



GENTRY TAKES COMMAND

Ministry as a military chaplain

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During the month of March we were able to witness a wonderful change of command ceremony.

I have witnessed several change of commands while in the Army but none in the Air National Guard. We know that a change of command is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit from one commanding or flag officer to another. The passing of the colors, standards, or guidons from the outgoing commander to the incoming one ensures that the unit and its Airmen is never without official leadership, a continuation of trust, and also signifies an allegiance of the Airmen to their unit's commander. We pray blessings upon our outgoing commander, Colonel Bolton, and our incoming commander, Colonel Gentry.

It was great to see so many Airmen in



formation and sharing their enthusiasm for the day. Later in March I was fortunate to be part of a strong bonds retreat with many of our Airmen and their spouses. Once again I witnessed the mutual respect that couples have for one another.

The month of April brings about changes in the weather and attitudes of people. April is a time that we celebrate many annual religious traditions. It is a time also to share with families and friends. During the April drill, the Chaplain's section will reflect upon religious traditions and share our joys with the command.

We are very thankful for all of our traditions and pray blessings upon the command and those who have returned from deployments. I am thankful for ministry and more specifically ministry as a military Chaplain.

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Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, left, commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, presents the 177th Fighter Wing colors to incoming commander Col. Kerry M. Gentry during the Change of Command ceremony on March 11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WING COMMANDER

Jersey devils,

With the Change of Command in the rearview mirror, I would like to say thanks to all of those who helped plan and execute the weekend's events. Between the Saturday finiflight for Col. Bolton, the base tour, and Sunday's Change of Command ceremony, it was an extremely impressive display by the Wing. Col. Bolton and myself were extremely proud of the 177th Fighter Wing and you all made a fantastic impression on all of our visitors. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Col. Bolton has left some big shoes to fill, and I look forward to working with him and the Joint Force Headquarters staff as we face new challenges and opportunities over the next several years. Col. Bolton will be assigned to the JFHQ command element and will work closely with both of the New Jersey wings, the State, and the National Guard Bureau to support the missions and objectives of the New Jersey Air National Guard. We certainly wish Col. Bolton



Col. Kerry M. Gentry, right, commander, 177th Fighter Wing, presents Tech. Sgt. Bruce Eveland with a certificate for the 177th Fighter Wing Second Quarter Safety Award on April 17. Tech. Sgt. Ralph Salvina (not pictured) and Eveland were recognized for identifying an F-16 aircraft discrepancy that was not covered by any technical data that could have resulted in catastrophic damage and possible loss of life had it not been addressed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew J. Merlock Jr., 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

well in his new position at JFHQ and await his promotion to Brigadier General...a well-deserved accomplishment!

As I settle into the new position, many of you are probably wondering what my expectations are for the 177th. It is actually pretty simple...I expect us to maintain our continued track of excellence with an emphasis on the daily execution of our mission while emphasizing the accountability of our folks. My philosophy has always been simple and straight forward...challenge the organization to execute daily at the level of "excellent". Once you achieve a level of daily "excellence"...challenge yourself and your unit to stay there, and then don't be afraid to hold people accountable to this standard! By holding each other accountable to the established standards, we create an atmosphere of compliance and success that lends itself well to any deployment, exercise, inspection, or real world contingency while simultaneously creating an inherently safe environment. I expect every Airman to be accountable both professionally, and personally, 24/7 while assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing. It's a simple concept...all you need to do is take responsibility for your assigned duties, accomplish those duties professionally, in accordance with the regulations and tech orders, and to the best of your ability. If you do this, while holding true to our Air Force Core Values, you will have cracked the code on achieving excellence...Simple as that!

I am extremely proud to represent the 177th as your commander and I would like to extend a special thanks to all of our recent deployers. The sacrifices made every day by our Airmen are incredible and inspiring. Each and every day we have someone from the 177th Fighter Wing going "above and beyond" the call of duty to make sure the mission succeeds and I assure you this is not lost on your leadership. Thanks for everything you do every day...I look forward to serving with you.

