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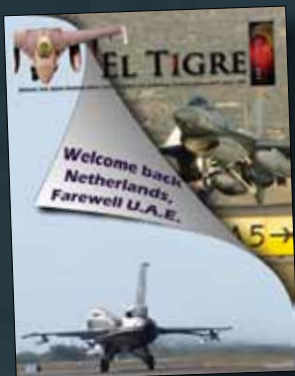
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You made last year great, make 2011 even better

by Col. Ted Maxwell
Commander

Wow...it went by in a flash, but looking back on 2010 you accomplished many great things. It seems like every New Year we say "that year was tremendous," but we truly started the new decade in classic 162nd fashion.

At the outset we deployed our security forces squadron to Iraq for their second tour and we took on the new and complex challenge of contending for a new fighter aircraft, the F-35 Lightning II. We also welcomed Moroccan student pilots to the wing to train with us for the first time.

And that was just January.

By March we were in full inspection mode with Air Education and Training Command inspectors looking hard at our level of compliance in virtually all mission areas. You showed the Air Force that this wing gets the job done by earning one of the highest marks of any unit under a tough new grading system.

Speaking of inspections, our Air Sovereignty Alert Detachment continued to perform at the highest levels during repeated NORAD alert force evaluations. We have the best alert F-16 maintenance in the country and for this the Det earned the ASA Unit of the Year award.

Through all this we continued to break new ground in international training. We graduated the first Pakistan F-16 pilots trained in the United States since 1983 – showing once again our value to positive foreign relations and partnership building.

By the summer, we opened an F-16 crew chief school for Air National Guard maintainers from around the



Colonel Maxwell

country in dire need of technical school training, while in Guam our medical group and force support professionals were providing expertise to a major Vigilant Guard exercise.

In the fall, we continued supporting mobile training teams and our maintainers helped Pakistan successfully participate in a Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base – another first for the wing and our partners.

Recently we've been extraordinarily busy. Closing our United Arab Emirates Block 60 program after six and a half years was a detailed process to say the least. You made the UAE's exit flow seamlessly while welcoming the Dutch and preparing for the next chapter in 162nd Fighter Wing history.

Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt, the Air National Guard director, visited the wing for two days in October along with 100 major employers for Business and Industry Days, a key community relations initiative for the Guard. It was your unparalleled reputation that brought them here and it was your professionalism that left an indelible impression on them

before they departed Tucson.

Let's not forget all of the other annual events that you handled in stride. You supported the Test Center through another successful Weapons and Tactics Conference, held two awards ceremonies, and executed what has to be one of the best Hometown Hero Salutes on record.

The year *was* tremendous. So how can we make 2011 even better? You've already proven your flexibility, dedication and character, so no one has to tell you to "keep up the great work." I have the utmost confidence that this wing will enjoy the same level of mission accomplishment in the coming year, so I have a new challenge for the wing.

Think about how we can make life better here at our wing. How can we improve things for our people? How can we make "driving across the bridge" a good thing?

I'm not suggesting change for the sake of change, yet something more valuable – change for a better work experience for all of us.

How can communication up and down the chain of command be improved? How can work be more efficient in your shop? How can we improve teamwork? What works well in your mind? What doesn't work well, and what's your idea to fix it?

We all know about budget challenges so ideas will have to be creative, but none-the-less I encourage an open work environment for suggestions. I want to hear your ideas. Everyone has a voice. Use it. Together we can make this a better place to work. You are valued above all other assets in the wing.

It is about people. It's about you and your Airmen. This is our 162nd family. Let's remember that this year and we'll make 2011 "tremendous."

The ideas are out there, they just need to be communicated. Your leaders will listen.



Photo by Maj. Gabe Johnson

Chief Master Sgt. Vic Mendoza, maintenance supervisor for the F-16 Block 60 program, waves goodbye as one of his aircraft departs for the United Arab Emirates.

by Maj. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

After roughly a decade of F-16 flight and maintenance training with Arizona Air Guardsmen, the United Arab Emirates Air Force and Air Defense and the 162nd Fighter Wing celebrated the successful conclusion of their formal training relationship and reflected on the bonds of friendship that will remain.

Emirati and American Airmen gathered on the flightline at Tucson International Airport Oct. 20 to bid farewell to five UAE-owned F-16E/F Desert Falcons, or Block 60s, as they took off for home. Eight additional fighters and support equipment departed before the end of the year.

"It's been an outstanding relationship between the UAE Air Force, the US Air Force, the Guard, the 162nd Fighter Wing and also Lockheed Martin and General Electric. With that team we put together a great program and we trained over 100 UAE pilots in the process," said Lt. Col. Dan Grimwood, F-16 instructor pilot and UAE program manager.

The UAE partnership with the 162nd began in 1998 with initial planning and coordination. Soon after, the first pilots began training in US-owned fighters with US instructors. In 2004, Lockheed Martin delivered to Tucson the first UAE-purchased Block 60s, the most advanced F-16s ever built.

The Desert Falcon's most notable characteristics include conformal fuel tanks mounted on the top of its fuselage, digital color screens in the cockpit and a powerful engine to compensate for the jet's increase in weight.

UAE wraps up F-16 training in Arizona...

"The F-16E Block 60 is a generation 4.5 fighter," said Colonel Grimwood. "Basically it's an airplane that was custom made for the UAE. It has the biggest engine that's in any F-16. It has a glass cockpit and an avionics set up that is a real joy to fly. I've flown many blocks of the F-16 and this is by far my favorite version."

As a designated international training wing, members of the 162nd are accustomed to working in a multi-cultural environment. According to maintenance officer Lt. Col. Fausto Padilla, the UAE program is as much about building a partnership as it is about building capability.

"For the US maintainer it's been an eye opening experience to see a different culture and how things work outside the gates in other parts of the world. There have been opportunities to learn from them because they bring so much knowledge and perspective to the table," Colonel Padilla said.

"Working with the UAE has given us a better understanding of their culture and people, and it has also helped them to understand us. I think understanding is the first step to developing strong partnerships."

The UAE Air Force will now train its personnel in country with its own cadre of instructors further proving its capability which was tested in August 2009 when they successfully participated in their first Red Flag - the advanced training exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., that exposes US and partner nation air force units to challenging and realistic aerial combat scenarios.

Wing pilots and maintainers involved with the UAE transitioned to training Royal Netherland's Air Force pilots, a new program which began in December.



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...as Dutch program returns to the 162nd



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

Royal Netherlands Air Force Lt. Col. Maurits Schonk is greeted by Lt. Col. Dan Grimwood on the 162nd Fighter Wing flightline after delivering the first Dutch F-16 to the base for pilot training.

