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Bergquist named 2008 Air Force Male Athlete of the Year

by Capt. Sandy Smock
141st ARW Public Affairs

Tech. Sergeant Michael Bergquist, Washington Air National Guard member, has not only crossed first over 19 finish lines throughout the year but has also set 11 new course records in triathlons, duathlons, and road races ranging from two miles up to the marathon. These accomplishments earned Bergquist the title of Air Force Male Athlete of the Year for 2008.

Each year the Air Force Services Agency selects one male and female for its top award among the Air Force, Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard combined. With over 700,000 officers, enlisted and civilian Air Force members this is a tremendous honor to be selected. Many of his races are not military sponsored events; however, he can easily be spotted wearing his National Guard or Air Force racing attire at every event he competes in.

Bergquist is a multi-sport endurance athlete who typically competes in swimming, biking, running, or any combination of the three in events lasting from less than ten minutes to nearly three hours. In 2008, his race categories consisted of nine running races, including one marathon and two half marathons. Three events were duathlons, which included a bike ride between two runs. In his primary sport



With an average speed of 26.04 MPH, Sgt. Bergquist rides a 12.21 mile race against the clock in Medical Lake. (Courtesy photo)

of triathlon, he finished first seven times. "It's important to be active in the community and to demonstrate that military members are fit to fight," said Bergquist.

In 1997, he was told due to an injury that his days of competing were over. He actually had to start from the beginning as he could barely walk for three months. "While starting over with walking, I realized that nothing is certain until I quit, which I could never do to myself," said Bergquist. He hasn't missed a day of training in over five years. Each year builds on the previous year when training for an event. He doesn't believe in a single excuse regarding injury, illness, weather or time. "Any exercise program without excuses is better than a brilliant plan that's not followed," said Bergquist.

He uses his love of sport as a recruiting tool for the National Guard and Air Force.

"It's a great way to recruit from within the unique demographic of athletes. Our military sports programs encourage the highest levels of fitness and competition, which trickle down throughout all the ranks," said Bergquist.

He has competed in the Lincoln National Guard Marathon Championships for the last five years. All five times he's earned a spot on the National Guard's Elite Marathon Team, which is funded as a recruiting program. This program is directly responsible for generating more than 3,000 quality leads. He has also been selected in each of the last six years to compete as a triathlete on the All Air Force Triathlon Team at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championships. On four occasions he's qualified for the All Military World Championship Team USA. He is the only triathlete from

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MISSION

The mission of the *Jet Gazette* is to effectively communicate events and information of the 141st Air Refueling Wing to unit members, their families and retirees and to recognize personal and unit achievements within the wing.

Notes from the Top

First and foremost – CONGRATULATIONS!! What an incredible job on the NORI/ORI! I will say it over again at the Commander's Call in May, but you all did an awesome job during our major inspections. To think how late to train we pushed it, and yet we received remarkable results. This is simply another testament to the talents we have in this wing, and the IG recognized it. Yes, we have a few areas to address, but those are, for the most part, minor and easily corrected. Well done.

This is still a fast moving train, however, so now it's on to the next task. If you are in LRS or MX, the LSEP

(yes, another inspection) is just around the corner in June. Wingspan (the Rock and Roll portion of the band) is getting ready to deploy, followed by Security Forces, then we're on tap to support the Police and Fire Games in Bellingham, we'll prepare to deploy in our AEF bucket, the Clinic will prepare for an HSI, and so it goes.

We also have considerable work to do this summer to posture the Association for success. I will announce shortly a number of facilities moves that will affect how the 141st operates. This will be a significant change for us and will no doubt create unforeseen effects. We'll work through the changes as quickly as we can, but we'll have to be smart about it as we carry out our training and deployment schedules. I will first coordinate these moves with our Union representatives from the Technician force to ensure we adhere to their contract, but this will also carry over into drill weekends and our training programs. Bottom line, when you hear it from me it's fact – until then it's rumor, so there's no need to speculate.

