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Sharp troops stand and deliver for HASC

House Armed Services Committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., (left) escorted by U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., visits with 162nd Fighter Wing firefighters at the Arizona Air National Guard base fire station Dec. 1. Both heard a mission briefing from Brig. Gen. Rick Mo시오, 162nd Fighter Wing commander, and then toured the unit's engine maintenance shop and fire department. The delegates commented on how much they learned about the Air National Guard mission and noted how impressed they were with the Airmen here.

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Draw on 2007 momentum to start the New Year

by Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio
Commander

Happy New Year one and all. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas season and that this new year finds you healthy, happy and looking forward to an exciting 2008 both in your personal life and here at the 162nd.

Your Public Affairs officer, Capt. Gabe Johnson, has put together yet another great *El Tigre News* to kick off the New Year. See the center page for a review of some of the top stories of 2007. The picture of now Lt. Col. Mike Ryan reminds us that we've still got a lot of our friends deployed to the war and elsewhere. In fact, we had 162nd members in the theatre all year long and that isn't going to change in 2008.

If you haven't yet heard about Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith's accomplishment, wait until you read page 4. Her selection to the Air Force's Tops in Blue is one of the coolest things that's ever happened to one of our fellow Tigres. Chandra's going to be representing the Air Guard and the 162nd all around the world for the next year. Congratulations Chandra for this tremendous honor. We all hope you have a rewarding year and look forward to having you back here so you can sing for us again!

And how about our friend Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.



General Moisio

A new member of the House Armed Services Committee, she brought the committee Chairman, Rep. Ike Skelton, to tour southern Arizona military installations. Though Fort Huachuca and D-M are in her district, the 162nd is not and she certainly had no obligation to bring the Chairman to the unit. But she did and proudly wore her 162nd Minuteman Committee nametag while they were here. The fact that it was UTA Saturday really gave you the chance to show off, and that's exactly what you all did. It was an extremely rare opportunity having such an influential member of Congress on our base. The Congressman understands

even better now just what the Air Guard brings to the fight and that our operation here is truly one of a kind.

One more thing of which you can be very proud happened just before the end of the year. Our Adjutant General was attending an Air Force conference on future aircraft bed down plans when Gen Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff, said in front of the 54 TAGs that the 162nd is "the gold standard of Formal Training Units." I can hardly express how proud it makes me that you all continue to outperform in these difficult times in which we find ourselves. It's an honor to represent you.

This year will continue to challenge our ingenuity. The manpower reset takes effect in April and we, like most units, are losing valuable people and essential positions and capabilities. We begin the year with 9 of our Block 42s temporarily grounded and still short of two seaters in the Block 25. Ops leadership was ahead of the game in adjusting student load for the lack of D models and is now working to slow the flow of students into the Block 42. We also face a Health Services Inspection in November, which is the major report card for our Medical Group. Please have faith that your leaders are working hard on your behalf. We will do everything in our power to get you the resources to do your job as we work to secure a bright future for our great unit.

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House Armed Services Chairman visits 162nd



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

House Armed Services Committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., (left) watches 162nd Fighter Wing firefighters demonstrate the capabilities of the P-19R fire truck while the Fire Chief, Senior Master Sgt. Shane Clark, explains the action.

by Capt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

The congressional leader responsible for the Department of Defense's funding and oversight clearly understands the unique mission of the Arizona Air National Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing following a visit here Dec. 1.

The Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., visited Southern Arizona's 162nd Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Fort Huachuca during a two-day tour at the invitation of junior committee member U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.

At the Air National Guard base, located at Tucson International Airport, both delegates heard a mission briefing from Brig. Gen.

Rick Moisio, 162nd Fighter Wing commander, and later toured the unit's state-of-the-art engine maintenance shop and fire department.

"This visit was extremely important for the 162nd and the Air National Guard as a whole," said General Moisio. "We took this opportunity to inform a key decision maker about our role in the national defense strategy, the War on Terror and the Total Force."