Sincerely,

KERRY M. GENTRY
Colonel, NJANG
Commander



Change of Command ceremony

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Airmen stand in formation during the Change of Command ceremony at the 177th Fighter Wing on March 11. During the ceremony outgoing commander Col. Robert C. Bolton handed over command to Col. Kerry M. Gentry, formerly the 177th Maintenance Group commander.



Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, speaks during the Change of Command ceremony.



Col. Robert C. Bolton, left, outgoing commander 177th Fighter Wing, performs final inspection.

Gentry takes Command

*Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen
177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*



Photo above: Newly minted 177th Fighter Wing commander Col. Kerry M. Gentry, formerly the 177th Maintenance Group commander, speaks during the Change of Command ceremony on March 11. Photo below: 2nd Lt. Ivan R. Cartagena Jr., left, 177th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Tracy O. Mulkey, 177th Maintenance Group, unveils Col. Kerry M. Gentry new command jet.



The road to the Holocaust

By Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Beethoven, Nietzsche and Kandinsky.

Hitler, Himmler and Goebbels.

The country that produced some of the world's greatest composers, philosophers and artists also gave the world the "Final Solution" — the Holocaust — an entire political and physical apparatus developed for the purpose of "efficiently" murdering entire races of people.

The Holocaust did not spring into existence overnight. In fact, for a person living in Germany, the road to the holocaust probably seemed incremental.

It began in 1933 when the Nazi government enacted a series of laws restricting the rights of German Jews including being able to earn a living, full citizenship and education. By 1935, the Nazis had enacted 48 additional laws — the most abhorrent were the "Nuremberg Laws" created 'for the protection of German blood and honour' (by) prohibiting Jews from being citizens of the Reich and forbidding marriage between "those of German or related blood" and Jews, Roma (Gypsies), blacks, or their offspring.

By 1938, the German government, emboldened by a lack of international response to what foreign governments referred to as a German internal problem, expelled 12,000 Polish-born Jews. As they left, neighbors and Nazi party members broke into their homes to steal their remaining possessions. Sent to the Polish border, 4,000 were allowed into Poland, the rest were denied entry.

Herschel Grynszpan, the son of one of the deported couples, was living in Paris at the time. On Nov. 3, he received a postcard from his sister asking for help. The next day, he read about the deportations in a newspaper. On Nov. 6, Grynszpan bought a revolver and the following day went to the German embassy in Paris and "in the name of 12,000 persecuted Jews," shot Secretary of Legation Ernst vom Rath, fatally wounding him. Grynszpan was arrested, and remanded to the Gestapo where he vanished without a trace.

Rath's death gave the German government the opportunity to launch an orchestrated wave of "grassroots" anti-Jewish violence. On Nov. 9, Kristallnacht (Crystal Night or Night of the Broken Glass) began.

Between 36 and 91 Jews were killed; 30,000 more were deported to Buchenwald, Dachau and Sachsenhausen concentration camps, where hundreds died within weeks of arrival; 267 synagogues were burned and more than 7,000 Jewish shops, businesses and homes were vandalized and ransacked. The prisoners were released only after they agreed to transfer their property to "Aryans" and leave Germany.

State authorities made no attempt to interfere or stop the rioting. In fact, Reinhard Heydrich, the head of the office which



Local residents watch as a synagogue in Ober Ramstadt, Germany, burns during Kristallnacht. Firefighters made no attempt to put out the blaze. Photo from the Trudy Isenberg Collection, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

oversaw the Gestapo (the state secret police), the regular police and the German intelligence service, sent a telegram nationwide to all police headquarters and stations with the following instruction: "The demonstrations are not to be prevented by the police".

Very few governments condemned Germany, and none leveled economic sanctions or threats of military action for the events of Nov. 9-10.

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain stated in a private letter: "No doubt Jews aren't a loveable people; I don't care about them myself; — but that is not sufficient to explain the Pogrom."

The nightmare had begun.

