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Recruits learn the ropes at basic training 'prep school'

Master Sgt. Gilbert Alcaraz, a former military training instructor, teaches recruits at the 162nd Fighter Wing everything from Air Force dress and appearance standards to drill and ceremonies during the September Unit Training Assembly. Every drill weekend student flight members experience an abbreviated boot camp organized by Arizona Air National Guard recruiters. The program improves the confidence of new Guardsmen heading to basic training.

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ANG Strategic Roadmap a plan to meet our nation's needs

by Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio
Commander

Last month I mentioned the Air National Guard Strategic Planning Process and now I wish to go into more detail to help you understand what's in it for you.

A not so famous person once said that a fool with a plan will outperform a genius without one. Well the ANG has some really smart folks with long history in our organization working very hard to make sure that the Strategic Roadmap that emerges from this process most effectively capitalizes on our competencies while looking toward essential future missions.

The formulation of a strategic roadmap begins with a clear delineation of our guiding principles and our core competencies. The team has identified what we, the ANG, are really good at and what we're not so good at; where we excel and where we really save money and resources for the Air Force and the nation.

Quoting the draft plan, *"We are an integral part of the Air Force's total force warfighting capability. We will always support the homeland mission as the Governor's first military responder. We are the most cost-effective provider of air and space power for the nation."*

These are all very important points to remember. We're not just cost efficient as a traditional (part-



General Moisio

time) Guard force well trained in our missions, but units such as ours performing full-time missions also bring great savings to the nation.

It's equally important to remind everyone, including occasionally our nation's leaders, that ours is the force defined in the Constitution.

Our core competencies revolve around our community presence. Because of the resultant continuity and stability, we may do the same job for a career and be better at it than anyone else in the world.

Traditional Guardsmen bring incredible and diverse skills from the civilian world to our workplace. And we are connected to the community and the decision makers; our

neighbors know what we do.

Since 9/11, our nation has been forced to rethink homeland defense and homeland security and the National Guard is the tip of that spear. Hence the Air Guard will continue in the Air Sovereignty Alert mission and we will pursue the fighter aircraft best able to perform it.

We also need airlift and airborne fire-fighting capability for homeland security. And we need to continue to improve our state-based command and control for consequence management through the Joint Force Headquarters.

Like the Air Force, the ANG of the 21st century is moving away from platform focused to capabilities based thinking. We are moving away from *"what's going to be our next fighter or tanker?"* to *"what capabilities does the Air Force need from us and what capabilities does the Governor need?"*

Looking back over the past 50 years, there has been no shortage of aircraft available for the Guard, and the Air Force needed the capacity we offered. But the future looks different with unmanned systems and fewer, more capable (and more expensive) fighters and transport aircraft.

This roadmap will help us show our nation's leaders that the Air National Guard must be more involved than ever in all Air Force missions. The nation can afford no less.

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Eight volunteers head to Iraq

**Story and photos by
Capt. Gabe Johnson
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The Arizona Air National Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing deployed eight F-16 Fighting Falcon maintainers Sept. 9 to Balad Air Base, Iraq, for voluntary tours ranging from 45 to 120 days.

The Guardsmen bid farewell to family and friends at Tucson International Airport and boarded a C-17 from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing. For most, this deployment was a first.

"I've been asking to go for quite a few years and finally got the opportunity, so I'm excited," said Tech. Sgt. Joe Mazzei, an aircraft

electrician slated to spend 120 days in Iraq.

"I'm anticipating that it will be hot, especially during the first few months. I'm also expecting 12-hour days, but I'm looking forward to that. It'll make the deployment go by fast. I just want to do my job and come back to my family," he said.

For the families of the deployed Airmen, the separation means the holidays this year will be spent without husbands, fathers and sons.

"We are well aware of the sacrifices our families are making," said Col. Greg Stroud, 162nd Maintenance Group commander. "For us here at home, our job will be to support them throughout the deployments and especially over the holidays."

Senior Master Sgt. Randy Rodriguez, the wing's aerospace



Aircraft electrician Tech. Sgt. Joe Mazzei spends quality time with his daughter Morgan, 5, before departing for Balad Air Base, Iraq. Seven other maintainers from the 162nd Fighter Wing deployed with Mazzei Sept. 9 to support F-16 operations in Iraq.



