



# The Intake

132d Fighter Wing, Des Moines, IA

## COMMAND COMMENTARY

### Gaining Clarity of Mission

**By Col. Drew DeHaes**

*Commander, 132nd Fighter Wing*



As I type this article, just one week removed from discussions with NGB, we are starting to clarify the way forward with which missions the 132d will be expected to bed down in the coming years. As of last week, we are expecting the following mission sets: Reconnaissance Group (with an RPA squadron and Support Squadron and the possibility of a Launch and Recovery Element (LRE)), a Targeting Group and a Cyber Squadron. Now, this differs from the original lay down back in November when we were slotted against a Reconnaissance Group, a DCGS and AOC. Both the NGB and your wing leadership feel the new mission sets are much better suited to the Guard. Realize that we are still waiting on Headquarters Air Force to approve these changes and I just want everyone to know that until that happens, everything is subject to change in regards to these new missions. So, in short, we are improving our current position and that is a good thing.

I want to make something perfectly clear before I go any further. Your IA Group CCs and I are extremely excited about the future of our new missions and what it means for the future of the 132d FW. MQ-9s are the latest and greatest attack platform that is taking center stage and making a difference around the world every day. When we went to war in Libya this past year, most of you don't realize that the ANG Targeting Groups were the key to NATO's success in defining and developing the target sets for that war. They answered the call by manning their targeting cells 24/7 until the job was done and then did what most guard units do, went back to their cost effective unit structure. You want to make a difference in the war, be a member of the targeting group. On time, on target begins here! Lastly, any mission in Cyber is a difference maker. If you picked up the paper last Sunday, you will see that our Energy Department was hacked over the weekend. Think of waging war with a keyboard, either offensive or defensive, it is high tech and leading edge. Change can be both frightening and exciting. With that as a backdrop, we will be holding a career fair over April UTA weekend to have subject matter experts present their jobs and discuss how they made the switch from *insert your old job title here* to *insert your new job title here*. The sky is the limit.

This weekend, I along with Col Heer and Col Martin will be holding town hall meetings to answer any questions you might have and to present the inner workings of the Conversion Steering Committee (CSC). While we wait for clarity from the ANG on things like SATAF dates, Unit manning documents, Stop fly dates and our training timeline/pipeline, we are not sitting idly by but pressing on with preparations for a smooth conversion. What I ask is that you keep the faith that your leadership team is near real-time sharing information as we receive it and that we will do everything in our power to get each and every one of you where you want to be in the end. Keep the faith and be patient!

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## A Time for Change

By Chaplain 2nd Lt. Tony Davy

132nd FW Chaplain



I was thinking recently about a story in Jewish history (Old Testament) in which Joseph encountered overwhelming change in his life. He went from being his father's favorite son with his coat of many colors to being sold into slavery in the same day. WOW!!! What a turnaround! It wasn't his goal or dream, but it worked out for good and he became second in command in the country of Egypt. What might God have in store for you?

"But I HATE change!" – I'm not sure why many of us react poorly to change, because we know change is the only thing we can really count on in this life. Change WILL come. Change is really the only constant.

In light of the recent developments here at the 132nd FW, it is appropriate to consider the implications of the inevitable changes which are upon us. We don't have the answers to so many questions, so we must come to grips with the reality that change is upon us. Many of us may be familiar with the Scripture passage in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 which talks about a time or season for everything, yet nothing is new "under the sun".

If life is a cycle of events, that means we have to adapt and overcome the different changes. We CANNOT control many things, but we MUST control those things that we can. I'm reminded of something my pastor always says, "You can't control what happens to you, but you can control what happens in you". Control what you can and have peace that God will take care of the rest. Prepare to be your best in the shadow of uncertainty. I want to encourage you to lean on your spiritual pillar over the next few months and then just do your best at everything you do.

In His service,

Ch Davy

## POST 9/11 GI Bill

On Sunday, UTA February 10th, 2013, beginning at 0930, 1030, 1130, 1230 (beginning on the ½ hour) a GI BILL Educational Benefits Informational Briefings will be held in the CES Classroom. Topics to include; Montgomery GI BILL Educational Programs and eligibility, transferring educational benefits to dependents, and general FAQs related to the GI BILL.

