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The restoration of the miniature F-16 showcased the work ethic of the 180th Fabrication shop and the pride of the Airmen at the 180th FW. (Photo by Senior Airman William Winston, Public Affairs)



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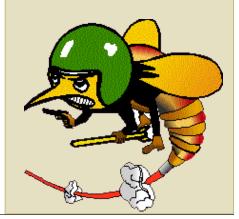
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS ARE YOU FISCALLY FIT?

Are you physically fit? We hear it every year and we see Airmen deal with it every month. It is a duty and responsibility each one of us in uniform are expected to achieve and maintain throughout our career. Are you fiscally fit? Do not confuse being physically fit with being fiscally Fit. Being fiscally fit is also a duty and responsibility for all Airmen as outlined in Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards. If you haven't seen the latest copy of AFI 1-1, it is located on our website: http://www.180fw. ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120820-005.pdf. I encourage you to read up.

Most importantly we are all expected to, and we should all want to, review our Leave and Earnings Statements on a regular basis to ensure the accuracy of our pay and allowances. With our leave and earnings statements no longer sent to us through the United States Postal Service, we often don't think of going out to www.myPay.gov to review our electronic LES. Most of us know that after we perform any duty such as annual training or a Unit Training Assembly, we can expect a deposit in the bank within 10-14 days.

It is also important to know that the LES has changed over the past few years and contains a lot of useful information. Most often, vou can get answers to many of your questions by just reading the bottom section. Information regarding your pay isn't the only thing you will find, as the statements now include your pay date, estimated time of separation and grade. You will notice that in addition to the pay date, and ETS, the LES includes your current Basic Allowance for Quarter status. If you are a member with dependents, you should notice "W Dep" on your statement. If you do not, you need to provide your marriage certificate if married, child birth certificate or court



Lt. Col. Robert Michalak 180th Comptroller Flight Commander

award and get it to the Comptroller's Office immediately to start receiving the correct pay. Every three years, you need to revalidate this entitlement by filling out a new form to ensure accuracy of your pay. Other documentation isn't required, unless there is a change to your status.

Be sure to review the section of your LES outlining the dates you are getting paid for. Most of us skim right over this and call the comptroller's office, or finance, instead. Defense Finance and Accounting Service will not generate any pay or leave and earnings statements without an explanation in the bottom section of the form. If a debt posts, it will be listed. If an adjustment to pay posts, the explanation will be detailed.

As you follow AFI 1-1 and review this regularly, you will become an expert on reading and understanding your leave and earnings statement! Should you notice other incorrect information on your LES, visit the Force Support Squadron to correct the errors.

Secondly, AFI 1-1 requires

all Airmen to file vouchers on a timely basis. Have you ever been on the "Report to Finance" or "Outstanding Order" report? If you have, then you may not be doing your duty as an Airman to file your voucher on a timely basis. The Joint Federal Travel Regulations state vouchers are to be submitted within five days of end-of-duty. This should be easily attainable by a full-time employee. Drill Status Guardsmen are given until the next UTA to complete vouchers. With access to the Defense Travel System available from home via a CAC reader, completing within the five days shouldn't be a problem for anyone.

DTS can be a great system if given the chance. Anyone that travels can actually prepare their own Authorization at home and can make their airline, hotel, and car arrangements right in DTS. You have the power in your own hand to choose! Back to filing timely. To help improve our timeliness, Col. Nordhaus has recently charged supervisors and members to ensure that the all vouchers and pay statements are filed before departing for home on the last duty day. In general, as an Airman, you need to know that you don't get paid without showing up for duty and completing some paperwork saying you did just that!

Lastly, the AFI 1-1 states that we must use the Government Travel Card for authorized purchases only. Each member needs to be aware that there are some strict administrative and disciplinary actions that will be imposed if rules of use or repayment of balances is not followed. Each member was required to take a training course and test about rules of GTC in order to receive the card. In addition, refresher training of the GTC rules gets done every three years.