By the end of World War II, more than 11 million people, which included Jews, Poles, Soviet Slavs and Russian prisoners of war, Roma, Africans and some Asians, communists, trade unionists, Freemasons, enemy nationals, along with the handicapped and mentally ill, German homosexuals, Catholic clergy, Confessing Church members (a German Christian resistance movement), Jehovah's Witnesses, prostitutes, alcoholics, drug addicts and criminals had been murdered. ☠

Editor's note: Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 19) and the Days of Remembrance (April 15-22) memorialize all who died in the Holocaust. This year marks the 74th Anniversary of Kristallnacht.



JERSEY DEVILS IN THE NEWS



Senior Enlisted Leader visits N.J.

Staff Sgt. Cristina Sanchez, standing left, Chief Master Sergeant Denise M. Jelinski-Hall, right, the Senior Enlisted Leader for the National Guard Bureau during a town hall meeting at Joint Military Family Assistance Center at Bordentown on April 21. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177)



Firefighters deploy

Family and friends say good-bye as Senior Airman Richard J. Bellwoar, Master Sgt. Alex Cadavid, Airman 1st Class Ashley S. Linney, Senior Airman Kenneth A. J. Merlock Jr. and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Tomczak, 177th Firefighters deployed to Kyrgyzstan on April 3, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Loughlin)



Firefighter style salute

Firefighters of the 177th Fire Department salute 177th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Robert C. Bolton at the end of his final flight on March 10. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Capt. Toni Memmelaar, 177FW/SARC

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Several different activities highlighting this year's theme "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is Everyone's Responsibility" are currently underway.

Tables have been set up in the 177th headquarters building lobby and in the dining hall with literature and free giveaways.

In addition, there is an on-base clothing drive for new clothing items that will be used to make up the emergency Victim Advocate bags. Any extra items will go to the Linwood Women's Center. Collection bins are located in the dining hall, the base exchange and the headquarters building lobby.

Two shows of "Sex Signals" production will be put on during the Sunday of the drill - there will be free giveaways, popcorn, etc.



Your Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is Capt. Toni Memmelaar can be reached at either (609) 761-6206 (office), or by cell at (609) 385-3671.

Confidential support is available 24/7 through the Department of Defense Safe Helpline 1-877-995-5247 or www.SafeHelpline.org

ARE YOU GETTING THE SIGNAL?

THE REAL LIFE FUNNY SORT-OF-IMPROV SHOW
ABOUT A GUY, A GIRL, DATING & OTHER STUFF

A CATARACTIS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTATION

SEX SIGNALS
A LAP FULL OF SERIOUS LAUGHS

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd
0900 and 1330
TIME: WING HQ BUILDING (408) MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
LOCATION: SIGN UPS ARE A MUST! SEE YOUR SUPERVISOR TO GET ON THE LIST!

Air Force recognizes problem of human trafficking

By Robert Goetz, 502nd Air Base Wing OL-B Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said ending the "global scourge" known as human trafficking is an important policy priority for the United States.

The U.S. Senate underscored the seriousness of modern slavery by passing a resolution in 2007 that marked Jan. 11 as a day of awareness for the millions of victims of this pervasive crime, the second-largest criminal industry in the world.

The Department of Defense also recognizes the gravity of human trafficking, mandating Trafficking in Persons Awareness training in 2004; TIP Awareness is now an annual ancillary training course for all Airmen.

"It's all about awareness," said Mance Clark, Randolph Air Force Base installation antiterrorism force protection officer. "This training makes military members aware that these things are out there so they don't become a victim and that, if they see it, they identify it and report it."

The United Nations defines human trafficking as the "recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons ... by means of threats, the use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse or exploitation." According to the U.S. Department of State's 10th annual Trafficking in Persons Report, the major forms of human trafficking include forced labor, sex trafficking, bonded labor, and debt bondage among migrant laborers, involuntary domestic servitude, forced child labor, child soldiers and child sex trafficking.

Clark said many people don't see human trafficking as a domestic problem, but victims of the crime are present in numerous communities, whether they're working as housekeep-

ers, in agricultural fields or in massage parlors and strip clubs.

