

# RACER FLYER

*Intel for the Family*



*“A move to honor  
the past”*

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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

On Sept. 15, 2012, I had the opportunity to run the Air Force Marathon. This was a bucket list item, as I had never run a full marathon. It is a great event, held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Oh., each year. You go over the night before, eat dinner at the Air Force Museum, hear a great motivational speaker, and have a chance to meet senior Air Force leadership. I had a goal to finish in four hours or less. My plan was to go out and run; I had been training all year for this, and I am an experienced runner, so this should not be any different than what I have done before. Did I mention I had never run this distance before? At race time I lined up with a pace leader. She carries a flag the entire race with the pace time on it. Kristin had run 75 events, marathon length or greater, and guaranteed I would finish within one minute of my goal time if I ran with her.

The cannon fires, the crowd pushes forward, and we are off and running. After about a mile, I decide this pace is a little too slow for me and I decide to move forward. I find the 3:50 pace group and run with them for a while. Once again I decide this still is not the pace for me, and I move forward to find the 3:40 pace group. Still not satisfied, I move forward and eventually I find the 3:20 pace group. At the 13.1 mile point, I am half way done and click off a time of 1:41. This is my personal best for a half marathon time. I am 19 minutes ahead of where I thought I would be, and feeling great, so I decide to pick up the pace a little more. By the 17th mile I was feeling the pain, and at the 20th mile I hit the wall, as they say.

At that point I watched each pace group pass me. I would try and run with them for a while, but my calves were locked up and I walked most of the last 6.2 miles. Now the reflective portion of the exercise on what I did wrong.

The speaker the night before, Lt. Col. Mark Cucuzzella, MD, had a simple message. You will get to the half-way point and feel good and want to go faster, don't, you are only half way and the race begins at the 20 mile mark. He should know, he has run the race 10 times, finished first twice, and placed in the top five the other times. The speech kept playing through my head as I walked the last 6 miles.

I also failed to heed the advice on proper fuelling for the marathon. As it turns out, a marathon is an endurance event, not a sprint. Eating breakfast, Gatorade, gel packs and bananas while you run are critical to keep you from starving your muscles and running out of gas. I did not do this.

While I had a goal, I did not have a good plan. I failed to do my research in advance, and what I did learn, I foolishly believed it did not apply to me and I knew what I was doing. I believed I was different.

As you look at your career, be sure to have a goal, and more importantly be sure to have a plan. Be objective in your opinion of your own ability and listen to the wise experienced people around you. The advice they provide can be the difference between success and failure.

After walking much of the last six miles, I finished 4 hours 2 minutes and 55 seconds. While I finished, I failed to meet my goal. Next year's Air Force Marathon is September 21, 2013. Maybe I will see you there.

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# CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Having just moved from the 137th IS Operations Chief position into the superintendents' position, one overarching priority remains for our squadron and all Intelligence personnel: We must remain relevant and never cease to be strategically-focused. My belief is that the key to our success is to stress innovation and encourage our leadership, senior enlisted leaders, and all airmen to look past the status-quo and to develop new and improved tactics, techniques, and procedures that will ensure we are ready when called upon to support emerging threats around the world. It would be a mistake for any of us to focus on what is in front of us without using our past experience and varied talents to shift our focus to emerging threats, wherever they may be. Some examples of possible strategic –focused operations would include the Far East, South America, Central America, continental Africa, North Africa, and let's not forget, North America to include domestic operations.



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A quick glance at any internet browser, news media outlet, print media, or intelligence publication like the DIA Early Bird, will convey a world that is ever-evolving and that is producing new threats at an alarming rate. One of the biggest challenges facing wing personnel and leaders at all levels, is being able to sift through the awesome amount of news and intelligence produced on a daily and weekly basis to determine what threats are of a concern to the United States and our allies. The men and women of the 181st IW are on the front line of not only fighting a war in Afghanistan, but being counted on to stay current and display a versatile expertise on areas such as the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, the drug-related activity taking place on the southwestern border of the United States, or piracy taking place in and around the horn of Africa. A tactical focus on one area of the world severely damages our ability to strategically focus of what might be the next threat to our nation.

It is crucial that “ALL” 181 IW personnel develop innovative strategies to prepare our airmen to fight the next war. When referring to “ALL” 181 IW personnel, I am talking about everyone in the wing, because Intelligence personnel cannot effectively accomplish their job without the guidance and support from all base entities; just as you did when we had F-16's, you all play an enormous part in the success of the 181st mission. In addition to real world operations mentioned above, one way to properly prepare Racers for future operations is the development of Continuation Training. To say that innovation and creative thinking are crucial to the development of CT is an understatement. The training and development of our operations personnel since our stand up has been accomplished during real-world operations. The ability to develop training scenarios and the unique ability to train with our combat-proven ASOS/TAC-P personnel give the 181st IW a capability that is rare in today's operating environment and provide us the ability to enhance and develop improved capabilities, tactics, techniques, and procedures.

