Troxel,  
180th Fighter Wing Command Chief**

the Air Combat Command Inspector General will be looking at. The IG is tasked with evaluating us on how we conduct our daily activities, manage programs, adhere to standards and follow the published instructions to include Air Force Instructions, Technical Orders, Department of Defense Directives and Instructions, etc. What they are looking for is to ensure that we are meeting our state mission, "When called, we respond with ready units to execute federal, state, and community missions," and that we can

follow the rules and get our work done well.

**Positive Attitudes:** A major ingredient for success during the CI, will be having and maintaining the outstanding positive attitudes that you all have, especially when we have evaluators or guests here at the wing. The IG will challenge your thought processes, and question how you normally do things, but maintaining the great "we can get it done" attitudes that we have shown to the IG before, will get you through anything the IG may throw at you.

**Professionalism:** Along with a positive attitude, another key is military professionalism. This means treating the IG with the proper customs and courtesies you would with any guest. Stand up when the IG come into the room, call the room to attention when an officer enters, use proper rank, etc. All these things will ensure the IG sees us as "The best fighter wing in the world."

**Pride:** Be proud of what you do for your country. You are part of the less than 1% that defends the rest, and it is an honor and privilege to be part of a profession of arms.

Remember, with the CI, it does matter how you play the game. Thanks for all you do for America.

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## Need help reaching your fitness goal?

Feeling stuck in reaching your fitness goals? Wish you had some people to take the journey with you? Help you get over that hurdle? Feeling defeated? Struggling with the stresses that life can throw at you? Need a partner or two to help you fight the mental battles? The Stingers Running and Fitness Club can help.

The club, formed last year, isn't for avid fitness junkies, runners or bikers to do things together (although that certainly is a part of our focus), but for members of all experience levels to collaborate in maintaining or improving levels of fitness – through workouts, rides, runs, nutrition, etc.

We even have wing personnel interested in having workout time available on Saturday evenings during UTAs.

Interested in being a part of the group or being part of the planning? Your fellow Stingers need your help. If you would like to join with us on a journey to fitness, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Jeferey Light via e-mail or call 419-868-4172.

# ASK THE WING COMMANDER?

## ***Q. What motivates you to lead our wing?***

**A.** I love serving our country and others! It gives me great satisfaction to serve our country in many capacities: wing commander, fighter pilot and community member. Being the wing commander allows me to serve all 180th Airmen and their families. As a fighter pilot, like all of you, I serve our country by defending our homeland and our allies abroad. As an active member in our surrounding communities, I can better ensure that the 180th continues to be good stewards of taxpayer's dollars and contribute to the safety and quality of life of those communities. Sometimes I wish I could help others more and be more involved, but I too have to balance my job requirements, my family and my health, both physically and spiritually. By maintaining that balance, I can stay charged up and ready for each day and the challenges presented. My greatest motivation is making our wing better each day by supporting our incredible Airmen so they can accomplish their mission of protecting America.

Very Respectfully,

Col. Steven Nordhaus

180th Fighter Wing commander

***If you would like to submit a question to Col. Steve Nordhaus, 180th Fighter Wing commander, please email it to [180fw.pa@ang.af.mil](mailto:180fw.pa@ang.af.mil).***

## ***Q. What best prepared you for the challenges that you face as commander?***

**A.** Many things have prepared me for this position including, my family, my faith, my mentors and lifelong experiences in the Air Force and Air National Guard. If I had to name one though, it would be the United States Air Force Academy. In those four years, I developed the foundation of our core values, gained valuable leadership opportunities and built lasting relationships with many fellow Airmen, who still help me today. I learned that commanding starts with humble service to the Airmen under my command. I am here to support all of you, not the other way around. I learned the fortitude to make the tough decisions and to accept responsibility when I make mistakes. I forgive myself, learn and forge ahead to make better decisions next time. I learned that when things go great; it's because of our TEAM effort. In our business, our military is not an individual endeavor. All of you contribute to make us the great wing we are, to include, all our past Stingers.

If I had to name a close second though, it would be the many great senior enlisted Airmen who have guided and mentored me over my 22 year career. Thanks to all those Seniors and Chiefs in the AD and Air Guard! Proud to serve with you!

Col. Steven Nordhaus

180th Fighter Wing commander

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## HAVE 2-WAYS OUT!