There will also be some significant changes in senior leadership as Col Engelbertson (the Vice Wing Commander) retires after 30 years of service. I personally want to thank Roger for his outstanding service to our nation since 1979, and his dedication to the 141st as a Traditional Guardsman since 1987. We'll celebrate his phenomenal career with a retirement ceremony on Sunday afternoon of June drill.

We have some significant events coming up that are outside our normal drill schedule. First are the Lilac Festival and the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade. Since it's our 85th anniversary, we will be featured and Gen Lowenberg has agreed to be the Grand Marshall. I would like as much participation as we can muster at the President's dinner on Friday, 15 May where he will be the keynote speaker. We also have the opportunity to be volunteer at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games 13-18 Jul. This is a great event to show our support for fellow veterans and be amazed at their athletic ability. Hopefully we can help out.

I'll close by once again thanking you for all you do. Your performance is always amazing, no matter what the task.

Thanks for coming out - *Col. B*



Spring Bike Spike

Spring is upon us with warm weather and outdoor activities to enjoy after a long hibernation. With this new outdoor activity brings new hazards. The spring spike focus this year is on motorcycle riding. Motorcycle fatalities spiked to nearly double the average rates from winter (1.8 average fatalities) to spring (3.8 average fatalities). It's time to prepare to get back on the road by readying your bike, check your equipment and sharpen your skills to be sure you are seen and can respond quickly to danger.



Athlete of the Year

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any branch of the military to compete in each of the last three, which includes the first ever triathlon at the Military World Games.

His inspiration of fitness has not only reached other athletes and the general public but this love for the marathon has now extended to his family. The 141st Air Refueling Wing Medical Squadron has enlisted Michael's wife, Amanda Bergquist, who was selected for the Washington National Guard Marathon Team and has goals of qualifying for the National Guard's Elite Marathon Team where she can join her husband.

Along with his sports competitions and military accomplishments, Bergquist has also been recognized for an act that goes beyond any trophy or recognition. During one of his many events a kayaker found herself trapped in rushing waters and was drowning. Bergquist, without a moment of hesitation, was able to swim through the cold and fast-moving water and rescued the potential victim. As a result of this act he was awarded the Red Cross Military Hometown Hero Award, Pitsenbarger award and the state Guardsman Medal for Heroism.

"It was a scary situation, but the cost of inaction was too great. I did what I'd hope anyone else would do if that were me," said Bergquist.

The 36-year old who spends his time working in the 242 Combat Communications Squadron has accomplished an endless list of both personal and professional goals but still has more that he wants to do. He has trained for 15 years and his hope is to qualify for the World Class Athlete Program (WCAP). His next steps are to gain sponsors to support him in even higher level competitions.

Bergquist has had many proud moments in the spotlight of fame and when reflecting on one of his favorites he said, "My first military world championship which was in Holland in 2003 they announced my name, rank and country. I stepped forward, waved, dove into the water and waited for the triathlon to begin. For a moment, the world was my stage. Only two groups of people get to wear the US uniform: athletes and military. To be both at the same time made all those years of training worthwhile," said Bergquist.



Sgt. Bergquist leads all team and individual triathletes out of the water in Wenatchee's Apple Capital Sprint Triathlon. His 10 second lead grew to nearly five minutes as he smashed the course record by 4:47. (Courtesy photo)

Spokane area citizen-soldiers deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

by 1st Lt. Keith Kosik

WA National Guard Public Affairs Office

The Washington National Guard bid farewell to approximately 50 citizen soldiers from the Spokane based 1041st Transportation Company in a ceremony held on Saturday, March 7 at the Spokane Readiness Center located at 1626 North Rebecca Street.

The deploying soldiers from the 1041st will augment approximately 100 additional citizen soldiers from the 1161st Transportation Company headquartered in Ephrata. This combined force will train at Camp Atterbury, Indiana for a few months and deploy to Iraq

later this spring. Under the current Department of Defense policy, these citizen soldiers are slated to be on federal active duty for 12 months plus any leave time they accrue. They are scheduled to arrive home from their deployment in March 2010.

