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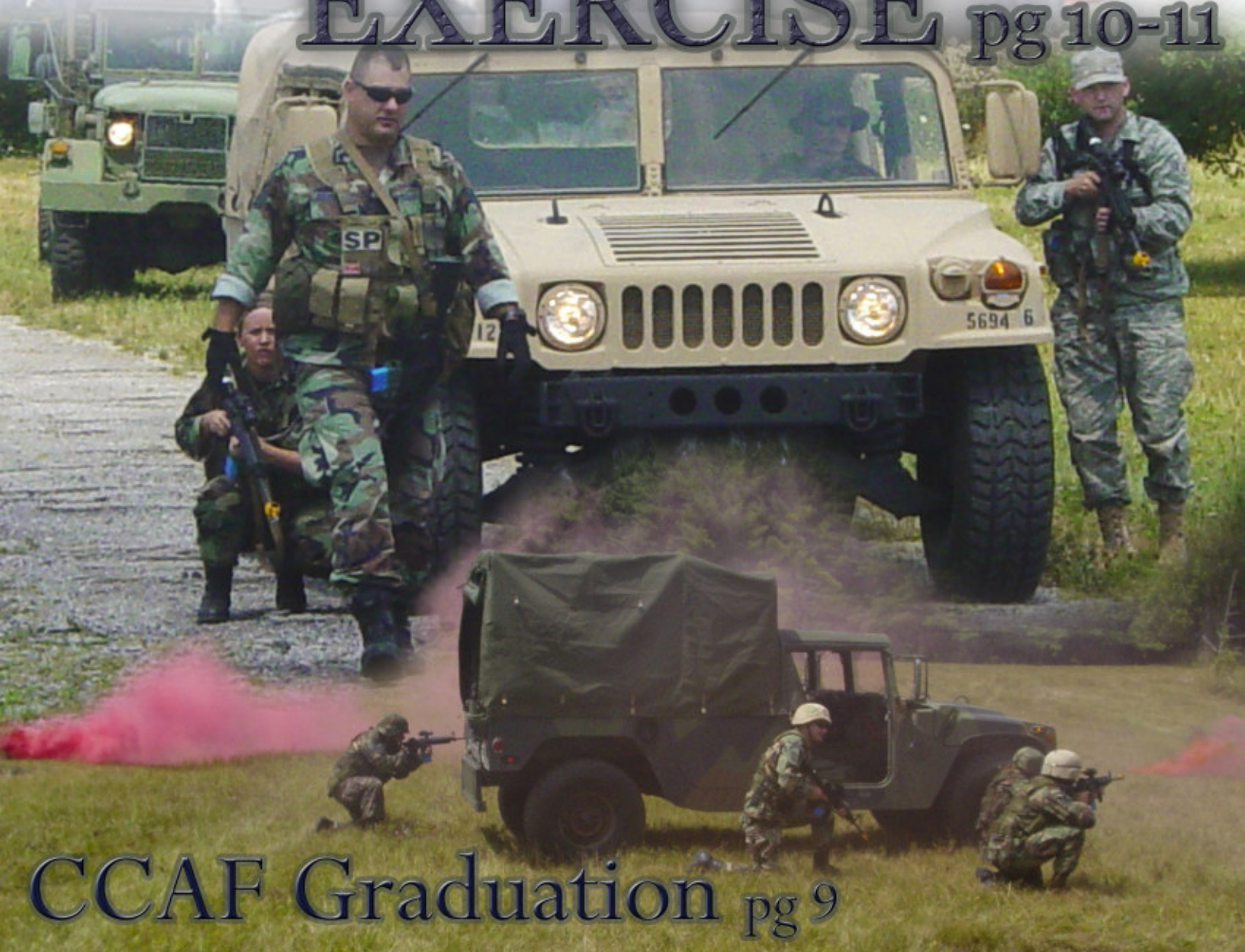


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Command Insight

When reports become gifts

By Col. Bill Waldron
179th Vice Wing Commander

Like many of you, I heaved a big sigh when the last of the SIX inspection teams who've visited this year boarded the airplane back in September. Good bye and good luck. Turns out they weren't through with us.