***By Senior Airman Danny Lee***

178th Fire Fighter

We often exit through the same door that we entered whether we are at home, work or out in public places. This happens for several reasons, we are creatures of habit and it depends where one parks their car. Often times we don't even think about or look for another exit. Failure to identify other exits can be a serious mistake. Fires spread more quickly than we estimate leaving us with less time than expected to get out of dangers way. Always "have 2 ways out!"

This year's theme of Fire Prevention week is "Have 2- Ways Out." The intent is to explain the importance of pre-planning your escape routes in the event of a fire or other emergency. The general population has one reaction when they are in burning building...GET OUT AS FAST AS YOU CAN!!! Thoughts of panic set in, pandemonium breaks loose and everybody is looking for one escape...the front door.

But did it ever occur to people that they may have another way out? Only one-fourth of the general public may actually have developed and practiced using a fire escape plan for their home. One-third of the American households in a survey estimated that they would

have at least 6 minutes to escape before a fire became life threatening. In reality this time is often a smaller margin. It's time to stop guessing and start making the plan.

To initiate developing a fire escape plan create a blueprint map of your general areas. Following through with a checklist can ensure a safe and efficient escape from a fire as well. While mapping escape routes always be conscience of obstructions that may cause a hazard. For example, items that may block your doors and windows will impede you from escaping in the event of a fire. Educate on the fire escape plan so that it can be easily identified to all personnel. Implement a Designated safe meeting place outside and contact your local emergency authorities or 9-1-1. For more information on how to make a fire escape plan visit [www.nfpa.org/homeescape](http://www.nfpa.org/homeescape).

This year's Fire Prevention week topic of "Have 2-Ways Out" is a subject not to be taken lightly. Keep the community safe! Take the initiative to use these practices and save lives. Start taking action now before the fire catches you!

# THE FINAL NOTES HAVE BEEN PLAYED

555TH AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE GREAT LAKES DEACTIVATED AFTER 90 YEARS

**By Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker**  
180th FW Public Affairs

Celebrating 90 years of military musical heritage, the 555th Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes performed for the final time during an official deactivation ceremony July 7, 2012.

The band, commonly known as the Triple Nickel, went out on a high note Saturday, as they performed classical, jazz and rock favorites during the official deactivation ceremony at Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio.

National Guard officials an-

band became known as the 148th Infantry Band and joined forces with other military bands in Ohio to boost troop morale in the Pacific theater. Post-war, the original members of the 148th

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555th Superintendent**

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nounced in late 2011 that the 555th will officially be deactivated in 2013 as part of an Air Force decision to consolidate Air Force Bands across the country.

“I was very sad to hear the news,” said former band member Dale Schubert. “This is such a great organization and it’s unreal that these cuts are happening. Music is a part of every life.” Schubert played the tuba with the band from 1970-1979.

The band, appreciated throughout the Great Lakes region, dates back to 1923 when it was formed as the Army’s 148th Regiment Band. During WWII, the

Infantry Band sought out and received permission from the state of Ohio to stand up the 555th Air Force Band.

Later, the band’s area of responsibility grew to include Indiana,



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

Maj. Matthew Zelnik, commander of the 555th Air Force Band relinquishes command of the band to The Ohio National Guard Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Brig. Gen. Mark Bartman, during a deactivation ceremony at Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio July 7, 2012. The band, commonly called The Triple Nickel, performed for the final time during the deactivation ceremony. Dating back to 1923, the band is scheduled to be officially deactivated in 2013 after nearly a century of service as part of the Ohio Air National Guard.

Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia. In 2003 the band was officially renamed the 555th Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes in an effort to better reflect the increased areas of responsibility.

Former band superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Phil Smith explained the band members handled news of the deactivation very professionally. “Our plan is to go out with class,” Smith said. “We want the last memories of the 555th to be that we did our best until the end.”

Continuing, Smith explained that the 555th’s mission is important and unique. “We are in the people business,” said Smith. “We are in the business of building support for



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Carie Cufir of the 555th Air Force Band, tests her pitch with Saxophonist, Tech. Sgt. Brian Bigelow before a concert July 7, 2012. The 555th, commonly known as the Triple Nickel, dating back to 1923, is scheduled to be officially deactivated in 2013, performed its final concert after nearly a century of service to members of the Armed Forces and the nation.

