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SEAGULL IDEAS?

Do you have an idea for a *Seagull* article? Would you like to be the subject of a story? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your organization. *(Please limit articles to 500 words.)*

The next *Seagull* deadline is Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012.



Select stories and news from this publication can also be found online at <http://www.102iw.ang.af.mil> or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/102IW>

ON THE COVER >>



This illustrative photograph depicts nearly 40 years of 102nd Public Affairs' coverage of Otis Air National Guard Base. Starting in September, the magazine will transition to a digital newsletter with interactive and digital content. See the full story on pages 6-7.

Junior Enlisted Council ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Facebook Group:** The Junior Enlisted Council (JEC) now has a group page. Stay connected by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/102JEC> and join in for updates on council activities.
- **Community Service Projects:** The 102nd JEC is looking for fresh ideas for community service projects and people who are interested in being an active part of the community.

The Junior Enlisted Council meets every Saturday of the UTA at 2 p.m. in the Wing Conference Room and is open to all E-1 to E-6 personnel.



FROM THE DESK OF THE
Mass. Military Reservation
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



By Col. Anthony Schiavi

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A salute to my fellow Airmen

As you all read my last article for the *Seagull*, we will be preparing for our second change of command in our four and a half year old Intelligence Wing's history. It has truly been one of the most enjoyable assignments of my nearly 30-year career and the highlight of many great jobs I have had during more than 20 years with the 102nd.

When I first arrived at the 102nd Fighter Wing in March 1992, I was still on active duty and it was going to be just another assignment flying F-15s as part of what I thought at the time would be a 20-year active duty Air Force career. I wasn't here long when I began to realize not only how special the Air National Guard was, but how special the 102nd was. Flying F-15s on Cape Cod was certainly a great deal, but it was really the people that made the biggest impression on me and I quickly realized that I wanted to be a part of this great organization. So, with just a little over a year into my assignment, I applied for and was approved to 'Palace Chase' into the Air Guard and the 102nd Fighter Wing.

Fast forward 20 years and I am preparing to leave an organization where I have spent two thirds of my military career. What do I remember and choose to focus on? It's not the great jobs I had or deployments I went on, it's not the back-to-back Outstanding ratings on our ORI, or even the four consecutive Outstanding Alert Force Evaluations we earned -- setting an Air Force record. It's also not our response to 9/11, conversion to an Intelligence Wing or our phenomenal performances on our HSI, UCI, AFMETCAL or LCAP. It's YOU, all of YOU, because none of those things mentioned above, and many more that I can't mention for fear of taking up this whole issue of the *Seagull*, would have been possible if it were not for the outstanding,

professional Airmen and civilians, past and present, of the 102nd. You are the best, the brightest, the most experienced Airmen and civilians in our great U.S. Air Force. These successes belong to you, to us, and the team effort everyone displays, day in and day out, in good times and in tough times, to ensure our mission is accomplished. Failure is not in our vocabulary. You have always accomplished the mission with a quiet professionalism that is a hallmark indicative of only the most outstanding of organizations.

As I prepare to start my next chapter of life, I wanted to take this opportunity to salute my fellow Airmen and all our civilian employees who fulfill critical roles that allow the mission to be accomplished. Everyone who has ever served this great wing, everyone I have ever worked with, worked for, worked alongside or had the honor to lead. You have made the last 20 years fly by and the memories will last forever. I urge you to keep raising the bar higher in all that you do. Never settle for anything less than a 100 percent effort. If you do this, I assure you the results will reflect your talents and capabilities and will be worth the time invested. I look forward to reading and hearing about all of your future success. I SALUTE YOU!



102nd Intelligence Wing welcomes new Wing Director of Psychological Health

By Jess Dyer
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs



In 2010, Air National Guard leaders created new, wing-level positions to provide behavioral health support to Airmen and their families.

The 102nd Intelligence Wing welcomes Barbara Powers as its director of Psychological Health, or WDPH. In her role as WDPH, Powers wants to work on preventative services and psychological fitness for Air National Guard members.

"Anyone can stop down any time and chat. It doesn't have to be a formal meeting," said Ms. Powers.

In her role as WDPH, Powers supports the readiness of the 102nd IW through the promotion of psychological health and resilience. Powers consults with commanders regarding the psychological health of their members and units. As a member of the team of helping professionals, she supports and provides consultation to resiliency

efforts, suicide prevention, traumatic stress response, and other programs supporting positive and mission-focused emotional well-being.