During the briefing, Skelton learned how the Guard's largest fighter wing is able to train U.S. and allied F-16 pilots full-time at a relatively low cost utilizing the wing's three fighter squadrons, 70 aircraft and support from 1,600 Arizona Guardsmen.

"I've been in Congress for 31 years and you never stop learning," said Skelton, who controls the

Pentagon's \$500 billion annual budget. "Visits like these are extremely valuable because you learn so much, and it develops your instinct for what's important and what's not so important."

The visit took place during the wing's December Unit Training Assembly, giving the chairman a first-hand look at Guardsmen at work.

As an example of the depth of experience and skill among Air Guard aircraft maintainers, Skelton and Giffords met Staff Sgt. Gabe Aguilar, a jet engine mechanic in the wing's engine shop.

Two days before the congressional visit Aguilar averted a potential catastrophe while inspecting the inside of an engine with a borescope, a microscopic viewing device used to probe engines without taking them apart. By discovering a critical malfunction in the engine's high pressure turbine he saved the unit thousands of dollars and ensured the safety of wing pilots.

"Thank you for that," said Giffords. "Those are my constituents on the ground, and your work here has helped to ensure their safety."

Giffords, who is a member of the 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee, was adamant about showing Chairman Skelton the wing even though the wing is located outside of her district.

"What this wing does here is so special," she told Skelton as she elaborated, "...it's people like these, from Guard and Reserve units, who make up the 40 percent of deployed troops today."

"The Air National Guard is very unique in its mission and the people you have here in uniform are of a very high caliber," said Skelton.



AZ Air Guardsman selected for 2008 Tops in Blue

by Capt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

The “Star Spangled Banner,” “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America” are songs Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith knows very well from her years of singing at retirements, promotions and awards ceremonies at the Arizona Air National Guard’s 162nd Fighter Wing.

This year she’ll expand her repertoire and take her talent on the road as a member of the Air Force’s 2008 Tops in Blue performance team.

Known as the Air Force’s Expeditionary Entertainers, Tops in Blue performs a 90-minute musical extravaganza wherever U.S. troops are stationed. The enormous popularity of the group has made them goodwill ambassadors around the world.

Sergeant Smith was notified of her selection Dec. 12 when the 162nd Fighter Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio, called to congratulate her.

“I was so shocked when I got the call,” said Smith. “There was so much talent at the audition and I didn’t think I would make the team.”

Smith, who rarely sings for audiences outside of the 162nd, began thinking about auditioning for Tops in Blue in April.

“I wanted to do something with my voice,” she said. “This was just the right time in my life to be a part of something big.”

“I think some of the personal challenges for me will be to get used to wearing heels all of the time,” she said. “I’ll also have to get used to wearing makeup at all times because we cannot leave our hotel rooms without being performance ready.”

She worked with vocal coaches to perfect her technique, and submitted a video performance to the selection committee. Her video was selected from hundreds of submissions earning her an invitation to audition in person.

She spent 10 days in early December at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in rigorous competition with 56 Airmen from around the world for a spot on the 30-member entertainment group. She is now one of 10 female vocalists chosen to represent the Air Force.

“I have to go back to Lackland on Feb. 3 for staging which is like basic training times 10,” said Smith. “For 60 days we will be running five miles a day and dancing about 14 hours a day.”

The highly-accelerated training process prepares the new team to master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of

the performance, and also teaches them to be their own technical staff.

“We set up our own stage which takes five hours to set up and three hours to tear down at each stop,” said Smith who will perform more than 100 shows during the nine-month performance season.

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Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith sits with a makeup artist as she transforms into the Wicked Witch of the West for her performance at the Tops in Blue Worldwide Talent competition.



Photo by Capt. Gabe Johnson

Sergeant Smith, a personnel specialist in the Arizona Air National Guard, will trade in her BDUs for numerous costume changes as a member of the 2008 Tops in Blue performance team.