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performance.



Photo by Senior Airman Amber Williams, Public Affairs

The 555th Air Force Band, also known as the Triple Nickel and Air National Band of the Great Lakes, performs their last concert at Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, July 7, 2012. The Triple Nickel band was deactivated after 90 years of service as part of the Ohio Air National Guard.

the military.”

Though the impact of the band cannot be translated into statistics or presented on a budget sheet, the overall reach of the 555th can be seen when a crowd is moved to tears, or when veterans of our Armed Forces rise and salute when their service song is played during “Armed Forces Salute,” as seen during this final

“It’s hard to put a tangible result on what we have accomplished over the years,” said Senior Master Sgt. Roselyn Smith, 555th superintendent. “Each of us knows that we have touched hearts and lives in a way that no government or politician can measure.”

Mr. James Payes, a trombonist and 41 year veteran of the 555th, remembers his first concert on the grass lawn outside of the courthouse in Grayling, Mich. “This band has done so well,” Payes explained. “I put my life into this band.”

For band alumni like Payes, the 555th wasn’t only a way of life, it was a family tradition. Enlisting

in the band in 1953, just two weeks out of high school Payes spent 30 years as the band 1st Sgt. and superintendent before retiring. Payes’ son also spent 33 years with the 555th.

Payes and many other retirees and alumni of the 555th shed tears as they joined current band members to close out the concert. Past and present, the entire band family pumped up the crowd as they played all-time favorite patriotic songs including “National Emblem”, “America the Beautiful”,

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“Armed Forces Salute” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Between now and the official deactivation date in 2013, some members of the 555th will plan for retirement. Others will look for other positions within the Air National Guard. Senior Master Sgt. Roselyn Smith will remain with the band to ensure all details and loose ends are completed, that personnel, instruments and equipment are taken care of. “I will be the one to close and lock the doors on the last day,” said Smith.

Though Smith couldn’t put this historical day into words, she did say, “When the last instrument gets sent away and we lock our doors for the final time, we will know that, right to the very end, we have exhibited the Air Force Core Values throughout. Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we have done.”



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# MAKING SUMMER A SEASON OF SUCCESS IN OHIO

**By David M. Thomas**

ASBP Blood Donor Recruiter, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio and 180th MDG

Summer means warm weather, no school, and vacation days. It is a great season for families but can be a poor season for blood donations. The many activities that are planned can distract and upset some of the most loyal donors' regular eight-week routine, challenging blood donor centers around the world to find ways to keep loyal donors on track and maybe even find some new ones. It isn't always an easy task, but every so often, luck strikes!

Summer is also the time of year that National Guard and military reserve units expand their schedules, travelling to active duty bases for more extensive annual training. For several weeks, they work with their active duty counterparts and will often take the opportunity to do something special while they are there.

The Wright-Patterson Medical Center respiratory department hosted several airmen from the 180th Fighter Wing, a guard unit out of Toledo, Ohio, who decided their special project would be blood donations to the Armed Services Blood Program.

Senior Airman Zachary Zedella, a cardiopulmonary technician with the 180th Medical Group, had already spent some time at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during his initial on-the-job training and proposed the idea.

"I first donated blood in high school," he said. "Since then I have donated over 20 times and at every base I have visited."

As the first of the group to donate, Zedella had a little competitive spirit in him and was seen smiling and bragging about how quickly he finished. "I've donated at Lackland, Sheppard and when I was here for phase two," he said. "You see the need when you work in the hospital environment, but I really knew I would take every opportunity to donate when one of my

## Blood Drive

August 22

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Backer Bldg.

Contact  
Master Sgt.  
Elizabeth Holliker  
419-868-4072 or  
elizabeth.holliker@  
ang.af.mil

\*Walk-ins are welcome.\*

family members received a transfusion."

Zedella's uncle had been in a serious car accident and had needed blood. "First I did it to get out of class, then to support the military; and now I can even put a face to it."

Joining Zedella at the blood drive was Staff Sgt. Matthew Gruse, another cardiopulmonary technician from the 180th Fighter Wing. "I too have been donating for quite a long time," said Gruse. "Initially in high school it was the group appeal. Everyone was coming back to class with a sticker. I wanted one, but later when I was with the Michigan Army National Guard, I donated blood and someone suggested I register for the marrow donor program and the real commitment started."