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Airman breathes life into mini F-16 at OPS

Senior Airman William Winston 180th Public Affairs

The first week of October 180th Fighter Wing Airmen remounted a miniature F-16 to its static display outside 180th FW Operations building to mark the completion of a three-month restoration project.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Goulette, a member of the 180th Fabrication shop, led the efforts for refurbishing the once weather-damaged, miniature plane.

"This project was stacked on top of the day-to-day routine aircraft maintenance that needed to be done, and the Unit Compliance Inspection preparation," said Goulette. "I used my extra time to fix the mini F-16 because I wanted the wing to be proud of it."

The restoration of the miniature F-16 showcased the work ethic of the 180th Fabrication shop and the pride of the Airmen at the 180th FW.

"This project was started because some members of my team noticed that the mini F-16 had not been taken care during the last couple of years," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Brubaker, 180th Equipment Maintenance Flight superintendent. "It was in really bad shape so we got it to Sgt. Goulette to see if he could fix it."

Goulette said that prepping the mini F-16 was very challenging because there was so much damage to the plane's body. He primed the damaged areas of the plane's fiberglass body multiple times in an effort to fix defects caused by the elements.

"It took approximately two months to do the body work alone," said Goulette.

When he started the painting phase, Goulette said, he sought the help of Senior Master Sgt. Michael Bratton, 180th Fabrication Element superintendent, to get the correct information on the plane decals. His goal was to make the miniature plane a replica of the of-



Photo by Senior Airman William Winston

Tech. Sgt. Michael Goulette, a structural repair specialist with the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, with the F-16 static display in front of the 180th Fighter Wing Operations building.

ficial 180th F-16 aircraft, with full color tail flash. Also, Master Sgt. Jan LaPoint, 180th Structural Repair superintendent, helped him get the color scheme right.

Goulette explained that he took the initiative to scale the miniature jet with an actual F-16. It is approximately one fifth the size of a normal sized F-16 and this information helped him correctly size the plane's decals, as well as other details of the paint job.

Brubaker said several commanders and chiefs around the 180th FW were impressed with the amount of detail of the miniature iet

"I did a lot of work on the mini F-16, but it was definitely a wing effort to complete this task," said Goulette.

"This project was a really good reflection of the work those guys do at the fabrication shop," said Brubaker. "Also, it showed the pride that Goulette has in his job and his in his unit."

"I think this plane makes the area in front of the Operations building look nicer, but even more important it symbolizes who we are and what we do here," said Goulette.

WELCOME BACK!

180TH FIGHTER WING SELECTS NEW VICE WING COMMANDER

The 180th Fighter Wing is pleased to welcome back Col. Lindsey Whitehead as the newest Vice Wing Commander. Whitehead, was formerly the Deputy Maintenance Group Commander with the 180th before transferring to the 179th Airlift Wing as the Maintenance Group Commander. He then transitioned into the position of Mission Support Group Commander, also with the 179th AW, and will begin his new role as the 180th FW Vice Commander July 1, 2013.

Enlisting in the Air National Guard in 1976 as a supply management specialist with the 180th FW, Whitehead pursued his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toledo, graduating in 1984, before earning his commission from the Academy of Military Science in 1985. After earning

his commission, Whitehead took a Supply Officer position with the 179th Airlift Wing, followed by the position of Deputy Mission Support Group Commander, before returning to the 180th Fighter Wing as the Executive Support Officer in 1990.

While at the 180th, Whitehead was committed to gaining a greater understanding of the wing and its missions, holding positions in both the Logistics Readiness Squadron and the Maintenance Group until he was selected as the Maintenance Group Commander for the 179th in 2009.

His experience, leadership and devotion to Airmen is exceptional and will serve the 180th well. Please be sure to welcome him when you see him around the wing this summer.



Courtesy photo from the `179th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Col. Lindsey Whitehead

New Veteran's ID

The Lucas County Veterans Service Commission has rolled out a new Veteran ID Card. This ID is available to all veterans (Active Duty, Guard and Reserve) who have a military ID or proof of military service (DD Forms 215 or 215). The ID has been approved by the Secretary of the State as an official ID, at no cost to veterans, and can be used as a second form of official identification. Current military members are also eligible to receive this ID, based on proof of service and current military ID.