The ability to make positive contributions to protect the American populace and to remain relevant and ready, depend on the strategic vision and synergistic power that each of our talented airmen possesses, and that should be encouraged at all times.



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**COVER PHOTO:** The Indiana Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, addresses the assembly at the Vietnam War Memorial Rededication. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Members of the Indiana joint honor guard. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day, 181st IW/PA

## TAG and 181st Intelligence Wing “Welcomes Home” Vietnam Veterans Memorial

By Maj. Frank Howard, 181st IW/Executive Officer

On Saturday morning October 6, 2012, members of the 181st Intelligence Wing assembled in formation for the re-dedication of the Vigo County Vietnam War Memorial.

The Vietnam War still conjures strong, mixed emotions in the United States. More than 58,000 names of U.S. service members killed in Vietnam are carved into the black granite slabs of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Located at the Vigo County Courthouse is a memorial with a bronze plate listing 27 of those names from Vigo County.

For decades, the Vigo County Vietnam War Memorial stood alone from the other memorials, a symbol of the men it represents.

“As a Vet, when we came back, we weren’t recognized. We just came home, went back to life, and were forgotten. We just started over,” said Vigo County Commissioner Paul Mason.

Earlier this year, Paul Mason, and fellow County Commissioner Patrick Ralston, both Vietnam veterans, decided to move the monument into the Vigo County Veterans Memorial Plaza. Their campaign raised the \$18,000 needed to relocate the monument.

Mason said when the Veterans Memorial Plaza was dedicated he noticed the Vietnam Memorial was by itself. It needed to be moved in order to recognize the men who had served and made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country.

As part of the re-dedication, Mason and Ralston decided the current generation of Indiana airmen and soldiers needed to be involved. Mason respects and honors the vital service today’s Indiana Air National Guard and Army National Guard provide to the state and country.

“It’s important to see current members of the armed forces who are also part of the local community at these events,” said Mason.

Col. Donald Bonte, commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Terre Haute, Ind., was the Master of Ceremonies for the re-dedication.

Bonte noted in an interview how the members of the armed forces returning home from combat today are shown much greater appreciation than those who served in Vietnam. Events like the Vietnam Memorial re-dedication allow current military members to show how much we respect those who served before us.

“We are treated better due to them, and the American public never wants what happened to them, to happen again,” said Bonte.

Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, was the keynote speaker during the re-dedication.

During his speech, Umbarger noted the irony of having the Memorial on the west side of the courtyard by itself and

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Col. Patrick R. Renwick, 181st Intelligence Wing Vice Wing Commander, leads a joint Indiana Air and Army National Guard formation to pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day.



Col. Donald J. Bonte Jr., 181st Intelligence Wing Commander addresses the assembled crowd. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

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the symbolic importance of rejoining the memorials to our nation's other conflicts.

The event was especially important for the Vietnam veterans and their families. Ralston is thankful veterans today are not treated the same way as he and other Vietnam veterans were treated.

Ruthie Gallington witnessed the ceremony in memory of her husband, Dennis Gallington. "This ceremony means everything in the world," she said. "Dennis left for Vietnam three weeks after we married in 1968. He wrote to me every night, and I still have the letters."

Jim York, another witnesses to the ceremony called it, "Wonderful." York was a Forward Observer during the Tet Offensive and said the re-dedication was due. "It was heart-felt and wonderful," he said.



## 2012 Operation Kids Deploy

On Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, children and spouses of 181st Intelligence Wing members, along with some of their friends, participated in a mock deployment. The 2012 Operation Kids Deploy event was created by the 181st Family Readiness Group to give military kids an idea of the process their parents and loved ones go through when they deploy to a location in support of military operations.

"Deployment" started at 7 a.m. in the base dining facility, where the group of 43 children processed through a deployment line. Wing Commander Col. Donald Bonte, as well as Chief Doug Ackerman, and Chaplain Maseah, briefed them on their "mission" for the day, which included making new friends, working together as a team, being safe and having fun.

Our two counselors at the campus, David and Eric, greeted us and led our group through their first adventure. What followed was a day filled with many opportunities for fun and learning! Team building exercises were a large focus of the mornings' activities.

By 3:30 pm that day, they had completed their "deployment!" Everyone returned by bus to the base dining facility where they were presented with certificates of completion, dog tags with their name on them and backpacks filled with school supplies!

Thanks to the efforts of our 2012 Kids Deploy chairpersons, Mrs. Dana Stephens and Mrs. Debbie Goodin, and their children, as well as many other Family Readiness Group members and 181st Intelligence Wing members, this event was a huge success!