Air National Guardsmen heading to Balad Air Base, Iraq, board a C-17 from the 172nd Airlift Wing at Tucson International Airport. Over the next few months the 162nd Fighter Wing will send several rotations of maintainers to support Guard F-16s operating in Iraq.

ground equipment supervisor, will supervise the AGE shop at Balad. He says the maintainers and their families are well prepared for the months ahead.

"We're excited about going over there," said Sergeant Rodriguez. "We've all known each other for a while and it's good that we're all going together. We can help each other out, and it's nice to know that the Family Readiness Group, chaplains and the basically the whole wing will be here to help take care of families while we're gone."

The eight Guardsmen represent a full spectrum of aircraft maintenance specialties ranging from weapons to avionics. They are only the first installment of maintenance support to be sent from Tucson to Iraq. More will soon follow to augment large-scale deployments of Guard F-16 units from across the country. All together, about 50 Arizona Air Guardsmen will serve at the air base, located about 45 miles north of Baghdad.



Annual WEPTAC conference Oct. 19-24

by Capt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

The Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center (AATC) will host the annual Weapons and Tactics Conference (WEPTAC) here, Oct. 19-24.

This year's theme is "Proven Capabilities—Emerging Missions" as the Air Reserve Component (ARC) looks to the future force structure and new mission areas.

WEPTAC is an important event involving the 162nd Fighter Wing's direct support of the rest of the ARC convening on base. This year's WEPTAC is of vital importance as Guardsmen and Reservists continue operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the topics set for discussion are strongly affected by feedback from warfighters in theater.

During the week-long conference, nearly 1,000 reserve component members will assemble for the event to attend briefings and discussions

throughout the base and working groups will discuss the tactical development and modernization planning for the future of their respective airframes.

"Through this conference AATC gathers experts from all weapon systems at one time to discuss and prioritize modernization requirements and testing of equipment and tactics for the current war and to prepare for future conflicts," said AATC Commander Col. Dan Bader. "The conference helps the test center focus on the warfighter's needs so we can get them what they need quickly and efficiently," he said.

On a local level, WEPTAC gives the 162nd a chance to interact with Airmen from around the world said Col. Jose Salinas, wing vice commander.

"We learn a little about other missions in the Reserve Component, and they learn a little about us," he said. "Each year we're given a great opportunity to host WEPTAC and to show our fellow Guardsmen and

Reservists what a superb unit we are. I encourage everyone to welcome our guests and accommodate their needs."

AATC has reserved meeting rooms and facilities throughout the base, with some scheduled at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Everyone on base is reminded of the following:

- Parking will be limited during WEPTAC and everyone should plan accordingly.
- Be aware of customs and courtesies as numerous senior leaders will attend the conference.
- Most attendees will be in constant contact with their units via cell phone, however be prepared to assist guests with finding and using base telephones.
- Should someone need a pen, paper, a fax machine, printer or driving directions, be prepared to help.

For more information about WEPTAC please visit www.aatc.ang.af.mil/weptac.



TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY CELEBRATING 60!

Community Open House at TIA

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AT THE TIA TERMINAL:

Terminal Tours / Live Entertainment
Peter Smith, *UA Mars Lander Mission*
Giveaways / Free Refreshments

AT THE EXECUTIVE TERMINAL:

—*The TIA Tower celebrating 50!*
Airfield Tours / Static Displays
Air National Guard Color Guard and Flyby @ 11 a.m. / Aviation Film Festival

Fun for the entire family!

Free parking and shuttle from TIA
Economy Lot





New Guardsmen get head start on basic training

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Desiree Twombly
Public Affairs

Every drill weekend in the 162nd Fighter Wing's recruiting office an important duty is carried out. Guardsmen dedicated to recruiting Arizona's finest young men and women are hard at work preparing the unit's newest members for successful military careers.

Currently, 13 new Guardsmen make up the wing's student flight. Their tasks are planned and tailored to prepare them for the demands of basic training and technical school.

Student flight members are easily identified by their unique uniforms. "They wear black shirts, blue jeans and an issued hat and belt," said Master Sgt. Brian Jones, Air National Guard recruiter. "They don't wear the Air Force uniform until they go to basic training."