Gruse registered and was quickly matched up with a 35-year-old woman in need. "It was like win-

ning the lotto." Gruse said. "Sure it wasn't the same program, but I would not have known about the one without the other and I donated regularly after that, up until my last deployment."

It was a tour of the hospital that took the small group by the Wright-Patterson Blood Donor Center and a quick inquiry for them to find out that not only was there a need for blood but for the specific type that Zedella and Gruse shared. "It was almost like they were looking for us!" said Zedella.

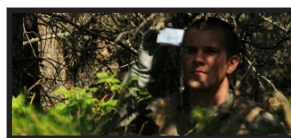
"I can't believe I didn't know about the Armed Services Blood Program," said Gruse. "It has actually been awhile since I last donated. I was unsure of my eligibility after my deployment. I think we should be educated on this when we return. I would have found a way to donate to the Armed Services Blood Program a lot sooner I think."

Although not everyone in the group was able to donate, like Senior Airman Megan Torres, the support from the 108th Fighter Wing was still amazing.

"I already knew I couldn't do [donate]," said Torres. "I tried while I was in training and found out being born on a military base in Europe in the eighties put me on the outside looking in." But that didn't stop her from showing up and supporting the others.

"We came here to enhance our training to support the mission and save lives," said Gruse. "And we are happy that we found an additional way to do it."

To find out more about the Armed Services Blood Program or to make an appointment, please visit us online: [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil). To interact with some of our staff, see more photos or to get the latest news, you can visit us here: [www.facebook.com/militaryblood](http://www.facebook.com/militaryblood), [www.flickr.com/militaryblood](http://www.flickr.com/militaryblood) or [www.twitter.com/militaryblood](http://www.twitter.com/militaryblood).



# 180TH PILOT COMBAT SURVIVAL TRAINING

**by Senior Airman Amber Williams**  
*Public Affairs Photographer*

112th Fighter Squadron F16 pilots participated in Combat Survival Training in the woods of the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich., June 26, 2012. The combat skills refresher training taught pilots how to use land navigation, camouflage techniques, and how to evade an enemy after a flight ejection.





# 180TH HONOR GUARD STEPS UP TO THE CHALLENGE

**By Capt. Brad Luring**  
*180th FW Budget Officer*

The 180th FW's newest honor guard members stepped up to the challenge and participated in an active duty funeral service over the Memorial Day weekend in Grand Rapids, Mich. after only four days of formal training. Eleven 180th members with no previous honor guard experience started training at the Alpena CRTC along with members from other bases on Monday, May 21st. The instructors, from Wright Patterson AFB had the challenge of teaching veteran, retiree, and active duty ceremonial funerals to 25 people in a four day span. The ceremonies all presented a different set of protocol which included unique facing movements, number of personnel and varied roles for the members involved.

Midweek, during the training, an active duty Air Force member died in Germany from a motorcycle accident. The funeral was held Friday, May 25th, and because of prior commitments the instructors from Wright Patterson had trouble assembling an experienced team to perform the funeral.

The opportunity was given to the newly trained class and they immediately accepted the challenge. For most of Thursday the team rehearsed the complex active duty funeral in detail. An active duty military

funeral requires the use of 20 honor guard personnel which includes an eight member rifle team, a seven member pallbearer team, a four member color team and a bugler. The entire funeral ceremony is based on timing and detailed execution.

Six 180th members had the duties of pall bearing, folding the flag and ultimately being the center of attention as the casket was the main focal point. These members included Tech. Sgt. Ken Caldwell, Airman 1st Class Brent Centers, Senior Airman Nathan Cousino, Senior Airman Jessica Davis, Senior Airman Donald Hallett, and Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Bauer-Ball.

The newly trained honor guard class left Alpena at 3:30 a.m. on Friday morning to caravan the 250 mile trek to Grand Rapids, Mich. The funeral for the young Airman was heavily attended. A full cadre of the military supporting motorcycle group, "Rolling Thunder," attended as well. The honor guard team waited patiently for the eulogy to finish and then performed the ceremony flawlessly. The instructors personally praised the members of the 180th and said that it was one of the best teams they have seen to date.

