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General Moisio logs final flight at 162nd

Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio, 162nd Fighter Wing commander, is hosed down by Master Sgt. Kerri Lane, Chief Master Sgt. Nikki Uremovich and Col. Jose Salinas after his final flight, or "fini" flight, here Dec. 19. The general is a command pilot with more than 30 years of experience and 6,000 flying hours mostly in fighter aircraft. He joined the 162nd in 1984 and assumed command of the unit in 2004. Following the fini flight, Guardsmen here held a farewell event for the commander who will depart the wing for another assignment in February.

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Looking back on 24 years at the 162nd

by Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio
Commander

The time has come for me to leave the 162nd Fighter Wing, my home for the past 24½ years. The wing and the Tucson community mean everything to Mary and me, and I know that at some point we'll be counting the days until we get to come home again.

My fini-flight Dec. 19 culminated approximately 4,100 flight hours in 162nd aircraft including the A-7, the C-26, and six different blocks of F-16s. I never had a serious emergency and only once or twice did I have to walk back to the Ops building without having flown, ground aborting the last available jet. Aircraft maintenance is a critical core competency of the Air National Guard. The experience and continuity of Guard maintenance professionals is unsurpassed in the world and I am incredibly fortunate to have benefited from the maintenance culture of the 162nd for so many years.

Over the past month I had the pleasure to get exposure to our newly modified Block 42s which are being brought up to Air Force standard and include such high-tech gadgetry as the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System and the Link 16 data link, as well as the capability to employ the latest air-



General Moisio

to-air and air-to-ground weapons. It's great that our fleet is getting this update so that training for our international partners will be the most relevant and advanced possible; so that any US pilots who might fly with us, either as students or as co-participants in exercises will see up to date aircraft. Our pilots will also be better prepared should they be tasked to augment a deploying unit.

I also got to fly a few missions with the test center, taking a look at the latest software capabilities upgrade for the Block 30 fleet that is due to hit the field in less than a

year. Their work remains most critical to the Guard and Reserves as it will long into the future in other platforms.

During my four years as commander I was fortunate to get to work closer with people not involved in flying or fixing airplanes and it has been great seeing the same quality of work and the resultant recognition. The unbelievable improvement in our Medical Group's Health Services Inspection speaks of great people coming in and exercising leadership at every level that really worked. The Services flight was recognized as the best, as were our Firefighters, our Military Equal Opportunity, the International Military Student Office, and our newspaper. Most of these areas and many more across the support arena have been under intense pressure to reduce manpower, both full-time and traditional, with no corresponding reduction in workload. That pressure will not ease, but your contributions both to the war and to keeping the home mission going strong have been magnificent!

My career as a member of the 162nd has been more fulfilling than I could ever have imagined; more rewarding than I deserved. It is my most fervent hope that each and every one of you will achieve your goals in this great unit and that when you retire or move on, you will be proud of your service to our nation. You all deserve the best.

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A farewell to the boss...



General Moisia anticipates the shower awaiting him after his fini flight Dec. 19.



General Moisia gets thoroughly soaked on the 162nd Fighter Wing flightline.



Mrs. Mary Moisia congratulates her husband following his fini flight.



U.S. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords speaks about General Moisia's tremendous leadership of the wing at his farewell Dec. 19.



General Moisia gives his final address to wing members, families and friends.



Chief Master Sgt. Nikki Uremovich presents General Moisia with a moose-shaped plaque from the Chiefs' Council at his farewell.



A.S.P.I.R.E. to achieve total wellness

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

The first A.S.P.I.R.E. (Act to Sustain your Potential through Integrated Resources and Exercise) Wellness Fare is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 11:15 a.m. The event will be held on a half-fly day to encourage maximum participation from all wing members.

Sponsored by the Care and Enhancement Network Effectiveness Team (CARENET) and 9G Force Fitness, the affair is set to begin with a brown bag luncheon during which a keynote speaker from the Tucson community (to be announced at a later date) will address Guardsmen about wellness issues.

“The wing’s new A.S.P.I.R.E. program is designed to address all aspects of wellness among members, not just physical fitness,” said Maj. Windy Hendrick, program architect.

“We will only have three wellness fares during the year. That said, we are committed to making each event memorable by providing truly dynamic guest speakers to address interesting and timely topics that everyone can benefit from, so we encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity.”

“The lessons we all can learn can help make us happier, more productive Guardsmen, family members and human beings in general,” said Major Hendrick.

Various activities will be available following lunch and the keynote speaker’s address. Vendors will be on site during various breakout sessions to instruct attendees on integrative medicine, healthy cooking, martial arts, debt management and yoga breathing.