The Dutch plan to base 14 of their own jets here to participate in basic F-16 training as well as advanced courses such as flight lead upgrade and instructor pilot certification.

The incoming Dutch aircraft are essentially early-model F-16A/B's that have undergone cockpit and avionics upgrades that make them as capable as the newer C/D-models. In the international F-16 community they are known as MLUs, or Mid-Life Update F-16s.

"The conversion from the Block 60 to the MLU will require some training for us," said Colonel Padilla, "but we're ready to welcome our Dutch friends as we say goodbye to our UAE friends. We wish them well."

The wing welcomed the first Dutch pilots and aircraft as they arrived at Tucson International Airport Oct. 29. The Royal Netherlands Air Force resumes F-16 pilot training here after a three-year absence.

Dutch Ambassador Renée Jones-Bos, U.S. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs Heidi Grant, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup and Arizona Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Colangelo commemorated the arrival of the first two Dutch F-16 fighter aircraft during a ceremony here that highlighted the Netherland's partnership with the United States and Southern Arizona.

"The Netherlands and the United States have a

longstanding history of collaboration in peace and security," said Ambassador Jones-Bos. "That collaboration is displayed in Southern Arizona. For nearly two decades, the Arizona Air National Guard was home to over 100 Royal Netherlands Air Force pilots and personnel. Dutch and American troops have trained side-by-side in Tucson, and the Netherlands is pleased to return to the 162nd Fighter Wing where our Dutch pilots will receive advanced F-16 pilot training."

Dutch pilots were the first in a long line of international students to train with the 162nd Fighter Wing. Starting in 1989, they were a mainstay program at the Arizona Air National Guard unit for 18 years until they moved to Springfield, Ohio, for a three-year agreement to train with the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Fighter Wing.

"When the Dutch left to train in Ohio, we agreed to say 'see you later' instead of saying goodbye," said Col. Ted Maxwell, 162nd Fighter Wing commander. "Today marks what we always hoped for as we welcome them back."

"The Netherlands program will fit perfectly as a replacement for the United Arab Emirates program, thereby preserving most of the Air National Guard jobs associated with the UAE. The labor pool in our 148th Fighter Squadron, currently a UAE-only training squadron, will shift to train Dutch pilots," he said.

Maxwell expects the Dutch program to average about 3,000 flying hours per year, similar to the amount currently generated by the UAE.

The Royal Netherlands Air Force will send about 10 student pilots to train in Tucson per year, and six instructor pilots will be stationed here for three years each.

The initial agreement for training in Tucson is a three-year program with an option to extend based on the needs of the Dutch air force.

The 162nd Fighter Wing, a full-time international F-16 pilot training unit, additionally trains students from Poland, Singapore, Norway and Morocco.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve



General Stroud retires after 29 years of service



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

Brig. Gen. Greg Stroud (left), former 162nd Fighter Wing commander, accepts a gift from the Chief's Council President Chief Master Sgt. Mary Minter at his retirement ceremony Dec. 4.

by
Airman 1st Class Krystal Tomlin
Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Greg Stroud, former 162nd Fighter Wing commander, celebrated his retirement among family, friends and unit members here Dec. 4.

Maj. Gen. Rick Moisio, the wing's previous commander and the current special assistant to the commander of U.S. Northern Command, presided over the emotional yet high-spirited ceremony closing General Stroud's 29 years of service in the Navy and Air National Guard.

General Moisio highlighted General Stroud's achievements starting with his college football career at Duke University. He was sure to point out in jest that Stroud wasn't on the basketball team which has a much more impressive record than the football team's despite Stroud's impressive statistics.

Stroud didn't stop with an impressive football career, but took that motivation with him when he joined the Navy and later the Arizona Air National Guard, said General Moisio.

He accumulated 4,900 flight hours in six different aircraft and served as an operations officer or a commander for 15 of his 22 years with the unit.

During his tenure as the wing's top officer, the general was in charge of more than 1,400 Guardsmen who accomplish the wing's international F-16 training mission. He worked tirelessly to secure future missions ranging from the newly-acquired Dutch training program to navigating the unit to a possible future of flying the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Among the friendly teasing and joyful reminiscing there were a few sentimental tears shed for the departing commander along with testaments to his leadership.

"It was a pleasure to serve with

you and for you," said Col. Karen Bence, 162nd Mission Support Group commander.

"What I saw was a guy who was not afraid of making difficult calls when it came to personnel matters, a guy who had the best for the future of the wing in mind," said General Moisio.

General Stroud had a few parting words for the wing. As a consummate fighter pilot he said he would miss the joy of flying which he appreciated more and more toward the end of his career.

"I'll miss the smell of jet fuel on the flightline and passing by the rows of jets," he said.

He also acknowledged the immense privilege and honor he felt while serving the men and women of the 162nd as their commander.

He thanked fellow Guardsmen for their outstanding performance and showed appreciation to his wife Pennie for 21 years of marriage and support.

"Outstanding mission accomplishment is going to continue to be the hallmark of this organization," said Stroud. "Be well and I'll see you around."



General Stroud on the the USS Midway during his Navy days.



Basketball anyone? Force support installs court on base



A contractor hired to install the 162nd Fighter Wing's new basketball court paints lines around the wing patch at center court Dec. 10. The new court behind building 15 will provide more useable space on base for sporting and social events.

With only 92 acres on base the 162nd Force Support Squadron is working to maximize every square foot to better serve Airmen here. The courtyard behind building 15, also known as TAGRA, now features an outdoor basketball court that could double as a versatile space for social events and other athletic activities.

The court will be open for pickup games and general use as soon as it's completed. Force support will announce details for a grand opening at a later date.

"With all of our fitness requirement today, this is going to be a good addition to our wing," said Capt. Paul Jefferson, project manager for the squadron.

Jefferson anticipates that force support will eventually organize intramural basketball and volleyball seasons for wing members. "In force support, our business is people and we think this court could go a long way to serve our fitness needs as well as enhance morale," he said.

"We can hold organized [physical training] events out here, we can administer fitness testing here, and we hope to eventually install a cover over this area to give some shade for the hotter months."

The new court is made of plastic and rubber tiles that provide a moderate amount of shock absorption, allows for water runoff in the monsoon season, and can hold up under the heat of the desert sun.



162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee Golf Tournament

This year's tournament, held Oct. 29 at Vistoso Golf Resort, raised more than \$13,000 for ESGR, the Jimmy Jet Foundation, Wright Flight, Project Challenge, and the 162nd Family Readiness Group.

Thanks to all our volunteers and golfers!