Members of the 181st IW medical support element await exercise casualties at a IU Health, Ball Memorial Hospital parking lot. Photo by Maj. Frank Howard

## 181st Intelligence Wing Members Deploy for Disaster Preparedness Training

By Maj. Frank Howard 181st IW Executive Officer

The 181st Intelligence Wing's Medical Support Element of the CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) deployed from Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 6, 2012, to participate in a disaster response exercise hosted by Indiana University Health, Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind. The 181st Intelligence Wing's Medical Support Element, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Task Force 6, participated in a natural disaster exercise involving a hospital suffering damage by a tornado.

The 19th CERFP is the joint Indiana National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package. Composed of Indiana National Guard Airmen and Soldiers, the unique disaster response force package's mission is to come to the aid of the citizens of Indiana in the event of catastrophic disaster whether it is natural or a terrorist attack. "This exercise is the first time just the medical element

has deployed," according to 2nd Lt. Michael Deakins, a bio-environmental engineer with the 181st IW.

"The purpose of the exercise is train with state, county, and local agencies to increase our understanding of what we all bring to a disaster response," said Capt. Leanna K. Edwards, medical element operations officer. "The exercise centers on response to a natural disaster, forcing first response organizations to deal with existing patients, as well as additional injured personnel."

Task Force 6 covers 13 counties in Indiana and is responsible for responding to natural and manmade disasters that overwhelm local facilities. "Finding a place to bring patients in a disaster is the number one challenge. It's nice to have a field hospital to take patients for first line triage before evacuating them to more distant facilities," said Greg Michael, EMS element leader for District 6 Medi-



(LtoR) 1st Lt. Nicole Hall, Tech. Sgt. Micheal McAtee and 1st Lt. Kristen Walters treat an exercise patient. Photo by Maj. Frank Howard

cal Task Force, when asked about the 181st IW.

Deploying from Terre Haute's airport at Hulman Field, Ind, demonstrates one of the many capabilities of the 181st IW's Medical Element. "The 181st plays a key role in CERFP because of its strategic location, infrastructure and well-maintained runways," said 181st IW Commander Col. Bonte. "This mission showcases the Wing's continued readiness and reliability in providing support to the state of Indiana in times of crisis."

## Real People. Real Success. Sharing the Success of our participants.

### *WellFit offers Exercise Prescription*

One participant was thrilled to share that, “The WellFit team keeps you motivated and dedicated to your workout programs. They cater to all types of people from beginner, to advanced levels of fitness.”

Another associate enjoyed his experience and stated, “The WellFit team has really made a big difference in my life by combining their expertise with a passion for service! Their actions big and small help me stay motivated every step of the way.”

### *Nutritional Coaching by the WellFit team*

One participant was excited to share her story, “What I love most about the WellFit team is that I can ask them any question about exercise, nutrition, and anything else I can think of and they will answer them all.”

### *Corrective Exercise Training designed by the Well Fit team*

A participant that spends much of her day walking was relieved by her improvement and said, “My feet hurt so bad that I was limping when I walked. The WellFit team helped by giving me a few simple stretches to do a couple of times daily. Now, the pain is gone. My feet don’t hurt at all!”

Suffering from regular aches and pains, a second-shift associate said, “the WellFit team helped me begin foam rolling to loosen and relieve tension in my muscles. I immediately noticed a difference in my knee, it didn’t feel tight anymore!”

### *WellFit helps improve Overall Quality of Life*

Having seen great improvement in his quality of life, one participant had this to say, “After a couple months of working with the WellFit team, I no longer use Ibuprofen, and my cholesterol and blood sugars have improved dramatically! I now have improved strength and stamina, and I feel that I am more productive at work. I also have reduced my prescriptions and other medical issues. Coping with stress is much easier now too.”

### *Group Exercise Classes instructed by the WellFit Team*

The spouse of a participant regularly attends group exercise classes at the recreation center and wanted to share that, “Classes definitely keep me motivated and focused in order to reach my goals. I honestly do not feel like I could achieve such great results without the exciting group fitness classes. I now enjoy working out and it’s all thanks to the WellFit’s group classes.”

Will you be next? Contact the Fitness Center to get started on your personal success story. The WellFit Team is here to help you with any and all of your health and wellness needs. Stop in to see the class schedule or email Nick Sherwood at [nsherwood@wellfitcorporate.com](mailto:nsherwood@wellfitcorporate.com) to begin your journey to wellness today.



## Wing Christmas Bash

The 181st Intelligence Wing is hosting a wing Christmas party in the main hangar on Dec. 2, 2012, from 1-4 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving to visit with your children! Photos will be taken and made available to you. Santa will be passing out a small gift to each child. Please bring a treat to share; finger food items only, as there will not be the capability to keep food items warm or cold. Examples include homemade goodies, cookies, candies, brownies, cakes and chips. You can be creative or buy something already made.

Please do not bring a gift for your child this year, as Santa has it covered. Members who wish may bring a gift to donate to this year’s charity. New, unwrapped gifts only please.

Hope to see you and your family at the Christmas Party, Ho Ho Ho!