The brown bag luncheon is sched-

A.S.P.I.R.E.
Act to Sustain your Potential through
Integrated Resources & Exercise

Wellness Fare
Friday, February 20
11:15 to 2 p.m. at Building 15 & the Dining Facility

Spiritual, Mental, Physical, Wellbeing
With a Special Guest Speaker
Integrative medicine, healthy cooking, martial arts,
debt management, and yoga breathing

Courtesy of 162nd Fighter Wing CARENET & 9G Fitness

Photo illustration by Capt. Gabe Johnson

“The lessons we all can learn can help make us happier, more productive Guardsmen, family members and human beings in general.”

*-Maj. Windy Hendrick
A.S.P.I.R.E. Creator*

uled to take place in the base dining facility with breakout sessions to be held at building 15. More information regarding registration for the luncheon and individual breakout sessions will be available soon. Check the February edition of *El Tigre News* for updates.

For questions or more information, contact Maj. Windy Hendrick at 295-6069 or Maj. Sandy Wilson at 295-6515.



Wing member to represent AZ junior Guardsmen

by Staff Sgt. Dana Watson
JEC President

Wing members might have heard her voice on the other end of the line when calling the communications flight help desk.

“Help desk, Sergeant Thiel, can I help you?”

In addition to being so helpful with troubleshooting computers, Staff Sgt. Heidi Thiel plays an important role in the Junior Enlisted Council as treasurer and through several other wing functions. For this reason, she was recently elected to serve as the vice president of the junior enlisted executive board of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Arizona (EANGA).

As such, Sergeant Thiel is a liaison for the enlisted members of both the Army and Air Guard in Arizona. This means she sits at the EANGA executive board with senior enlisted members to represent the junior ranks while working on resolutions for issues important



Staff Sgt. Heidi Thiel

to all servicemembers. She'll also be assigned to manage the EANGA website, www.eanga.org.

“This is a huge honor,” said Sergeant Thiel. “I see this as a great responsibility... to serve the board as the voice of the junior enlisted corps in Arizona.”

In addition to representing all junior enlisted members through EANGA, she also represents the 162nd Fighter Wing through the unit's active Junior Enlisted

Council. Sergeant Thiel is frequently approached by senior enlisted advisors from other units to help create Junior Enlisted Councils at Army and Air bases across the state.

“We are very proud of Sergeant Thiel and all of her accomplishments and her hard work,” said 162nd Command Chief Phil Conway. “She works hard in her full-time position in the communications squadron as a network technician and takes her turn working at the help desk, and she puts forth countless hours when it comes to working with the JEC and EANGA.”

“Sergeant Thiel is a great role model not only for junior enlisted individuals but for anybody who comes into contact with her. She always has a great attitude and is always smiling whenever you see her no matter what. We are proud to have her representing the 162nd Fighter Wing and the JEC,” said the chief.

Sergeant Thiel recently graduated from Capella University with a bachelor's degree in information technology specializing in project management.



Photo by Capt. Gabe Johnson

Hostile takeover

Wing maintainers, security forces and fire department officials successfully thwart a simulated aircraft hijacking attempt during the last exercise of 2008. In the early morning hours of Dec. 11, Lt. Col. John Bobroski (left), Air Force Advisor, disguised himself as a perpetrator and attempted to taxi in an F-16 on the flightline here with Maj. Brant Putnam as his simulated hostage.



Wing delivers a great day to Phoenix

by Capt. Dan Dodson
Public Affairs



Photo by Capt. Gabe Johnson

Dressed in a flight suit and Santa hat, honorary 162nd Fighter Wing member Dominic Magne, 7, helps a fellow patient chose a gift from the wing's collection of donations to Phoenix Children's Hospital Dec. 11. Dominic, a leukemia patient from Flagstaff, Ariz., was introduced to the wing through Dream Factory, a nonprofit organization that grants dreams to critically ill children.

PHOENIX – When more is asked, more is given. That has always been a mantra of the 162nd Fighter Wing, and it was never more apparent than when members were asked to donate gifts to Phoenix Children's Hospital during the recent holiday season.

"More" was given as unit members collected over 250 gifts for the hospital during November and December 2008.

In addition to the gift drive, members were also donating to a food drive, adopting multiple families for the holidays, and donating to their favorite charity organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign. So when it took more than three vehicles to deliver thousands of dollars worth of toys, games, books and DVDs, the 162nd had gone above and beyond.

"I am amazed at all these gifts," said Child Life Specialist Kari Green. Along with honorary wing member and Phoenix Children's Hospital patient Dominic Magne, she guided a handful of members through the hospital to personally deliver the gifts Dec. 11, 2008.