The general mission of the 1041st and 1161st soldiers will be long-haul truck driving using tractor/trailers. The soldiers will take individual equipment with them, but will receive unit equipment and vehicles upon arrival in theater.

The 1161st previously served in Iraq from February 2003 to August 2004. During their first tour in Iraq, they logged more than one million miles on the road.

The citizen soldiers and airmen of the Washington National Guard are dedicated to the mission of safeguarding lives and property in Washington State, and serving as sentinels for freedom overseas. Citizen soldiers come from every community, profession and background from around the State - they are *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Through a Tradition of Service.*



(U.S. Air Force photo / Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Ennamorato)

Booster club meets with local veterans

by Capt. Sandy Smock
141st ARW Public Affairs

An enthusiastic and patriotic group gathers at Spokane Air Guard Booster Club luncheons held the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Spokane Valley VFW Post, South 212 David Road. Veterans of every era including present 141st Air Refueling Wing members use this time to exchange information from the past and present.

In February, Col. Gregory Bulkley, 141 ARW Commander, briefed booster club members on the latest building moves due to the new association with the 92nd ARW. "We are very optimistic throughout these times that will require a lot of change," said Bulkley. Bulkley also spoke about the upcoming Lilac festival in May, the 85th Anniversary of the Washington Air National Guard, and a possible future E model static display at Geiger Field.

The Spokane Air Guard Booster Club is a registered non-profit corporation. Through its membership, the club promotes and preserves the proud heritage and history of the Washington Air National Guard.

Membership in the booster club is open to all current, former or retired members of any unit of the Washington Air National Guard. Associate membership is available for eligible dependents.

Some events that the booster club has been involved in are various wing sports teams such

as softball, soccer and volleyball, selling beverages at the air show every year and sponsoring parties while members were deployed overseas. The club pays for retirement plaques along with providing club support for the wing summer picnic.

An elected Board of Directors governs the Spokane Air Guard Booster Club. This board, with the assistance of volunteer subcommittees, oversees the official business of the corporation.

This is an excellent opportunity to interact with former local military members who regularly attend.

"Being a member of the booster club offers the opportunity to honor our heritage and recognize our Guard culture," said Tech. Sgt. John Borek, Spokane Air Guard Booster Club President.

Dues are \$5 per year or \$50 for a lifetime membership, forms can be obtained from any board member. Dues are collected from its members to defray the costs of the many events and services provided.

If you are interested in joining the Spokane Air Guard Booster Club please contact Tech. Sgt. John Borek, at 247- 7177 or email john.borek@ang.af.mil .



Col. Gregory Bulkley presents information to veterans at the monthly meeting. (U.S. Air Force photo / Capt. Sandy Smock)

See article on the National Veterans Wheelchair Games page 7 for volunteer opportunities



Guardsman sings for Chiefs fans

Staff Sgt. Jason Marrazzo sings the national anthem in front of an estimated crowd of 4,500 before the Spokane Chiefs take the ice in the Spokane Arena. Staff Sgt. Marrazzo is a member of the Washington Air National Guard and is the assistant NCOIC of Force Sustainment, 141st Mission Support Flight. (Courtesy photo / 2nd Lt. Dan Neuenfeldt)

The UPAR program is volunteer Unit Public Affairs Representatives who write and submit stories as they know of events happening. If you have questions or you would like to be a UPAR please contact Captain Sandy Smock at sandy.smock@wafair.ang.af.mil.

McKinley visits Guardmembers during CENTCOM trip

by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith
National Guard Bureau



BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (3/4/09) – The National Guard’s first four-star general visited with citizen-soldiers and -airmen serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait this week in dozens of formal briefings, town hall meetings and tours to “gauge their thoughts” about the missions they are performing.

“I feel it’s important to visit the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard in theater,” said Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau. “To see how they are doing, talk to their commanders, and visit as many of their organizations as I can to see what the conditions are and to answer any questions they may have of me.”

McKinley has been the chief for just over 100 days, and his recent appointment comes at a time when more than 60,000 Guard forces are serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

At each stop, he expressed his appreciation for the troops. “Look at the places and the people that you affect,” he told Guard members at Sather Air Base, Iraq, Feb 28. “I can’t tell you how grateful I am for what you are doing for the Guard, your nation and this country.”