# 181st Photo Gallery



*Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana, presents Tech. Sgt. Jason Quyle, Security Forces Squadron, the General's coin during a September 2012 visit to Hulman Field. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



*Col. Kip Clark, commander of the IG, presents Chief Master Sgt. Robert Dickerson the Air Force Commendation Medal during his retirement ceremony, September 2012. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



*Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Nunn asked a question to Chief Master Sgt. Donald E. Felch, Commandant of the Paul H. Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center at the I.G. Brown Air National Guard Training and Education Center, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., during a "Hometown Meeting", September 2012. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



*Senior Master Sgt. Roy Riggs, 1st Sgt. for 181 Intelligence Wing, donates the "gift of life" during a blood drive in September 2012. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



# Enlisted Dining Out 2012





# RACER UNIT REVIEW

## Medical Group

As always, the Medical Group has been busy! We would like to welcome **1st Lt. Kent Robertson**. **1st Lt. Robertson** transferred from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to the 181 IW. He received his commission in September and will be working as an Medical Service Corps. **2nd Lt. Landon Hinman** attended the NGAUS conference in Reno, Nev., in September. He said it was a great experience and recommends attending if you are given the opportunity. **Airman 1st Class Johanningsmeier**, **2nd Lt. Larson**, and **1st Lt. Brown** were very busy during October UTA giving flu shots. If you still haven't got your flu shot, make sure you stop by the clinic to do so.

The CERFP conducted an exercise in Muncie, Ind., during October UTA. They worked with Delaware County EMS and Ball Memorial Hospital. They set up their field hospital in a parking lot near the hospital. The CERFP members treated 40 patients that simulated various types of injuries. They also used their Meti-Man, which is a computerized dummy that displays human physiological traits. These traits include heart rhythms, breathing rhythms, pulses, and more. Members treated the Meti-Man's injuries during simulated ambulance rides. The CERFP continues to do a great job!

*2nd Lt. Nikki Price*

## 207th Weather Flight

Early autumn has been action packed for the 207th Weather Flight. The Stout Field unit is preparing to move to Bldg. 8, a 1930 "something" aircraft hangar. The hangar is expected to be the weather station's new home for 2 to 3 years while civilian contractors renovate Bldg. 1, 2 and 3 at Stout. The projected relocation date is in November. The weather unit has also been preparing for the unit's annual Field Training Exercise to be held in October at Fort Ben Harrison, as well as "mini" deployments to support to the 38th Infantry Aviation Brigade in Shelbyville. Unit members **Master Sgt. Britt King** and **Tech. Sgt. Brian Roell** have been performing "double duty," supporting both the Indiana Counter Drug with aviation weather support, in addition to their usual counter drug responsibilities.

After a year of retirements and separations, the unit is beginning to grow again with the addition of **Airman 1st Class Dominic Cammarata**, a Zionsville native. Both he and **Senior Airman Brian Norris** are awaiting a start date for the weather technical school at Keesler. Congratulations are in order for **Roy "Todd" Bock** for being promoted to the rank of master sergeant in mid-August. **Master Sgt. Bock** wears many hats at the unit, not least of which is training manager.

In mid-August, **Lt. Col. Marcello** and **Senior Master Sgt. Cope**, attended the four day ANG Weather Flight Conference at Andrews Air Force Base. The conference was one of the best attended in years. Employment of conference ideas, procedures, and emphasis are expected to enhance the 207th's ability to better support their customers. Lastly, the 207th Weather Flight is pleased to have had a successful PT test this past September. All members passed the test and the final results were among the highest the unit has ever received.

*Airman 1st Class Alexander S. Nyirendah*

## Intelligence Wing

**Senior Master Sgt. Nina Mason** recently accompanied her 3-year-old grandson **Seth Mason**, as he participated in his first race. **Seth** ran at the Robinson Heath Harvest Toffee Festival Oct. 5, 2012, in Robinson, Ill. **Senior Master Sgt. Mason** told us "I was so proud of him – he ran the whole way! (We did take a short cut)." Great job, **Seth!**

**Lucy Blinebury**, wife of **Master Sgt. Gary J. Blinebury**, was accepted to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester at IUPUI where she is majoring in marketing. Congratulations, **Lucy!**

**Dianne Pirog** of the Public Affairs Office was recently promoted to Technical Sergeant. Her promotion was much-deserved, and we are so proud of her. Congrats **Tech. Sgt. Pirog!**

**Staff Sgt. Tara Richey** was recently married Sept. 15, 2012, at Woodstock Country Club in Indianapolis, Ind., to **John Kyle Brown**. Congratulations to the newlyweds and wishing you many years of marital bliss!

We have some new faces to welcome: **Master Sgt. Mark Pressey** back to Finance, **Airman 1st Class Jessica Alexander** to Public Affairs, and two new Chaplain's Assistants: **Staff Sgt. Barbara Fouch** and **Senior Airman Ryan McDaniel**.