The first stop of the day was at the outpatient clinic where many young cancer and blood disorder patients go for their periodic dose of life-saving treatment.

Unit members quickly built rapport with the children and their families while delivering their own dose of care. "It's great you guys are here. The kids love it when they see someone outside of the normal people," said Ms. Green.

Following the stop at the outpatient clinic, unit members proceeded to the main hospital. They went floor by floor, from playroom to playroom to ensure each child got a turn to pick out a gift.

There were enough toys for everyone that day, but





Children's Hospital

also enough to store away for future patients ensuring that the wing's efforts will continue to assist hospital staff with boosting morale among their patients.

"You brought a lot of smiles to a lot of kids today. Thank you," said Green.

"All of this was possible because of an amazing friendship between Lt. Col. Scott Reinhold, the people of the 162nd, and 7-year-old Dominic," said Col. Jose Salinas, wing vice commander. "Dominic is our guy... he's one of us, and we take care of our people."

More than a year-and-a-half ago, the 162nd, in partnership with the nonprofit agency Dream Factory, made Dominic's dream to be a fighter pilot come true.

Similar visits to other military bases through Dream Factory, or agencies such as Make-A-Wish Foundation, are typically one-and-done scenarios. It's a well-known story; a very sick child gets a once-in-a-lifetime experience, child leaves happy, end of story. It is an exceptional experience for that child, but it's just for a day.

When approached to host Dominic in April, 2007, Colonel Salinas knew he wanted a different story, not just an exceptional one-day experience.

"I knew if we were going to do this, we had to see this through from start to finish. I did not want this to be a one-day thing," said the colonel. "When I asked for a pilot to volunteer, I wanted someone who had the time to follow up with this little guy, and Rhino raised his hand."

Nearly two years later, Colonel Reinhold is still a constant presence in Dominic's life through letters, emails and trips to the zoo.

"Scott is an amazing person," said Dominic's grandmother Susan Magne, eyes welling up with tears.

"Scott is obviously the perfect person for Dominic. I am very impressed with all that he has done, and I'm proud of our wing for being so generous in helping to make this a very special day," said Colonel Salinas.



Photo by Capt. Gabe Johnson

Honorary 162nd Fighter Wing member Dominic Magne, 7, gives a stuffed animal to a baby at Phoenix Children's Hospital Dec. 11. Dominic is also a patient at the hospital where he receives once-a-week chemotherapy infusions.





El Tigre News Year in review: A great 2008!



January

At the conclusion of 2007, House Armed Services Committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., (left) escorted by U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., visited with 162nd Fighter Wing firefighters here during a trip to familiarize the chairman with the Air Guard.



Security Forces deployed 19 of its members to Baghdad International Airport. The six-month tour began Feb. 24. By April the wing was seeing photos like this one circulating around base. Here all 19 meet for a rite of passage, a photo in front of a remnant of the former regime.

February

"Not everyone at the Super Bowl is watching the game." Prior to Super Bowl XLII, these posters were visible in English and Spanish all over the Phoenix Metropolitan area. They featured 162nd jets and the AZ tailflash, instilling confidence in the participating public.



With help from Capt. Jason Lewis, Country Thunder U.S.A. performing artist Joe Nichols gets ready to take off on an orientation flight in an F-16D. The flight was organized in

support of the Arizona National Guard's partnership with the Country Thunder concert series that made a stop in Florence, Ariz., April 17-20. The concert, and celebrity orientation flight, drew national attention to the Arizona Air National Guard, increasing awareness while enhancing recruiting efforts.

March



Capt. Patrick McClelland flew this F-16 Fighting Falcon over University of Phoenix Stadium before Super Bowl weekend kicked off. This photo taken by the flight lead, Lt. Col. Moon Milham, graced the cover of the March

El Tigre and found it's way to news Web sites all over the world letting everyone know who were the real patriots of Super Bowl XLII.

June



Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and Brig. Gen. Rick Moisis talk about the effects that the Air Force's intention to consolidate maintenance would have had on the

Guard. As a result of their work, language was added to the Defense Authorization Act to better preserve Guard maintenance and capability.



July



Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith sang two solos and several group numbers at the Tucson Convention Center as a member of Tops in Blue, June 4. Sergeant Smith spent nearly the entire year on the road with the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers. She is due to return to her assignment at the 162nd Alert Detachment at Davis-Monthan in March.