He offered similar sentiments at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, at Balad Air Base, Iraq, and at Camp Phoenix and Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, among other locations.

Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw Jr., assistant to Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and the Guard Bureau’s Command Sgt. Maj. David Hudson accompanied him.

In Iraq, McKinley was briefed by Air Guard members of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The unit’s more than 180 Airmen help operate a joint forces control center that manages the air space of Iraq and coordinates air support for multinational forces.

From the base’s control tower, he got a panoramic view of the OIF mission outside Baghdad. He also toured the 332nd Joint Theatre Hospital, the largest medical and critical care facility in that country, manned by active duty, Guard and Reserve service members.

McKinley also visited Minnesota Army Guard Soldiers of Task Force 34, 834th Air Support Battalion and climbed aboard an MRAP and other unarmored Army vehicles with Washington Guard Soldiers of the 161st Infantry Regiment at a motor pool.

McKinley and Hudson asked the Guard members what was on their minds: “Your questions and concerns are important to me,” McKinley said to them during a luncheon Feb. 28 at Camp Liberty, Iraq. “I will take them back to Washington.”

Future operations, living conditions, deployment lengths, health and veteran care, equipment, mobilization training and other issues were the questions he and Hudson answered from the troops.

Economic conditions affecting employers and families back home were also among troop concerns. “We will get through this,” McKinley assured them, but he said that future and recent challenges will test the Guard like never before.

McKinley held a town hall meeting with Guard Soldiers from several states including Illinois and New York at Camp Phoenix outside Kabul, Afghanistan, March 2 and with active duty and Guard service members at Bagram Air Base March 3, including those supporting Combined Joint Task Force 101.

Questions for the Commander

Q&A will be addressed by the commander during May UTA



Col. Bulkley will be answering your questions in an open forum during May UTA. You don’t have to stand up to ask... no embarrassment, no pressure. Just write down your questions and drop them in one of FOUR convenient locations: 447, the Clinic, Support Group and in the break area in 1029.

Just look for the oak drop box with the large question mark (above).

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Celebrating 85 years of 141st History

The First Commander

Courtesy of 141st ARW Historian Office

When the 116th Observation Squadron received federal recognition on August 6, 1924, Major John T. Fancher became the unit's first commander. He was the son of a wheat farmer from Espanola, Washington, who volunteered for the newly formed aviation corps during the World War I. He eventually commanded an air combat unit until the end of the war.

During the first few years of the unit, Maj. Fancher led the founding members consisting of 14 officers and 50 enlisted men through difficult times. Many members, including the Commander himself, contributed their time and energy assembling the steel and tin for the WWI retreat hangars at Felts Field. When the planes first arrived money had not been allocated to the unit. Maj. Fancher used his personal credit to purchase the first 15 gallons of fuel for the JN-6-A2 "Jennies".

Spokane had secured the National Air Races in May 1927. Maj. Fancher was the driving force behind organizing and running the air derby. He enlisted local leaders as newspaper owner William H. Cowles, lumberman Milton McGoldrick, investment tycoon Harlan I. Peyton, hotel owners Victor Dessert and Louis M. Davenport and a host of others to contribute their time, financial support, influence, and organizational skills to its success.

Maj. Fancher flew to New York and back in his O-2C bi-plane to drum up publicity and make arrangements along the routes of the races.

He took the long route home to stop by South Dakota and the summer home of President Calvin Coolidge. After performing some aerobatic maneuvers over the household, Fancher threw a weighted banner to the ground that read "Greetings to the President." He landed to invite the President to Spokane for the Air Races. President Coolidge had to decline the invitation, but was impressed enough to pause for a picture with Maj. Fancher. The



Major Fancher

banner is on display in the lobby of 141st Air Refueling Wing Building.