"If you're at an establishment and you think illegal activity is going on, you are encouraged to report it," he said.

In addition, victims do not always come from other countries; they may be citizens of the country where they are enslaved, often minors who are runaways or were abducted. The majority of human trafficking victims are female, an estimated 80 percent, and more than 50 percent are children.

Clark said it is not uncommon for American females to be abducted and transported to other countries for sexual servitude; they may also be at risk when traveling abroad.

"When you are traveling, you need to have a plan and be aware of the things you could be exposed to," he said. "You should make sure that loved ones know where you are at all times."

Clark said bars are among the places where women should be especially vigilant. The possibility of abduction is there if they let their guard down, such as accepting a drink from a stranger or returning to finish a drink.

"You can't be naïve abroad or at home," he said. "You have to understand that there are people who will take advantage of you if given the opportunity."

Clark said TIP Awareness training is worth the effort even if many people never encounter a situation involving human trafficking.

"There may be one situation where awareness is useful," he said. "You can't put a price tag on the effect of that training."

Clark said the training is especially important for young Airmen.

Vehicle Maintenance

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew J. Merlock Jr.
177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Photo above: Staff Sgt. Miquel Delvalle conducts an engine check of an Oshkosh refueling truck at the 177th Fighter Wing Vehicle Maintenance shop on March 10. Photo below: Senior Airman Ryan Curcio changes an air filter check of an Oshkosh refueling truck.





NEWS AIRMEN CAN USE



Annual dental exam

The annual dental exam will be completed by your civilian dentist.

Get a DD Form 2813 and have your dentist complete the form and return it to the clinic. Questions call 761-6240.

Phone Cards

By Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A six-month deployment to Iraq in 2010 inspired an Airman's son to raise more than \$2,500 worth of calling cards to help other children communicate with their deployed parents.

Daniel Mitola, right in photo, son of 177th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate General Lt. Col. Daniel Mitola, was saddened by the possibility that some service members might not be able to afford to keep in touch with their family and decided to do something about it.

He proposed the service project to Monsignor Francis Midura of St. Thomas Moore Roman Catholic Church, a retired Army colonel with 30 years of service as an Army Chaplain and a Gulf War veteran.

After getting approval from the Diocese, young Mitola wrote an article in the Church Bulletin and gave presentations at the end of five different Masses, which resulted in the collection of more than \$500 at each Mass, which enabled him to purchase 115 calling cards at \$22 each.



Courtesy photo

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HOLOCAUST

Days of Remembrance

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue

APRIL 2012

Unleash the full potential of all National Guard members

- ✓ Empower your people to increase productivity.
- ✓ Identify your personal goals and how to achieve them.

So, let us not be blind to our differences, but let us also direct our attention to our common interests, and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.

-John F. Kennedy

Earth Day calls for broader focus at all levels

By Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Each year when Earth Day rolls around, I make a commitment to pay greater attention to our natural environment, to shift focus from seemingly inconsequential daily activities to the greater task of preserving and improving our natural environment. But this way of thinking misses the mark.

Earth Day isn't a time to shift focus, but to broaden it.

It isn't the time to put aside our very real professional, financial and mission concerns, but to take a step back and consider how the environment - particularly pollution prevention and our role in it - is woven into the very fabric of those concerns.

The military has long sought to be a good environmental caretaker. At installations around the United States, we've pushed ahead with programs to preserve rare bird and fish species, preserve forests and wetlands, and, in the case of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., brought in archaeologists to unearth centuries-old Spanish artifacts.

In this same vein, the Air Force recently established pollution prevention as a service-wide goal. On Jan. 6 of last year, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley directed aggressive efforts to identify and achieve cost-saving measures to continue investment in warfighting capabilities needed to accomplish our mission.

It might surprise some to know that pollution prevention was identified as an important way to save money and sustain our global obligations.

