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Senior Airman Jonathan Stroud and Staff Sgt. Joseph Osborne, 153rd Communications Flight, don their chemical warfare equipment during a simulated attack at the Field Training Exercise at Camp Guernsey Wyo., May 7, 2012. The FTX was designed to test the base's ability to conduct operations in a deployed environment in preparation for next year's Operational Readiness Exercises and Operational Readiness Inspection.

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Commander's Corner



by Col. James P. Moffett
maintenance group commander

Greetings fellow Airmen!

It seems like we just returned from our Field Training Exercise and mini-Operational Readiness Exercise at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., and here we are, drilling again. No wait, we DID just return from Camp Guernsey and we ARE drilling again.

Some interesting metrics from our excursion to Camp Guernsey.

Two hundred and ninety seven players, 46 exercise evaluation team members, six host nation/real world participants and seven observers from our partner wings. We utilized three Wyoming Air National Guard C-130s and additional airlift support from the 165th Airlift Wing, 130th Airlift Wing, and the 136th Airlift Wing.

We offered eight wing classes,

covering more than 16 topics of instruction, plus four unit specific training blocks for a total of 12 hours of instruction per person.

The wartime exercise was officially six hours on Monday, eight hours on Tuesday for a total of 14 hours of ORE scenarios

There were no significant injuries or safety incidents during this event; everyone and everything we took up there made it home safely.

Memorial Day is now behind us; hopefully you had a good holiday with your families and took a few moments to reflect on the significance of the holiday, remembering the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. We have officially transitioned into the summer season and are in the 101 Critical Days of Summer; the days between Memorial Day and Labor Day where the trend is for a spike in vehicle and recreational accidents. With that in mind, I encourage each of you to be extra vigilant every day. Human resources are our most valuable.

We cannot do our mission or stay relevant to the state and nation without each and every one of you being healthy, strong, and ready to answer the call! The events of 9/11 taught us we never, ever know when that day or the call will come. We never know what tomorrow may bring and we better be ready!

We recently welcomed back around 30 personnel from another successful deployment and have around 60 troops currently de-

ployed. Also, more than 100 more troops will deploy very soon.

July will mark another Commander's Call Formation and famous Wing Family Picnic, and also the onset of the bulk of our AEF cycle. My hope is that everyone can enjoy the summer season and time with their families to the fullest extent possible, in spite of the work, training and deployment challenges.

We have seen the retirement of some icons lately, not the least of which is the retirement of Brig. Gen. Don Haught. He has been at the helm of the Air National Guard since 2004. His leadership will have an impact on the organization for years to come as we move forward with our state partnership, the force development model, Youth Challenge program, and the active associate, to name a few. Haught was pivotal in those and many other initiatives that help put WyANG on the map and in the forefront at National Guard Bureau; ensuring our relevance for years to come. We salute him this weekend as he retires after 33 years of faithful service to the unit, the state, and the nation.

We congratulate Col. Dennis Grunstad as he starts a new chapter in his career as Assistant Adjutant General - Air. We honored him at his final flight on May 22, and successfully didn't send him flying into Nebraska when the fire department let loose the fire hose on him!

Have a great drill and a great summer. Be safe! 🇺🇸



photos by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley and Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley

EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE

153 AW CONDUCTS FTX TO PREPARE FOR ORE

by Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley
public affairs specialist

Members of the 153rd Airlift Wing traveled to Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center, May 5-9 to participate in a Field Training Exercise in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Exercise and Operational Readiness Inspection.

“The main thing was to go up there, away from home station, get into a different location where we had to adapt,” said Col. Stephen E. Rader, 153 AW commander, “and get training for the skills that we’ll need for the ORI and then apply those skills in an exercise environment.”

Training included weapons orientation, contamination avoidance and decontamination instruction, mission oriented protective posture (MOPP) training, unexploded ordnance (UXO) recognition, and CBRN pre-attack preparations.

The FTX was set up so that members of the 153 AW, many of whom were participating in their first ORE/FTX experience, were able to learn their roles in a classroom and exercise environment.

“It’s easier to teach the skill first and then exercise the skill,” said Rader. “If you don’t train those skills first than you’re going to waste your first ORE learning those things the hard way.”

Rader said there was a lot of learning that happened. “I think we did really well for a first run through.”

The Wing will carry on training locally, building up to the first ORE in early 2013.