On Saturdays, they meet at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base track to work out with recruiters. Emphasis is placed on physical training and team building activities. They then return to the recruiting office to perform administrative duties, eat lunch and then report to their duty sections to begin learning job skills.

Sundays begin with physical training evaluations where students are held to Air Force basic training standards. "We run with them, motivate them and get them out of their comfort zone. Our goal is to try to create a basic training atmosphere while they are here for drill weekend," said Master Sgt. Jeff Schultz, Air National Guard recruiter.

Sunday is also the day they come face to face with a former Military



Master Sgt. Gilbert Alcaraz, a former military training instructor, inspects Airman First Class Aaron Clavero for a close shave during a student flight formation. Intense preparation here at the 162nd Fighter Wing prepares recruits for the rigors of basic training and technical school.

Training Instructor, Master Sgt. Gilbert Alcaraz. Sergeant Alcaraz is a member of the 162nd Headquarters Squadron and volunteers his expertise in drill and ceremonies. He spends up to an hour and a half with the students giving them a small taste of what training instructors at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, will expect.

The training environment created by recruiters has the students eager to begin formal training.

Airman 1st Class Ashley Cnossen enlisted in August and will soon be assigned to the jet propulsions shop. "I start technical training in February or March and I'm really excited about it," said Cnossen.

Airman Basic Vanessa Ferreira enlisted in June. She is a Tucson native and no stranger to the 162nd Fighter Wing. Her father and uncle, Joseph and Daniel Ferreira, are current members of the wing, and her grandfather was also a

member. "I joined the guard to take advantage of the education benefits," said Ferreira, a student at Pima Community College. She expects to report to basic training in March 2009.

When recruits enlist, they immediately become servicemembers. "They are issued ID cards and are paid for drill weekends," said Sergeant Schultz.

The student flight program has recruiters here wearing many hats. Administrative tasks, fitness schedules and other duties are rotated among them. "It's never the same weekend twice for us," said Sergeant Schultz.

The 162nd Fighter Wing's student flight program is lauded by many instructors at basic and technical training schools as a benchmark for all Guard recruiting. Many students go on to become element leaders and win awards for their performance while in training.



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

by Capt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

The 162nd Fighter Wing will host a special celebration Friday, Oct. 3, to commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mr. Bill Valenzuela, a prominent businessman and community leader in Southern Arizona, will speak to Guardsmen in the base auditorium at 12:30 p.m.

He will address this month's theme, "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation," which recognizes the commitment to family values and civic involvement of Hispanic Americans and how their patriotism has helped strengthen the country.

Mr. Valenzuela is owner and operator of W.G. Valenzuela Drywall. He's a member of the 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and an active member of

numerous philanthropic organizations in Arizona.

"During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our country," said Col. Jose Salinas, wing vice commander. "Through hard work, deep love of family and faith in God, Hispanic Americans have pursued their dreams and contributed to the strength and vitality of our nation."

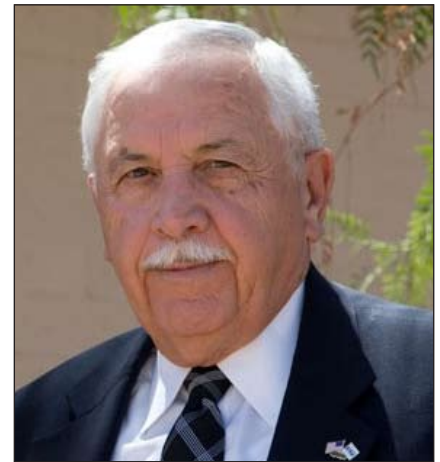
"We continue to benefit from a rich Hispanic culture because of the talent and creativity of the many Hispanic Americans who have shaped our society. No one embodies those contributions in Arizona more than Bill Valenzuela."

National Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days Sept. 16 and 18, respectively.

Throughout American history, Hispanics have shown devotion to country in their military service. Hispanics have fought in every war since the birth of the nation and have taken a rightful place as heroes in U.S. history.

"Today, Hispanics from all over the world serve in the armed forces with courage and honor, and their efforts are helping make America more secure and bringing freedom to people around the world," said Colonel Salinas. "About 30 percent of our wing is made up of these great Americans."