Sergeant Smith serves as a full-time Guardsman at the 162nd Fighter Wing’s F-16 Alert Detachment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. She’s the unit’s orderly room attendant managing computer, personnel and administrative duties. She has full support from her coworkers, family and friends.

“There’s a lot of support here at the Det,” said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bonner, detachment chief enlisted manager. “We all knew she was going to make it. I should have written the announcement to backfill her position a month ago.”

According to Smith, her husband Adam will miss her during her 12-month absence, but is proud that she earned a place on the team.

“He told me I had to do this... it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” she said.



All creation worships God... do you?

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Norton

Some years ago one of my friends and his wife were invited to hear the great tenor Luciano Pavarotti, who recently passed away. They were told that the performance would likely be his last appearance on the west coast, and so they gratefully accepted the outrageously expensive tickets for two of the best seats in the house.

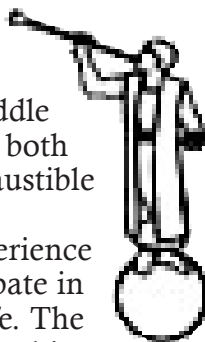
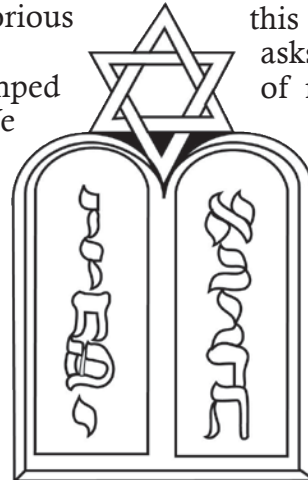
My friend reflected on their experience and compared it to the worship of God. "The concert exceeded our expectations. We were stunned by the master's music. In aria after aria he demonstrated remarkable talent—talent, surely, that set him apart from the thousands who had come to hear him. But that set-apartness was revealed in his generous giving; his uniqueness was shown in a gracious offering of himself. He held nothing back, it seemed. Every single note was filled with boundless passion and glorious beauty."

"We had to respond," my friend said. "We jumped to our feet and clapped, hooted and whistled. We did not stop, not for a long time. Wave after wave of grateful applause was sent up to the platform, calling forth encore after encore."

"In the midst of this mayhem of gratitude," he said, "when my hands were beginning to ache from the pounding, I thought to myself, 'This is deeply satisfying, a profound joy.' It felt right to offer praise in response to such excellence, and this sense of appropriateness created a congruence in which my little world, at least for the moment, seemed perfectly ordered."

"In a similar way, God's gracious self-giving in Jesus Christ calls for the response of faith, and faith's first expression will be the applause of praise. Worship—the word comes from the middle English, meaning to ascribe worth—is both an instinctive response and an inexhaustible source of joy."

Looking back on my friend's experience I see an invitation to us all to participate in worship and experience the joy of life. The Psalms declare that all creation worships God—the mountains sing His praise and the trees clap their hands in joyous worship of the Creator.



When we become worshippers, the stresses of life are seen in proper perspective and the joy of living becomes a possibility once again.

Not only does worship happen in response to joy, joy happens as a result of worship; joy brings forth praise, and praise brings forth a new dimension of joy. My friends applauded Pavarotti out of joyous gratitude, but the applause itself swept them into more joy. Their exuberant ovation created its own happiness.

It felt good to praise Pavarotti because it *was* good. Not only does excellence deserve to be recognized and appreciated, human beings have a basic need to acknowledge it. God has created us for worship, for ascribing worth; to applaud glory is an essential part of our nature. We instinctively respond to the musical glory of Pavarotti because we have been made to praise the greater Glory behind it. The fountainhead of all other manifestations of glory in creation is the Holy One, the Light at the center, the Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives.

We have been created to live for the praise of this God. One historic confession of faith asks the question, "What is the chief end of man?" In other words, "What is the reason for our existing on this earth?"

