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**Gov Mitch Daniels
helps out with
sandbag relief.**

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Col Christopher Colbert
181st Vice Commander

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Times of change bring forth more questions than there are answers. Times of "great change" bring forth even more questions and also a dose of confusion thrown in just for fun. I have been inspired the past few months by members of the 181st. The inspiration comes from the realization that wing members acknowledged "great change" then accepted it and then embraced it and are now almost completely past it. Most questions have been answered and confusion has lessened significantly.

I have had the privilege of attending a few graduations and school sites, as well as visit units where our members are deployed. A consistent theme is prevalent at all of these locations. 181st members are excelling. As most of you, I wondered what our Wing would be like when the airplanes went away and we started accomplishing our new missions. I have found that other than being a lot quieter not much has changed and that makes me proud. Not only does it make me proud to be a Racer but, simply put, it just makes me feel better.

The new Air Force Creed is rather lengthy and I am having some struggle with totally memorizing it but I believe I need to. Memorizing our new creed is at the top of my priority list. What I know for now is what we, at the 181st, have taken to heart since our inception over 90 years ago remains unchanged even through these recent times of "great change". What I know for now is that the Creed starts with:

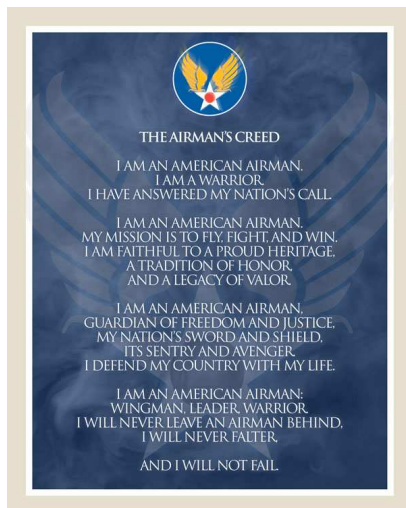
"I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN
I AM A WARRIOR"

It ends with

"I WILL NOT FAIL"

and in the middle it says

"MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN"



It is very apparent that whether we have the Creed memorized or not, these portions of the Creed were and still are the foundation of what we do and who we are. Please take time, soon, to read, feel and memorize our new Creed and then take pride when you look across the Wing and see it in action through every one of our unit members.

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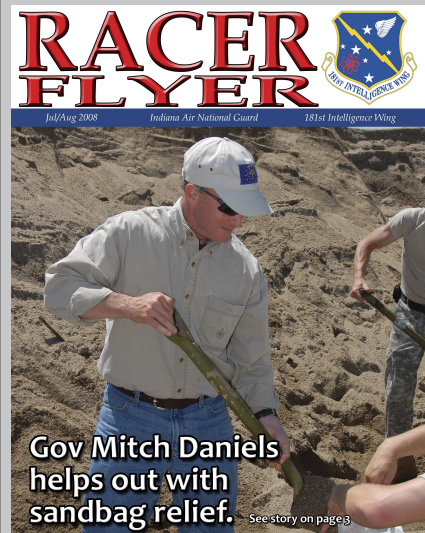
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Governor, general visit southwest Indiana towns

by Staff Sgt. Jeff Lowry, Indiana National Guard

Flying in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, Indiana's Governor, Mitch Daniels, and Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, visited southwestern Indiana towns checking on flood waters, Hoosiers and their Guardsmen June 10.

"What the general and I are out here to do is to make certain people are well supplied, have everything they need and that agencies are working together as seamlessly as possible," said Gov. Mitch Daniels.

Flood waters damaged farm crops in the Midwestern states of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. While all crops weren't saved, property and lives were in Elnora, Ind., which is about 40 miles southeast of Terre Haute, Ind.

Indiana Guardsmen, Marines and local citizens helped reinforce the levee adding thousands of white-colored sandbags.

"Everyone worked hard yesterday," said Tony Wichman, the county commissioner of Elnora. "We appreciate the job they did."