Meet Bill Valenzuela

Bill Valenzuela, businessman, family man, and native lifelong Southern Arizonan, is the 162nd Fighter Wing's special guest and keynote speaker for the base's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

Bill was born in Tucson, and attended Tucson High School. He has been married to his wife, Celina, for 56 years. "We've been going steady since I was 14 and she was 13," he said. "Family is very important to me. We're a close-knit family. We do everything together." He and Celina have raised five daughters and one son, as well as 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

During the Korean War, Bill served in the Marine Corps. Three days after his discharge he went to work. He decorated windows in stores, and spent 20 years honing his journeyman drywall skills.

In 1979, he founded his family's business, W.G. Valenzuela Drywall. The company does metal framing, painting and self-leveling floors. Today, the business employs about 100 people in two locations.

Bill serves as a member of the 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee, the unit's civilian support organization.

He has been named the Tucson Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, and has also received that honor for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.





JEC volunteers save lives with AADD program

by Staff Sgt. Mark Gregory

162nd Fighter Wing AADD Coordinator

The 162nd Fighter Wing's Junior Enlisted Council embarked on a mission of saving the lives of local Armed Forces members here, Aug. 15 and 16.

This mission, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, is a program of volunteers who drive the streets of Tucson responding to the needs of military members requiring assistance, and to provide an alternative to drinking and driving.

The system is simple; an individual calls the AADD coordinator to request a ride home. The caller gives their exact location, what they are wearing, how many people are with them and where they are going. The coordinator gives the caller the make, model and color of the pick-up vehicle. However, the ride is to go home only, not to another establishment.

According to Mark Gregory, the 162nd Fighter Wing's AADD coordinator, the reason the program is so successful is because anonymity is the key. No rank is involved and only first names are used.

The volunteer drivers for Friday night were Gray Hargis from the pod shop, Andrea Jaramillo in finance, Erika Jaramillo in civil engineering, Lacey Johnson in scheduling, Norman Basurto in electric shop along with his father David Basurto and his son Norman Basurto Jr. from avionics. The coordinator for Friday night was Top Three's Liz Caro-Scarfo.

Saturday nights drivers were Mark Lopez from hydraulic shop, Hollie Hansen in contracting, and Mark Gregory from alert detachment. The coordinator for Saturday night was Snowbird's Heidi Figura.

The two groups started the night at the Village Inn Restaurant, on Speedway and Columbus, and used

it as a staging point. The restaurant's management team was in full support of the group's efforts and provided soft drinks the entire night. The phone calls started shortly after 11 p.m. and continued throughout the night. The drivers picked up a total of 24 people. AADD is staffed strictly by volunteers and operates Friday and Saturday nights from 11 p.m. until 4 a.m. with long weekends and holidays added to the schedule.

To volunteer as a driver or coordinator, contact Staff Sgt. Mark Gregory, AADD representative, at 975-7286. If you need a ride this or any other weekend call AADD at 850-AADD (850-2233).



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Jones

Staff Sgt. David Arneson receives a "cool treat" during September drill from Master Sgt. Armando Gonzalez, Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant. Operation Popsicle is a Junior Enlisted Council event to connect base leadership with 162nd members while enjoying a popsicle during the hot summer months.

2008 CFC kicks off October UTA, be a star

The 2008 Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled to kick off Oct. 4. This year's theme will be "Every One of Us Can Be a Star in Someone's Life," said 2nd Lt. Brian Wiscombe, wing CFC coordinator.

The kick off breakfast was Sept. 10 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for the group coordinators, key workers and all involved in driving this year's campaign.

Lieutenant Wiscombe said the goal for this year is 100 percent contact and increased participation. Last year's campaign totaled \$58,600. The average

individual contribution was \$275.00.

Members will have a choice of hundreds of charities from which to choose, including the Jimmy Jet Foundation, the Tuskegee Airmen and Wright Flight, said Lieutenant Wiscombe.

This year, the CFC is providing an easy to use alphabetized brochure of charities which can also be found on the CFC website at www.cfcaz.org

There will be posters and a base-wide e-mail to remind people of the CFC. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Wiscombe at 295-6515 or 2nd Lt. Lisa Ortiz at 295-1433.