Many stores, restaurants and hotels offering military discounts will accept this Veterans ID Card. Though, please keep in mind this card does not guarantee VA benefits. If interested in obtaining a Veterans ID Card, visit:



This is an sample of the new veteran's id card.

Lucas County Veterans Service Commission 1301 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio 419-213-6090

Hours for processing ID cards are: 9 a.m. -11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Also, proof of military service and valid picture ID required. Parking is free across from the 13th street entrance in the Owens College parking lot.

NGAUS appoints a new voice to Capitol Hill



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik, Ohio National Guard

Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general, welcomes home Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in October 2012 after the unit's yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. Last September, Ashenhurst was sworn in as the vice chair for Army of the National Guard Association of the United States, becoming only the second female to hold the position. NGAUS is the nation's oldest military association lobbying solely for the benefit of the National Guard and educating the public about the Guard's role and history in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik

ONG Public Affairs

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The National Guard Association of the United States might have appointed a new vice chair for Army to its board of directors, but one thing that won't change is the association's dedicated support to Army and Air National Guard members by working to provide them the resources needed to successfully complete their missions.

Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general, was sworn in as the new vice chair for Army Sept. 12, 2012, at the annual NGAUS conference, held last year in Reno, Nev., becoming only the second female to hold the position

As vice chair for Army, she represents the Army National Guard component of the association, and is responsible for updating the board of directors with the latest issues concerning the budget, equipment and training that affect National Guard Soldiers in all 50 states and four U.S. territories.

NGAUS is the nation's oldest military association lobbying solely for the benefit of the National Guard and educating the public about the Guard's role and history in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Maj. Gen. Steve Danner, Missouri adjutant general and current NGAUS chairman of the board, said he has a great deal of respect for Ashenhurst and thinks she'll be a wonderful asset for the Guard in the coming years.

"It's important to have someone who not only is knowledgeable of the business that we are about as adjutants general in our own states, but has that broader knowledge of the United States and has the capability to communicate that knowledge to the board," Danner said. "These qualities prove to be invaluable right now, in our efforts to lobby Congress on specific issues affecting the National Guard."

NGAUS worked regularly with congressional leaders on how the National Guard could help reduce budget costs that coincided with the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, the underlying legislation by which the National Guard operates, which was signed by President Barack Obama at the beginning of this year.

Danner said that as far as costs go, he believes the National Guard is America's best value.

"We provide a professional military force at less than one-third of the cost per person as the active component. For taxpayers, you get more for a lot less with the Guard. We have a tradition in America of being a militia nation. It's a tradition of a small standing Army that is there at the tip of the spear to meet immediate needs," Danner said. "I think now that we are getting to times of budgetary constraints and so forth, that America again will look back to its roots and see that we really are engrained in a militia nation and I think that's what we'll return to in these coming vears."

Moving forward, Ashenhurst said she envisions the National Guard playing a dynamic role as the active-duty components are required to downsize.

"I see us being the receivers," Ashenhurst said. "We hate to lose that talent and experience of those who have to leave the activeduty component because of cost cuts. What we see is the ability for them to transfer into the National Guard so that we maintain that experience and develop an even stronger Guard."

For more information on the National Guard Association of the United States, go to www.ngaus. org.

"Hanging up the Gear" one last time

Master Sgt. John Gibson

180th Operations Support Squadron

After 41 ½ years of unwavering dedication and service to the 180th Fighter Wing, Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Hartzell is finally retiring. For those of us who know Hartzell, he is the guard at the front gate with the warm smile on his face and the friendly "hello".

For those of you who do not know Ronnie, as he prefers to be called, you are truly missing out. Hartzell officially retired on December 21, 2012.

Tech. Sgt. Hartzell enlisted into the Ohio Air National Guard Jun. 28, 1971. Hartzell was the very first Drill Status Guardsman to enter into what was then, the Protective Equipment Shop. The Protective Equipment Shop was part of the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and the type of aircraft sitting out on the ramp was the F-84. This means that Hartzell has seen the unit transition through a total of four aircraft; the F-84, the F-100, the A-7, and lastly the F-16.