"You guys saved our town," he said.

The Soldiers were proud of the hard work they did when many said the levee wouldn't stand against the raging waters.

"They thought the levee wasn't going to hold, but yes it did hold," said Sgt 1st Class Paul Sharp of Indianapolis. He is assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 150th Field Artillery and worked on the levee in Elnora.

In preparation for the flood waters travelling southward, Indiana National Guard Soldiers and Airmen worked side by side filling sandbags in Vincennes, Ind. The bags are expected to be used to protect the power plant in the southern part of the city.

"It's always good to help somebody out whether your friend or neighbor," said Senior Airman Eric Krackenberger, an electrician with the Civil Engineering Squadron, 181st Intelligence Wing. He is a resident of Terre Haute, which is also where the 181st is based. Torrential rains hit the western Indiana city hard Saturday.

"I'm always willing to help out wherever I can," said Krackenberger.

The last town the governor and general visited was Hazelton. The White River there is above normal stages, but hasn't risen to the levee yet. They talked to local officials there to determine whether sandbags will be needed. Officials expect waters to rise within six inches of the top of levee.



Local news media interviews Governor Mitch Daniels during his visit to a sandbag filling site at the Indiana Department of Transportation in Vincennes on Tuesday, 10 June 2008. Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman



Governor Mitch Daniels talks with Indiana Guardsmen filling sandbag in support of Operation Noah's Ark at Vincennes Indiana Department of Transportation on Tuesday; 10 June 2008. Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman

Indiana National Guardsmen filling sandbags in support of Operation Noah's Ark at Vincennes Indiana Department of Transportation on Tuesday; 10 June 2008. Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman

Indiana's Air and Army Guard respond to regional flooding

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/Public Affairs Office

Photos by TSgt Michael Kellams & SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/Public Affairs Office

As the Air National Guard's 181st Intelligence Wing and the Army National Guard's 519th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion personnel made their way towards Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., they had an idea what their mission was going to be once they arrived for June drill weekend. More than six inches of rain dumped into the Wabash Valley the evening of June 6 and well into the morning of June 7, stranding motorists and pouring storm water into local resident's homes. As usual, the call for assistance was answered by the Guard and sand bag filling began.

"There were several Airmen and Soldiers who made it in only to find out their homes were being flooded," said Maj. Jim Jensen, 181st Intel Wing PAO. "This is a disaster that is affecting us all, but we have a mission to support. Some stayed here to continue filling sand bags for others while their own homes were flooding. That says a lot about Indiana Guardsmen and how much they care about the community."

When Indiana declared a State of Emergency, drill weekend became a constant effort to lend a hand to a community in need. Sand bag filling

began on base as local television crews were reporting the extent of the damage. Reports of family and friends' homes being flooded trickled in throughout the morning. Less than a mile from the 181st IW's entrance, State Road 42 had collapsed under the weight of rushing flood waters. Airmen and Soldiers on base could not see the devastation, but reports from other sources became enough to motivate them throughout the night.

"We filled more than 12,000 sand bags in 24 hours," said CMSgt Anne Rice, who was leading the bagging efforts on base. "Even though many have been here throughout the night, our attitudes have been very positive. It's good to see the camaraderie within. We've got them ready to go wherever they are needed."

The 181st, 519th, and the 138th Quartermaster Company, Brazil, Ind., offered support late Saturday night as they sandbagged critical low-lying areas surrounding Terre Haute Regional Hospital. In Terre Haute, Thompson ditch was overflowing in front of the hospital and the flood waters rushed into the neighborhoods, Rea Park and surrounding areas. Across the street

more than 50 Air and Army Guard personnel focused their attention on the main utility facilities supporting the hospital.

"We provided sand bags around their operational and back-up facilities," said Lt. Col. Kevin Veeder, commander, 519th CSSB. "This was a successful joint operation and everyone has been positive and motivated."