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# JOB LISTINGS

## Future Pilots Wanted

**By Lt. Col. Travis Acheson**

*132nd FW Pilot*

The 124th Fighter Squadron will hold the next Pilot Training Board on Sunday April 21, 2013  
This Pilot Training Board is open only to current unit members

We will be selecting candidates to attend US Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training and MQ-9 "Reaper" Training.  
The expectation is the selected candidates will fly MQ-9s for the Iowa Air National Guard.

To apply, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Four year college degree (Bachelors)
2. GPA of at least 2.1
3. AFOQT scores of: Pilot - 25; Navigator - 10; Academic Aptitude - No Minimum; Verbal - 15; Quantitative - 10
4. Enter UPT flying training before age 29 1/2 (To be able to meet with requirement, candidate will need to be no older than 28 on 4/21/2013)
5. Physically able to pass the Flying Class 1 physical
6. Mentally & morally qualified
7. United States Citizen
8. Height between 64" - 76" (sitting height 34" - 39")
9. Capable of obtaining & maintaining a Top Secret security clearance (primarily clean criminal record, financial record (not too much debt), driving record, no substance abuse, etc.)

Pilot training application must consist of:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume consisting of a chronological statement of military/civilian experience & education
3. Official transcripts of all college work
4. Minimum of 3 letters of recommendation
5. AFOQT test scores

Please scan your complete application and email it to MSgt. Joyce Piazza at [joyce.piazza@ang.af.mil](mailto:joyce.piazza@ang.af.mil) Complete application will need to be into MSgt. Piazza NO LATER THAN Sunday April 7, 2013 at 3:00pm.  
Those candidates selected to interview will be notified no later than Monday April 8, 2013.

General questions about pilot training process, training and/or bases, etc., contact one of the following individuals:  
1LT Jared Anderson - [jared.anderson@ang.af.mil](mailto:jared.anderson@ang.af.mil) 1LT Tony Sullivan - [anton.sullivan@ang.af.mil](mailto:anton.sullivan@ang.af.mil) 1LT John Hoff - [john.hoff@ang.af.mil](mailto:john.hoff@ang.af.mil)

Lastly, everyone interested in a UPT slot are high encouraged to start immediately. Take advantage of any/all flying periods visit with anyone is "OPS." Ask questions and make your intentions known to all.

Thank you for helping me spread the word.

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124FS/CC

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# LEGAL BRIEFS

## VA Benefits for Long-Term Care

**By Capt. Bret Lucas**

*132nd FW Legal Office*



Many wartime veterans and their surviving spouses are currently receiving long-term care or will need some type of long-term care in the near future. The Veterans Administration has funds that are available to help pay for this care. Unfortunately, many are not aware that these benefits even exist, and they are often overlooked by families with veterans or surviving spouses who need additional funds to help care for them.

These following three types of benefits are “pension benefits.” The veteran (or surviving spouse) does not need to have service-related injuries, but must meet certain eligibility requirements for wartime service, age and/or disability, and income/assets.

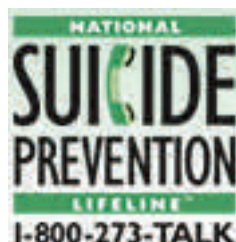
**Pension with Aid and Attendance.** This is the most widely known benefit and offers the highest possible monthly payment. It provides benefits for a veteran or surviving spouse who requires the attendance of another person to assist in activities of daily living (eating, bathing, dressing and undressing, cooking, etc.), is blind, or is a patient in a nursing home. Assisted care in an assisted living facility also qualifies. A physician’s statement that verifies the claimant’s condition and need for assistance is required.

**Pension with Housebound Allowance,** which has a slightly lower benefit, will help those who do not qualify for Aid and Attendance, and who wish to remain in either their own home or the home of a family member. This pension requires that the individual needs regular assistance, but the criteria is not as limited as for those who would qualify for Aid and Attendance. Care can be provided by family members or outside caregiver agencies. A physician’s statement documenting the claimant’s medical needs is required.