October

Aircraft electrician Tech. Sgt. Joe Mazzei spends quality time with his daughter Morgan, 5, before departing for Balad Air Base, Iraq. All together, about 50 Arizona Air Guardsmen deployed this year to the air base, located about 45 miles north of Baghdad.



November



At this year's Weapons and Tactics Conference, more than 1,200 Guard and Reserve Airmen representing every Air Reserve Component weapon system assembled here to present leaders with the unvarnished, honest and direct input they need to translate resources into products and capabilities over the next few years. Here, Col. Dan Bader, commander of the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (AATC), speaks to one of many working groups.

August

Maj. Windy Hendrick, an F-16 instructor pilot, developed the "9G Force Fitness" program locally, but drew national recognition and will now be a pilot program for the National Guard Bureau.



- The 9Gs of Fitness-
- 1G - Motivation and behavioral changes
- 2G - Basic nutrition
- 3G - Getting off the couch walking program
- 4G - Basic exercise
- 5G - Objectives and lessons learned
- 6G - Cardio resistance program
- 7G - Advanced nutrition
- 8G - Advanced exercise
- 9G - Putting it all together

September



After serving half a year in Baghdad, Iraq, all 19 members of the Security Forces Squadron returned home. Here, Staff Sgt. Juan Yebra holds his son Andres and his new grandson Henry at the squadron's welcome home event.

December

The 162nd Fighter Wing earned an "outstanding" rating during its Health Services Inspection this year. Here, inspector Col. John Flynn congratulates Maj. Christine Rhodes, Medical Group deputy commander, for being one of three outstanding performers during the inspection.





Play it safe when traveling to Mexico; avoid Nogales, border cities

by Lt. Col. Dan Summers
Wing Anti-Terrorism Office

Wing leadership strongly advises 162nd Fighter Wing members and their families to avoid traveling to Nogales, Sonora.

More than 5,000 people have been killed throughout Mexico since the wing issued a travel advisory for Mexico last year. Over the past few months there has been a rapid increase in violence in Nogales, Sonora.

The deaths are primarily a result of an ongoing war between drug trafficking organizations and Mexican authorities -- particularly in the border cities of Ciudad Juarez, Nogales and Tijuana.

Wing members traveling to Nogales, or anywhere in Mexico, can increase their safety by taking the following precautions.

- Provide travel plans and contact information to a friend, relative, or coworker here state-side and stay in

frequent contact with them while you are in Mexico.

- Register with the appropriate State Department's travel registration online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

- Call the Military Intelligence Section at 295-6238 to receive the latest country briefing.

- Avoid large crowds and demonstrations where violence may erupt, travel in groups, and stay in well-known tourist destinations and tourist areas.

- Don't do anything that may make you a target of violence such as showing large amounts of cash, jewelry, or other valuable items.

- Do not participate in political demonstrations; foreigners participating in political demonstrations are prohibited by the Mexican constitution and may result in detention.

Most violence remains targeted between competing drug cartels and Mexican Law Enforcement but injury or death of innocent bystanders is not uncommon. Juarez and Tijuana remain the most dangerous

areas along the border so travel to those cities requires even greater caution. Areas such as Rocky Point and San Carlos have not experienced the type of violent spikes found in the border cities but caution is highly recommended.

For more detailed information on staying safe in Mexico, please see the Mexico Consular Information Sheet at: <http://travel.state.gov/travel>. For the latest security information, monitor the State Department's Web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747, or 001-202-501-4444.

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. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: ccs@usembassy.net.mx. The Embassy's Internet address is www.usembassy-mexico.gov.

Arizona aims to end scams, predatory lending to troops, veterans

by Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Financial scams and predatory lending against servicemembers and veterans is so common that the Arizona attorney general has created an advisory board to stop it.

"We got so many complaints that were related to either veterans or active-duty military on our consumer line that I felt it was necessary to set up this coordinating council," said Terry Goddard, a retired Navy Reserve commander and Arizona's attorney general for the last six years.

To address the steady flow of similar complaints, including payday lending issues, mortgage and housing problems and other consumer scams, Goddard created the Attorney General's Military and Veterans Advisory Council.

Problems occur when charities solicit money from the general public on the premise of supporting troops and veterans. Some are legitimate and put the money to good use. Others, however, flirt with breaking the law because very little of the funds collected are used for the stated purpose.

"Something we're doing through our Military and Veterans Council is to make sure that we get the word out about those charities that really

aren't producing much benefit for the troops," Goddard said.

The council also is ready to tackle the problem of foreclosure rescue schemes targeting servicemembers and veterans who find themselves facing foreclosure.

Payday loans, something regulated by both the federal and Arizona governments, are another problem the council is looking into. The loans typically carry exorbitant interest rates and can land military families or veterans in debt quickly.