Test center fuses old, new technology for light attack

by Maj. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. -- Test pilots and engineers here learned what happens when high-tech systems are combined with low-tech airframes for a new, cost effective, light attack aircraft.

Light attack, a revitalized concept in the Air Force, addresses the need for an airplane that offers surveillance as well as strike capabilities and walks the line between remotely piloted aircraft and high-performance fighters.

In appearance, the two experimental aircraft in testing over the Barry M. Goldwater Range last October, Hawker Beechcraft AT-6Cs, resemble the fighters of yesteryear with single engine propellers and shark face nose art. They are, in actuality, one possible future for Air Force light attack aircraft and the latest project for the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (AATC) based at Tucson International Airport.

Lt. Col. Keith Colmer, developmental test pilot and director of engineering for AATC, deployed to Iraq in early 2008 where he flew numerous close air support missions in F-16s. The bulk of those involved flying orbits two miles above ground forces. During more than 100 combat hours he said he served as an eye in the sky for Army elements but rarely engaged the enemy on their behalf.

“Right now we are paying a high cost to fly an F-16 in terms of fuel and wear and tear for missions that don’t require the full capabilities of the airplane,” said Colonel Colmer who today leads AATC’s light attack program.

“With fourth generation fighters nearing the end of their service life, a light attack platform could take on these kinds of missions and lighten the load.”

The test center, which conducts operational tests on behalf of the Air Reserve Component, is a compact

team of active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian and contractor members who field low-cost, low-risk, off-the-shelf improvements for aircraft and weapon systems. Officials say the center’s unique efficiency is perfect for building and evaluating a light attack aircraft.

“In keeping with our ‘80 percent of the capability for 20 percent of the cost’ motto we took existing technology from the A-10 and F-16 and inserted it in the AT-6,” said Colmer.

Mounted next to the AT-6’s manual flight controls, levers, cables and pulleys are mission computers, situational awareness data links, radios, helmet-mounted cueing systems, hands-on stick and throttles, threat countermeasures and armament pylons typically found on current fighter and attack aircraft.

“We learned a lot from initial testing earlier this year and made several adjustments. The testing this month is about bringing in testers from around the Air Force; A-10 and F-16 pilots from Edwards, Nellis and Eglin,” said Colmer.

“Overall, pilots are coming back after flying it excited about light attack. They’re enjoying the sorties and the aircraft’s capabilities. Almost everyone has a list of things they would like to change but that’s what we expected. Now we’ll take their input and make it a better aircraft.”

Maj. Jesse Smith, an A-10 pilot from the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., flew the modified AT-6 during a simulated combat search and rescue sortie Oct. 7.

“It’s easy to handle,” Major Smith said. “They took some of the systems and avionics from the A-10 so that made it easier for me to step in. Based on the scenario we had today we were able to go out and execute.”

“It’s not the answer for everything, but if you look at what’s going on in Iraq and Afghanistan it’s a good concept that can save money.”

To buy and operate a light attack aircraft costs pennies on the dollar compared to an A-10 or F-16. For those aircraft, the cost per flying hour is around \$15,000 to \$17,000 for fuel and maintenance. Test center officials say the AT-6 is currently running at about \$600 per hour.

Though light attack is not viewed as a replacement for jets, Airmen here are finding out that the two-seat turboprop can fill a number of roles.

“It’s exciting to be a proponent for light attack in this early stage when the possibilities seem endless and we can demonstrate what one of these airplanes could do,” said Colonel Colmer who emphasized that light attack is not yet a procurement program.



Warfighters plan for 'future fight' at WEPTAC

Story and photo
by Maj. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

Sergeants through lieutenant colonels - the warfighters serving abroad and defending the homeland - gathered here Oct. 18-22 to tell Guard and Reserve senior leaders what they need to improve capability in the Air Reserve Component.

Their focus was on "Legacy platforms, future fight" as told by this year's theme at the Weapons and Tactics Conference (WEPTAC) held at Tucson International Airport, home of conference hosts the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (AATC) and the 162nd Fighter Wing.

Nearly 1,800 Guard and Reserve Airmen representing every ARC weapon system assembled to present leaders with the unvarnished, honest and direct input they need to translate funding into products and capabilities over the next few years.

"We bring in people from the field who know what is needed to make us better. WEPTAC is pretty important for us. This is where we derive our requirements and how we want to secure them down the road," said Col. Richard Dennee, AATC commander.

The week-long conference consisted of 28 working groups meeting to compile a list of needs for each airframe and weapon system. It concluded with group chairmen briefing their findings to the Director of the Air Guard, Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, and Daniel B. Ginsberg, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

"These are the people who have gone to Iraq and Afghanistan and have come back with learned lessons



Lt. Col. Todd Seger, test pilot and combined test force director for AATC, talks about new small diameter, laser guided bombs added to an early model Block 30 F-16 Fighting Falcon.

on what they need to do their job better," said Colonel Dennee. "And we do see results. We see results as soon as six months after the conference or up to a couple of years later."

Past WEPTACs produced clear goals for the Guard and Reserve. With input from the conference, test center pilots and engineers have helped the ARC field new software, better communications and more lethal weapons.

And while bringing ideas to reality, AATC finds low-cost, highly-capable, off-the-shelf solutions.

One example at the center of attention was an early model F-16 Fighting Falcon equipped with the latest technology in precision weapons.

"We're putting the newest weapons and latest Litening targeting pods on the oldest aircraft in the inventory," said Lt. Col. Todd Seger, combined test force director for AATC. "We have small weapons racks that carry four small diameter bombs on each wing. This is the first time they've been integrated on the F-16."

According to Colonel Seger, WEPTAC helps AATC ensure that it is prioritizing projects that are relevant to everyone, not just for the F-16, so that the Air Force mission is better served as a whole.

In the personnel recovery arena, the test center applied input from the field to improve combat search and rescue operations.

Engineers here upgraded the HH-60G Pave Hawk with dual smart color multi-function displays for pilots and co-pilots replacing outdated monochrome displays.

The new touch screen LCD displays are full color and offer an array of tools to include moving maps, forward looking infrared and a turret camera to name a few.

"It's an awesome system," said Lt. Col. Jeff Peterson, CSAR program manager for AATC. "I can run a full up situational awareness data link, I can link a helmet mounted cueing display and I can access a full moving map which makes it so easy."

"I used to fly with a laptop on my lap and pass it back and forth with the co-pilot. Now we both have linked displays that make everything safer and more efficient. We started fielding these in September. In 12 months we went from a concept to building these - that's unheard of across the combat Air Force."

For the Airmen who fly the most seasoned aircraft in the inventory the need to keep up with the active duty's newer platforms necessitates the bottom-up information flow offered by WEPTAC.