Chaff, flares, bullets How munitions element Falcon its claws

Story and Photos by
Staff Sgt. Jordan Jones
Public Affairs



Tech. Sgt. Michael Goodman, munitions ordnance specialist, torques the ring clamp to 100-in/lbs during a 20-flight inspection on an inert AIM-9 "Sidewinder" used for training. The rocket is painted orange for high-visibility; signifying that the plane carrying this rocket is to be treated as the aggressor during combat training maneuvers.

Throughout aviation history airplanes have been graced with names that help define the perception and character of the aircraft.

From breath-taking natural events like thunder that helped define the F-84 Thunderstreak which clapped fear into the hearts of its enemies, to symbols of strength like the finely honed blade from which the F-100 Super Sabre got its name, airplane names have been around for generations.

The modern F-16 Fighting Falcon received its name from a bird whose tapered wings enable it to fly at high speeds while making rapid changes in direction; a gift of nature.

In addition, the falcon possesses sharp talons. At the 162nd Fighter Wing, F-16s are given the sharpest talons courtesy of the munitions storage element here.

"Our mission is to supply the highest quality munitions in support of the war-fighter's mission, to the test center and to supply the alert detachment for homeland defense," said Senior Master Sgt. Ernest Ortner Jr., munitions element supervisor.

"The munitions element managed 86,663 chaffs, flares and BDU-33 practice bombs from cradle-to-grave so far this year, not including those used at our Davis-Monthan detachments," said Master Sgt. Jim Stenger, assistant munitions supervisor.

Chaff and flares are countermeasures used in combat maneuvers to confuse enemy radar and heat-seeking missiles. BDU-33 bombs are miniature versions of larger bombs used for practice – just to give pilots a visual confirmation of their targeting ability.

"We train the student pilots on a number of weapons, some of which are simulated," said Maj. Brian Grasky, munitions and electronics warfare officer. If they have experience flying with and using munitions during training the pilots will know what to expect and have confidence in combat when it's needed most, he said.

The bulk of the element's work is maintaining 100 percent accountability of weapons and explosives – every bullet, every bomb.

The first step is to conduct a careful inspection of all munitions brought onto the base to ensure they are serviceable. Defective items are repaired or replaced.



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After incoming munitions are inspected, some require assembly and loading.

“Here, we swap expended munitions with fresh ones, mostly chaff and flares,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Enriquez, ordinance equipment technician while conducting a “turn” on the flight line.

While carefully observing the safety requirements necessary for the 162nd to share a public runway at Tucson International Airport, they also do their part to ensure missions are accomplished at D-M.

“Live munitions are built up and loaded at Davis-Monthan; they’re used for training students, visiting Snowbird units and the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center,” he said.

After munitions are used, from a simple 9-mm round to a large 50 caliber, the Airmen must inspect each one to ensure no explosive residue remains. Once properly inspected, the brass and aluminum casings are recycled.

“Munitions’ recycling contributes more than \$35,600 per year to the Quality Recycling Program (QRP),” said Cheryl Settle, Environmental Programs Specialist. “Collectively, between the program on base and the one at Snowbird, they have helped deposit \$45,000 to the QRP this year alone. The QRP contributes to base events like the wing picnic and Haunted Hanger. In addition, the QRP funds help purchase pollution prevention, safety and health related items. Their work helped the base purchase Cadmium water treatment systems for the aircraft washrack and AGE washbay.”

“We handle everything that has to do with munitions,” said Staff Sgt. Donald O’Neal, munitions accountability team leader. “Without us, complete pilot training cannot get accomplished, and the F-16 is fast-moving jet without ‘claws.’”



Tech. Sgt. Michael Griffo, munitions ordinance specialist, removes the expended flares from the MJU-7 case. These flares are used by the 148th Fighter Squadron during training exercises. Attached to Sergeant Griffo’s wrist is an electrical grounding strap used to prevent static electricity from building up and accidentally discharging the flare during servicing.



**Without munitions the
Air Force is just another
unscheduled airline**

-- Munitions motto



Chaplain's Corner

Celebrate America! Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.
at TAGRA

by **Chaplain**
(Lt. Col.) Bob Norton
Wing Chaplain

This UTA weekend come "Celebrate America" with a very special Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at TAGRA (Building 15). Chaplain (Col.) Howard Stendahl, AETC command chaplain, will bring an inspiring message to focus our celebration on the reason for true greatness as a nation. Rigo's Restaurant will cater the breakfast buffet at a cost of \$6 per person, so bring a hearty appetite.