Powers is available to provide presentations to your unit or group on a variety of topics to enhance wellness; such as stress management, communication, conflict resolution, and relationships. Powers meets with Air Guard members to provide a clinical interview and referral to local mental health providers and other resources to address any issues hindering a member's maximum well-being.

With case management, she provides continuity and helps the member address any challenges with receiving services. Powers also collaborates with and assists with training local community providers regarding military culture, providing information related to best practices and treatment needed for ongoing counseling for Air Guard members and their families.

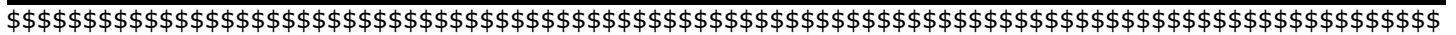
Powers has been a licensed mental health counselor for 20 years. She was previously the Massachusetts Child and Youth Military Family Life Consultant, leading her to be involved with all branches of the military and the children and families of deployed military members.

She has spent her entire life in Massachusetts, and currently resides in Buzzards Bay. As a Massachusetts native, Powers is an avid sports fan, especially of the Bruins. She has been to professional games for nearly every sport, except soccer.

"I've gone to everything except a Revolution game. I still have to do that," said Ms. Powers.

Her office is co-located with the Airman and Family Readiness Program office in the wing headquarters (building 158) and she also has an office in building 197, room 10. She can be reached on her Blackberry, at 508-237-6652 and her email address is Barbara.Powers.Ctr@ang.af.mil.

FINANCE CORNER



Defense Travel launches mobile version with TraX Touch



Have you ever wanted to quickly look up per diem rates or City Pair Fares? If so, you can now use TraX Touch, the mobile version of Travel Explorer (TraX). Users can access some of the same familiar features available in the desktop version of TraX as well as a few new features. With TraX Touch, users can also check the status of DTS or EWTS, view the latest FAA Alerts, and check the status of an upcoming flight.

TraX Touch is available for mobile devices including iPhone, Android, Blackberry 6+, iPod Touch, iPad, Android Tablets, Blackberry Playbook, and Windows Mobile 7.

While TraX Touch has the look and feel of a mobile app, it is actually a website which does not require users to download any software. To access TraX Touch from a mobile device, use the native web browser to go to: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/mobile> and save the URL as a shortcut on your smartphone or tablet.

(Source: Defense Travel Dispatch, Spring 2012)

Airman in the Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Anthony Stern

Staff Sgt. Anthony Stern has been a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard on Otis Air National Guard Base for the past seven years. He's currently a temporary Active Guard Reserve member and is assigned to the 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

He's the 102nd LRS Equipment Accountability manager where he has many responsibilities. They

include scheduling and conducting formal organizational visits annually both on and off the installation to ensure equipment custodians are adequately performing their accountability responsibilities. He also ensures training is conducted for both homestation and deployed equipment custodians.

"My mission with the 102nd LRS is to help make it the 'torch bearer' of all LRS's in the United States military," Stern said.

In early April, the 102nd LRS was put to the test as they were graded on seven major areas during the first-ever

Logistics Compliance Assessment Program (LCAP) inspection in the history of the 102nd. Stern played a critical role in both planning and execution of this inspection.

His role with the LCAP was to develop, implement and demonstrate for the LCAP team equipment management functions as directed by the higher headquarters through the use of several systems such as the Air Force Equipment Management System and Enterprise Supply Solution.

The 102nd LRS leadership singled out Stern as one Airman who played a key role in the inspection.

When he's not contributing to the LRS mission, Stern spends his personal time with his wife and children. His hobbies are practicing and teaching martial arts, playing soccer, bowling and shooting pool.

*By Senior Airman Patrick McKenna
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*

If you would like to nominate a military or civilian employee for the monthly "Airman in the Spotlight" feature, email 102iw.pa@ang.af.mil.

Intelligence Lending Library now available

Looking for materials to study for a CLEP test? Interested in developing new leadership or management skills? How about just looking for something good to read? Well, we have just the thing for you! With the development of the 101st Intelligence Squadron Lending Library you will be able to do all of this and more. The library organizers want the new library to become your go-to source for all professional, educational and historical reading needs.

Still in its developing stages, the 101 IS Intelligence Lending Library will be sharing space with the 101 IS NIPR room on the first floor of building 158 (across from the gym). The library will be available 24/7 with checkouts based on the honor system and is open to all Otis personnel.