More information on the council and consumer scams targeting veterans and servicemembers is available on the Arizona attorney general's Web site.



Retiree's son benefits, gives back to donor organization

Story and Photo by
Staff Sgt. Desiree Twombly
Public Affairs

Several 162nd Fighter Wing members here signed up to be organ donors through the Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) thanks to the advocacy of one member of the wing family.

John Salazar, Jr. is the son of retired 162nd Fighter Wing member, John Salazar. He's not only a loyal volunteer of DNA, but he's also a donor recipient. In his spare time, he sets up information tables at events and provides information to and assists applicants with making an important decision.

"DNA is an organization that educates and informs the public on organ and tissue donation for transplants. What I do as a volunteer is promote donor registry. I do this by going to schools, hospitals or health fairs on a regular basis. At hospitals I assist with special classes for medical and other staff on how to engage families regarding donation," said Salazar.

DNA is the federally-designated, not-for-profit, organ-procurement organization for the state of Arizona and a tissue and eye recovery organization. DNA serves five organ transplant centers in Arizona with the combined capacity to perform heart, lung, kidney, pancreas, liver and various tissue transplants.

The organization has a special importance for John. He is a three-time cornea recipient who suffered from a condition called keratoconus. It is a degenerative disease of the cornea that causes it to gradually thin and bulge into a cone-like shape causing vision to become blurred and distorted to



John Salazar Jr., volunteer for the Donor Network of Arizona, assists 162nd Maintenance Squadron member Senior Airman Scott Coffey with filling out a donor application during the December drill. John is a cornea recipient benefiting from the donor network and he's the son of retired 162nd member John Salazar.

a degree that cannot be corrected with glasses.

"I had my first cornea transplant in my right eye in July 1979. I was in the process of waiting for a cornea for my left eye in '96 when I found out about this organization," he said.

John has been volunteering for the Donor Network of Arizona since October 1996 and is dedicated to attending many public events to inform the community on the importance of organ donation.

"Volunteering time to this organization is the easiest and best way I can think of to say thank you to the three families who have said 'yes' to me and given me another chance to have my vision," he said.

There are more than one million registered donors in Arizona and more than 1,700 individuals in Arizona on the waiting list for transplants as of December 2008

according to DNA's Website. Organ and tissue donations are distributed based on patient need and medical criteria. There are no costs associated with making an election for donation.

"The same way individuals take care of their life insurance and funeral arrangements for 'down the road', DNA provides a plan ahead of time for organ and tissue donation. This eliminates the need for family members to make a decision during an inopportune time," he said.

"I always wondered what kind of impact donating would have or if I would ever know anybody. Since then I've come to know a few more folks who became donors. Saying yes to donating benefits everyone," John said.

Additional information on becoming a donor is available on line at www.dnaz.org.

Chaplain's Corner

New light on "God" for the New Year

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

Due to my roles as chaplain and pastor I have many opportunities to speak with people about their experience of God. Some will say, "I don't believe in God!" Often my response is, "Tell me about the god you don't believe in."

Invariably they tell me their personal saga of a god who was aloof and uncaring during a time in their life in which they were going through significant personal suffering. They tell a story of an absent god who let them down. Their story is laden with disappointment, disillusionment and profound personal hurts. After taking time to hear them out, I often respond with, "I don't believe in that god either!" However, I do believe in the God who has revealed Himself to be a God of love, compassion, and hope.

The living and true God of the universe seeks us out with His love, which when experienced, sets us free and makes us whole. Many people down through the years have embraced mere characterizations of God which distort their perception and impede their search for God and the meaning and purpose in life that He can bring. For example, I've known many who see God as angry and quick to punish. They go through

life dodging lightning bolts, figuratively speaking. Maybe early on they heard a lot of "hell, fire and brimstone" messages and, consequently, have had trouble drawing near to God. Guilt feelings encroach on the love which they could be experiencing in their relationship with God. I encourage them to see God in a new light.

I share this story from my personal life. We were beginning our family while I was ministering in Tucson during the early 1980s. Our first born was a beautiful little girl named Abby. Abby went through the normal stages of child development of rolling and crawling, and we knew it wouldn't be long before she took her first steps. The memorable day arrived. She was crawling on the living room carpet and made her way over to the couch. She pulled herself up. We were on the edge of our seats. She started out across the living room walking on her own. How exciting! Her first steps! And then what happened? She fell down. Now, do you think that I, her father, walked over to her, picked her up, spanked her severely, and harshly admonished her, "Shame on you, Abby, for falling down!" Of course not! I love Abby and I was excited for this milestone in her life. Instead, as we clapped and cheered with big smiles I said, "Good for you, Abby, now get up and try again." We were pleased that she was learning to walk, and we knew that falling was part of the learning process.