In keeping with Secretary Donley's direction, we are establishing aggressive goals to reduce hazardous waste; divert solid waste from landfills and reduce toxic release inventory. At installations across the world, we are already taking steps to achieve these goals and are doing so with the characteristic innovation that reflects our core values of integrity, service and excellence.

For example, a team at Columbus AFB, Miss., developed a first-of-its kind management process for de-icing aircraft. This practice not only minimizes exposure to potentially toxic runway de-icing solvents and protects critical watersheds from polluted runoff from those chemicals, but it minimizes aircraft and runway corrosion, resulting in preservation of critical Air Force resources and a significant reduction of operations and maintenance costs.

At Malmstrom AFB, Mont., workers crushed some 6,400 tons of concrete and asphalt waste into products that can be used for future repaving and construction, saving the Air Force nearly a \$250,000 dollars in material purchasing and disposal fees, demonstrating that not only is going green good for the environment, but it's good business as well.

RECYCLING
CONSERVATION
RENEWABLE ENERGY
BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS
ENERGY EFFICIENCY
SUSTAINABILITY




BIODIVERSITY
SOLAR POWER
GREEN BUILDINGS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
WASTE REDUCTION
PRESERVATION



In a similar effort, the team at Travis AFB, Calif., successfully used green and sustainable remediation techniques in their base cleanup program. Recently, they were able to use materials from the cleanup of a rapid runway repair training site in the construction of a new runway for the C-17 Globemaster III cargo plane. This allowed 6,200 cubic yards of concrete, 8,000 cubic yards of asphalt and more than 28,000 cubic yards of clean fill dirt to be used for the new runway. These actions aided the mission, kept the material out of landfills, and returned 45 clean acres to the base for future mission use. These are just a few of literally countless ways Airmen are making the environment a consideration in all they do. It shows, even if you don't work directly in an environmental role or for an environmental program, each of us can take decisive action to incorporate conservation and pollution prevention in our daily work and lives.

For example, if every active-duty Airman and member of the civilian workforce simply turned off their faucets daily for thirty seconds - less than the time required to brush your teeth - we could save nearly 250,000 gallons of water each day.

Your participation in the Air Force's new campaign, "Blue Acts of Green," will provide an avenue for Airmen and their families to share ideas like these and commit to performing acts that prevent pollution and protect our environment which, when combined, have significant and lasting impact. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/blueactsofgreen where your posts will help us share easy-to-implement ideas with the rest of the nation.

Starting now, let's lead the way on Earth Day and every day! 

Services deployers return home

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Photo left: Master Sgt. Dean B. Burlew, sustainment services, 177th Fighter Wing, hugs his children after returning from a six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on April 18. Family, friends and unit members welcomed home nine 177th Services Flight Airmen from the deployment. Photo below: Senior Airman Nikima M. Porter, readiness and plans specialist, hugs family members.



Photo above: Staff Sgt. Ahniesha C. Wallace, fitness and sports clerk is hugged by her grandfather while her mother, former 177th unit member retired Master Sgt. Diajuana L. Spencer, left, watches. Photo right: Senior Airman Freddy A. Vasquez, food services, grins at his daughter.



Children's party keeps everyone hopping

Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



The Annual 177th Children's Spring Party was held in the dining hall March 31. The event was sponsored by the 177th Family Support Office, a host of volunteers with special appearances by the Easter Bunny and Captain Visual.

Let's see a show of bears; each child received a teddy bear from the Hug-A-Bear Foundation and an individual Easter basket.



What is he thinking? Captain Visual, left, prepares to wow the crowd.



The volunteers pose with the Easter Bunny for a group portrait.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Items Needed:

Sweatpants (any size/color)

T-shirts (any size/color)

Flip flops (shower shoes – size 7 and up/ any color)

**All donated items must be new*

Drop Off locations: BX front entrance and Dining Hall Entrance



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Hurts one. Affects all...

Preventing Sexual Assault is EVERYONE'S duty

Donated items will be used for the
177th Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program as well as the
Atlantic County Women's Center

Questions can be directed to: Capt Memmelaar 609-761-6206