To ensure the success of the library, we need your help. If you have any fairly current textbooks, professional development books, study guides, intelligence based historical books or software guides, please consider donating them to the library. We will inscribe each book with the donor's name and provide you with a letter of appreciation. Additionally, if your office has a spare bookcase we could really use it and can provide the manpower to move it. We are not interested in any fiction books at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing us to provide a good home for your cherished books. All donations can be made by placing the books in the donation box located in the library or you can email 102iw.pa@ang.af.mil to schedule a pick-up.



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May 1988: Volume 12, No. 5

The 102nd FIW resumed its 24-hour alert mission with the new F-15 Eagles.

The Otis Seagull was created in 1973 as a bi-monthly newspaper for Otis Air Force Base.



**November 1973:
Volume 1, No. 9**

The Otis Seagull reports that National Guard Bureau had recently directed an energy conservation program. The goal was to achieve seven percent reduction in energy consumption as compared to 1972 levels.

October 1979: Volume 5, No. 12

The 102nd Fighter Interceptor Wing provided 720 members for crowd control support on Oct. 1, 1979, during the Boston visit of Pope John Paul II.



Seagull's final flight as hard copy publication

By Capt. Evan Lagasse
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

After 39 years of hard copy publications produced here at Otis Air National Guard Base by Public Affairs Airmen, the *Seagull* is officially transitioning from a hard copy publication to an electronic newsletter beginning in September.

This transition enables the 102nd Public Affairs team to concentrate on communicating with our audience in the digital domain, it will save the wing approximately \$30,000 annually and it will reduce our environmental footprint. Furthermore, a recent survey of our Airmen indicated the vast majority prefer the electronic format.

The *Seagull* newsletter will be emailed to the military email account of all 102nd Intelligence Wing, 253rd Combat Communications Group and 267th Combat Communications Squadron Airmen. In addition, we are creating a distribution list consisting of civilian email addresses so every Airman receives the newsletter in a timely manner.

Airmen, family, friends and members of the public are highly encouraged to subscribe to the distribution list. Simply send an email to 102iw.pa@ang.af.mil with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

Your feedback remains incredibly important to our team and is one way to

guarantee we spend time covering items of interest to you. Please let us know what is happening in your organization and we'll be happy to highlight you, your fellow Airmen and your mission.

In addition to the *Seagull* newsletter, here are a few ways to stay connected while on the go:



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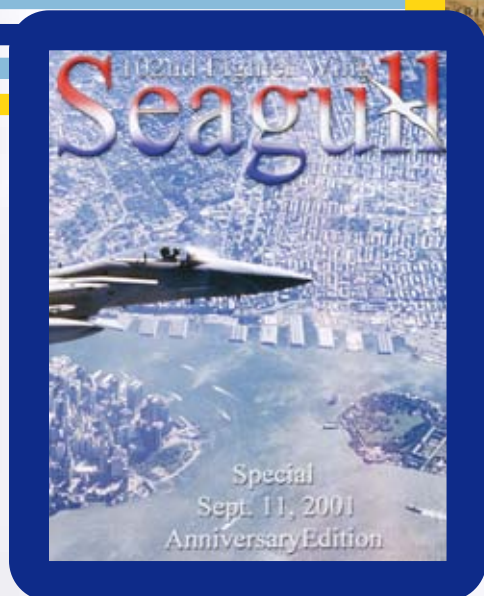


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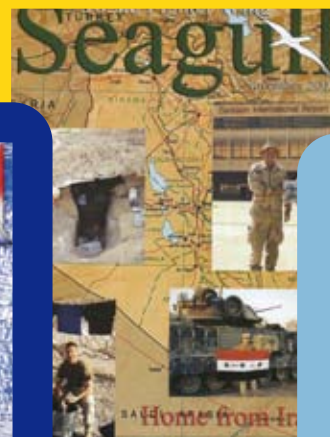
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The current 102nd Public Affairs team thanks our predecessors who worked tirelessly on nearly four decades worth of *Seagull* and *Tiger Tracks* issues. Past issues are maintained in an archive in the Public Affairs office (Building 158, Room 281). Feel free to stop by anytime for a hot cup of coffee and a stroll down memory lane!



Sept. 2002: Special Edition

On Sept. 11, 2001, the wing sprang into action just minutes after the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.