The answer given is... "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

The need for worship has been built within the nature of our humanity. Even as cars need gas to run, and sailboats need wind to sail, and hawks need thermals to soar, and fish need water to swim—even so, we need worship to live.

I encourage you to rediscover the joy of becoming a worshipper.

Opportunities for worship are provided during each unit training assembly weekend:

Jewish Awareness Group

Drill Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office

General Protestant Worship

Drill Saturdays, 12 p.m. in Operation's Classroom F

Roman Catholic Mass

Drill Sundays at 8 a.m. in Operation's Classroom E

LDS Study Group

Drill Sundays, 12 p.m. in Operation's Classroom F



162ND FIGHTER WING YEAR IN

JANUARY

The 162nd Fighter Wing hosts as many distinguished visitors (DVs) as many large Department of Defense installations. In 2007, the wing saw a lot of DV traffic totaling more than 200 visitors. Everyone from the Romanian Air Force Chief of Staff to the

House Armed Services Committee

Chairman visited the Air Guard in Tucson last year. The January 2007 edition of El Tigre kicked off the wing's protocol banner year by showcasing a visit from air attaches from 32 countries.



APRIL

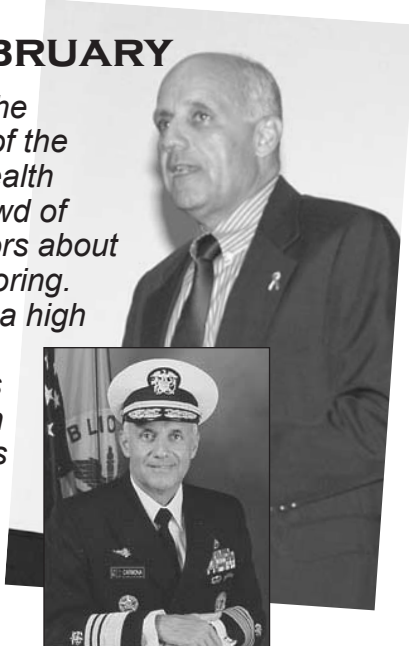
Arizona to Baghdad

Maj. Mike Ryan, 162nd Services Flight commander, met with Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano during her visit to Iraq in 2007. "I have always been proud of Arizona troops," said the Governor. "Having seen it first-hand, I am even more grateful for the work they do and the sacrifice they are making for us."



FEBRUARY

Dr. Richard Carmona, the 17th Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, spoke to a crowd of unit members and visitors about the importance of mentoring. Dr. Carmona rose from a high school dropout to earn several college degrees and national recognition for his accomplishments in life.



MAY

Dominic Magne and Maj. Scott Reinhold observe an F-16 taxi after landing at the Tucson International Airport. The 6-year-old leukemia patient was made an honorary member of the 162nd Fighter Wing as part of his dream to be a fighter pilot. Major Reinhold recently visited Dominic and reported he was looking better but still fighting the illness.



MARCH

Snow in the desert is an unusual sight. The white stuff fell overnight and remained in Tucson for a good portion of the next day in January. The wing's Snowbird customers come here to escape this kind of weather, but for Tucson Guardsmen it's a treat to see such a rare sight in town.



JUNE

Staff Sgt. Jose De Jesus searches a mock perpetrator while Senior Airman Adam Schoonover provides over watch. The 162nd Fighter Wing's anti-terrorism and force protection programs and its Security Forces Squadron were put to the test during a follow-up Operational Readiness Inspection. The wing passed the inspection earning praise from the Air Education and Training Command inspection team who ran numerous exercises and tested wing members' knowledge of force protection procedures.





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JULY

Staff Sgt. Michael Brizuela marshals the last operational F-16A model at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group

(AMARG) at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Rick Moisis, piloted the aircraft on its final flight. The 162nd Fighter Wing, having flown the A and B models since taking on the F-16 training mission in 1985, retired its one remaining F-16A and two F-16B model aircraft; completing its conversion to the more modern F-16C/D.