When Charles A. Lindbergh made his epic trans-Atlantic flight on May 21, 1927, aviation drew national and international attention. Major Fancher had been on hand to greet Lindbergh upon his return to New York from France and invited him to be Spokane's guest at the air derby. Lindbergh had to cancel, but he included Spokane on a tour and added to the anticipation of the air derby to begin nine days later.

In April of 1928, Maj. Fancher and the 116th were asked to perform at Wenatchee's ninth Annual Apple Blossom Festival and the grand opening of their new airport. Maj. Fancher dropped bright delayed ignition fuse bombs over the heads of the crowd from his airplane. He then joined Capt. Neely and Lt. Haynes in close three-ship twists, turns and loops, all in the dead of night. After the show, Maj. Fancher was concerned about three of the crude matchstick-type fuse bombs that hadn't ignited which were still in his plane.

Fearing the malfunctioning munitions would hurt someone, Fancher took the bombs to an empty field nearby to destroy them. The third one exploded after the fuse was lit in his hands fatally injuring him.

With time growing short, Maj. Fancher gave his last in-

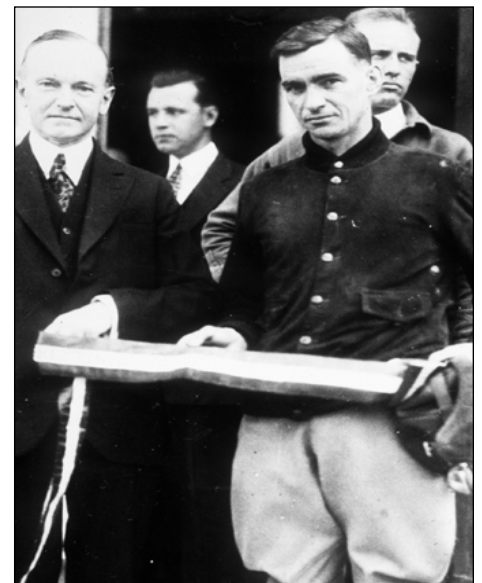


structions to his Executive Officer, Capt. Neely, "I don't want the false idea to get out that this accident was of an aeronautical nature. I want flying to go forward as rapidly and safely as possible. I don't want the slightest shadow of responsibility to be placed on aviation as a result of this accident."

Maj. John T. Fancher, the first 116th OS Commander, WWI veteran and airpower pioneer passed away at the Wenatchee hospital with his wife at his side. Condolences poured in from political leaders and famous aviators from all across the United States; including Eddie Rickenbacker, WWI Top Ace.

Thousands attended his funeral at the Masonic Temple with hundreds of others lining the streets. At his burial, the 116th Observation Squadron flew over Riverside Cemetery in formation and dropped flowers on the service. In honor of his achievements, the road leading up to Felts Field was renamed Fancher Road.

For a while, the airfield at Wenatchee bore the name Fancher Field until 1931. On top of Beacon Hill lays a forgotten light beacon tower with a plaque that commemorated the event.



Gen. Fancher presents to President Calvin Coolidge an invitation to visit Spokane and the banner he dropped from his plane while flying over the President's ranch before landing there uninvited/file photo

105th TCS All Member Reunion in August

Friday, August 14, 2009

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Nose Art Contest



141st ARW members are invited to participate in a contest to name the commander's plane and create the nose art, as well. The 92nd ARW Commander has named his plane the "Sun God", which is based on one of the first refueling flights. So be creative and submit your ideas. You can enter as many ideas as you like in either or both categories. Please submit ideas to Lt. Col. Reid Isaak via e-mail. The deadline for submissions is close of business of June UTA (7 June).



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National Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held in Spokane

by Capt. Sandy Smock
 141st ARW Public Affairs

The National Veteran Wheelchair Games will be held in Spokane July 13-18, 2009. The Games are a multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or certain neurological problems. Attracting more than 500 athletes each year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. For more information please go to <http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov>

The 141st ARW is looking for volunteers to participate in the Monday night opening ceremony held on July 13 from 6 p.m. -7 p.m. To sign up, complete the corresponding opening ceremony form and make a note on the volunteer application that you have been recruited to work as a 141 member in opening ceremonies. You may do this electronically or drop off your application to Captain Sandy Smock, located in the Public Affairs office in the Wing Headquarters building. If you have any questions or want to participate, please contact Sandy Smock at sandy.smock@ang.af.mil so that names can be turned into the local organizing committee.