**Basic Pension** is for veterans and surviving spouses who are age 65 or older or are disabled, and who have limited income and assets. No physician’s statement documenting a medical need is required.

A veteran must first meet certain wartime service and discharge requirements before being considered for any type of pension benefit. Additionally, a surviving spouse must meet certain marriage requirements to the qualified veteran.

It often takes the VA more than a year to make a decision, but once approved, benefits are paid retroactively to the month after the application is submitted. Processing time can be greatly reduced by having the proper documentation (discharge papers, medical evidence, proof of medical expenses, death certificate, marriage certificate and a properly completed application) at the time of application.



# MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Tips for Surviving Change You Didn't Ask For

By **David N. Brown Ph.D., LMFT**

Wing Director Psychological Health



Here are some quick suggestions you can use to survive and even thrive with change.

Focus on the Solution, Not the Problem — The key question is, “What are you going to do about where you are now?”, not, “Why is this happening?”

What am I free to choose right now? — Because feeling in control is so crucial to resilience, try asking yourself this question each day.

What if you don't believe you have the confidence or talent to find a solution? — Pretend you do. Turns out “fake it till you make it” has some validity in brain science.

Find things to Laugh About — Laughter relieves stress, lowers blood pressure and improves mood.

Try it for a while — When looking at options, before you say something won't work, consider how it could work.

Focus on a positive future — Focus on where you want to be a year or two from now, then ask what actions you need to take today to make it happen.

Change direction — If all pathways to your current goal are blocked, perhaps that's a message to pursue something entirely different.

And if you are doing or thinking about some of these things already, Celebrate them as successes in moving forward in a challenging situation.

For questions or assistance contact David Brown, Wing Director Psychological Health at 515-306-8015 or david.brown.ctr@ang.af.mil .

Source: Ryan, M .J (2009). Adaptability: How to survive change you did not ask for. New York, NY: Broadway Books.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

### On the Menu

Saturday 9 February		Sunday 10 February	
Main Line	Short Line	Main Line	Short Line
Hot Beef or Hot Turkey Sandwich	Crispy Fin and Feather Basket	Chicken Parmesan	BBQ Pulled Pork
Mashed potatoes/Gravy	Fries	Fried Catfish	Onion Rings
Peas	Carrots	Au Gratin Potatoes	Broccoli
Carrots		Broccoli	
Dinner Rolls		Cauliflower	
		Rolls	

**Entrée comes with side, dessert, salad bar and beverage.**

**Non-AGR Enlisted meals are at no cost. Officer/AGR/Civilian meal cost is \$4.55.**

# PEOPLE

## Moving On



### Master Sgt. Kurt Kollasch from the 132d AMXS

Retirement ceremony will be 1 Mar 2013 at 1600 in the Wing Classroom.

## Moving In

LTC	Stockfleth, Neil A	JFHQ	15-Jan-13
CPT	Fillipi, Keane M.	JFHQ	16-Jan-13
CPT	Whitehurst, Brynn E.	DTOC	16-Jan-13
TSG	Taylor, Courtney E.	MSG	26-Jan-13
SRA	Walker, Bonnie J.	CF	16-Jan-13
A1C	Johnson, Jacob	LRS	31-Jan-13
A1C	Keller, Abigail L.	SFS	5-Jan-13
A1C	Mezera, Justin R.	MDG	4-Jan-13
AB	Greenwood, Brandon J.	MDG	9-Jan-13
AB	Marcellus, Colton D.	LRS	22-Jan-13