A few weeks later, an annoying little memo arrived, asking that we report in writing what we intended to do about a few areas in which "opportunities" were discovered. Now, it's really not that big a problem for me – I can and do send the monkeys out for others to feed, but it's not work made any easier for them by the Inspector General's insistence, for example, that we identify the root causes of the issues. Similar letters arrived on other desks, too, asking for essentially the same things.

That's not all. If our report falls short of satisfying the IG's functional experts or if we reply that we've not yet fixed things (but plan to), we get the opportunity to recount our status again, at ninety day intervals, until everyone's happy. I'm beginning to think I sighed too soon, or that maybe I shouldn't have sighed at all.

After all, didn't we once again turn in distinguished performances? Haven't we been told countless times by inspectors and peers alike that we're in the topmost

percentiles of units in the airlift business, if not among all units? Can't we be trusted to take care of the findings without demands from above for what seem like endless and unnecessary reports?

It's only a small step of course from very human reactions of denial and annoyance like these to realization, and maybe even acceptance, of what's actually going on here. We are being held accountable. But, interestingly, we're being held accountable at several levels, not just the obvious one.

It's obvious we must fix things that don't comply with regulations (it's no accident they're called regulations.) Less obvious, in this case, is that the inspection itself was just one step in a process in which we're also expected to engage – the process of continuous and systematic self-inspection and improvement. More is asked than enacting the first solution that comes to mind or crafting a cleverly written promise. No. The IG wants to know the root causes for the problem, how our actions line up sensibly with those causes, and that we've done them.

Solutions arrived at in this way not only have a good chance of working; they often endure. They're systemic. They offer the hope that we won't find ourselves talking about the same problem over and over again which, if you think about it, is something we do relatively often (at least in my experience!)

The principle of accountability is at work here, couched in an order to provide a rather complete corrective action plan. It's the AMC Commander doing his job and, more importantly, helping us do ours.

Which is another angle on the feeling of acceptance that eventually sets in when you get a "bundle of joy" memo from the IG. We're being prodded in a way



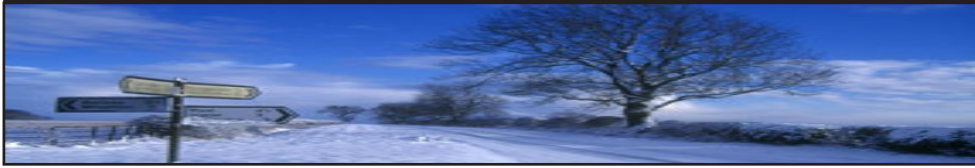
that's sure to improve us and to help us bring out our best. I don't know about you, but I'd prefer to be held accountable for a level of performance that enables me to say "I did well." The AMC Commander obviously wants us to do well and he's pushing us to take an extra step from hasty report to in-depth solution. In Randy Pausch's stirring *Last Lecture* (check it out), he speaks of a high school coach who was unrelenting in pushing him (Pausch) to give more and more. Why? Because he cared. If he'd quit pushing, it would have been a sure sign he'd given up.

Accountability plays out in a host of ways, this being just one. I don't need to tell you there have been challenges at the highest levels in this huge Air Force of ours. It's worth taking a moment to ask how we're doing, in things large and small. At the end of the day, did we ask all we could of ourselves and our people? Did we press to know that the areas for which we're responsible are where they need to be? Did we give ourselves and our people the gift of high standards that bring out their best?

That's enough for now. I have a report to compile. Best to you all...