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## BEFORE YOU GO

### U.S. CITIZENS ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL IN STEP BEFORE TRAVELING ABROAD

The Department of State encourages U.S. citizens living overseas or planning to travel abroad to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). When you enroll in STEP, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. Enrolling will also make it easier for the Embassy to contact you in the event of an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date; it is particularly important when you enroll or update your information to include a current phone number and e-mail address.

U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. For additional information, please refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad".

U.S. government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. These facilities may temporarily close or periodically suspend public services to assess their security posture. In those instances, U.S. embassies and consulates will make every effort to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens. U.S.

citizens abroad are urged to monitor the local news and maintain contact with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

As the Department of State continues to develop information on potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas, it shares credible threat information through its Consular Information Program documents, including Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, Country Specific Information, and Emergency Messages, all of which are available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website at <http://travel.state.gov/>. Stay up to date by bookmarking our website or downloading our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

# HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 68TH NETWORK WARFARE SQUADRON?

**By Master Sgt. Norman Drzewiecki**

*180th Communications Flight*

Have you heard of the 68th Network Warfare Squadron? If not, you might want to become familiar with them. This new organization, located at Lackland AFB, TX has been charged with monitoring all af.mil domains and networks. Their programs scan the network for all OUTGOING and INCOMING traffic.

What do they look for? It is simple. They are looking for information which is not supposed to be sent across the network. To date most everything caught has been members sending User Names and Passwords to various systems.

When did this start? There was no notice this was going to happen and it was a surprise to us when emails started coming into the Air National Guard Bureau about ANG members.

Within the week, six ANG units have been flagged for sending user names and passwords. One member sent their user name and password from their "home domain" to the ang.af.mil domain. This particular incident has thus led to a classified message incident and a Security Incident because one of the accounts was to a classified system.

All personnel need to be briefed. Your Communications folks may not be aware of this yet. We are working through the Communications Directorate (A6) channels at the NGB to ensure word gets out through the ANG community. Everyone needs to be reminded to protect their information and also be reminded use of the gov-

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## Political participation: do's and don'ts

**By Stephanie Heibertshausen, 1LT**

*Assistant Judge Advocate*

Ohio's Presidential Primary Election is in November. 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

**Don't be that guy!**



Justin Sullivan / Getty Images

**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.**

political 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.

## NEW 180TH AIRMEN

Jacob Adams, CE	Cody Gorsuch, MXS
Darlene Anderson, SFS	Jeffrey Manning, MXS
Cole Brossia, AMXS	Justin Mattoni, AMXS
Aaron Corns, SFS	Sean Murphy, MXS
Kathryn Dobbs, MDG	Tyler Roberts, CE
Dennis Douglass, AMXS	Brandon Rogier, AMXS
Derek Duschl, AMXS	Gregory Sprow, AMXS
Jakob Elling, AMXS	Anthony Vance, MXS
Austin Engfer, AMXS	Samuel Weisenburger, AMXS

## RETIREMENTS

Lt. Col. Christy Rowzee, FSS  
 Maj. Kelly Connell, FS  
 Master Sgt. Phillip Miller, MXAAV  
 Master Sgt. John Pohlman, SFS  
 Tech. Sgt. Shawn Glass, SG  
 Tech. Sgt. Anthony Smith, SFS

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## 180TH COLLEGE GRADUATES

<b>Staff Sgt. Richard Hitch</b> Bachelor of Criminal Justice	Aug 2011
<b>Staff Sgt. Anthony Mollison</b> Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology	May 2012
<b>Senior Airman Joseph Shinaver</b> Bachelor of Business Administration	May 2012

Bring in a copy of your transcripts and earn an hour off your UTA day and recognition in the Stinger! Col. Nordhaus has authorized an early release if you bring in a copy of your transcript or diploma to the BETM office and provide your supervisor a copy of your updated RIP. It does not have to be an official transcript for the time off, though official transcripts are still needed for a CCAF audit.

Please contact Command Chief Tracy Troxel at 419-868-4207 with any questions.

## CDC 90% CLUB

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>CDC</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Capt. Curtis Voltz	SOS PME 20C	FS

## CLEP TESTING COMPLETION

Congratulations to the following individuals who have successfully passed their respective CLEP exam. The CLEP exam results will be applied toward their 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).

<b>Name</b>	<b>CLEP Exam</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Lipper	DSST Principles of Public Speaking	MSC