Air and Army Guardsmen are tasked with supporting two missions, Federal and State. All Indiana Guard units have been tasked with supporting missions overseas; including Iraq and Afghanistan, but unlike their active duty counterparts Guard units are ready to deploy and support a state-wide mission as well.

"This is a situation where a community is in need of our support," said Jensen. "We are the Guard. Air and Army, it is our duty to support the needs of state agencies and provide our assets to the relief effort in any way we can."

The National Guard continued supporting relief efforts in Indiana under the direction from Indiana National Guard Headquarters personnel.



A Soldier's Story

by Paul (Tommy) McMinn, MSgt, USAF, INANG

*This story was written for Tidings, an edition of Episcopal Life.
The full story can be found in their March 2008 newsletter.*

New Year's Day 2008. I departed my home in Newburg, Indiana en route to the Indianapolis International Airport. Final destination: Baghdad, Iraq. The opportunity for my all expense paid vacation came to me via my affiliation with the Indiana Air National Guard in Terre Haute. Truth be known, this was a mission which I volunteered to accept. What was I thinking? Actually, I would guess that most of the Airmen here volunteered specifically for this mission. As Airmen, most of us are tasked with relatively short tours of only a few months. Army and Marine personnel tend to stay much longer. What great Americans. These are the people deserving of our utmost respect and gratitude.

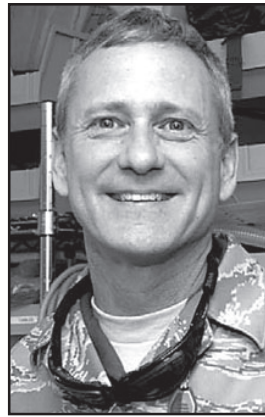
As one might expect, I had a bit of trepidation about embarking upon this tour. In the days and weeks leading up to my departure my concerns were focused on what I was leaving behind. Though my kids are nearly grown, I would miss them. Who would watch over my home, pay the bills I couldn't get set up to pay automatically? The list seemed to go on and on.

Getting to Baghdad is no easy undertaking. Crossing several time zones, I lost count of the actual hours in the air. Along the way I witnessed an outpouring of heartwarming moral support. A grand old gentleman in Sullivan, Ind., stepped up to the counter at McDonalds and paid for the breakfast I had just ordered. Volunteers at the airport USO organizations work tirelessly to provide a bit of comfort to weary travelers.

The last place my feet touched American soil was Maine. We passed through a gauntlet of maybe two dozen veterans shaking hands and wishing us well, looking forward to the day they would welcome us back home – veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. Keep in mind this was the wee hours of the morning. There are times a man has a hard time keeping the lump in his throat in check.

After another stop in Europe, I stepped off the plane into the jumping off point to the combat zone. Here we were issued Kevlar vests and helmets, and various other pieces of equipment that just might come in handy. By then I must have been traveling at least three days, with no sleep to speak of. When I arrived at Baghdad International Airport, we were greeted by some happy faces. These were the people who got to go home upon our arrival.

I've been here nearly a month now and I've settled into a daily routine. I work in a facility that provides



medical support for the troops. Business is slow and, for that, we are thankful. For the most part, what we see are minor injuries and illnesses rather than gunshots and blast victims. Perhaps the troop surge has some positive effect.

My roll requires a fair amount of driving to different areas and I see a lot of reminders that this is a combat zone. We have to grab our "battle rattle" to travel with. This consists of my weapon and body armor, and whoever is available at the time to be your battle buddy. We go nowhere alone and nowhere without a rifle slung on our backs. It is rather cool now and we are in the middle of what is considered the rainy season. Though I haven't seen a good Indiana-type downpour, it rains enough to turn the sand into the stickiest, pastiest muck I have ever seen.