As our heavenly Father, God is like that too. He is not quick to punish. He cheers us on. He is pleased when we try to learn to walk with Him in our lives. When we desire to experience God and are open to life's



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Norton

experiences that enable us to trust the faithfulness and steadfast love of God, God meets us where we are and reveals more of Himself to us. An experiential knowledge of God makes it possible for us to thrive and make the most of our living upon the earth.

Back to Abby. She now runs marathons. She will turn 30 years old in the new year. She's married to a wonderful, loving husband, and they joyfully encourage three great children: Kyra, Myles, and Hayley. From her humble beginnings learning to walk, now Abby does quite well. Life is like that. Learning to walk with God opens new possibilities, and before we know it we're running with God.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth & Fitness

Jewish Awareness Group, Saturday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office

Protestant Worship Service, Saturday, Jan 10, noon in Ops Classroom F

Catholic Mass, Sunday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m. in Ops Classroom E

LDS Study Group, Sunday, Jan. 11, noon in Ops Classroom F

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



New procedure for *El Tigre* addresses

Due to recent Post Office changes concerning the delivery of bulk mail, members must notify 162nd Fighter Wing public affairs of changes to their mailing addresses for continued delivery of *El Tigre News*.

Starting in 2009, PA must main-

tain the most accurate address list possible to avoid unnecessary charges for returned copies of the newsletter.

Address updates can be sent to PA at 162fw.pa@aztucs.ang.af.mil, or vial mail at 1650 E. Perimeter Way, Tucson AZ 85706.

Wing surpasses blood drive goal

The 162nd Fighter Wing Blood drive conducted over the December UTA was a big success according to the Arizona Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross.

The wing registered 36 donors and produced 35 productive units, beating its goal of 30 by 117 percent.

"At this time of year, we have

an extremely difficult time collecting the amount of blood that is needed," said Christina Rowden, donor recruitment representative. "By going above your goal, you helped us ensure that when the hospitals need blood, it will be there. "Thank you for your continued support and efforts."

Join the wing's 2009 Softball Teams

The 44th Annual Air National Guard Softball Tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D., is scheduled for Aug. 11-16, 2009.

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. 10, at 2:30 p.m. at TAGRA (building 15).

Coaches are looking for dedicated

individuals willing to attend practices, play in a league and help raise money for hotels, rental cars and transportation, if necessary.

Dependents are welcome to participate with any of the teams.

Please get prior approval through your employer/supervisor to attend the tournament. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please contact team coordinators at (520) 295-6182/6250.

An invitation to join Federal Employees Association

Current and retired Federal employees, spouse, guests and visitors are invited to join the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Chapter 1874, at the Home Town Buffet on 5101 N. Oracle Rd. just north of River Rd. for their January 19th meeting. Lunch 11:30 (\$9.00pp), meeting: noon to 2 p.m. with a guest speaker from the Arizona Historical Society speaking about cowboys and vaqueros.

NARFE represents some five million federal workers, retirees, spouses

and their survivors. NARFE is the only association dedicated to safeguarding and improving the earned rights and benefits of America's retired federal employees.

A team of government relations professionals in Washington tracks congressional action and agency proposals that affect your federal retirement benefits. NARFE's Legislative Department works simultaneously to preserve and enhance civil service annuity and health care benefits.

Contact Carolyn Butler at 733-7450 for more information.

Tig Bits Commissioning Opportunity

Airmen at the 162nd Fighter Wing and the 214th Reconnaissance Group may now apply for a deserving airman commissioning opportunity, intelligence officer, drill status Guardsman. Qualified Airmen may submit their application packages to the 162nd Mission Support Flight by Jan. 11, 2009. Call (520) 295-6462 for further information.

CFC 2008 Results

The 162nd Fighter Wing community donated approximately \$60,000 to the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The wing's ultimate objective for the CFC was to surpass the prior year's total which was \$58,600. "I would like to thank not only those who donated but also those who volunteered as group coordinators and key workers," said 1st Lt. Brian Wiscombe, 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 in these current economic conditions."

Join Intramurals

The 162nd Fighter Wing will assemble intramural teams for Davis-Monthan's 2009 season. Interested wing members may contact the D-M Sports Rep at 295-6408 to sign up. Sports include basketball, softball, volleyball and flag football.