Reflection from the Chaplain Section



By Chaplain, Maj. David Shirley
179th Chaplains Office

Over the last year I have been working on a concept called the Izing approach. It came about as a question was posed in a meeting. The question, "What more can we do to ensure all of our members have the help they need when they are experiencing difficult times?" In my mind, I began to go over the vast spectrum of people and resources already in place. I considered the support, diligence and commitment of our wing leadership. I thought of the helping agencies here on base and the referral sources off base. It was clear that we have plenty of people, programs and plans in place to assist in urgent times. Often the missing element for overcoming life's most traumatic events is hope.

Hope is not confined to a person, program, plan or any particular group or religion. Hope is not simply a matter of having a good outlook or a personality tailored to weather overwhelming circumstances. It is not conditioned by current circumstances or any human possibilities. It does not depend upon what we possess.

It is not determined upon what we may be able to do for ourselves. It is not to rely upon what any other human being may do for us. Hope is around when all of our resources are depleted or when all of our normal solutions have failed. It's when we seemingly have no one or anything else to turn to that we find hope waiting in the wings. Hope is not a kite at the mercy of the changing winds, but a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.

I like presenting the Izing approach because the people on the other end of the message can be inspired to hope for better days. I enjoy teaching marriage classes because I know some couple is going to hear something that may spark new life in their relationship. I like visiting around the base because I know that a smile, hand shake and a kind word can lift the spirit of those who are low. I love counseling with people because I know I have the opportunity to deposit some nugget of wisdom that will help them navigate the rough terrain. I love preaching because I know how

the message of Christ reaches into the darkest places and draws people out of hopelessness.

We live a very delicate life and on any given day our firm and strong foundation can crumble under foot. We then find ourselves reaching to take hold of something tangible to save us from the fall. In many cases it isn't what we can touch physically that rescues us. I have seen and heard a lot of stories this year and I am certain of one thing. We cannot lose hope. This holiday season whatever you have been through or happen to be going through right now, be sure hope is ever present. As long as you have breath in your body there is hope. Cling to it. Never give up on hope.

Welcome to the 179th family!

Dakota James Graaf

BIRTHDAY: June 5, 2008

WEIGHT: 7 lbs

LENGTH: 20 inches

PARENTS NAMES: Bill Graaf & Heidi Werner

SIBLINGS: Izzy, Bailey & Sean





*The month of **December** provides an opportunity for families to gather for special holiday celebrations. In particular are **KWANZAA**, **HANUKKAH** and **CHRISTMAS**. Understanding these holidays can help us to appreciate our differences.*

KWANZAA

KWANZAA, the African-American cultural holiday conceived and developed by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga, was first celebrated on December 26, 1966. Kwanzaa is traditionally celebrated from December 26 through January 1, with each day focused on Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles. Derived from the Swahili phrase “matunda ya kwanza” which means “first fruits”, Kwanzaa is rooted in the first harvest celebrations practiced in various cultures in Africa. Kwanzaa seeks to enforce a connectedness to African cultural identity, provide a focal point for the gathering of African peoples, and to reflect upon the Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles, that have sustained Africans. Africans and African-Americans of all religious faiths and backgrounds practice Kwanzaa.

A review of the major holidays celebrated in the United States would reveal that not one related specifically to the growth and development of African-Americans. The development of Kwanzaa assumed a reassessment, reclaiming, recommitment, remembrance, retrieval, resumption, resurrection, and rejuvenation of the “Way of Life” principles recognized by African-Americans. These principles have strengthened African-Americans during our worldwide sojourn.

<http://www.melanet.com/kwanzaa/whatis.html>

HANUKKAH

HANUKKAH is celebrated for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar (which is November-December on the Gregorian calendar). In Hebrew, the word “Hanukkah” means “dedication.”

The holiday commemorates the rededication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Jews’ 165 B.C.E. victory over the Hellenist Syrians. Antiochus, the

Greek King of Syria, outlawed Jewish rituals and ordered the Jews to worship Greek gods.