Prayer is the mightiest force in the world! For those of us who serve in the military we are sometimes under the impression that military hardware makes the difference in our challenging world.

Are we a great nation because we have more bombs and bullets than other nations? Our military technology is second to none, but is that what makes America a truly great nation? I think not.

Historically, we have learned that true greatness comes from humbling ourselves before Almighty God. The truly great leaders over the years have reminded us of our blessing and our responsibility before God.

Our founding fathers based the foundational documents of our country upon Judeo-Christian principles emerging from the Holy Bible. In Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, this greatest of our presidents reminded us of our need to humble ourselves before God.

Sometimes people see prayer as simply a quaint practice to add a little religious veneer to our lives.

Not so! True prayer is very powerful. Do you want evidence of the power of prayer from modern-day examples? What about the coming down of the Berlin Wall. The town squares of Eastern Europe were not marked with the blood of violent revolution, but they were filled with the candle wax of candlelight prayer vigils which gathered thousands of believers asking God to intervene and bring about the demise of the Communist regime. The impossible became possible with God and the power of prayer.

The evacuation of Dunkirk in World War II was another example. The Allied troops (primarily British) were stranded on the beach at Dunkirk. Hitler's forces were breathing down on them and the situation was dire. Winston Churchill called the British people to a day of prayer and fasting. Within a short span a ragtag armada of tugboats, skiffs, rowboats, yachts, yawls and hundreds of personal water craft made their way across the English Channel to pull off one of the greatest evacuations of military history. More than 300,000 soldiers destined to die at Hitler's cruel attack were rescued by the British people rising up to meet the challenge.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Norton

Again, prayer made the impossible possible.

Some have called the challenges our nation faces today impossible. The promise of God calls us to prayer..."If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12).

We invite you to gather for our Celebrate America! Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 4, and let's recover the true greatness of our nation as we practice prayer, the mightiest force in the world!

Remember Our Faith Group Opportunities for Worship/Study:

Jewish Awareness Group, Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office

Protestant Worship Service, Saturday, Oct. 4, noon in Ops Classroom F

Catholic Mass, Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 a.m. in Ops Classroom E

LDS Study Group Sunday, Oct. 5, noon in Ops Classroom F

Buddhist (SGI) contact Lt. Col. Dan Summers.



Strides against cancer

The American Cancer Society and the 162nd are seeking volunteers to participate in a 3-mile walk Sunday, Oct. 26, from 7 a.m. to approximately 10 a.m. at Rillito Downs, 4502 N. 1st Ave.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is an opportunity to honor and celebrate breast cancer survivors, educate women about early

detection and prevention and raise money to fund lifesaving research and support programs to help fight breast cancer.

To join the wing's team, or to make a donation, visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

If interested, contact 1st Lt. Tricia Figueroa, 295-7086, or Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Devine, 295-6877.



Mondays are now blues days

Many 162nd Fighter Wing members will now be wearing the blue uniform on Mondays.

The new uniform policy stems from a recent four-star conference where Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz discussed the issue with other senior leaders.

"Post-9/11, we've moved away from our blue uniforms almost altogether and have transformed into an Air Force that wears our utility uniform on a daily basis," General Schwartz said in a memo he sent to all service members. "During our recent four-star summit, we had several discussions concerning our uniforms ... [and] we all agreed that part of our image, culture and professionalism is instilled in our blues."

For some career fields, such as aircraft maintenance, security forces and for personnel who often work outdoors - wearing blues will not be mandatory.

Specific details about who will wear blues on Mondays will be determined at the group level.

The policy is mandatory for most career fields across the Air Force, with installation commanders retaining the authority to adjust for mission requirements.



Tig Bits

SERE Training

All wing members are required to complete the 100-level course of Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape training by Oct. 31. These are the last course offerings at the wing.