So many Americans offer so much support and want to send us things, yet they are often at a loss as to what we need here. I can only tell you from my perspective that we need few, if any, needs that can be mailed. We are very well fed and usually have a warm place to sleep. The things we really miss can't be sent – friends, family, loved ones, the daily routines we are accustomed to. Pat a soldier on the back, shake his hand, and offer to buy him lunch. Little things mean a lot to us and these opportunities can be fleeting. If you know a servicemember you can certainly send special treats you know he will enjoy and share with the people around him. Most of all, communicate often. Even a mere acquaintance will appreciate hearing about your day.

There are many other outlets for those who would like to offer volunteer or financial support. I mentioned the USO and the local greeters in Maine. Your local VFW or American Legion could probably point you in the right direction for that sort of thing. There are also web sites that offer support to our troops.

This is simply one Soldier's perspective and I appreciate this opportunity to share my short experience here. Before I leave in a few months, I hope I will have even more exciting and dull news to share from my little corner of the war. God Bless America.

Civil Air Patrol finds a new home

Capt. Rene a. Foli, Aerospace Education Officer
1st Lt. Jamie Halbert, Public Affairs Officer

The Terre Haute Senior Squadron of the Indiana Wing Civil Air Patrol has moved its search and rescue operations to the Indiana Air National Guard base located at Hulman International Airport. This is the home of the 181st Intelligence Wing. The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. We have three main objectives: Search and Rescue, Cadet training in CAP procedures and responsibilities, and Aero Space Education. The Terre Haute Squadron is one of eight airborne units consisting of C182 and C172 aircraft, strategically located throughout Indiana.

The Terre Haute Senior Squadron is a flying unit consisting of approximately 25 pilots and observers who are on call 24/7 for any type of emergency mission. The most common mission we are called upon to perform is one of Search and Rescue. Downed aircraft are the main targets. However, we have also been tasked to fly storm and flood damage assessment missions. Typically, damage assessment missions require our aircrews to provide real-time digital photographs of specific target area to our customer, which could be Homeland Security, the National Weather Service, or the U.S. Air Force working through the Civil Air Patrol National Operations Center, located at Maxwell AFB, in Alabama.

The Terre Haute Senior Squadron is always interested in obtaining new members; our squadron meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Our squadron commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Pickett can be reached at 812-533-1101.

Our squadron would like to thank Col. Hauser, the Air National Guard base commander, for his initiative in allowing the Civil Air Patrol to share the ANG facilities.



Education Pays Off, Military Pays Out

by 2nd Lt. Randi J. Brown, 181IW/CCE

Education is a critical component in career development. It is the backbone of success, in military and civilian careers. Many careers require continuing education to stay current in policy, law and new advancements. In the Air Force, advancing education may be a requirement in your chosen career to be a front runner for that next promotion opportunity.

Obtaining a degree and continuing your education will put you leaps and bounds beyond your peers. There are many avenues available to assist you in your educational development: Student Loan Repayment, Montgomery G.I. Bill and Kicker, and the Indiana National Guard Supplemental Grant program.

Some servicemembers argue they cannot afford to continue their education. They say their budgets are stretched so thin, adding another monetary obligation would only ensure financial hardship.

“The Indiana National Guard Supplemental Grant program is a state-funded program for members of the Indiana Air National Guard to use while attending a state supported college,” said Master Sgt. Michael Huffman, retention office manager. The member must also be an Indiana resident to qualify for the funding. Once qualified, the grant may pay up to 100 percent of the tuition, not including books or additional fees. At this time, the grant is not valid for summer sessions or correspondent courses with no end date. Currently, the grant can be used to earn a first associate or bachelor’s degree.

Additional programs are available to assist with other financial obligations that go hand-to-hand with an education, such as purchasing books, paying technology fees and general school supplies. The Montgomery G.I. Bill and the G.I. Bill Kicker is paid directly to the servicemember to aid with these expenses. All servicemembers are entitled to the G.I. Bill.