OCTOBER

An MQ-1B Predator sits on display at the Arizona Air National Guard's 214th Reconnaissance Group activation ceremony at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The 214th flies combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan via satellite in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

AUGUST

The base newspaper introduced color and a new design in August. It was the first major change to El Tigre News in over a decade. Readership feedback has been largely positive. The public affairs office is always receptive to comments and suggestions.



NOVEMBER

Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, Air National Guard Director (center), visits with WEPTAC support staff. The Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (AATC) hosted a successful 2007 Weapons and Tactics (WEPTAC) conference which helped prioritize testing of equipment and tactics for the current war and to prepare for future conflicts.

SEPTEMBER



Several 162nd Fighter Wing aircraft and people deployed to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in support of the Air National Guard exercise, Sentry Aloha. In addition, 30 of the wing's F-16s deployed to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base while the main runway at Tucson International Airport underwent routine maintenance. Senior Airman Eric Hoffman-Watt, an aerospace ground equipment maintainer, moves an F-16 engine packaged for deployment.



DECEMBER

The 162nd closed out 2007 by honoring the wing's top performers of the year. Maj. Gen. David P. Rataczak, Arizona Adjutant General, was on hand to present numerous awards, scholarships and medals.



Tig Bits

CFC 2007 Results

The 162nd Fighter Wing community donated \$58,600 to the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The wing's ultimate objective for the CFC was to surpass the prior year's total which was \$55,314.

"I would like to thank not only those who donated but also those who volunteered as group coordinators and key workers," said 2nd Lt. Lisa Ortiz, wing CFC representative. "Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. With all of us working together, we help to make another child's dream come true, another person's life easier and other family feel at peace."

2008 Softball Teams

The 43rd Annual Air National Guard Softball Tournament in Panama City, Fla., is scheduled for Aug. 5-10. The 162nd Fighter Wing will organize five teams: COED, Men's Open, Women's Open, 35 & Older Men's, 45 & Older Men's. The first meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at TAGRA. Dependents are welcome to participate with any of the teams. Contact team coordinators Master Sgt. Teresa Denogean, 295-6182, or Master Sgt. Brandi Watkins, 295-6250.

ASIST Training

The next Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is scheduled for Feb. 5-6. Contact the Chaplain's office at 295-6217 to register.

New gym on the horizon

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Desiree Twombly
Public Affairs

A new quality of life initiative in the form of a new gym is expected for the 162nd Fighter Wing. Once complete, the new gym will be one of the main centers of activity on base.

The new gym is still in the preliminary design and modification stages and costs associated with the plan are unknown at this time.

The source of funding will be determined by the wing financial management board. Some limited self help work is expected. Once complete, it will be available to all wing members, visitors and students.

The location of the new gym will be on the third floor of building 9 where Security Forces was previously located. "The new location will be great and non intrusive to other work areas," said Lt. Col Karen Bence, 162nd Mission Support Group commander.

New features and amenities scheduled for the gym include new cardio, nautilus and free weight equipment, a cable feed for a flat screen TV and panoramic views. Showers are conveniently located by Logistics Readiness Squadron on the lower level.

Although it will not be manned full time, the gym will be managed by the Services Flight. In addition, Services has certified fitness trainers that will be available to assist in personal fitness programs.

The current gym is located in the Dutch warehouse. Newer equipment from that facility will be transferred to building 9 and outdated equipment will be replaced. The old gym will go into the hands of the Wing's



Staff Sgt. Anthony "Flex" Felix works his triceps in the Dutch warehouse affectionately known as the "Iron Asylum." Regular gym users like Sergeant Felix maintain and clean the current gym on a voluntary basis. The new gym projected for building 9 will be officially managed, and will offer more space and amenities.

real property division. There, the division will allocate or reassign the warehouse to a functional area based on need and square footage authorization.