Friends remembered in the New Year

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

We look forward to an exciting new year as 2008 is now history. First we should remember those former members of the 162nd Fighter Wing who were no longer with us when the New Year rolled around. The following names were added to the granite blocks at the 162nd Memorial located south of the main gate on the base during 2008.

- Edgar (Ed) Hurd**
- James (Jim) Barr**
- Navor (Steve) Fuentes**
- Jerry Veltman**
- Charles (Charlie) Lees**
- Robert (Bob) Pearson**
- James Gaare**
- Matthew Merritt**
- Leroy Foss**



These former Guardsmen were our friends and coworkers and will be missed by all who knew them. We extend sincere condolences to the families and friends of these fallen comrades.

The annual steak fry and open house, which is normally held in November each year was delayed because of a scheduled inspection. These events will now be held during February UTA and retirees are invited to attend.

There will be a briefing specifically for retirees Sunday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. in the base auditorium.

After the briefing, we are invited

to participate in the annual steak fry held at the Dining Facility. Retirees and their guests will be charged \$4.25 for the meal.

These events will provide an opportunity to catch up on the status of the unit mission. It also will be a great time to mix with old friends and current unit members.

Also, the retiree's luncheon, after several years' hiatus, is back on the schedule. We have secured an area at the Hometown Buffet restaurant on Wilmot Road, the same location where the retiree's breakfast is held. It will be on Wednesday, April 8, at 11 a.m. This is the second Wednesday of April.

Consequently, the luncheon will be held in lieu of the monthly breakfast. Those who normally attend the breakfast can sleep late and have lunch, rather than breakfast, with us that day.

Put these events on your 2009 calendar and spread the word so all of our retirees are aware of these scheduled events.

All in the EL TIGRE Family

Military Promotions:

To Technical Sergeant

Ashley Karas
Andres Carroll

To Staff Sergeant

Matthew Sanders
Alan Greczynski
Andrew Gutierrez
Michael Espinoza

To Senior Airman

Tricia Staude
Jonathon Jackson

To Airman First Class

Brandon Urena

New Members:

Staff Sgt. Carlos Almandos, Pneudraulic Shop
Staff Sgt. Luis Espinoza, Munitions Storage
Staff Sgt. Martin Pape, Munitions Storage
Senior Airman Jeffery Shea, Munitions Storage

New Hires:

Senior Master Sgt. Allen Taylor, Pneudraulic Shop

Graduations:

Airman 1st Class Peter Smith from Electro Environmental

Temporary Tech/AGR:

Senior Airman Oscar Corrales, Munitions Storage

Retirements:

Lt. Col. Michael Stirber

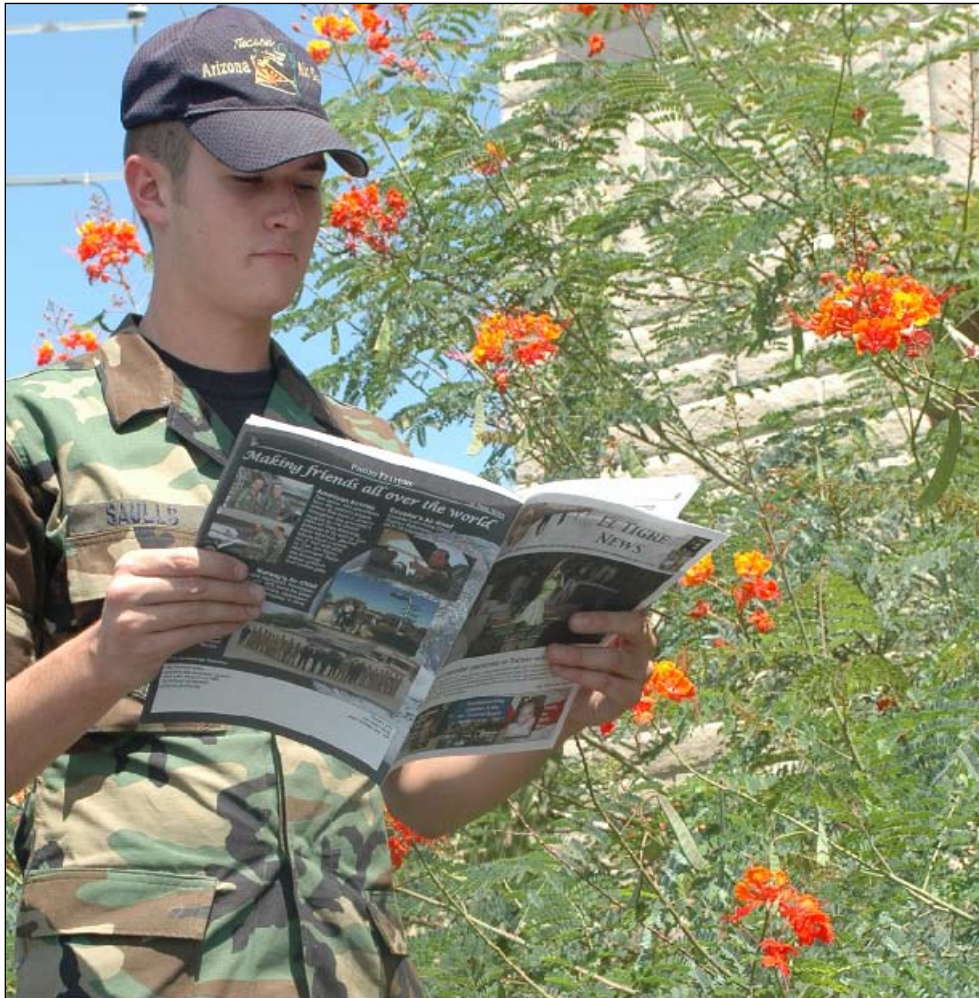
Chief Master Sgt. Emmet Hester, Jr.