102nd 'First Shirt' recycles OCPs for Bagram Airmen

By Capt. Raymond Geoffroy
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs



Master Sgt. Nicholas Kollett folds an Operation Enduring Freedom camouflage pattern uniform at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, July 7, 2012. Kollett developed and managed a base-wide program that provides free OCPs to Airmen who have yet to receive the specialized uniforms. Kollett is the first sergeant for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Raymond Geoffroy)

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- Every U.S. Air Force first sergeant is responsible for making sure their Airmen's uniforms are in good order, but one first sergeant here has taken this charge a step further.

Master Sgt. Nicholas Kollett, the first sergeant for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, developed and manages a base-wide program that provides Operation Enduring Freedom camouflage pattern uniforms to Airmen who have yet to receive the specialized outfits.

The uniform, commonly called the OCP, has become the iconic attire of coalition forces in Afghanistan for many reasons. According to officials, the uniforms are lightweight, flame retardant, and well-suited to blend with Afghanistan's terrain, which is why the U.S. Air Force this year made OCPs the official uniform of Airmen deployed to Afghanistan.

However, when the change took effect,

the approximately 7,800 Airmen already in Afghanistan didn't have access to the uniforms. When Kollett, a native of Peabody, Mass., and member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 102nd Intelligence Wing, arrived at Bagram Airfield in April, he noted that the majority of 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Airmen still wore airman battle uniforms.

"Many Airmen were in place when the mandatory OCP wear policy was implemented," Kollett said. "They were disappointed to not have the uniform that everyone else had. The ABU is a lot warmer than the OCP and isn't flame retardant."

Seeking a solution to this problem, Kollett set out looking for a way to acquire OCPs for Airmen. It wasn't long before he discovered a steady source of the uniforms.

"I found out that the Army was taking their old uniforms to be destroyed," Kollett said. "I saw this as an opportunity

to put Airmen into safer and more comfortable uniforms."

Networking with the Army units responsible for clearing uniforms out of Bagram Airfield's amnesty bins, Kollett started collecting the used OCPs to give them new life.

"I originally received the uniforms and put them on a table in our work center for everyone to sort through," Kollett said. "For a while, we had a lot of uniforms sitting around. I then decided to put them on shelves and organized them by size to make it faster for Airmen to get the uniforms that they were looking for."

And with that, Bagram Airfield's "OCP Store" was born. To date, the store has reissued more than 1,000 OCP uniform sets, valued at more than \$250,000, to Airmen here at no cost, providing comfort from arid temperatures and facilitating a safer working environment.

The program was well received by the Airmen, who were quick to express their appreciation for the unique service.

"It was a huge morale boost having (Kollett) help us get into OCP uniforms," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Arias, a munitions systems specialist with the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. "It makes a big difference being in the correct and more comfortable uniforms."

"Master Sergeant Kollett has done incredible work for our team," said Lt. Col. Rudy Cardona, the 455th EAMXS commander. "He has directly impacted operations by providing more practical uniforms that are functional for this environment."

For Kollett, the greatest satisfaction comes from making Bagram Airfield Airmen's lives a little more comfortable and safer.

"Taking care of Airmen is something that has always brought me a lot of joy," Kollett said. "I received many thanks from Airmen, but I didn't do this to receive thanks; I did it to take care of the Airmen."

Kollett returned from Afghanistan on July 15.

102nd Summer Hire program gives students valuable experience

By Jess Dyer
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

While many students prefer to spend their summers lounging in the sun, others make it an opportunity to earn some extra money.

The 102nd's Title V Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) offers high school and college students the opportunity to work a temporary, full-time job at the 102nd Intelligence Wing alongside members of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The 102nd hired two administrative clerks and 13 laborers this summer. These jobs were filled at the Civil Engineering, Environmental Management, Comptroller, and Roads and Grounds offices.

This experience in a real work environment is crucial for strong résumés. Many students barely touch the full-time workforce until they earn a degree, which makes STEP workers stand out in a pool of applicants.

"These jobs are more skilled than working in retail. Laborers get more experience working with power tools and the government, and hopefully eventually join the Guard," said Kim Scudder, Director of Civilian Personnel.

Rylan Richard is a fourth-year summer hire for Roads and Grounds in the 102nd Civil Engineer Squadron. He is studying Business Marketing at Salve Regina University.

"A lot of kids my age haven't worked with the military. When people see that you're a federal employee when you're only 17-years-old, it says a lot," said Richard.