The base commander at the time Hartzell enlisted was Col. Charlie Bell. That means if my math is correct, Hartzell has been through a total of nine wing commanders.

Hartzell has seen a lot of change in his shop, which is now known



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Hartzell, 180th Fighter Wing Aircrew Flight Equipment Shop, received his retirement certificate from Lt. Col. Timothy Moses, Operations Flight Commander. Tech. Sgt. Hartzell retired from the 180th FW after 41 1/2 years of service December 21, 2012.

as the Aircrew Flight Equipment Shop. Hartzell has always given so much of himself to make the shop better, and its members more like a family. Ronnie is the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back. He would also be the first one to ask "what needs to be done", and then do it... no questions asked. Service before self has always been

Hartzell's mode of operation.

Thanks "old friend" for all of your years, time and sacrifices. We are eternally grateful. I doubt that we will ever see another member surpass your time here at the 180th. Good Luck, Godspeed, and "Thank You" from all of us in the Operations Group; and the entire 180th Fighter Wing.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The U.S. Postal Service 2013 Rosa Parks (Forever®) stamp honors the life of this extraordinary American activist who became an iconic figure in the civil rights movement. In 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks courageously refused to give up her seat on a municipal bus to a white man, defying the discriminatory laws of the time.

The stamp art, a gouache painting on illustration board, is a portrait of Parks emphasizing her quiet strength. A 1950s photograph served as the basis for the stamp portrait.

The stamp honoring Rosa Parks is one of three stamps in the civil rights set celebrating freedom, courage, and equality being issued in 2013.

Artist Thomas Blackshear II created an original painting for the stamp, which was designed by art director Derry Noyes. (Courtesy of the United States Postal Service)



Message from Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

Yesterday I was appointed as your 17th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. It was an incredible day, and as we begin this journey with you I wanted to send a quick note to let you know a little bit more about me.

First and foremost, I could not be any prouder of the men and women in our United States Air Force and their families. Thank you for your service. Our Air Force consists of 690,000 diverse, highly skilled, dedicated and brilliant people, and none is more important than another. We must all work together as a team to produce unbeatable airpower for our Nation.

As General Welsh has said, every one of us has a story. Mine revolves around the Air Force. I am proud to have been an Airman for just over 28 years now. I married an Airman; Athena is a retired CMSgt, and our son is an Airman. We understand the sacrifices you make and the challenges you face, this is family business.

Coming out of AETC, I have a pretty clear view of how we train and educate Airmen. I believe education and training are the foundation of our airpower advantage and must be protected. This will be one of my focus areas. Education and training, along with experience, are the keys to the deliberate development of Airmen that will ensure the continued success of our Air Force today and into the future. I expect us to continue focusing on all three of these things.

We cannot have airpower without Airmen. We rely on Airmen to accomplish our missions. I think it's critical that we make sure you have the resources you need to do your job. Our programs and services should meet the needs of our Airmen and their families. This will be another of my focus areas.

While we're doing all this, we also need to strike an appropriate work/life balance. Our Nation demands a lot from its Airmen, and that is not likely to change, but if we can eliminate unnecessary additional duties and find ways to use technology to give us some time back, I think we should do that. On top of that, our workplaces must be safe and productive environments where innovative Airmen can function at their best. This will be another of my focus areas.

From the pioneering spirit of CMSAF Paul Airey to the bold leadership of CMSAF Jim Roy, our force has prospered from a long line of brilliant and visionary Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force. It is my mission to continue that legacy in the best way I can.

It's most important to me that you know Athena and I will be working with you, your family, your development, and your mission in mind.

Thank you for your service to our Nation,

JAMES A. CODY CMSAF, USAF 17th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SEND THEIR THANKS!

by Maj. Katherine Cherolis

180th Public Affairs

Part of the 180th Fighter Wing mission is to be good stewards in our communities. The 180th continues to show how committed they are to their communities, with contributions to the Seagate Food Bank and a partnership with the American in Red Cross.

In 2012, 180th members donated 4,917 pounds of food, as well as, \$6,909.50, to the Seagate Food Bank of Northwest Ohio. The money was used to purchase fresh veggies, meats and dairy at discount prices. All the food collected and purchased was distributed through their partner network at no cost. It is the biggest collection vear on record.