In 168 B.C.E. the Jews' holy Temple was seized and dedicated to the worship of Zeus. Some Jews were afraid of the Greek soldiers and obeyed them, but most were angry and decided to fight back. After three years of fighting, the Jews defeated the Greek army, despite having fewer men and weapons.

Today Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight days by lighting candles in a menorah every night, thus commemorating the eight-day miracle.

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/hanukkah/>

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. No one knows the exact date of Christ's birth, but most Christians observe Christmas on December 25. The word *Christmas* comes from *Cristes maesse*, an early English phrase that means *Mass of Christ*.

The story of Christmas comes chiefly from the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament. According to Luke, an angel appeared to shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem and told them of Jesus' birth. Matthew tells how the wise men, called *Magi*, followed a bright star that led them to Jesus. The word *Xmas* is sometimes used instead of Christmas. This tradition began in the early Christian church. In Greek, X is the first letter of Christ's name. It was frequently used as a holy symbol.

<http://www2.worldbook.com/features/holidays/html/history.htm>





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Is “Military Justice” an oxymoron?

By Tech. Sgt. Brent Baisden
179th JAG Office

Military Justice isn't just for active duty members these days. With the increased deployment tempo facing today's guardsmen and the high demand for certain career fields downrange, you may be more likely to deploy than not. Ever wonder what kind of rights you'll have once you're placed in Title 10 status? You may think you're giving up all a lot, but you may be surprised by what's in your favor.

If you've been deployed at any time in your career, you've likely heard tales of the “poor” airman from a past rotation that is still “serving” his country from a cell in the host base's security forces building long after his unit has returned home. Truth is, if he really is still there, he likely deserves to be.

Now the Manual For Courts-Martial (MCM) is not light reading and is not easily simplified; but it lays out your rights and duties with respect to the military. At a minimum, it's a good starting point for researching your legal issues.

The MCM provides the Punitive Articles that represent the laws or “crimes” to which military members are held ac-

countable. For the most part, these offenses are not surprising and there is little chance of violating them unknowingly. These range from the common violation referred to as being AWOL to the more obscure crime of Dueling. Most of us probably could not imagine a situation in which dueling would seem appropriate. They also range in severity from Straggling with a maximum punishment of a short confinement and pay forfeiture to possible death for willfully and wrongfully violating Article 110 Improper Hazarding of Vessel (which includes aircraft).

Many of your Constitutional rights follow you regardless of military status. Some rights are revamped in the form of MCM Articles. An example would be the Military Rules of Evidence, which are based in part on the Federal Rules of Evidence. These Rules of Evidence lay out the manner in which our federal courts may admit evidence. The privilege against self-incrimination guaranteed to civilians by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution is also available to military members through the Military Rules of Evidence. In fact, most of the procedural protections afforded to civilians are extended to military members in one form or another.



In certain situations, an airman may be entitled to a hearing before a board or have the opportunity to submit mitigating evidence in support of their case.

Like our civilian counter-parts, very few military disciplinary actions see a formal jury. In this world of plea bargains and non-judicial discipline, one of your most valuable tools is your right to counsel. The military has its own version of Miranda warnings that most Law & Order faithful can recite verbatim. Your buddy isn't always the best source of information and this would be one of those times. When you have the right to an attorney, you very likely need one.

So, in conclusion, even if you did order the Code Red, relax a bit, ask for a lawyer and at least you'll get a fair shake.

Members of the 179th Airlift Wing showed their respect and gratitude for Veterans by participating in the Mansfield Veterans Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.



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HEROIC MEN AND VALIANT
WOMEN IN THE SERVICE
OF OUR COUNTRY CAN
NEVER BE REPAID. THEY
HAVE EARNED OUR
UNDYING GRATITUDE.
AMERICA WILL NEVER
FORGET THEIR SACRIFICES.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

Photo by Airman First Class Joe Harwood

CCAF graduation

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Cauvel
179th Public Affairs Journalist



Photo by Airman First Class Joe Harwood

On November 2, the fall graduates of the Community College of the Air Force received their diplomas in a ceremony held in the Aircrew Briefing Room, building 164. The 19 recipients represented 12 squadrons across the base; including three members of the 200th Red Horse Squadron and one member who separated since officially completing his degree.