"Airmen will have an improved fitness resource available to them," said Colonel Bence. Renovations will enhance the quality of the facility, its equipment and our fitness programs. And the panoramic views will be beautiful.

"Overall, it's going to be a good place for wing members to use," she said.

There is no set date for the opening of the new gym.



Heed warnings when traveling to Mexico

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

The US Department of State recently released a public announcement that updates information for U.S. citizens on security situations in Mexico that may affect their activities while in that country.

U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Mexico should exercise caution when in unfamiliar areas and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Violence by criminal elements affects many parts of the country, urban and rural, including border areas. Cooperate with official checkpoints when traveling on Mexican highways.

In recent years, dozens of U.S. citizens have been kidnapped in Mexico and many cases remain unresolved. Moreover, new cases of disappearances and kidnap-for-ransom continue to be reported. No one can be considered immune from kidnapping on the basis of occupation, nationality, or other factors.

Criminals have also been known to follow and harass U.S. citizens traveling in their vehicles, particularly in border areas including Nuevo Laredo, Matamoros, and Tijuana. U.S. citizens who believe they are being followed should notify Mexican officials as soon as possible.

While in Mexico, make every attempt to travel on main roads during daylight hours, particularly the toll ("cuota") roads, which are generally more secure. Stay in well-known tourist destinations and tourist areas of the cities with more adequate security, and provide an itinerary to a friend or family member not traveling with them. Avoid traveling alone as a means to better ensure safety. Refrain from displaying expensive-looking jewelry, large amounts of

money, or other valuable items.

Oaxaca City is one particular area of concern as protests in that city became increasingly violent in 2006. Nine deaths were reported May and November of that year, including one U.S. citizen who was shot and killed as a result of the violence and disorder caused by ongoing civil unrest in the city. Although recent demonstrations have not been violent, many of the issues that were the basis for the protests remain unresolved. Check on current conditions before beginning any travel to the area.

Demonstrations occur frequently throughout Mexico and are usually peaceful. However, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can

may result in detention.

For more detailed information on staying safe in Mexico, please see the Mexico Consular Information Sheet at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html.

For the latest security information, monitor the Department's Internet Web site at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide cautions, public announcements and travel warnings can be found.

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 or, for callers in Mexico, a regular toll line at 001-202-501-4444 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

American citizens traveling or



turn confrontational and escalate into violence unexpectedly.

During violent demonstrations or law enforcement operations, U.S. citizens are reminded to remain in their hotels, avoid large crowds, and avoid the downtown and surrounding areas. Since the timing and routes of scheduled marches and demonstrations are always subject to change, monitor local media sources for new developments and exercise extreme caution while within the vicinity of any protests.

The State Department reminded U.S. citizens to avoid participating in demonstrations and other activities that might be deemed political by Mexican authorities. The Mexican Constitution prohibits political activities by foreigners, and such actions

residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/>.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Mexico, please contact the closest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The U.S. Embassy is located in Mexico City at Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, telephone from the United States: 011-52-55-5080-2000; telephone within Mexico City: 5080-2000; telephone long distance within Mexico 01-55-5080-2000. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: ccs@usembassy.net.mx. The Embassy's Internet address is <http://www.usembassy-mexico.gov/>.



Fallen comrades remembered

by Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Barry Soulvie

With 2007 in the past, and the holiday season over, we look forward to the challenges of 2008. As we enter the New Year, retired and current members of the 162nd Fighter Wing are reflecting on former members who passed away last year. All were dedicated Guardsmen; friends and coworkers, who shared in our lives at work and at play. Please keep these fallen comrades and their families in your thoughts and prayers. They will be remembered by all who knew them. The following former members passed away in 2007:

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| Don Mobberly | Lauren Palmer | Richard Roffler |
| Kenneth Spencer | Chris Conway | Paul Stone |
| Daniel Stubbs | Jack Rice | Bob Bradbury |
| Alfred Denault | Dickee Epps | Henry Navarro |
| Donald Shelor | Willie Kyzer | Leon O'Dell |
| Cyril "Cy" Conroy | Ronald Flores | |

The Tucson Air Guard Memorial, located south of the main gate at the 162nd, lists names of deceased former unit members who helped create the proud history of the unit.