“We’ll continue to do training for different skills, with different units each drill moving forward,” said Rader.





Wyoming Air National Guard participates in state exercise

photos and story by 1st. Rusty Ridley
public affairs officer

Members of the 153rd Airlift Wing participated in a Strategic National Stockpile exercise named Prairie Eagle May 14, 2012, delivering simulated vaccines via a C-130, a first for the state of Wyoming.

The Wyoming Air National Guard, in conjunction with the Wyoming Department of Health, flew a mission to Jackson Hole, Wyo. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was inspecting the department's ability to receive, deliver and distribute medical vaccines and supplies to various parts of the state.

For the inspection, the Wyoming Department of Health had to deliver

supplies within a specified timeframe from a distribution point in Cheyenne.

"If the supplies were to be driven to Jackson Hole, it would have taken over nine hours," said Lt. Col. Gary Monroe, 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. "Working together with the Department of Health and the Wyoming Air National Guard, we delivered in four hours."

Once the delivery truck arrived at the Wyoming Air National Guard base, Airmen assigned to the 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Small Air Terminal began unloading, inspecting, weighing, marking and loading the pallets onto the aircraft all under the watchful eye



of exercise evaluators. Airmen also flew along to assist with unloading the aircraft in Jackson Hole.

"It helps us identify what we would need by way of equipment and better ways to execute a mission like this," said Robert Sherard, Wyoming Department of Health planning coordinator. "It gives us a timeline of unloading the material, loading onto the aircraft, arrival and off-loading again."

Other agencies in the state also supported the exercise including the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security and the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

"The exercise also helps us identify any other operational considerations we might have missed along the line," Sherard said. "If we had to deploy this SNS package, we're trying to get as much time as we can. We work within a tight window and we're trying to train well so we can respond well."

Gov. Matt Mead was briefed on the exercise and the role of the Wyoming National Guard and how its capabilities and assets can be utilized in times of emergency.

"This mission not only exercises the Air Guard but the process the department of health, homeland security and Joint Force Headquarters would need to use and what would be expected if the need were to arise," said Monroe.

As part of the exercise, soldiers from the Wyoming Army National Guard were dispatched to Jackson Hole, Casper, Lander and Rock Springs to disbursement sites working with local emergency managers on logistics and security measures.


"It really comes down to being able to help people in the state," said Monroe. "The training was a win-win for everyone involved." 





Photo and story by 2nd Lt. Rebecca Ogden

deputy base civil engineer

Construction Corner

Civil Engineer happenings

As many can see, Building 16 is moving along. Last week the asbestos flooring abatement was completed and the contractor moved on to removing the asbestos transite panels in the hangar. These smoke-stops in the trusses will be replaced with sheet metal as part of the overall change order for roof deck construction. A new roof deck will leave the 153rd Airlift Wing with an improved product in the end, though it will add time to the construction schedule overall. Heavy demolition of the maintenance shop area will start this week with removal of the second floor T-Spans and the concrete floor on the first floor in preparation for new foundations and a new floor slab.

Darrel Miller, the project manager sent by NGB/A7, has been busy coordinating design of various

systems: security, voice, and data. Money for security and communications comes from two separate pots of money, each different from the SRM money funding the overall project. This adds a layer of coordination to ensure the building will be ready for occupants. We thank everyone who has been working with Miller to support our efforts to meet the needs of the occupants. Building 16 will have demountable walls and a raised floor serving as a plenum for distributing heating and cooling throughout the building.

This design will allow greater freedom in rearranging for new personnel and new mission requirements. All electrical and communications will also run through the floor with individual outlets placed at each desk. This means walls can be moved to

accommodate occupants with a minimum of disruption to the surrounding areas. Data and power outlets can be tailored to the new layout simply by rearranging the floor tiles. Miller has extensive experience with this type of distribution system and we're glad to have him here to mitigate potential oversights, as this type of system is new to the 153 AW.

Also starting this month is the ROSC project. Jack Porter has been coordinating with Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power to reroute electrical feeds and transformers. We will be breaking ground by the end of May. Expect more to follow on the ROSC.

June promises to become even more hectic for base personnel and civil engineering as the contractor for the Installation Restoration Project, CH2MHill, will begin

drilling the iron valence wells along Dell Range Blvd. The project will run through the summer and encompasses drilling up to 100 3-foot diameter, 100-foot deep wells which will be injected with zero valence iron-filing slurry. The slurry will collect the chemical plume left in the ground from the early years of base operations before anyone was concerned about the environment. We thank Lt. Col. Rob Miknis and Dennis McDonald for their hard work in coordinating the contract, years of studies, and most importantly spending some of their evenings at city council meetings keeping the public informed.