We have lost a couple members to other areas on base – **Capt. Christopher Good** has left the Finance office, and **Airman 1st Class Jessica Cazee** has departed from Public Affairs. We wish both of them the best of luck in their new endeavors!

*Master Sgt. Jami L. Perusich*



# RACER UNIT REVIEW

## *Civil Engineering Squadron*

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I want to start out thanking the entire Civil Engineer airman for working hard toward accomplishing computer-based training and/or job skills upgrade training/career development course requirements. Even though I'm a Master Sgt., I (as well a **Tech. Sgt. Shannon Briggs**) am in upgrade training myself due to the Air Force combining the 2S0X1 and 3E6X1 Air Force Specialty codes together in CE. **Tech. Sgt. Briggs** and I know firsthand the extra time and dedication it takes to meet time demands and balance all the other things in your life with what is asked of you.

Speaking of taking the time to dedicate and accomplish CDC requirements, we have two individuals in the CE heavy equipment career field (3E2X1) who recently finished their CDC's. They are **Airman 1st Class Isaac Cross** and **Airman 1st Class Gary Girton**. Awesome job and keep up the good work because there's more exciting adventures to come!

When a person thinks of exciting adventures in Terre Haute, you never know if what they are going to tell you is really that adventurous, due to the limited things to do in this area. Well, we have two adventurous airmen in CE who actually do meet the definition (in my estimation) of adventurous. Back in the middle of the summer, **Airman 1st Class Broc Potter** and **Airman 1st Class Drake Stevenson** spent time as tour guides at one of the national parks in Alaska. I believe this is their second or third stint at doing this, and this time it was a little more unusual being that both of them went the space-available (space-A) way of travel, via KC-135 aircraft out of Grissom Air Reserve Base near Kokomo, Ind. I have taken the space-A way of travel myself to Europe, Hawaii, Colorado Springs, and to San Antonio, and I am a strong advocate of this type of travel. However, ensure you have plenty of leave/vacation time and have a plan B if the space-A way of travel fails to meet any demands you may have in your travels, especially to places such as Alaska, Hawaii, or any places outside of the continental United States.

An extra demand on one person's travel is an understatement for one person here in CE. **Senior Airman Allen Deal** and his wife recently had a baby girl weighing in at 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Even with all the extra demands in travel and everything else, we know that it will be, and is worth it all.

Lastly, all of us in CE are happy that **Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lybarger** had safe travels on a recent Chief Executive Course he attended at Andrews Air Force Base in October. From what we've been told, there was a myriad of good and current information about major upcoming issues in the Air Force and Air Guard that we will hear about during drill. Finally, as always, be safe and never drink and drive!

*Master Sgt. Larry D. McBride*

## *113th Weather Flight*

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The 113th Weather Flight underwent many changes this year. From senior members retiring and fellow unit members stepping up to fill those roles to welcoming a new commander, new changes keep happening for us!

Congratulations are in order! The 113th announced that **Staff Sgt. Michael Wilkins** has been named Tech. Sgt. select. Further, **Staff Sgt. Zach Wampler**, who submitted his officer package in early August, has been approved and now awaits a class date for the Academy of Military Science (AMS). He says he is excited for this opportunity in his ANG career and is thankful for the support of his unit and the 181 IW in this endeavor.

The Weather Flight has also seen improvements to their forecasting equipment. The 113th Weather Flight acquired a new monitor and weather data collection system to aid duty forecasters with forecasts and briefings. Members are particularly excited about major changes in Air Force Weather. AFW-WEBBS, an interactive website for weather data around the United States, will further empower forecasters to provide customized and unique products to their customers. Members will also use the Mark IV B system and WXWorks Weather Data Receiver to further aid in satellite analysis and weather conditions.

Finally, the 113th's newest member, Nathan Alexander, will be attending BMT in November 2012. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to seeing him upon his return!

*Staff Sgt. Tiffany A. Barley*

## *Operations Support Squadron*

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*(In accordance with current Air Force guidance, the last name of IS members have been omitted due to operational security)*

Once again it has been another busy month for the OSS. We had several members attend the Vietnam Veterans re-dedication ceremony at the court house lawn in Terre Haute during October drill. The ceremony marked an ending to a

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campaign this year to relocate the monument 100 feet to the east from the south side of the courthouse. Those in attendance were **Senior Airman Anna**, **Airman 1st Class Jacki**, **Senior Airman Nina**, **Airman 1st Class Katie**, and **Maj. Rick**. Thanks for the support! Later that same day, **Master Sgt. Jeremy**, **Master Sgt. Jason**, **Staff Sgt. Jacki**, and **Senior Airman Tyler** took a stroll and proudly represented the 181st OSS in the ISU homecoming parade.