These jobs also come as a comfort to most hires. In the current economy, finding a job has become increasingly difficult, especially for students with little experience in the workforce and college bills piling up.

Since June 2011, the number of employed teens between ages 16 and 19 has dropped nationwide by more than 300,000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Only about 27 percent of the teenage population reports that they are employed. Eleven million teens remained jobless as of June 2012.

"I needed more hours; I was only getting five hours a day as a recreation counselor. It was more of a high school job. I live down here in Quincy and this job looks good on a resume. I even moved up a pay grade for coming back," said Mary Gillespie, a second-year summer hire for the 102nd Comptroller Flight.

Gillespie, an Accounting major at the University of Massachusetts Boston, says she can apply the skills she has learned at this job to a future career. She's even considering staying with federal jobs because of this experience.

"I'm open to sticking with the government because of the experience working under it. It's been a good job for experience. I've never been in an office setting, and I've seen how it runs and how tasks are divided, especially with management," said Gillespie.

Ryan McGillicuddy, a Criminal Justice major at Cape Cod Community College, has been working as a summer hire with Roads and Grounds for seven years, and says he hopes to get a permanent position at the 102nd.

"I would love for this to lead to a full-time job here. I've worked here for so long, I could see myself moving to a permanent job, especially with Roads and Grounds," said

McGillicuddy.

For Richard, this experience has given him opportunities beyond the 102nd.

"Working here helped me get another job with a company (that is) 90 percent owned by military families. When I met the co-owner, I told him I worked on a military base, and it instantly boosted the connection I had with him."

Summer hires aren't the only ones benefitting, though. Supervisors say the summer hire program has been of massive help to them.

"Having a summer hire has helped out tremendously. We were able to digitally archive thousands of historical records to provide a searchable electronic database for environmentally important historical documents," said Robert Deane, Deputy of Environmental Management.

Scudder says even the 102nd as a whole benefits from these workers.

"I don't think the students realize how important they are. With downsizing, they've been so important to getting backlog accomplished overall," said Scudder.

STEP makes up a portion of the Student Educational Employment Program, which was established in the U.S. in 1994.

The program at the 102nd began in 2002, but is in the process of being replaced by a new program called Pathways.

This new program will override STEP and provide internships related to the student's field of study, with the exception of labor intensive jobs. The GPA requirement of a 2.0 will rise to a 2.5, and interns will still be required to be enrolled for fall semester courses or they may apply if they've earned a degree within the last two years. Veteran students will also be given preference under this new program to ensure they are employed.



Mary Gillespie, a UMASS Boston accounting student, has been working in the 102nd Comptroller Flight over the summer. Gillespie is participating in the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) which offers high school and college students the opportunity to work a temporary, full-time job at the 102nd Intelligence Wing alongside members of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.



Guardsmen receive 'active shooter' training from Federal Protective Service

The 102nd Intelligence Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard hosted the Federal Protective Service at Otis Air National Guard Base to conduct 'active shooter' training for both law and non-law enforcement members of the Massachusetts Military Reservation, June 13-14, 2012. (Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Jean Riordan/Released)

By 1st Lt. Jean Riordan
102nd Intelligence Wing Antiterrorism Officer

OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Mass. -- The 102nd Intelligence Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard hosted the Federal Protective Service here to conduct 'active shooter' training for both law and non-law enforcement members of the Massachusetts Military Reservation, June 13-14, 2012.

The Federal Protective Service is a federal law enforcement agency under the Department of Homeland Security and an 'active shooter' is defined as "an armed person who has used deadly physical force on other persons and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims."

The first training day consisted of lecture-

based classroom training for Unit Antiterrorism Representatives, preparing them to provide similar training in their respective work centers. Senior Special Agents provided a look at the history of active shooters and the evolution of Law Enforcement's response.

The second training day concluded with Airmen from the 102nd Security Forces Squadron using tactics taught during the classroom lecture. In practical application, the Airmen were given scenarios which they had to rapidly respond to.

"The training was realistic and beneficial in preparing for an active shooter response," said Staff Sgt. Greg Gresham, 102nd Intelligence Wing Antiterrorism NCO.

PROMOTIONS >>

Tech. Sgt.