Finally, our craftsmen are still working hard to make their way through the list of outstanding items generated by the move. The list is shrinking but will be stalled a bit while we accommodate the STARBASE move next week, followed by moving maintenance to Building 32 (formerly STARBASE) and the remainder of the 153rd Communications Flight (excluding ROSC) will move into Building 34.

Thank you all for your cooperation and flexibility. Without the overall spirit of cooperation from base personnel, we could not possibly succeed with so many concurrent projects. 🇺🇸

Wing Family Readiness upcoming events

Spouse Orientation Flight, July 14

- The annual C-130 Spouse Orientation Flight will be held the morning of July 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Wing Family Picnic. Thirty seats are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Must be a spouse of a member of the WyANG or 30th Airlift Squadron.
- Registered spouses wishing to fly MUST have a military ID card.

Youth Programs

Teton Science School

- Held in Jackson, Wyo., for ages 11 - 17, July 8-14.
- Register no later than June 18.

YMCA Military Camp

- Buffalo, Wyo., for ages 9-13, July 29 - Aug. 2
- Register by calling the Sheridan YMCA at 307-674-7488.

Programs available to military members and their families

Tutor.com

- Department of Defense program that provides free online tutoring and homework help 24/7 to eligible U.S. military families worldwide.

Sittercity

- Child Care program for the Air Force family.
- Visit- www.sittercity.com/dod.

Women's Wilderness Institute

- Six day retreats for women who need support in re-integrating to civilian life after their military service.
- Funded by the Women Veterans Health Improvement Act of 2009, and are provided entirely free of charge to participants, including airfare.
- <http://www.womenswilderness.org/women-veterans-retreats>.

For more information on upcoming events contact Denise Rampolla at 307-772-6063 or email: denise.rampolla@ang.af.mil

FBI IED Threat and Recognition course



by Tech. Sgt. Barton Allen

153rd Logistic Readiness Squadron

The Improvised Explosive Devices threat recognition class was hosted on behalf of the Wyoming Homeland Security Training Program at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, April 16-17 at the Wyoming Air National Guard Base, Cheyenne, Wyo. More than 160 responders attended this course including: police, fire, emergency management, and public works personnel representing state, local and federal agencies throughout Wyoming.

The course covered IED components and characteristics, threat assessments, targeting, an overview of international and domestic terrorism and two case studies that dissected terrorist's actions and emergency response. Special emphasis was placed on the role of the Federal Bureau of Investigations as lead during the investigation phase of an incident and how the FBI Joint Terrorism task Forces operates. 🇺🇸

JOBSS

<i>AFSC</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
2A676	Master Sergeant Electro-Environmental Shop	6 Jun 12
38F3	Force Support Officer	6 Jun 12
3S0X1	Human Resource Assistant	6 Jun 12
2A5X3B	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	26 Jun 12
2A672	Aerospace Ground Equipment	6 July 12
2F091	Fuels Management Superintendent	11 July 12
11M2B	Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT)	16 July 12
46F/N3	Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander	18 July 12
3D171	Client Systems Craftsman	18 July 12
3D171	Client Systems Craftsman	18 July 12
3D173	RF Transmission Craftsman	18 July 12
3D173	RF Transmission Craftsman	18 July 12
3D173	RF Transmission Craftsman	18 July 12
3D173	RF Transmission Craftsman	18 July 12
3D090	Cyber Operations Superintendent	18 July 12
3D190	Cyber Systems Superintendent	18 July 12
44M3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon	Open Until Filled
48R3	General Medical Officer	Open Until Filled

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 Master Sgt. Denise Hondel
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 307-772-6457.

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 Chief Master Sgt. William Whipple
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 Chief Master Sgt. James Branom
 Senior Master Sgt. Richard Stratton
 Master Sgt. Rob Russ
 Master Sgt. David Smith
 Tech. Sgt. Spencer Adams
 Tech. Sgt. Randy Ruiz



Col. Dennis Grunstad III is welcomed with water after his final flight at the Wyo. Air National Guard base in Cheyenne. (photo by 1st. Lt. Rusty Ridley)

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