"We have a lot of the legacy platforms and we have to keep them relevant for the future fight," said Colonel Dennee. "Understanding the threat, the enemy and the new technologies out there for us we're working to take that new technology and modernize our airplanes to be the best that we can be."



Citizen-Warrior wins a different kind of battle

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Krystal Tomlin
Public Affairs

An Arizona Air National Guardsman preparing for deployment at the start of the year had no idea what kind of fight he was in for.

Airman 1st Class Elliot Smith of the 162nd Security Forces Squadron, fresh out of basic training and technical school was excited to put his training to use during his deployment to Iraq in January. Just days into pre-deployment training the new Airman felt pain in his back. Unable to explain this symptom, doctors sent him home.

After months of seeing specialists who performed an array of tests, Smith was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Smith went from preparing to fight for freedom to fighting for his health.

He was speechless when he found out. "There isn't really any way to describe the feeling of finding out you have cancer," said Smith. Doctors told Smith that he likely had cancer for a while; probably before joining the Air Guard.

Although he was shocked and confused, he was relieved that he wasn't held back from deployment on a technicality, said Smith. Also, he said that testicular cancer is the one to have because it is so treatable.

Testicular cancer is the most common type of cancer for men in their teens to mid-30s, the five year survival rate is better than 95 percent as reported by WebMD.

Smith underwent various surgeries followed by chemotherapy. He thought the surgeries were going to be the most difficult part, but made it through them with no problem. Chemotherapy turned out to be the hard part, said Smith.

"When the doctors told me about all the possible side effects, I said to them, 'Are you kidding me?'" said Smith. "I didn't think I could do it."

Smith said that there were times when he was so sick he didn't even want to drink water. He felt nauseous every time he had to swallow. The doctor's orders were to drink plenty of water, so one week he decided to push through and drink all the water he could. After that he felt much better.

"You can't feel sorry for yourself, and you have to do what the doctors tell you to do," said Smith.

As hard as it was for him, he said that it hit his family even harder, "They had just gotten over the idea of my



Airman 1st Class Elliot Smith

deployment, and now this comes up," said Smith. He tried to stay strong and used humor because he didn't want people to worry, he said.

"It's just in his nature to be a fun loving individual," said Master Sgt. Ricky Hunt, Smith's supervisor. "He jokes around about his condition so people don't have to take pity on him."


The 162nd showed Smith that he had an entire unit standing behind him. People he didn't know would ask him how he was doing as they drove through the gate. He received cards and phone calls from members of Security Forces; checking up to see how things were going. "Even those who were deployed would make time to call," said Smith.

"There was so much support not just from Security Forces, but base wide really," said Smith. "It was really cool. I didn't expect it."

"Somebody getting a diagnosis like this makes you wonder what lies in store for you, so everybody kinda comes together in a time like this," said Hunt.

Smith is currently cancer free, and said that from the experience he learned he is stronger than he thought he was.

"I think I could make it through anything now," he said.



OUTSTANDING GUARDSMEN, HOMETOWN HEROES HONORED

Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

Master Sgt. Frank Enfinger accepts a Hometown Hero plaque from Brig. Gen. Michael Colangelo, Arizona Air National Guard commander, during an awards ceremony on base Nov. 6.

by **2nd Lt. Angela Walz**
Public Affairs

Local media outlets, Guardsmen, families, friends, and distinguished visitors packed Hangar 10 at the Tucson Air Guard station for the 162nd Fighter Wing's 2010 Annual Awards ceremony and the unit's first Hometown Heroes Salute here November 6.

This first iteration of the Hometown Heroes Salute was presented to wing members who deployed between 2001 and 2008 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The celebrations began prior to the ceremony when spouses, significant others, children, and individuals who are considered "centers of influence" for the service members were presented awards by wing leadership.

A rosewood pen and pencil set with the Hometown Heroes Salute logo engraved was presented to each Airman's spouse or significant other. Dog tags with the logo engraved were presented to each child. A special center of influence medallion was also presented to each family that supported a deployed wing member during their extended absence.

Each Guardsman who deployed was presented during the ceremony with a special letter of appreciation,

encased in a rosewood frame, with a Hometown Heroes Salute coin mounted on the frame, personalized with the Airman's name. The letter was signed by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, and Command Chief of the Air National Guard.

The Arizona Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Hugo Salazar, was a distinguished guest during the Annual Awards ceremony and addressed the audience prior to the presentation of Hometown Heroes Salute awards.

General Salazar said, "For service members in uniform it's easy to deploy. It's part of our job, but it's very different for our family and friends. The bottom line is we are here to recognize the Airmen and their families for their sacrifices."

Governor Jan Brewer addressed the Airmen and families via a taped video presentation.

Col. Ted Maxwell, 162nd Fighter Wing commander, began the Annual Awards ceremony by thanking unit members and their families: "Today is a great day," he said.

"We get to honor and recognize those who had special achievements over the last year and through the course of their career. Most importantly we get to honor members who have sacrificed for their country and recognize the sacrifices of their families. Without the support of those families, we couldn't go and do the things we do that are important to our nation," said the commander.

A few words from our Heroes...

by Airman 1st Class Krystal Tomlin
Public Affairs



Andrew and Julian Medrano, sons of Staff Sgt. Boradel Medrano, show off their Hometown Heroes dog tags. **"I am proud of my mom," said Julian. "I miss her when she is away because she is the greatest mommy in the world."**



Retired captain Conrad Cordova stands with his family. Cordova's wife Margarita (left) has her arm around daughter Marisol while baby Caleb is carefully held by Dad. Emilio, in the uniform of the day, stands confidently with a loving touch from his grandmother Grace Munoz. **"What an honor," said Margarita. "It's so nice to recognize servicemembers and their family."**

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Retired Senior Master Sergeant King stands proudly with his family. King is on the left, wearing a black polo shirt and khaki pants. Brandon is on the right, wearing a maroon shirt and khaki pants. **having a father and protecting Brandon.**

Jason Gonzales and his wife
stand behind their son Alexander
and smile from the opportunity
to be a Patriot Guard Rider's
honorary member. **It's great that they are
putting an emphasis on the
Patriot Guard Rider's**
"said Jason. "I think
this family makes a harder
choice."



Master Sgt. Larry Talvy stands
with his family. His son Brandon
and wife Donna and son
Brandon. **"It's an honor
to have my son
serve our country
and fight for freedom,"** said



Honorary family member Senior Airman Brent
Wolfson kneels in front of his girlfriend Paige
Hodges beside his wingman Staff Sgt. Timothy
Dodson with his parents Tom and Jenny Dodson
and his wife Leta. **"Hometown Heroes
Salute is awesome,"** said Jenny. "I
am a proud mom."