- Ryan Believeau
- Colin MacEachern
- Richard Bourassa
- Christopher Hope

Staff Sergeant

- Stephen Reasoner
- Ryan Johnson
- Damien Dane

Senior Airman

- Shane Adams
- Sean Kierman
- Luis Antonmarchi
- Jonathan Wright
- Tania Amaral
- David Abotchie
- Jeffrey Goodman
- Nicole Hartle
- Maxwell Peterson

Airman 1st Class

- Kayla Sylvia

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>

WING CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col. Patrick J. Cobb will formally assume command of the 102nd Intelligence Wing during a change of command ceremony scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. in Bldg. 158 on the hangar floor. This event is mandatory for all Wing personnel who are not directly supporting operations.

OTIS HERITAGE PLAZA BRICKS

The Otis Heritage Plaza brick program is still alive! You may now contact Tech. Sgt. Kerri Cole (508-968-4516 or kerri.cole@ang.af.mil) to purchase a brick for \$50. You can also find a brochure and order form on the front page of <http://www.102iw.ang.af.mil>.

Perfect gift for a retiree or friend of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. Proceeds go to future Morale, Welfare and Recreation efforts as well as upkeep requirements for the plaza.

The Grand Opening of the Otis Heritage Plaza will be on Sunday, Sept. 16 (Family Day).

FIRST SGT. VACANCY: 102 OSS

There is a first sergeant vacancy in the 102 Operations Support Squadron, Otis ANGB, MA. Minimum grade is E-6 and maximum is E-7 and is available to current members of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. It is a drill status guardsman position. Please contact the 102 Force Support Flight for the full vacancy announcement.

Resumes will be accepted at the 102 FSF/CC, 156 Reilly St., Box 17, Otis ANGB, MA 02542-1330, ATTN: Chief Master Sgt. Christine Lazarescu, until Oct. 2, 2012, at 3 p.m.



The Air Force Personnel Services website, AFPERS, is now known as myPers and has a new address: <https://mypers.af.mil>.

The myPers site is a Total Force source for personnel information and services. As a Regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, or civilian employee, it is available 24/7 for you to learn about personnel programs, find answers to questions, and conduct personnel business online when it is convenient for you.



MILFORD, Mass. -- Nine members of the Massachusetts National Guard Biathlon team were awarded the Army Achievement Medal here Aug. 2. Pictured above are the three 102nd team members. From left to right: Senior Airman Jeremy Bowcock, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Luke and Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Soja. The team members' exemplary dedication and professionalism went above and beyond and contributed to the success of the biathlon team at the regional level in the 2011/2012 season. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Kerri Cole/Released)

Is your vRed up to date?

By Master Sgt. Robert Mitchell
102nd Force Support Flight

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data (vRed), or Department of Defense form 93, is probably the most important document in a military record.

The vRed provides information on a member's primary and secondary next-of-kin (NOK), and other persons to notify in case of death, injury or emergency.

Frequently, notification of NOK is delayed because of outdated, or missing, information on the vRed. vRed is the official document required by law for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity payment, unpaid pay and allowances and the person authorized to direct disposition of your remains.

The death gratuity payment is a tax-free \$100,000 benefit paid by electronic funds within five to 10 days of a member's death, depending on duty status. This includes drill status, contingency or AD orders and AGR. A drill status guardsman not in drill status would not be eligible for this benefit. This is money a NOK would use for emergency expenses until other benefits start being paid. If a minor is designated to receive this benefit, payment will be delayed until the child's guardian obtains a court-appointed guardianship of the child's estate. It takes months and thousands of dollars to obtain this document through the civilian courts and

only the Defense Finance and Accounting Service can make payment on the child's behalf. A member can designate up to ten people to receive this benefit in \$10,000 increments.

Unpaid military pay and allowances are paid to the last payday to the date of death. Payments of bonuses or aviation continuation pay depends on a line of duty determination.

The person authorized direct disposition of a member's remains is an extremely important designation. Servicemembers are limited as to whom they can select, and only a spouse or a blood relative over the age of 18 may be chosen. This person decides where you are buried. If you are newly married, do you want your new spouse to make that decision or do you want a parent to make that decision? Either choice, be sure to discuss this crucial decision with loved ones.

Something to think about: Would you take a half a million dollars in civilian life insurance, pay the monthly premiums and not name a beneficiary? Would you leave the laws of your state to decide who gets the money? Would you leave your former spouse listed as the beneficiary if you remarried? This is exactly what you are doing when you fail to update your vRed and Servicemember's Group Life Insurance form.



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