- Saturday Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ops Classroom E
- Sunday Oct. 5, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Ops Classroom E
- Oct. 7, 14 and 28 at 7:30 a.m., Base Auditorium

Annual Awards

The wing's annual recognition weekend, steak fry and commander's "How Goes It" briefing for retirees are all scheduled to be held during February's Unit Training Assembly. Recognition weekend, usually held in November, was rescheduled due to the unit's Health Services Inspection scheduled for that month.

Office 2007

Home use editions of Microsoft Office Suite 2007 can now be purchased by members of the 162nd for \$20. This program is made available through the Microsoft Home Use Program. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Stephen Zimmer at 295-6228.

GTC Update

162nd members are beginning to receive their new Government Travel Card from Citi Visa. Current DoD GTC cards from Bank of America will expire on Nov. 29; the new Citi GTC must be used starting Nov. 30. Members who do not receive their new Citi GTC by Oct. 31 should notify their APC. Contact Master Sgt. Di Aragon at 295-6180 with any questions.

Halloween Health and Safety Tips

Center for Disease Control

For many people, fall events like Halloween are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Below are tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Going trick-or-treating?

Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats before eating them for choking hazards and tampering. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

Always test make-up in a small area first and remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street and use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only commercially-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the chef well.

Entering homes for treats should be avoided unless accompanied by a trusted adult.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters, such as individual packs of raisins, trail mix, and pretzels. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Haunted Hangar set for Oct. 26

The 2008 Haunted Hangar is scheduled for 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, and will be held in and around TAGRA, Building 6 and the Desert Rose Dining Facility.

Admission is \$3 for ages 13 and up, \$2 for ages 3-12, and children under 3 are free.

Scheduled activities include: train rides, jumping castles, coloring contests for children of different ages, Mrs. Moose's Pumpkin Patch and a dunk tank featuring surprise dunk tank participants. Haunted Hangar will also sponsor a costume contest for children and adults.

Hotdogs, chips, and drinks will be served in the dining facility, and Family Readiness will sell refreshments at TAGRA.

Family Readiness will also sponsor the second annual "Chiller Chili Cookoff." Contestants may set up their chili at noon, judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. and the winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. Contact Ms. Cheryl Settle at 295-6579 for registration forms.

The First Sergeants' food drive is set to kick off at the event. Participants bringing canned food donations will be rewarded with free game tickets.

Tickets may be purchased from the Family Readiness Office.

Wanted: Baked goods for JEC Cake-Walk

The Junior Enlisted Council (JEC) will host a Cake-Walk booth at the Haunted Hangar Sunday, Oct 26th!

The JEC Cake-Walk booth has always been an event favorite. The Cake-Walk would not be a success without the donations of "baked goods" from members of the 162nd and their families. If you can whip up that famous pie, please bring it by. Other suggestions for baked goods are cookies, cakes, brownies, or cupcakes. Kids love them all!

You may bring your baked goods (homemade or store bought) to the Network Control Center in Building 1 on Friday, Oct 24th. You can also bring your goodies to the dining facility on Saturday morning, Oct 25th. All baked donations are welcome! Contact Staff Sgt. Heidi Thiel at 295-6173 for additional information.



Mrs. Mary Moisis tends to her pumpkin patch in preparation for Halloween. Over the last few years "Mrs. Moose" has raised pumpkins for wing families to decorate at the annual Haunted Hangar event.



Hey kids! Color this page and bring it with you to the Haunted Hangar to get free tickets!

FOD-enstein knows that loose bolts, screws, rocks and pebbles can wreak havoc on airplane engines if left on airplane ramps and runways. These little items are called Foreign Object Damage, or FOD. Jet engines are like huge vacuums, and they can easily suck up FOD. Airmen at the 162nd Fighter Wing are always on the look out for FOD with a little help from FOD-enstein.



Retirees - Where Are They Now?

by Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Barry Soulvie
Retirees Office

The retiree's office and the El Tigre staff are in the process of developing a recurring article on 162nd retirees. The article will be called "Where Are They Now," and the focus will be to update current and retired 162nd members on their former friends and coworkers.