We have many members that have been TDY throughout the past month to gather knowledge that will help strengthen our mission. **Lt. Col. Sean** and **Senior Master Sgt. Kevin** went to Alaska, **Senior Master Sgt. Donald** and **Master Sgt. Jason** went to Reno and Beale for a site visit, and **Capt. Chris** and **Master Sgt. Clint** went to a WEPTAC conference in Tucson, Ariz.

The Racer Run was held during October drill. I believe the OSS had full participation even though some were not due a fit test. Thanks to all who knocked out their tests, and congrats to all that passed.

The OSS began a “new” old tradition during October drill by issuing the OSS Challenge Coin. The challenge coin is a tradition that dates back to World War I. The coins were struck in solid bronze carrying the squadron emblem and will be issued to every member in the squadron. So to carry on the tradition, the first sets of numbered coins were issued to OSS members in the order of which they became part of the OSS. The following received the first set; **Col. Pete Baer** (remembrance), **Lt. Col. Brian**, **Maj. Rick**, **Chief Master Sgt. Kirt**, **Katrina**, **Master Sgt. Donald**, **Tech. Sgt. Dustin**, and **Tech. Sgt. Jonathon**. Take good care of those and get to know the “rules” of the OSS challenge coin!

*Master Sgt. Jason*

## ***Intelligence Support Squadron***

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The rest of the IG is keeping all of us here in the ISS quite busy. I just wanted to start off by congratulating **Chief Master Sergeant Arlen** and **Master Sergeant Jeremy** on their recent promotions. We also would like to welcome our newest addition to the ISS family. **Brentley Alan** was born Sept. 15, 2012, to **Tech. Sgt. James** and **Senior Airman Anjuli**. Congratulations to **Senior Airman Jonathan** on his recent marriage.

Lastly, October marks an end of an era here in the ISS. For the past 4.5 years we have had the support of many traditionals who have volunteered their time as a ULN. The dedication to their craft and the professionalism that has been displayed has made ISS what it is today. We certainly would not have had the success we have had without them. Their presence on a day-to-day basis will truly be missed. Their service has been invaluable. We thank you.

*Tech. Sgt. James*



## ***Communications Flight***

Congratulations!!! **Chief Master Sgt. Mark Goodin**, **Tech. Sgt. Cindy Poole**, **Staff Sgt. Jonathon Bose**, **Airman 1st Class Kody Brattain** on passing your physical fitness test during the October UTA!

Good job **Master Sgt. Timothy Brown**, and **Tech. Sgt. David Foy** who showed excellence in all we do by running the racer run for fun and showing your support for the Flight. **Dave**, enjoy your steak dinner!

We would also like to Congratulate **Staff Sgt. Nick Rudder**. **Nick** has accepted a full time position in Comm. Flight replacing **Gunny**. Congratulations **Tech. Sgt. James P. Moore** for passing his 5-level 3D153N CDC End of Course Exam. Finally, congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Mark McDaniel** on his recent promotion. Good job **Mark**, keep up the good work!

*Master Sgt. Julie A. Vanlandingham*

## ***Jefferson Range - Det 2***

Hello from Jefferson Range, Det 2. It's been a few months since we submitted a write-up and a lot has been going on at the range. First, Jefferson Range hosted the bi-annual range council meeting in August. Representatives from the entire range community were able to come and see the range's new tower and administrative building among the several other improvements. In addition to range council, we completed our annual EOD clearance with the help of the 123rd EOD

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squadron based out of Louisville, Ky. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. The 123rd is also assisting Jefferson Range with the EOD clearance of a 20 acre field west of our facility.....thanks again guys for your assistance. The range has hosted numerous ASOS groups and this week is no exception. The 169th ASOS from Peoria, Ill., and the 2nd MEF have both been working with the A-10s from the 122nd providing some valuable JTAC training for each unit. Jefferson Range also assisted with the TNT 13-1 held at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. Contractors as well as military personnel came together to test/evaluate numerous systems ranging from acoustic sounds systems to protection armor.

Jefferson Range is also in the process of receiving an IT upgrade with 75 percent of the project complete. New phone/data cabling was installed in Bldg. 481 and our LAN rack was moved over to our new administration building with the help of the 181st Communication folks specifically **Tech. Sgt. David Foy** and **Tech. Sgt. Jason Gaudard**. We are also looking forward to the installation of our new phone system. Our current system is approximately 15 years old and with the help of Master Sgt. Mike Fisher, we're finally getting an upgrade. Thanks a lot Mike.

Lastly, Jefferson Range hosted family day this past drill weekend. All employees and their families came down for a great pitch-in lunch. The kids all had a great time and we all probably ate a little too much. Fortunately, we have a 90' tower down here that we have to climb 3 or 4 time a day to burn those calories off! I also want to thank **Master Sgt. Mark Taylor** and **Staff Sgt. Josh Petroski** from the 181st CE Squadron. They both have been working man days for the past several months and have done an incredible job.....thanks to both of you.