Heroes, Then... and Now

Thank you
Med Group



Thank you
Staff Sgt. Patricia Pacheco



Thank you
Staff Sgt. Jeremy
Raymond



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2010 Annual Award Recipients

Team Performance Award
Financial Management

Outstanding Officer of the Year
Lt. Col. Matt Ward

Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Vic Lara

Outstanding NCO of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Steve Zimmer

Outstanding Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Jonathan Jackson

Outstanding Section of the Year
Manpower and Personnel

Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Kurth Commander's Award
Capt. Melissa Jackson

Maj. Gen. Donald E. Morris Leadership Award
Chief Master Sgt. David Wolslagel

Commander's Special Recognition Awards
Chief Master Sgt. Mary Minter
Tech. Sgt. Robin Hinton

Maj. Gen. Donald L. Owens Junior Officer Award
Capt. Jason Burns

Air Force Association Junior Airman Award
Senior Airman Veronica Ornelas

Aquino Ground Safety Memorial Award
Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants

John H. "Square Deal" McNeill Award
Master Sgt. Clint Awana

Minuteman Committee Guardsman of the Year
Staff Sgt. Todd Stuve

First Sergeant of the Year
Master Sgt. Steve Zelinger

F-16 Instructor Pilot of the Year
Lt. Col. Al Kinnison

Operation Appreciation Award
Air Sovereignty Alert Detachment Maintenance

Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Award
Master Sgt. William Kelleman

162 FW Meritorious Achievement Award
Maj. Donna Wolslagel
Lt. Col. Dan Grimwood

Top Gun Goldwater Trophy
Lt. Col. Moon Milham



The do's and don'ts of recycling on base

by Cheryl Settle
Environmental Management

The 162nd Fighter Wing Environmental Management Office reminds base personnel of a few "Do's and Don'ts" to keep the unit's recycling program working efficiently.

FLUORESCENT BULBS

Do turn your all-fluorescent bulbs in to civil engineering at the material control office. These bulbs are turned in and recycled. Check with your building manager for the correct procedure in your shop. This includes the "Green Tipped" bulbs.

Don't throw fluorescent light bulbs in the garbage bins. This could lead to fines from the City of Tucson.

FIBERBOARD MATERIAL

Do throw fiberboard material (example: cereal boxes) in the garbage. The base does not recycle material with fiberboard cardboard at this time.

Don't put fiberboard material in the bins to be recycled with the corrugated cardboard.

PACKING MATERIAL

Do remove all packing material before putting the boxes in the corrugated cardboard baling area. Some packing material is collected by TMO for reuse.

Don't leave Styrofoam or other packing material in the corrugated boxes that are to be recycled. Any foreign material like plastics can contaminate our entire load to the point of eliminating any recycle profit.

SEPARATE PAPER FROM CARDBOARD

Do remove all paper from corrugated boxes you have left to be recycled. Just because it is corrugated box doesn't mean you can fill it with paper to be recycled as cardboard.

Don't leave paper inside the corrugated box to be recycled. Put paper in the paper recycle roll-off.



PAPER IN PLASTIC BAGS

Do empty your plastic bag full of paper, even finely shredded paper, into the roll-off and throw away the bag. The type of paper that is recycled is paper that you would use in a printer or copier. Small pamphlets and book pages (without the covers) are okay.

Don't put plastic bags in the paper recycling bin. Our agreement with the recycler is that only paper is thrown in their roll-off.

BREAKDOWN BOXES

Do break down the corrugated cardboard large boxes to a size that will fit on the conveyor belt.

Don't leave boxes that are too large to put on the conveyor belt without breaking them down.

SMALL PIECES IN LARGE BOXES

Do put smaller pieces into the medium sized boxes if it is convenient for you.

Don't fill the huge boxes with so much other cardboard that is impossible for one person to lift.

STACK CARDBOARD NEATLY

Do stack larger cardboard pieces either between the bins or against the wall at the back of the shed. You will need to break down larger pieces of cardboard so that they are flat.

Don't lay large pieces of cardboard on top of the bins. Many people lay cardboard across the tops of the bins which restricts others from placing their cardboard in the bins. In addition, some are placing the cardboard so that it bridges across several bins. This severely restricts space and increases the amount of effort needed to get the cardboard to the conveyor.

SCRAP METAL

Do put scrap metal in the roll-off bin; aluminum in the bin near sheet metal and contact the environmental office to turn in copper and brass.

Don't put non-metal items in the scrap metal bin. It is okay if the item is mainly metal with small amounts of plastic or wood, etc. Don't throw items that have a demil code in the metal recycle bin. This is a violation of Air Force instructions.

LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Do take your laser printer cartridges to the collection box located outside in the TMO area. Only put laser cartridges in this collection area if they are in a box. Cartridges without a box will be thrown out.

Don't put copier toner cartridges or printer ink packets or empty copier toner containers in the Laser Printer cartridge collection box. We only recycle Laser Printer cartridges.

The environmental office is available to assist or answer questions. Please call 295-6579.



Wing helps Air Guard build partnerships with employers

Story and photos by
Maj. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

Nearly 100 business leaders from the Western United States and Guam converged on Arizona's 162nd Fighter Wing at Tucson International Airport Oct. 27 and 28 to learn about the Air National Guard's mission and people.

Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, director of the Air National Guard, hosted a Business and Industry Days event at the Air Guard's international F-16 training unit to give the employers a clear picture of how Guardsmen simultaneously serve the nation and the civilian work force.

The regional event was started in 1972 by the first Air National Guard director, Maj. Gen. I.G. Brown, as a way to reconnect Air Guardsmen



Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, director of the Air National Guard, welcomes employers to the 162nd Fighter Wing at a combat dining out for Business and Industry Days Oct. 27. The dinner introduced about 100 business leaders to the expeditionary nature of service in today's Air National Guard. The regional event helped build positive relations between the Air Guard and Western United States employers who hire Guardsmen.



Business and Industry Days participants experience the powerful air intake from an F-16 engine at the Hush House.

with civilian employers during the Vietnam War. Today, with fewer Americans serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Air Guard officials view Business and Industry Days as an important vehicle to create awareness and support for America's Citizen Airmen.

"We've tried to keep alive this tradition because we recognize the important role that employers - business and industry - play in mission accomplishment and supporting our Guardsmen and families," said General Wyatt.

"We hope to show them a day in the life of their Airmen. By running them through the different venues we have planned for them here they'll have a deeper appreciation for their Airmen and likewise will understand that our Airmen appreciate what our employers do



for them. We hope these individuals will have a good experience and will go back to their state and spread the word about the value of hiring Guardsmen and the quality of work and individuals they have in their employ.”