In a thank you letter from Seagate, Deborah A. Vas, Executive Director of the Seagate Food Bank of NW Ohio, said, Seagate can't change the world, but I am proud to say we make a small difference in our community. That "difference" would not be attainable without the generosity and compassion of the 180th Fighter Wing.

"Toledo Seagate Food Bank appreciates and commends the 180th Fighter Wing on keeping our Country safe and also their care and compassion for our local community," said Vas.

Master Sgt. Dave Harrison, a member of the Communications Flight, who helps collected money and food donations at the gate, is completely astonished at the generosity of the 180th members. "Being a part of this collection and being able to see how much we truly contribute back to the community and how giving the 180th folks are makes me even more proud to say I am a member."

Members not only donated food and money but also their blood. The 180th host three blood drives each year on base. Since 2009, 310 members have contributed 1,149 units of blood to the American Red Cross.

"The partnership between the Red Cross and the 180th is one that has become very solid over the years. When the 180th commits to doing a blood drive, we know that drive will do well and we can be sure those units will be there for hospital

patients the next day," said Kerri Rochelle, American Red Cross Senior Donor Recruitment Representative.

Each year 180th members continue to set the bar higher with



Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Managhan, Aircrew Flight Equipment Superintendent, with the 180th Fighter Wing, donates blood for the first time in his 26 years in the Air Force at an American Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the 180th FW, Jan. 29, 2013. The 180th FW hosts blood drives three times a year in support of our local communities. The wing collects an average of 30-40 units of blood each drive.

> their commitment to the surrounding communities. Members show that their core values of integrity in all we do, service before self and excellence in all we, not only applies to the ANG, but to those outside of the Guard.

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By signing the Statement of Understanding, you are acknowledging that you understand the rules for use and the terms of payment.

As uniformed members, it is our duty to stay fit... both physically and fiscally. Both are equally important. Always read your leave and earnings statements, pay your bill completely off when you receive it and know that you always have to turn in something to get paid. It is your pay, take care of it yourself and never assume it will be taken care of for you.

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/PME Unit Master Sgt. Bruce Hedrick PME SNCOA 14D FW Senior Airman Derek Kasper DC 10027W **CES**

ENLISTMENTS

Nicholas Benson, SFS Jason Cappelletty, AMXS Dylan Cleghorn, CE Kerry Crammer, AMXS Tanner Duvall, LRS Donald Hayden, SFS Rebecca Hejduk, SFS Jay Merritt, LRS Eric Miller, LRS Collin Newsome, SFS Adam Pawlicki, AMXS Evan Sanders, AMXS Marisa Shipman, LRS Lauren Shrader, LRS Mark Skala Jr., AMXS Nick Tammarine, LRS

RETIREMENTS

December

Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Lipper, MSC Master Sgt. Mary Badyna, LRS Master Sgt. Richard Miller, MXM Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Hartzell, OSF

January

Lt. Col. Kevin Kelly, FS Tech. Sgt. Michael Myers, SFS Tech. Sgt. Christopher Valentine Staff Sgt. Daniel Beamer, SFS

180th Fighter Wing Inspector General



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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 help quickly when you communicate your complaints to the IG.

Initially, 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

 4^{th} - Talk to your Inspector General

Not all matters are appropriate for the IG complaint system (AFI 90-301, table 3.6), 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 something of value

ste: 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

PROMOTIONS

To Col.

Scott Croxton, OG

To Capt.

Janeen Hume, MDG

To Master Sgt.

David Harrison, CF Edmund Poitinger, MXS Joseph Styer, CF

To Tech. Sgt.

Jacob Falk, MXS

To Staff Sgt.

Brent Centers, AMXS
Adam Dutton, MXG
Riordan Hogan, MXG
Joseph Kaloger, MXSF
Jennifer Logsdon, MXS
Nasheka Maddan, FW
Alexander Miller, MXS
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Dustin Pierson, MXG

To Senior Airman

Lucas Panning, MXS Matthew Sperry, MXS

To Airman

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