The fall 2008 CCAF Graduates are:



Anyone wanting more information on obtaining a degree through the CCAF can contact Master Sgt. John C. Willis, Human Resources, at extension 122.

Security Forces train to improve

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Cauvel
179th Public Affairs Journalist



Recently, approximately 20 members of the Security Forces Squadron completed a two-week training which included ancillary training on defensive postures. One example of the postures would be placing extra barricades at the gates when the Force Protection conditions warrants.

“Our security posture has to improve with the increases in the [force protection conditions],” said Master Sgt. Nelson F. Kilgore, who was one of three main instructors for the training. “When we are in Bravo, we have to incorporate all of the antiterrorism measures of Bravo and we also add certain measures from Charlie. When we are in Charlie we do the same thing. We implement all the measures from Charlie and then include a handful of select ones from Delta.”

“In Delta, that means there is either a direct threat that was indicated toward this base specifically or this area,” Kilgore explained. For the recent training, instructors drove around the perimeter of the base in a suspicious manner in order to give the trainees a chance to learn how to properly gather intelligence and observe what suspect individuals are doing.

“Ultimately it increased to where we targeted and attacked the base. To which we were successfully counterattacked and taken care of,” Kilgore said. “One of the assaults was we were able to get a Mansfield Fire Department squad [truck], which was driven by one of the firemen, to drive us on base. We assaulted the main gate at that point. Those individuals suffered some casualties, but some lived through it and were able to sound the alarm and say they were under attack.”

force protection skills

Once the surviving troops were able to begin the correct defensive measures, they were able to stop the attackers from reaching further than halfway through building 164. An assault team was called in to clear the building and take care of all the threats, including one enemy prisoner.

At this point, training moved onto Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOULT) in building 203. "This is what, if we were teamed up with an Army unit overseas, like in Iraq, we could possibly be doing. This includes entering and clearing and securing buildings," Kilgore said.

Other training included patrol attacks when troops are in vehicles. Using Humvees and Deuce and a Half trucks at a training site. Tech. Sgt. Kevin T. Steele, who has served two tours in Iraq as a Truck Commander, taught troops how to respond to intermediate level attacks.

The troops also trained on the protection of a VIP, night operations and defensive tactics. The defensive tactics training, which included wrestling, boxing and martial arts, was held on a 10-hour training day.

At the end of the day, a competition was held between eight individuals. According to Kilgore, the competition was held as part of an Improving Use of Force program. Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. McNary and Senior Airman Roy S. Davis both made it to the final competition by winning preliminary matches. In the end, Davis won the final match to win the competition.



Funeral Honor Guard culminates training with a demonstration

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Cauvel
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Recently, 11 members of the 179th Airlift Wing Military Funeral Honor Guard spent a week training with the team from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Wright Patterson AFB covers approximately 2,000 funerals each year over a six state area. These states include: Ohio, Kentucky, certain areas of Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the lower peninsula of Michigan. To cover this large area, Wright Patterson uses the help of smaller bases, such as the 179th, to cover funerals in their area and for their members. This team concept is also utilized when the family of a deceased military member specifically requests a certain base to provide the services at their loved one's funeral.

Wright Patterson and its smaller base counterparts average seven funeral details each day. They estimate that the guard touches at least three-quarters of these details.

The reason for the high number of military funerals is that anyone who has honorably served in the military is entitled to some form of military funeral honors. There are three types of funeral honors a person may be entitled to receive. These include a veteran funeral, retiree funeral and active duty funeral.

The veteran funeral provides for up to three uniformed military persons to fold and present the United States burial flag and to play Taps. For a retiree funeral, seven uniformed military persons perform the same services as a veteran funeral, as well as provide a 3-volley (fir-

ing) salute and military pallbearers.