*Master Sgt. Danny Thomas*

## **Atterbury Range - Det 1**

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Beautiful scenery, autumn weather, and deer season has not stopped the daily operations at Atterbury Range. Training never stops and joint operations are happening more and more. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms has been conducting UAS training in recent months. Helicopter and night operations are beginning to pick up as the daylight gets shorter. The US Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron HSC-22 flew search and rescue missions with their AH-60s. Instructors also conducted initial door gunnery training firing various munitions including 7.62mm and 50cal. JTACs from all over the country are increasingly conducting training scenarios with the A-10s from Fort Wayne. Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Security Forces have begun Forward Air Control training here at the range. This allows them to operate with aircraft while conducting missions "outside the wire" during deployments. The pilots are noticing our new threat due to the newly acquired man-portable aircraft survivability trainer at Atterbury Range, which simulates a shoulder fired rocket similar to an SA-7.

We would like to thank the members of the 181st Vehicle Maintenance Squadron. Without your support we would not have been able to obtain all the new targets we received. A special thanks to **Tech. Sgt. April Simmons** from the Medical Squadron for the training and support you provided to our range. It is greatly appreciated.

**Tech. Sgt. Dustin "Hugh" Hofer** and family welcomed the birth of their daughter Sept. 23, 2012. **Daylan Allyse Hofer** weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 22" long.

Everyone at the range received special recognition from the Joint Chiefs for all the hard work and dedication that went into Bold Quest 12. Preparation for Bold Quest 13 has already begun.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we here at Atterbury Range would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

*Tech. Sgt. Dustin P. Hofer*



## **Mission Support Group**

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Welcome home to **Staff Sgt. Dustin Devitt!** **Dustin** is a traditional guardsman who works in the base contracting office. He spent a little more than five months at Camp Dwyer in Afghanistan. Camp Dwyer is a Marine base; however, **Sgt. Devitt** was able to provide outstanding contracting support and show them how the Air Force and the 181st IW gets the job done. Thank you **Dustin** for your hard work!

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Bill Baker** for his recent academic achievement. **Bill** is a recent graduate of Capella University with a Doctor of Philosophy, PhD, in Human Performance Improvement. **Bill**, we are so proud of you, your commitment to your personal and professional development, and commitment to this wing. Congratulations!

*Master Sgt. Brandi L. Eason*



# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



**Airman 1st Class  
Josh Hayton**

**Military Service:** 181 Security Forces Squadron

**Education:**

*High School:* Brownsburg H.S.

*College:* Indiana State University

**Reason for Joining:** Money for college and higher learning. Also, to be a part of something greater than myself. Serve my country.

**Hobbies/Interest:** Basketball, playing guitar, writing, and hanging with friends.



**Master Sgt.  
Laurie Weaver**

**Military Service:** 181st Force Support Squadron, Military Personnel Section Chief; 3 years

**Civilian Employer:** None - Air Guard Reservist (AGR) since 2000

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Psychology with plans to obtain Masters in Social Work

**Reason for Joining:** Steady job

**Hobbies/Interest:** Spending time with my family, who keep me very busy! I have a daughter in technical school at Fort Sam Houston who is assigned to the 181st Medical Group; I have a daughter who is on the Honey Creek Middle School Dance Team, which makes me a Dance Mom; and I have a son who is a member of the Terre Haute Quarter Midget Association, which makes me a Track Mom. I volunteer within the community as much as my schedule allows, and I am a member of the IN ANG Honor Guard. Reading, crafting and hiking are things I also like to do.



**Tech. Sgt.  
James Moore**

**Military Service:** 181 IW for 13 years total. The first 8 years were with LRF and the last 5 have been with Comm Flight.

**Civilian Employer:** Full-time technician in Comm

**Education:**

*High School:* Paris High School

*College:* Ivy Tech

**Reason for Joining:** I needed some direction in life at the time, and the educational benefits the Guard offered drew me in. Once I enlisted, I was hooked, and less than a year after enlisting I was hired full-time.

**Hobbies/Interest:** When my son and dog are not demanding my attention, I enjoy working out, mountain biking, golf, and any other adventurous opportunities that come up.



**Senior Airman  
Justin Taylor**

**Military Service:** 181 IW, 4 years

**Civilian Employer:** AGR

**Education:**

*High School:* Decatur Central High School, Indianapolis

*College:* IUPUI, B.A. in Anthropology

**Reason for Joining:** Receive additional training and career skills

**Hobbies/Interest:** Hockey, running, time with family.



**Master Sgt.  
Britt King**

**Military Service:** 207th Weather Flight, 17 years active, 23 years total

**Civilian Employer:** Career ADOS with the Indiana National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

**Education:**

*High School:* Lawrence Central, Indianapolis

*College:* CCAF

**Reason for Joining:** I've been fascinated by all things military since early childhood. There are 2nd grade assignments around my parent's house stating that I would join the Air Force when I grew up.