If your squadron or group is interested in participating at designated times during this week-long event, go through your orderly room for guidelines. Have your group point-of-contact give Capt. Sandy Smock or Tech. Sgt. John Borek your list of participating members, and a schedule of events/times the group will be participating. **Sign-up Deadline is May 15th.**



Building locations change while mission continues

by Capt. Sandy Smock
141st Public Affairs

Both wings at Fairchild have been busy with changes and new challenges associated in the Total Force Integration of the 141st and 92nd Air Refueling Wing. The members of these wings continue to prove that they are willing, able and excited about the opportunities which occur with each change.

One of the latest changes has been the move of the 141st ARW Operations Group from Building 445 to Building 2005, located at the intersection of O'Malley Avenue and Arnold Street.

The physical move took about two days and included the work of contractors and full-time Guard members. This effort completed about 90 percent of the move. Completing the final details which will make it home are still to come.

Lt. Col. Mike Boyington, 141 ARW Operations Support Flight Commander, has been involved with the move from detailed decision planning for office furniture placement to painting a backdrop of blue skies to accent the Wing's display of the JN-6-A2 "Jenny". "The Total Force Integration is about efficiency. This move was an important step for the Guard and it is good that Operations could take the lead," said Boyington.

Building 2005 is a much newer building with more space available than the previous Operations location; however, not every work center in Operations could move. Intelligence, due to security and vault regulations will not be co-located in Building 2005. Command Post will also not be part of the move at this time. These inabilities to co-locate will present some new challenges for the team but mission success will still continue.

"The 141st and 92nd have always worked as a team and now this team has a title of Total Integration Force. It was a myth that we were never integrated. I have deployed twice with the 92nd as a Guardsman in the past," said Boyington.

The design of Building 2005 allows aircrew to perform their pre-flight and post-flight duties in a more convenient manner with mission planning rooms, plans and scheduling, flight gear and other critical elements of mission planning all co-located. There is also a conference room, which will be used for aircrew ground school training, and an auditorium with a stage.

This move is one of the first but not to be the last as the two Wings physically integrate over time. Other building moves are still in the planning stages and as with any change it will be a time of adjustment but more importantly an opportunity to encounter new experiences.



(U.S. Air Force photo / Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Ennamorato)

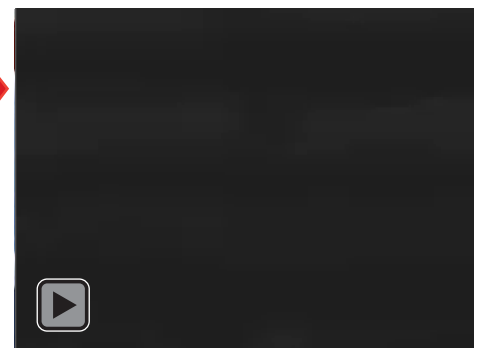


April is sexual assault awareness month

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The theme for this year's Department of Defense Sexual Assault Awareness campaign is "My Strength is for Defending." "We want to capitalize on the strength of our men and women in uniform to ensure they know how to safely intervene in situations to prevent this horrible crime," said Kaye Whitley, Director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Prevention requires everyone to be alert 24 hours a day. "We need service members to be constantly on guard to protect their friends and co-workers, both on and off the battlefield," said Whitley.

For more information about the Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign, visit <http://www.MyDuty.mil>



Guard member honored as Senior Enlisted Reservist of the Year

by Capt. Sandy Smock
141st Public Affairs

The Armed Services Committee of Greater Spokane Incorporated held its 53rd Armed Forces Persons of the Year Luncheon on April 14, 2009. A soldier, a sailor, an airman and a Marine were named armed forces persons of the year by the local business group. Senior Master Sgt. Stephan Coulston, member of the Security Forces Squadron of the Washington Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing, was the winner for the Senior Enlisted Reservist category.