In an active duty funeral, 20 uniformed military persons perform the services already mentioned. Even though the 179th is a guard base, the Honor guard members here are capable of supporting an active duty funeral.

One thing that is the same with each funeral type is that the honors must be requested. Base Honor Guard teams are not automatically notified when a military member dies. Many families of military members do not know about this. Because of this, it is estimated that only 25% of people who are eligible for military funeral honors receive them.

It is the job of the family to contact a central Honor Guard location, such as Wright Patterson. This is usually done through the Funeral Director.

An important thing to remember is that there is no time limit for funeral honors. Even if a military member passed away years ago with no special services, the family can request the honors to be performed at a later date. Also, for the services that are performed after the military member has been buried, a casket does not need to be exhumed for the services to be performed.



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- **RECOGNITION** - to honor outstanding achievements through an aggressive awards program.

Although ONGEA has had most of its success in effective legislation benefiting Ohio National Guard members, there are many other reasons to join. ONGEA is successful in selecting programs that benefit Ohio National Guard members and their families. As a paid member of ONGEA, you also become a member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States - EANGUS. Your membership in EANGUS entitles you to additional features and benefits. Please visit the EANGUS web-site - www.eangus.org - for information on the accomplishments of EANGUS and the additional benefits of membership in the national organization. Thank you for your support and membership.

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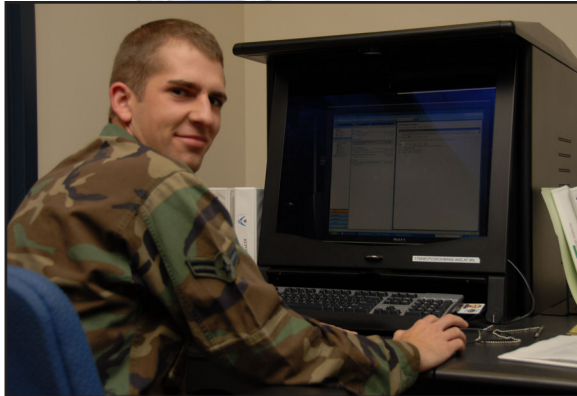
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Airman Spotlight

By Airman 1st Class Dustin Edgell
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Airman First Class Ben Trumpower is a member of the 179th Airlift Wing Headquarters, within the Command Post. A member for almost two years, Trumpower was first introduced to the idea of joining the military through his girlfriend who told him about all the different benefits and bonuses available. Her father, a Retired Master Sgt., helped Trumpower out by assisting him in locating a good position to begin the foundation of his military career. He chose the 179th because of its proximity to his home. Trumpower is a traditional guardsman, who works full time as a RA (Resident Advisor) at Bowling Green State University. As an RA, he helps mentor students about the policies, and enforces the rules set by the school.

At Bowling Green State University, Trumpower is double majoring in business law and marketing with a minor in journalism. Upon graduation in May 2011, he is considering attending law school. Trumpower enjoys sports, computers, and watching movies. Trumpower laughs at how the 40 plus freshman he watches over stay on their best behavior because they think the military is teaching him 40 plus ways to cause them bodily harm. Another interesting fact about Trumpower that many do not know is that he'd never flown in an airplane until he left for basic training.



Airman First Class Jake Soldat, works within the 179th AW Command Post and has recently returned from his technical training. Soldat enlisted this spring because of the benefits available to members of the Ohio Air National Guard. He chose the 179th because it was close to his home. Soldat is currently a traditional guardsman and plans to become a full time student at Ohio University.

Outside of his work at the 179th, Soldat enjoys watching and competing in sports. He can be found spending a large portion of his time with his friends and family. One funny story Soldat shared was that, while in basic training, his T.I. nicknamed him "Poptart" because he was caught eating one without permission in the dining facility.

Photos by Airman First Class Joe Harwood

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