We regret to inform you that Leon "Digger" O'Dell passed away in December. He was one of the early unit members who helped create the history of quality and excellence that symbolizes the 162nd Fighter Wing of today. Sincere condolences to Digger's family and friends.

The Retirees Office has moved to a new location in the old Clinic area at the southwest corner of building 1. Our mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address remain the same as before. The office is manned on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't forget the monthly breakfast at the Hometown Buffet on Wilmot Road. It's on the second Wednesday (9 Jan 2008) of the month at 7:30 a.m. See you there.



All in the EL TIGRE Family

Military Promotions:

To Master Sergeant

Brett Garrett, Propulsion Flight
Jeffrey Wolff, 214th Reconnaissance Group

To Technical Sergeant

Ernest Ortner III, Dock B
Thomas Dummermuth, Dock B
Michael Bauerlein, 214th Reconnaissance Group

To Staff Sergeant

Raymond Smith, Structural Maintenance
Allan Henson, Maintenance Squadron
Bruce Noble, Civil Engineer Squadron
Gilberto Esquivel, Maintenance Squadron

To Senior Airman

Sergio Nunez, Structural Maintenance
Patricia Pacheco, Security Forces Squadron
Jacob Lee, Security Forces Squadron

Technician Promotions:

Master Sgt. Carlos Cordova was selected as the Hydraulic Shop Supervisor.

New Members:

Staff Sgt. Michael Daniels joined the Hydraulics Shop. He came via Palace Chase from Travis AFB, Calif.
Staff Sgt. Michael Discher, Phase Element Dock A
Senior Airman Richard Gamez, Propulsion Flight

Temporary Technician/AGR:

Senior Airman Ana Andrade, AGE Flight
Senior Airman Joe Apalategui, AGE Flight
Senior Airman Daniel Hoffman, Electronic Combat Shop
Staff Sgt. Trevor Jones, Propulsion Flight
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ward, Propulsion Flight
Staff Sgt. Charlie Salgado, AGE Flight
Airman 1st Class Anthony Rohr, Propulsion Flight

Retirements:

Tech. Sgt. Juan Cardona, AGE Section
Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Sweet, Electro/Environmental
Tech. Sgt. Robert Cawley, Electro/Environmental
Master Sgt. Martin Morse, Electronic Combat/Avionics
Master Sgt. Richard Stella, Avionics Intermediate Shop
Master Sgt. Geraldo Bedoy
Master Sgt. Mark Silvas
Master Sgt. Mark Levine
Master Sgt. Randy Dominguez
Chief Master Sgt. Joe Koughn
Chief Master Sgt. Gretchen Smith, MPF

Other:

Staff Sgt. Jesse Roberts, Fuel Shop, resigned his drill status guard position to pursue a civilian flight instructor opportunity.
Senior Airman Edward Moore, Metal Technology Shop, took a DSG position with the Predator Mission.



Wing plans for EOC

by Staff Sgt. Desiree Twombly
Public Affairs

The 162nd Fighter Wing has plans to stand up an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) here within a year. The EOC is a key element of multi-agency coordination systems. It is the Installation's Control Center (ICC) command and control element that supports installation actions throughout an incident life-cycle.

When activated, the EOC will provide the ICC with ongoing incident status. It will also seek support through the ICC when on scene requirements surpass installation capabilities that require support through pre-established mutual aid agreements or from outside agencies.

The EOC is a component of the new Air Force Incident Management System (AFIMS). AFIMS' objective is to implement a single incident management system for command and control of emergency response forces at Air Force installations.