**Hobbies/Interest:** Collecting historic militaria, military history books, and occasionally re-enacting. At 8 years old I received a WWII German helmet as a gift, and that helmet has evolved into a basement and library full of books, uniforms, gear, helmets, etc.



**Staff Sgt.  
Shannon Hunter**

**Military Service:** 181LRF, Operations Compliance, 12+ years

**Civilian Employer:** CEO and President of Hunter Enterprise. I guide my staff to make the best decisions, to manage their time effectively and encourage further education. At Hunter Enterprise we strive to be the best persons we can be.

**Reason for Joining:** I wanted to serve my country.

**Hobbies/Interest:** I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, interesting conversations, fine food, theatre, and sporting events.

# WING PROMOTIONS

**Major**  
Richard A. Blakewood

**1st Lieutenant**  
Jerod M. Wright

**Chief Master Sgt.**  
Arlen L. Eiteljorge

**Senior Master Sgt.**  
Mark A. McDaniel

**Master Sgt.**  
Jeremy D. Barger  
Valerie M. Deem  
Christopher L. Hattery  
Jami L. Perusich

**Technical Sgt.**  
Eric E. Gruner  
Isadore Gurnell  
Sakawa N. Ogega  
Dianne B. Pirog  
Michael D. Shorter  
Michael L. Staggs

**Staff Sgt.**  
Dillon R. Hatcher

**Senior Airman**  
James D. Allen  
Nathan A. Gano  
Tannor M. Giles  
Brian E. Lewellen  
Alex Y. Liu Macias  
Rebecca L. Martindale  
Cory S. Sargent

# NEW RECRUITS



Ashley Wilkinson



Barbara Fouch



Caleb Maxeiner



Danielle Runyan



John Boyd



Justin Anderson



Kent Robertson



Mackenzie Copeland



Micah Hancock



Nathan Haynes



Ryan McDaniel



Steven Strickland



Tyler Spangler



Zach Reagan

# RACER PIT STOP

☞ Strong Bonds Couples Retreat, Dec. 7-9, 2012, Indianapolis, Ind. For more information, visit [www.strongbonds.org](http://www.strongbonds.org) <<http://www.strongbonds.org>>

☞ Indiana National Guard Annual Holiday Zoo Event, Dec. 15, 2012, Indianapolis Zoo. Cost is free! RSVP at [www.inngzoo.eventbrite.com](http://www.inngzoo.eventbrite.com) <<http://www.inngzoo.eventbrite.com>>

☞ Operation: Christmas Care. Helping to make the holidays bright for struggling military families. If interested in donating items or sponsoring a family, contact the following. Donations: [Elisabeth.winters@us.army.mil](mailto:Elisabeth.winters@us.army.mil) <<mailto:Elisabeth.winters@us.army.mil>> ; Sponsorships: [steven.mennemeyer@us.army.mil](mailto:steven.mennemeyer@us.army.mil) <<mailto:steven.mennemeyer@us.army.mil>>

☞ Personal financial advisor, Mark Fisher, available during drill weekends.

☞ Drill Chapel services: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. Protestant Bible Study; Sunday, 9 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass. All services held in Bldg. 3.



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## **OFFICIAL**

## **November is Native American Heritage Month**

*Submitted by Senior Master Sgt. Colleen Mason HRA*

American Indians were the original people of the American land when settlers first came to this country. American Indians across the United States have made significant contributions to the growth of our nation. There are many tribes of American Indians spanning across almost every state.

Native Americans have served honorably in all our nation's wars, despite the fact they were not granted citizenship until 1924. About 12,000 Native Americans served our country heroically in World War I; 44,000 (of a total population of 350,000 at the time) served in World War II; and 42,000 served in Vietnam -- more than 90 percent of whom were volunteers.

During World War II, Wind Talkers, or Navajo Code Talkers, were credited with providing communications security. They spoke the Navajo language, which is a difficult language without an alphabet, making it nearly impossible for someone raised outside of a Navajo community to learn. The Japanese, who had great success breaking other military codes, could not learn the language and translate the messages.

Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

Terre Haute has its very own Native American Museum; it is located in beautiful Dobbs Memorial Park. It is the only museum of its kind which is operated by a city parks department in the Midwest. Their permanent displays feature the life ways of the native peoples of the Northeast Woodlands, and they have numerous temporary exhibits, as well. Located on the east side of Terre Haute, Ind., Dobbs Park is a unique city park which includes a Nature Center, the Native American Museum with an heirloom garden, a three acre pond, a restored prairie, a butterfly garden, and three miles of trails which take you past a restored wetlands, through pine woods, old growth and second growth forest, and a 25 acre State Nature Preserve. If you are interested in joining the Cultural Inclusion Awareness Council (CIA), and helping with different Heritage Months, please contact the Wing Human Resource Advisor Senior Master Sgt. Colleen Mason at [Nina.mason@ang.af.mil](mailto:Nina.mason@ang.af.mil) or phone 812-877-5178