Senior Master Sgt. Francisco Arvizu, Jr.

Senior Master Sgt. Terry Hummingbird

Master Sgt. Richard Lemieux

Master Sgt. Robert Sommerfeld

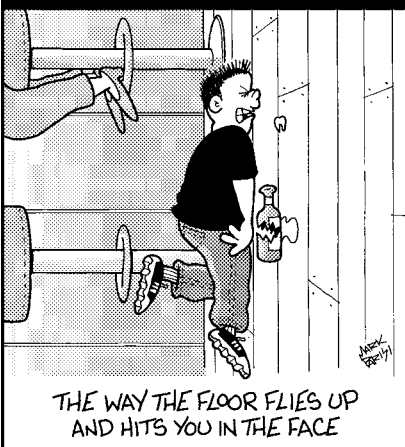


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That Guy.com

REASON #467 NOT TO BE THAT GUY:



THE WAY THE FLOOR FLIES UP
 AND HITS YOU IN THE FACE

A message for U.S. Military
 from the Department of Defense.

That Guy ('[th]at 'gl), n.

1. Anyone who, after drinking excessive amounts of alcohol, loses control of self or situation with humiliating or compromising results:

a. Used to suggest shameful or embarrassing behavior: What is *That Guy* thinking? or, No way am I hanging out with *That Guy*.

b. Used to imply an unpleasant transformation/metamorphosis: Everything was great until my friend drank a few too many and turned into *That Guy*.

2. A negative example, often used to mock someone: Don't be *That Guy*.

**DESERT ROSE
 DINING FACILITY
 MENU**

Cost for AGRs & Officers \$4.25

SATURDAY

Customers Choice Meal

- Smoked Roast Beef
- BBQ Chicken
- O'Brien Potatoes
- Steamed Rice
- Brown Gravy
- Mixed Vegetables
- Augratin Cauliflower
- Steamed Carrots
- Peanut Butter Cookies

SUNDAY

- BBQ Ribs
- Fried Catfish
- Collard Greens
- Southern Style Green Beans
- Corn on Cobb
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cream Gravy
- Hoppin Johns Rice
- Coconut Cream Pie
- Fruit Cobbler
- Corn Chowder

**SHORT ORDER &
 STANDARD ITEMS**

- Grilled Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
- 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

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

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



Delivering smiles to Phoenix Children's Hospital



Col. Jose Salinas, 162nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, visits with Reyna Nebila, a young patient at Phoenix Children's Hospital Dec. 11. The colonel and a handful of Arizona Air National Guardsmen made the trip to Phoenix to deliver toys, games, books and DVDs to the children. Reyna wanted anything to do with "Hanna Montana" and received a toy guitar themed after the hit TV series.

Barb Gavre, Master Sgt. Dave Morgan and Maj. Sandy Wilson help a patient search for a gift from the 162nd Fighter Wing's collection of donations Dec. 11. Wing members visited every floor and playroom in the hospital to ensure every child received a gift.



Dominic Magne, 7, bonds with Senior Master Sgt. Andy Trueblood while delivering gifts to patients at Phoenix Children's Hospital Dec. 11.



Honorary 162nd Fighter Wing member Dominic Magne, 7, gives a fellow patient a toy fire truck from the wing's collection of donations to Phoenix Children's Hospital Dec. 11. The Tucson-based Guard unit held a gift drive in November and December resulting in more than 250 toys, games, books and DVDs. Every child received a gift with extras donated to the hospital for future patients.

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