"The reason the Air Force is going to this scenario is so that it can mirror how federal, state and local entities

manage incidents," said Lt. Col. Karen Bence, 162nd Support Group Commander. "It enables us to use the same terminology and communication structure as other agencies responding to emergency incidents such as natural disasters or acts of terrorism."

The EOC will ultimately replace the battle staff and crisis action team structures. It will be capable of responding to natural disasters, terrorism or incidents confined specifically to the 162nd Fighter Wing. This capability will enable the wing to communicate unilaterally with community EOCs and be in compliance with National Incident Management System (NIMS) as well as fill AFIMS requirements.

No plans are in place for a new facility for the EOC and a firm location is yet to be determined. However, two locations are being considered for the new center. The first is building 40, which is the current battle staff area. The second is building 28, the current readiness area.

"We are looking at a good twelve months of exercising the EOC prior to running it," said Colonel Bence.

DESERT ROSE DINING FACILITY MENU

SATURDAY

- Smoked Roast Beef
- Baked Fish
- O'Brien Potatoes
- Steamed Rice
- Brown Gravy
- Mixed Vegetables
- Augratin Cauliflower
- Steamed Carrots
- Peanut Butter Cookies
- Chocolate Cake w/white Frosting
- Corn Chowder

SUNDAY

- BBQ Chicken
- Fried Catfish
- Collard Greens
- Southern Style Green Beans
- Scalloped Corn
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cream Gravy
- Hoppin Johns Rice
- Coconut Cream Pie

SHORT ORDER & STANDARD ITEMS

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Hotdogs
- Chicken Strips
- Fish Sandwich
- Tuna Sandwich
- Garden Burgers
- Pizza
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Onion Rings
- Baked Potato Bar
- Assorted Breads
- Salad Bar w/Condiments
- Fresh Fruit
- Frozen Yogurt
- Jell-o

Dining Hall Hours
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The menu is based on availability and is subject to change without notice.

162ND FIGHTER WING 2008 DRILL DATES

January	5-6	July	12-13
February	2-3	August	2-3
March	1-2	September	6-7
April	5-6	October	4-5
May	3-4	November	1-2
June	7-8	December	6-7



Citizen Airmen ride El Tour de Tucson



The 162nd Fighter Wing Cycling Team pictured from left to right: Staff Sgt. Justus Depke, Staff Sgt. Armando Bojorquez, Tech. Sgt. Rita Milbourn, Senior Airman Veronica Ornelas-Borbosa, Staff Sgt. Jose Toro, Master Sgt. Michael Hauri, Tech. Sgt. Tim Story, Tech. Sgt. Fred Hernandez and Staff Sgt. Ismael Garcia.

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Public Affairs

The 25th Annual University Medical Center El Tour de Tucson kicked off with 9,000 cyclists Nov. 17; nine of which made up the 162nd Fighter Wing's cycling team.

The 109-mile race benefited Tu Nidito Children and Family Services.

This was the first cycling event in which wing members formally participated as a team. Some stayed with the group throughout the race and a few others let their competitive nature

take hold and raced independently. All members completed the race.

"This was my fifth El Tour de Tucson and my first with the Arizona Air National Guard team," said Master Sgt. Mike Hauri. "With today's fit to fight mentality, cycling is very beneficial to our team members.

"Also, promoting our community through charitable events such as the El Tour, reflects on our members in a positive light and shows our commitment to being Citizen Airmen," he said.

For the last six months the group trained individually and collectively

to prepare for the tour.

On race day, the group showed up and rode away with medals ranging from platinum to bronze.

"I appreciate the camaraderie of riding with fellow Guard members," said Staff Sgt. Jose Toro. "It can be difficult at times to commit to cycling, but I always find the time to participate and train."

The group is still recruiting and accepting new members for future events. Anyone who may be interested or would like to look into cycling as a means of exercise may contact Staff Sgt. Armando Bojorquez at 295-6391.

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