Adjutants general from 10 western states and Guam personally invited the most influential business leaders from their areas to participate. They arrived here with representatives from their state’s Air Guard to experience several aspects of military life.

On the first day, the group shared a combat dining out where they were served unitized group rations from a Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen, or SPEK. The Air National Guard Band of the Southwest from California played during the dinner, after which General Wyatt spoke about the overall history and mission of the Air Guard.

Day two began with briefings from 162nd Fighter Wing leadership, Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, and Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Chris Muncy. The group then toured the base to see the mission first hand.

They flew F-16 simulators, visited with maintenance personnel, witnessed the power of an F-16 afterburner during an engine test and watched base firefighters perform an aircraft fire extraction demonstration where Airmen rehearsed a pilot rescue exercise.

“I’m really impressed. This has given us the kind of exposure to the military that otherwise we would never get,” said Shawnie McLaurin, a Human Resources Manager for NV Energy in Las Vegas, Nev. “It definitely gave me a sense of what our servicemembers go through and their degree of commitment and dedication to our country.”

“I must say that everything here is so well organized and first class all the way. We are learning so much that we can take back to our workforce as we look at ways to serve as you serve.”

According to Command Chief Muncy, programs that help educate employers and the general public are extremely vital for today’s Guard and Reserve.

“Most people don’t know who we are and that’s on us. We have to go out and tell our story,” he said. “It’s good for our Guardsmen and it cre-



Employers from 10 western states and territories witness base firefighters perform a fire extraction exercise Oct. 28.



Master Sgt. Pete Smith, an aircraft maintenance supervisor at Arizona’s 162nd Fighter Wing, shows employers several aspects of F-16 phase maintenance during Business and Industry Days Oct. 28.

ates one more group of advocates.”

Muncy also said the 162nd Fighter Wing was the right platform for Business and Industry Days due to its history, reputation and fighter training mission.

“You have so much to see here and people love to see single-seat fast movers,” he said. “Besides, you can’t beat Arizona weather in late October.”

“I want to thank the 162nd for hosting this because it’s an extremely important event,” said General Wyatt. “We wanted to highlight the 162nd because we thought it would be representative of the type of training and job skills required to be an Air National Guardsman.”



Retirees carry on unit heritage and pride

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

In 2010 the 162nd Fighter Wing celebrated its 54th birthday.

Fifty-four years ago the 162nd started as the 152nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Facilities at the time were an old farmhouse on the east side of Tucson airport that served as the headquarters building, one small hangar and some borrowed ramp space.

The first aircraft on the ramp was the North American F-86A Sabre Jet, not far removed from service in the Korean War. Since these meager beginnings, the 162nd has seen a massive expansion in facilities and personnel and seen many different aircraft and expanded mission requirements.

Many early unit personnel were former military from all branches of service, whose combined skills rapidly molded the 152nd into a highly successful organization.

Adding to the experienced base of former active duty members was a host of young local recruits who signed up, got their first taste of military life while attending basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and returned to the unit adding new-found skills and enthusiasm to the rapidly growing unit, soon to be the 162nd Fighter Group.

Many of these young recruits extended beyond their minimum enlistment requirements and found a home at the 162nd. There also were some who served at the unit and then moved on, taking with them the learned military skills that broadened their job knowledge and enhanced their employment in the civilian community.



From all walks of life... Unit members pose for a group photo in front of an F-102A Delta Dagger on the flightline here sometime in the late 1960s. The Tucson Guard unit flew the "Deuce" from 1966 to 1969. The Airmen who maintained and operated them were much like today's Airmen -- a mixture of active duty veterans and new Guard recruits each equally dedicated to the Air National Guard mission.

It's not unusual for some unit members to stay at the 162nd for many years, making the Air National Guard (ANG) their career path. Some 162nd members stayed with the unit for 30 years or more. These enlistment numbers are unique to the Guard. It's rare for active duty military personnel to serve for this extended length of time.

With the long-term membership that is unique to the ANG it's not surprising that we also have a long list of retirees. The 162nd Retirees Office keeps a database of unit retirees. The number of former unit members listed continues to expand as more members retire.

162nd retirees are fortunate to have an active retirees office that not only maintains a list of former unit members, but also keeps them informed about retiree events and ensures they are aware of the hard-earned benefits that are part of a

military career.

Unfortunately, each year there is also a list of former unit members who have passed away. Those whose names are listed below were no longer with us as 2010 drew to a close. Their names are:

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| Harvey Parrent | Ron Lusteck |
| George Carrillo | Tom Julian |
| Lloyd West | Chuck Peterson |
| Tony Prosser | Al Libasci |
| Ed (Doc) Liguori | Lynn Dickson |
| Roy Armstrong | Claudette Masters |
| Ron Cansler | |

These former members of the 162nd Fighter Wing were coworkers, friends and family members. They were part of a strong foundation of excellence that supports the 162nd of today. Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of these dedicated individuals. They will be missed by all who knew them.



Retiree volunteers – Ready to serve

The 162nd Retirees Office is one of the most well developed in the ANG. It's manned by a group of dedicated retirees who recognize the importance of maintaining contact with fellow retirees and providing an avenue to obtain information about the benefits they have earned as members of the U.S. military.

Office members also organize and actively support related functions and social events that are created for former members of the unit.

When you see any of these people, please thank them. They are volunteers who provide valuable information and services to retired members of the 162nd Fighter Wing.

Of course there are others who deserve credit as well. Many spouses, other retirees and current unit members provide assistance and work behind the scenes as necessary.

162nd Retirees functions are generously supported by the base commander, public affairs and other offices on base. On behalf of all retirees, the retirees office would like to thank the 162nd for continuously supporting its former members.

Retirees and supporters involved in retiree's functions are:

Retirees Office

Don and Brenda Ainley: *E-mail correspondence*

Frank Moreno, John Palermo, Hugh Kennedy, Dale Whittaker, Barry Soulvie: *Maintain retiree database; develop publications such as newsletters, retiree guides and El Tigre inputs; and coordinate retirees functions such as monthly breakfasts, luncheons and the Jimmy Jet breakfast.*

Memorial Committee

John Salazar, Don Ainley, Ed Gillooly, Tony Peralta, Don Morris, Jim McDorman, Roy Russell: *Coordinate upkeep and funding to insure the memorial is properly engraved, maintained and recognized.*

White Mountains Picnic Committee

John Hartnett, Ron Smith, Hugh Kennedy, Ray Orozco, Don Ainley, Ed Gillooly, Bill Higgins: *Organize and facilitate the annual Arizona ANG White Mountains Picnic held each June.*

Upcoming Retiree Events

Upcoming event dates for 2011 are as follows:

January 12, Monthly Breakfast, HomeTown Buffet on Wilmot Rd., 7:30 a.m.