## Promotions

Seeley, Myron C.	E-9	1-Feb-13
Berg, Kevin R.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Burch, Gary L.	E-7	15-Jan-13
Connett, John L.	E-7	15-Jan-13
Follis, Chad E.	E-7	15-Jan-13
Garrison, Jake W.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Jamieson, Joshua B.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Mora, Scot E.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Oshirak, John J.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Parham, James T.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Rohmiller, Nicholas J.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Schultz, Eric E.	E-7	15-Jan-13
Williams, Scott A.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Wonderlich, Jason D.	E-7	1-Feb-13
Crouse, Roscoe T.	E-6	15-Jan-13
Jenkins, Andrew D.	E-6	1-Feb-13
Johnson, Deborah P.	E-6	15-Jan-13
Khan, Joshua P.	E-6	15-Jan-13
Mohs, Eric L.	E-6	15-Jan-13
Seeley, Alisha R.	E-6	1-Feb-13
Tremmel, Gregory A.	E-6	15-Jan-13
King, Joshua M.	E-5	15-Jan-13
Ploeger, Michael J.	E-5	15-Jan-13
Bazal, Jared W.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Chatham, Stephen M.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Christensen, Joseph W.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Kesavadhana, Dakota J.	E-4	15-Feb-13
Koontz, Drake A.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Lienemann, Thomas A.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Molina, Jennifer A.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Seals, Jeffrey A.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Sharp, Joshua R.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Sharp, Reece W.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Vondrak, Alexander S.	E-4	1-Feb-13
Albee, Sarah N.	E-3	1-Feb-13
Pratt, Seth A.	E-3	1-Feb-13



# FEBRUARY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Fri, March 1, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Sat, March 2, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Sun, March 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Iowa State Fairgrounds  
 Varied Industries Building



## Kids Helping Kids!

Children & Families of Iowa's Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union, is about families, fun and restoring hope for Iowa's kids. While you and your family are having fun at all of the great attractions, you are helping at-risk families and children in Iowa.

## Characters we all love!

- ★ Dora the Explorer, sponsored by Veridian Credit Union
- ★ Dora's Birthday Party (See [www.cfiowa.org](http://www.cfiowa.org) for details)
- ★ Veggie Tales
- ★ Star Wars Characters (Sat. and Sun.)
- ★ Princesses
- ★ Super Heroes
- ★ Spiderman and Batman (Sat. and Sun.), sponsored by Dr. Pepper/Snapple

**TICKETS**  
 \$7 per person, per day (kids ages 2 and under are free)  
 Tickets are available at the door all weekend long.  
 Discount coupons available at Fareway Stores and Veridian Credit Union.  
[www.cfiowa.org](http://www.cfiowa.org)

## NEW ATTRACTIONS!

- ★ Creations With A Twist! Story Time Stage Shows (Sat. and Sun.)
- ★ Jones Creek Apparel
- ★ Academy of Wildlife Education at Merle Hay Mall

## FAVORITES!

- ★ Iowa School of Beauty "Hairy Tales" Kids Glamour Spa
- ★ Fareway Snack and Activity Area
- ★ Fareway Bike Giveaway
- ★ Fareway Crawling Contest
- ★ Wells Fargo Fingerprinting ID Station
- ★ GuideOne Gamers Area
- ★ CFI Kidsfest Klues Hunt
- ★ KCCI Activities
- ★ Toddler Town
- ★ Cumulus Media Booth
- ★ Non-Stop Great Stage Shows
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Family Flags Craft

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## Des Moines Home +Garden Show

## Announces Hero Day on February 10

Show Will Admit Firefighters, Law Enforcement and Members of the Military FREE

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Des Moines Home & Garden Show at Iowa Events Center will honor all Heroes on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>. The show will provide free admission that day for all past and present Firefighters, Law Enforcement, and members of the Military.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual show, Feb. 7-10, 2013, is "The Big One!" – a "must see" Iowa tradition that combines relevant experts and hundreds of creative and trend-setting ideas for your home, garden and lifestyle.

"For your service and sacrifice, thank you," said show manager Shannon Nathe. She added that these "heros" get in free by stepping up to the HERO Box Office window at Iowa Events Center, and simply showing their I.D.

Show hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

### About the Des Moines Home & Garden Show

The Des Moines Home & Garden Show – The Big One! is the city's oldest and largest show of its kind, featuring the latest trends in home, garden, remodeling and interior design concepts from more than 400 exhibitors and 1,000 experts. The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Show is Feb.7-10, 2013 at Iowa Events Center. Visit [www.desmoineshomeandgardenshow.com](http://www.desmoineshomeandgardenshow.com) or call 800.HOM.SHOW (800.466.7469) for discount tickets and more information.