"Senior Master Sgt. Coulston is a consummate professional that never fails to achieve excellence in all that he does. He has performed admirably as a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer within the Security Forces Squadron. I have been nothing but impressed with his work ethic and dedication to the Air National Guard and this great nation," said Lt. Col. David Knight, 141 ARW Security Forces Commander.

Coulston is directly responsible for all Combat Arms Training, Mobility, and Supply Issues. He is the only full time military employee for Security Forces and is the Point of Contact for all Security Forces issues during the week. As the wing's Combat Arms Training Manager; he plans, organizes, coordinates, and controls all facets of weapons training for the squadrons. Additionally, he oversees all scheduling of ammunition procurement for the wing.

He has ensured that 141 ARW maintains an average of 95% weapons qualification at all times. He continues to directly impact the

wing's total mission effectiveness by ensuring that all no-notice deplorers are qualified on their specific weapons and meet area of responsibility requirements.

Coulston is the wing POC for all Force Protection issues and he represents the wing at base Installation Security Council meetings while providing anti-terrorism/force protection ancillary instruction and deployment information to all squadrons within the wing.

He has worked with wing finance to obtain funding to replace outdated body armor and successfully secured \$30,000.00 in wing funds to purchase new concealment bullet proof vests to replace current outdated vests.

Coulston is responsible for balancing and executing the unit's funding. He was directly responsible for the procurement of over \$450,000.00 in unfunded money to purchase needed LOGDET items that were impacting the units SORTS reports.

Another noted accomplishment was securing \$256,000.00 in O&M funds to purchase

needed equipment and install a modern weapons rack system to store 141 SFS, 92 SFS, and 141 Honor Guard weapons.

He also coordinated with the 92 SFS to assist the 141 SFS in putting on an Expeditionary Combat Skills Training class for the 141 ARW while Providing a Security Team for the 2008 Mission Support Group Conference in Spokane.

Security Forces National Guard Bureau (NGB) requested Coulston to assist with the 2009 National ANG Security Forces Conference and is currently the coordinator for the vendor show for the 2009 and 2010 conference.

"Senior Master Sgt. Coulston has an impeccable record with a myriad of extraordinary accomplishments. His bearing and behavior are exemplary. He is committed to personal and professional excellence. His communicative skills are outstanding. He relates well to all ranks, with a top-notch understanding of protocol and related requirements," said Lt. Col. Knight.



from left: Brigadier General Gary Magonigle, Assistant Adjutant General for Washington Air National Guard; Senior Master Sgt. Stephan Coulston, Senior Enlisted Reservist of the Year; and Col. Gregory Bulkley, 141 ARW Commander/Photo by Captain Sandy Smock

EASTER EGGS LOCATED ...AS EXPECTED!

On Saturday, April 11 the Family Support Group held an Easter celebration event at the Spokane Readiness Center. National Guard members and their families were there to participate. The event included a craft table, games, an Easter egg hunt and snacks and candy for the kids. The Am Vets of Spokane donated over 60 Easter baskets. The event ended with not a single Easter egg left on the ground.



Children of military members make new friends while getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt.



18th Air Force Command Chief Visits 141st Air Refueling Wing



2nd Lt. Dan Neuenfeldt discusses his recent commissioning in the Washington Air National Guard with Chief Master Sgt. David Nordel, 92nd Air Refueling Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, 18th Air Force Command Chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Beuter, 141 Air Refueling Wing Command Chief. Neuenfeldt was previously an enlisted member and is currently pursuing an additional degree in law. Chief Nordel and Chief Cody were visiting the 141st during March drill to interact with wing members and learn more about 141st ARW weekend activities and training. (U.S. Air Force photo / Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Ennamorato)

It's Lilac Time!