February 9, Monthly Breakfast, HomeTown Buffet on Wilmot Rd., 7:30 a.m.

March 9, Monthly Breakfast, HomeTown Buffet on Wilmot Rd., 7:30 a.m.

Retirees Remembered

Lynn Dickinson recently passed away. Lynn served with three AZANG units. He will be remembered locally for his years of service to the 162nd.

Claudette Masters also recently passed away. Claudette, a 162nd member during the 1980's and 90's, served unit members from her position in the base personnel office.



Retirees Semi-Annual Luncheon, Oct. 13, 2010

Come out and see your old friends at any number of 162nd Retiree office events this year.



Using USB devices on base



In an effort to secure the 162nd Fighter Wing's computing posture and defend against the use of unapproved and unauthorized USB devices within the wing, the 162nd Communications Flight is instituting measures to help control the use of such devices.

Future use of USB devices will be blocked until registered with the communications flight and subsequently becoming "white listed," or approved for use.

What is an authorized USB device?

- Currently, government issued portable electronic devices that do not include "flash" type storage media (ex: external USB hard disks that are non-flash media based. These devices will have a moving/spinning platter within and can be USB or externally powered)

- Any USB device that is approved by the Department of Defense, Air Force, or Air National Guard authoritative agencies permitting its use (for future local guidance)

- Any USB device in question will be determined by the communications flight's information assurance office

What is an unauthorized USB device?

- All personal electronic devices

- All portable electronic devices that include flash type storage media (ex: USB pen/thumb drives, cameras, cell phones, mp3 players, iPods, etc.)

What is government issued?

- Any device that is purchased by or surrendered to the government or supporting agency and listed on the unit's supply tab B listing

How do I get my government issued, authorized USB device white listed?

1. Contact a client support technician (CST) who will physically bring the device to the communications flight with the supply tab B listing, showing that the device is listed and tracked.

2. The communications flight will capture the device's physical serial number, electronic serial num-

ber, and electronic hardware ID of the USB device.

3. The flight will capture an electronic copy of the tab B listing (with the device listed).

4. The flight will issue a registration sticker that is uniquely numbered and endorsed to be placed on the device.

5. Communications flight will create a work order and assign it to the communications flight network operations to have the device white listed.

6. Network operations will white list the device and contact the customer to ensure that the device is functioning properly. The device will subsequently work on any wing PC.

What if my device is currently functioning and I have not registered it with the communications flight?

- These measures are a work in progress and it is just a matter of time before the policy applies to individual PCs and the device becomes blocked. Additionally, computer scans show the USB devices that have been inserted, whether currently plugged-in or not. It is the intention of this initiative to register and white list all approved USB devices and users should register their devices whether currently blocked or not.

Wing transitions from base Intranet to SharePoint

by 2nd Lt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

Effective Dec. 1, the base Intranet no longer exists. It has been replaced by the Air Force's newest base-wide shareware – SharePoint.

"This is specific to our wing to share resources internally. It is only available on our network," said Senior Master Sergeant Sandra Ahern, wing SharePoint manager.

Sergeant Ahern is also the base functional manager for Knowledge Operations Management. In this capacity, her largest concern is that "the appropriate document is available in the right place."

"But what was wrong with the Intranet?" one might ask. The Air Force requested in 2006 voluntary migration from Intranet usage to the Air Force Portal, said Sergeant Ahern. SharePoint arose in the interim, before a mandate to the portal, and has proven itself as the latest

and greatest in the technology realm.

"Our old server was outdated," said Ahern. "SharePoint allows users to check out, share and update documents by way of their identified organizational content managers."

A base supplement was created by a working group to govern the requirements to which the content managers are responsible. For example, privacy act information is not allowed on SharePoint, and all documents are for official business only. All documents follow appro-



Blast from the El Tigre past

El Tigre

162nd FW prepares to train UAE in 2001

The 162nd Fighter Wing hosted top military leaders from the United Arab Emirates -- the UAE, Nov. 9 and 10. Thirty pilots from the UAE are scheduled to train at the 162nd FW beginning in 2001.

Brigadier Khalid Bin Abdullah M. Al-bu Ainnain, Commander, Air Force and Air Defense, and his delegation were here to meet the 162nd FW's leadership team



Lockheed Martin Corp. Photo

The United Arab Emirates is purchasing the F-16C/D Block 60 from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Corporation. The Block 60 is the most advanced F-16 that Lockheed Martin has produced to date.



Photo by Senior Airman Jeff Snyder

Lt. Col. Elson Staugaard, AGS commander, talks with Brigadier Khalid Bin Abdullah M. Al-bu Ainnain of the United Arab Emirates about the unit's exceptional maintenance standards. Brigadier Khalid visited the Wing in November.

and review the academic and flying programs developed for them.

The UAE has purchased 80 F-16 Block 60 Desert

Falcons that they will receive starting in 2004.

"The UAE has invested heavily in modern first-class training and academic infrastructure," said 162nd FW commander Col. Ron Shoopman. "Their commitment to quality pilot training from basic to advanced is impressive."

In early October, Shoopman and 162nd FW vice commander Col. Mike Shira and Operations Group commander Lt. Col. Rick Moisiso visited the UAE to learn about Brigadier Khalid's training goals, inform him of the 162nd FW's capability and address his concerns.

"We certainly look forward to the UAE training with us," Shoopman said. "We have identified some training concerns, but I am confident the 162nd FW can meet these new challenges associated with international pilot training."

162nd FW sets flying record



Courtesy photo

Four members of the 162nd Fighter Wing flew with the largest number of F-16 flying hours ever flown in a four-ship formation -- a total of 13,041.8, in a fly-by at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Open House.

The fly-by was flown by, from left, Maj. Nick Anderson, with 3,599 hours, Maj. Mark Decesari, with 3,313 hours, Lt. Col. Kurt R. Tek, with 3,126 hours, and Maj. Robert A. Carpenter, with 3,002.6 hours. The record-breaking flight was performed at Davis-Monthan's Aerospace and Arizona Days held Nov. 4-5, 2000.

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appropriate AFI guidance, such as for destruction purposes.

"The thought process we have within our working group is to use SharePoint as a centralized repository for sharing documents within the unit," explained Ahern.

In order to place new content or to participate in existing content within SharePoint, users must contact their respective organizational content manager.