In order to preserve the privacy of people in the articles we will not give out addresses and phone numbers of those we write about. The purpose of these articles is for retired members to let old friends and coworkers know that they are doing well and enjoying the retirement years. An article would go something like this:

"Former 162nd member John Doe (fictitious name) is alive and well, living on a small farm on the outskirts of Knoxville, Tenn., with his lovely wife Jane. He spends his days tending to his 20 head of cattle, six sheep, four goats and a flock of chickens. In his spare time John does maintenance and upkeep on the family farm. Friday nights are spent downing pins at the local bowling alley. John is in good health, enjoys retirement

and is doing exactly what he wants to do. He sends his regards to all of his former coworkers at the 162nd."

We will try to include a picture of the retiree while they were a member of the 162nd (if we can find one), and a current photo (if we can get one).

After the article is published any of John Doe's former friends who would like to get in touch with him can forward an e-mail address or phone number to the 162nd Public Affairs Office and we will, in turn, forward that information to John.

That's all there is to it. If you would like an article on yourself in the El Tigre get in touch with us in a letter, phone call or e-mail. We will forward a questionnaire to you to fill out and mail back. If you have a current photo you would like to share send that along too. If you live in the Tucson area and would like us to talk to you we would be glad to send a Public Affairs representative, when available, to meet with you and sit down for a short interview.

The questionnaire form is available for download at www.162fw.ang.af.mil/resources.

That's it! To get in touch with us call PA at (520) 295-6192, send an E-mail to 162fw.pa@aztucs.ang.af.mil, or mail a note to 162nd Public Affairs Office, 1650 E Perimeter Way, Tucson, AZ 85706.

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Military Promotions:

To Staff Sergeant

- Belen Gandara, 162nd Fighter Wing
- Anthony Granillo, 162nd Fighter Wing
- Brain Green, 162nd Fighter Wing
- Diana Mejia, 162nd Fighter Wing
- Guillermo Soto, 162nd Fighter Wing

To Senior Airman

- Jamie Good, 162nd Fighter Wing

New Members:

- Staff Sgt. Ty Goeken, Phase Element
- Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Smith, Fuel Shop
- Airman 1st Class Dennis Skraparis, Aircraft Structural Maintenance

New Hires:

- Staff Sgt. Kendall Brooks, Maintenance Squadron

- Staff Sgt. Mario Garcia, Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Rick Mayer, Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Sarah Peacock, Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Tracey Schultz, Maintenance Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Kristen Taskila, Maintenance Squadron

Births:

- Senior Airman Ricky Cornacchio (Egress Shop) and his wife, Raechelle, welcomed their baby boy, Kylar, July 29.
- Tech. Sgt. Daniel Rodriguez (EW Sensor Shop) and his wife, Heidi, welcomed their baby girl, Julie, Aug. 20.

Temporary Tech/AGR:

- Staff Sgt. William O'Neal, Hydraulic Shop

Retirees:

- Master Sgt. Victor Cruz, retires 1 Oct. from the Hydraulic Shop



Bulletin

DESERT ROSE DINING FACILITY MENU

SATURDAY

- Pot Roast
- Roast Turkey
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Brown Gravy
- Peas & Carrots
- Green Beans w/Mushrooms
- Calico Corn
- Peanut Butter Cookies
- Cheese Cake w/ Blueberry Topping

SUNDAY

- Grilled Bratwurst w/Sauerkraut
- Jagerschnitzel (Veal)
- German Potato Salad
- Butter Noodles
- Broccoli w/Cheese
- Carrots Amandine
- Corn
- Fruit Cobbler
- German Chocolate Cake
w/Coconut Pecan
Frosting

SHORT ORDER & STANDARD ITEMS

- Grilled Hamburgers
- Tuna Salad Sandwich
- Pizza
- Chicken Strips
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Onion Rings
- Salad Bar w/Condiments
- Baked Potato Bar
- Fresh Fruit
- Jell-O
- Assorted Bread w/Margarine
- Coffee, Sodas, Milk

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

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JEC Softball Tournament 2008

The 162nd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council held its annual Softball Tournament Sept. 19 and 20 at Lincoln Park in Tucson. The JEC raised \$450 for Adopt a Family. In all, 13 teams participated in the tournament. The Engine Shop team won in the competitive finals and the Civil Engineer team won in the recreation league.



Staff Sgt. Daniel Johnson looks a fly ball into his mit.



Tech. Sgt. Carmen Cordova throws the ball back into play from center field.



Master Sgt. Gary Jack is tagged out at home plate.

Photos by Capt. Gabe Johnson

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