This year the Lilac Festival will feature the 85th Anniversary for the Washington Air National Guard. Please plan to join the festivities! RSVP by 4 May for the luncheon or dinner to Lt Col Nancy Reid Isaak (509) 247-7003 or nancy.reid@ang.af.mil

All City Civic Military Luncheon	President's Dinner	Cruizin the Falls Car Show	Armed Forces Torchlight Parade (Lilac Parade)
<p>May 14, 2009 1130-1300</p> <p>Davenport Hotel, Grand Pennington Ballroom</p> <p>Tickets \$32/per person</p> <p>Service Dress Uniform/ Business Attire</p>	<p>May 15, 2009 1830-2200</p> <p>Davenport Hotel, The Pennington Ballroom</p> <p>Maj Gen Timothy Lowenberg, The Adjutant General is guest speaker</p> <p>Former Wing Commanders attending and 85th Anniversary History Displays</p> <p>Tickets \$70/per person Mess Dress Uniform/Formal Attire</p>	<p>May 16, 2009 1200-1800</p> <p>Grand Marshall picks favorite car entry Riverfront Park/Downtown Spokane Free to public</p> <div data-bbox="878 1772 1052 1969" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>May 16, 2009 1945 start time</p> <p>Grand Marshall – Maj Gen Lowenberg Parade Entries: 141ARW Honor Guard, Commander and Former Commanders, Air National Guard Band of the Northwest, 85th Anniversary Float</p>

New Deputy Director of the Air National Guard

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that Maj. Gen Patrick Moisio has been selected as the next Deputy Director of the Air National Guard. He takes his new post effective today, Friday, 6 March.

He was selected from a wide pool of extremely gifted individuals for this position. As the former 162FW Wing Commander in Tucson, AZ, his field experience, as well as his more recently acquired QDR experience, will be of immense value to the Air National Guard, the U.S. Air Force and our Nation.

Please help me welcome him as a critical member of our Air National Guard team.

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HARRY M. WYATT, III
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard



Maj. Gen. Patrick Moisio

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Captain Laura M. Shultz

141st Comptroller Squadron

Senior Master Sergeant Kenneth D. Werner

141st Logistics Readiness Squadron

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

Technical Sergeant Robert J. Shaw

141st Medical Group

Staff Sergeant William T. Haley

141st Medical Group

TEAM RECOGNITION

Mission Planning Cell Team

141st Operations Support Flight

Security Forces Defensive Fighting Position Team

141st Security Forces Squadron

Security Forces Radio Telephone Operator Team

141st Security Forces Squadron

Vehicle Operations and Management Team

141st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Support for reintegration comes through Yellow Ribbon Program

by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Densley
141st ARW Public Affairs

With the rapid pace of deployments, the National Guard has recognized the needs of service members to reintegrate into their civilian lives effectively and efficiently. The purpose of the Yellow Ribbon Program fills just that need. The program is a federally mandated program designed to serve members of the Washington National Guard, their families and employers. The program works hand-in-hand with the Washington National Guard Family Programs to ensure that service members and their families receive the services available. These include: family counseling, DEERs, Tri-Care, VA support and financial planning. Washington's program focuses heavily on the reintegration of service members and their families upon return from deployment. Service members and their families attend reintegration events at 30, 60 and 90 days post-deployment. The Fairchild Air Force Base Yellow Ribbon Support Specialist, Dena Lu Young, a military

spouse for 18 years said, "the biggest benefit of the Yellow Ribbon Program is being able to get the families more involved with the Guard. In the past, families felt separated and not part of it. Letting the families know where they can go to get information is the best part of the program." The Yellow Ribbon Program is a bridge to the resources, information and points of contact for organizations within the community to help service members as they reconnect with society. Michelle Husser, Washington State Yellow Ribbon Support Specialist, has seen immediate success in the program. Husser who has been on staff since October 2008 said, "We've put on five post-deployment events and three pre-deployment events. We've had a lot of acceptance and goodwill with everything that is going on." For additional information on the Yellow Ribbon Program, contact Dena Lu Young at (509) 570-4034 or dena.young1@ng.army.mil.



5 April 2009 - Francis Light, Military Life Family Consultant speaks to the troops about the Yellow Ribbon Program event conducted at the 242nd Combat Communications Squadron, Geiger Airfield. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sergeant Anthony Ennamorato / 141 ARW Public Affairs)