Identified content managers are as follows:

HQ – Lt. Col. Denise Cullen
MDG – Master Sgt. Cally Handa
MSG – Master Sgt. Amy Brownell
MXG – Master Sgt. Holly Tek
OG – Lt. Col. Kevin Wilhelm,
Maj. Bryan Rhodes

SharePoint will provide users with an enhanced, collaborative environment for sharing information within the wing's network. The SharePoint server is currently available from computers on the base network at <https://sharepoint.aztucs.af.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Tig Bits

Winter blood drive

Give the "Gift of Life." The next 162nd Fighter Wing Blood Drive will be held here Saturday, Feb. 5, with registration at building 15 (TAGRA), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank you

Staff Sgt. James Kellie, 152nd AMU Weapons, would like to thank all wing members for their support and leave donations during his recent time of need.

Freeware is not free

Only authorized software may be used in government computers. Licensed, registered software including shareware acquired through government procurement is the only commercial software authorized to be installed on government computer systems. Freeware, shareware, or public domain software cannot be installed on government systems without prior approval. Address any questions to Tech. Sgt. Heidi Estes at 295-6173.

No menu in El Tigre

The Desert Rose Dining Facility Menu will no longer appear in *El Tigre* but may be found online. From the 162fw.ang.af.mil homepage click on "UTA Bulletin & Menu."



All in the EL TIGRE Family

Military Promotions:

To Senior Master Sergeant

Robert Estrella, Maintenance
David Davis, Maintenance
Sandra Ahern, Communications
Mark Franklin, Maintenance

To Master Sergeant

Stephen Zimmer, Communications
Armando Mendez, Maintenance
Albert Chambers, Maintenance
Harold Boyd, Maintenance
Anna Atencio, Operations
Melissa Gonzalez, Operations
Marcos Aguilar, Maintenance
Carmen Cordova, Comptroller
Robert Dakin, Maintenance
John Herran, Maintenance
Ronald Jacobi, Maintenance

To Tech. Sergeant

Dianhyram Soto, Logistics
Marcos Herreras, Maintenance
Timothy Struass, Maintenance

Ruben Rios, Maintenance
Orland Worcester, 195th FS
Matthew Mendez, Maintenance
Mark Lopez, Logistics
Jerry Vanhorn, Maintenance
Edward Palakovich, Maintenance
Ernest Johnson, Maintenance
Erica Seehaver, Maintenance
Sammuel Chaney, Medical Group

To Staff Sergeant

Daniel Duchon, Maintenance
Mark Gronau, Student Flight
Donnell Burch, Maintenance
Christopher Turnow, Maintenance

To Senior Airman

Andrew Czarnowski, Comm
Erica Lockhart, Maintenance
Gregory Leyba, Civil Engineering
Iana Gutierrez, Maintenance

To Airman 1st Class

Sirri Moore, Force Support

Births

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Morphew and his wife Laura, security forces, welcomed their third daughter Breanna Sept. 10. She was 7 pounds 11 ounces.

The finance office welcomes its newest parents, Tech. Sgt. Violeta and Eric Pedrego. Their beautiful baby boy, Diego Xavier, was born Sept. 22 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces and measuring 21 inches.

Staff Sgt. Jason & Karilee Schmeckpeper from electric environmental shop has a new addition to their family. Baby girl Maryn Luella was born Oct. 1, 6 pounds 7 ounces.

Distinguished Graduate

Airman 1st Class James Patrick was DG at AGE Tech School.

Know of any recent births or distinguished graduates in your unit? Email public affairs at 162fw.pa.omb@ang.af.mil.

Wing Quarterly Award winners: 3rd Quarter 2010

Read about their accomplishments at 162fw.ang.af.mil/quarterlyawards.



SrA Christopher Raines

162FW Airman of the Quarter
Jul - Sep 2010



TSgt Alicia Archie

162FW NCO of the Quarter
Jul - Sep 2010



SMSgt Jose Valverde

162FW SNCO of the Quarter
Jul - Sep 2010



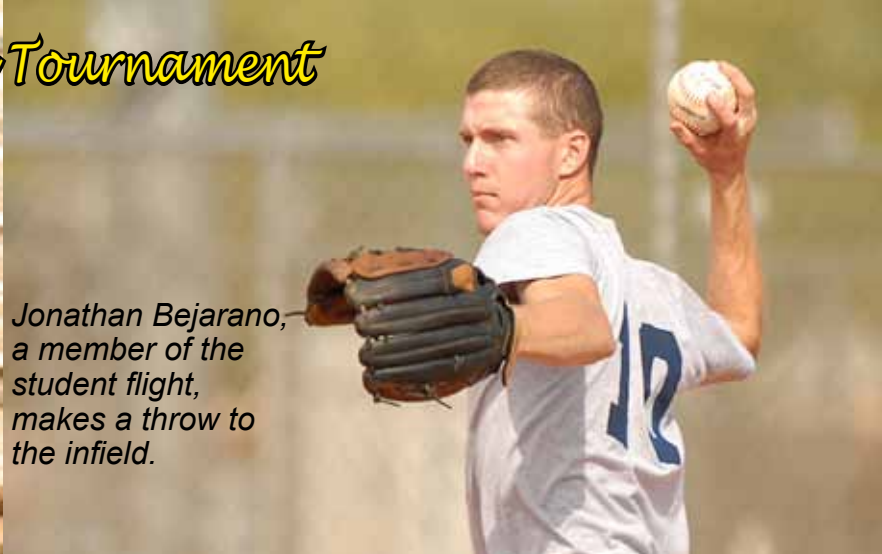
Capt Jason Burns

162FW Officer of the Quarter
Jul - Sep 2010

JEC Softball Tournament



Senior Airman Heather Taylor hits a grounder during the Junior Enlisted Council's 2010 Softball Tournament.



Jonathan Bejarano, a member of the student flight, makes a throw to the infield.



Steak Fry



Chief master sergeants grill steaks for the masses, Nov. 7.



Tug-of-War

Student flight members team up for the Tug-of-war competition Nov. 7.

Elite Performer

Maintenance Group Commander Col. Jim Taylor presents the Group's Elite Performer award to Tech. Sgt. Jesus Almada Oct. 15.



Williams Scholarship

Tech. Sgt. Sadie Felix is this year's recipient.



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The End of an Era...

...as a new era begins. One of the last F-16E Desert Falcons takes off from Tucson International Airport Nov. 17, bringing a close to the 162nd Fighter Wing's Block 60 program. The first UAE-owned fighters arrived here Sept. 2, 2004. At that time the wing maintained and operated Block 42s, Block 25s, Block 15s and Block 10s. Today the wing flies legacy C and D models and newly-acquired Mid-Life Update F-16s for training Royal Netherlands Air Force pilots - proving once again the unit's flexibility and capacity to accomplish any mission.