The G.I. Bill Kicker, the Student Loan Repayment Program and cash bonuses are offered to members in critical career fields. Members who meet the eligibility criteria can select two of the above incentive programs. A list of the eligibility requirements can be picked up in the Retention Office, building 18, room 154.

The Base Education Office is currently working with Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College to offer a 10 percent discount to unit members, said Senior Master Sgt. Josh Hall, education office manager. Other private colleges may offer military discounts as well.

According to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs website, a program offering remission of fees for children of disabled veterans is available. This program applies to any age providing they are an Indiana resident, and attending a state college. The remission of fees varies for the different colleges and universities. For more eligibility requirements, please go to www.in.gov/dva.

Maybe you are smarter than 'the average Joe'. Maybe you do not need to take all the courses required to earn a degree. There is an alternative. College Level Examination Program, better known as CLEP testing, gives you the opportunity to test in a specific subject to gain credit for that course. CLEP results are generally accepted by all colleges, but each institution has its own requirements, said Hall. The Education Office also offers Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support, DANTES, testing to assist servicemembers in obtaining their associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. For additional information on CLEP and DANTES testing, visit the Base Education Office located in building 18.

Some argue there is just not enough time in the day to add education to their already busy schedules. Obviously, they still have to work, then the children have soccer practice, music lessons, homework and somehow dinner still needs to be fit in before bedtime.

Of course, with continuing education comes the commitment to making time to attend the courses and study. Technology has brought about changes to conventional education. According to the Sloan Consortium website, nearly 3.48 million students are enrolled in online courses. More than two-thirds of higher education institutions are offering online courses or distant learning opportunities.

Many local universities and colleges offer online programs. Indiana State University's website states the Distance Learning Department offers accredited courses, degrees and professional development programs. A simple search on a university website can answer several questions regarding the online opportunities an institution may provide. Many schools offer evening and weekend courses that can also aid in scheduling conflicts.

The Base Education and Training Office routinely coordinates with local colleges and universities to offer general education courses, such as speech, history, and mathematics, here at Hulman Field. The education office relies on feedback from the servicemembers to determine what courses need to be offered, said Hall. Typically students utilize their G.I. Bill benefits to pay for the course.

Some argue that they would not get the support they need from their supervisors. Employees anticipate negative employer response when informed of the employee's decision to pursue educational opportunities.

Today's professional society tends to embrace advancing education of their employees. Many corporations and small businesses have been offering flex schedules to accommodate educational and family growth. Along with flex schedules, they may also offer tuition reimbursement programs. Sit down and take some time to make an education plan. Be sure to include how this may impact your current position and responsibilities. Request a meeting with your supervisor, bring along your educational plan, and be prepared to answer questions relating your education to your current employment. Many employers are willing to invest time and money in educating their employees, if the company gets something in return.

Do some research, if your employer does not offer education benefits, you may want to seek employment with a company that will invest in your education. However, if you find that your current employer does not offer educational benefits, it may be worth asking. Create a sales plan to propose to your boss, highlighting the benefits to the company by investing time and money in your education. You may be the key component to initiate a new program that others will be able to utilize as well.

As servicemembers, once you complete your three level training you are eligible to enroll in the Community College of the Air Force to earn an associate degree in your career field. The basic elements to earn a CCAF degree are completing your career skill levels and professional military education. There are some liberal studies requirements that need to be satisfied as well. Be sure to visit the Base Education Office to get enrolled with the CCAF, and learn about the education benefits available to you.

Every year a graduation ceremony is held to recognize those individuals that have earned their CCAF degrees. Currently the wing has 270 members with at least one degree, while several members have earned multiple degrees. Now is the time to get your name added to that list.

Take an hour out of the next drill weekend to stop by and visit the education office and retention office. Hall and Huffman are dedicated to sharing the opportunities the Air National Guard offers to assist you in earning your degree. Sit down and take some time to develop your educational plan. Then put it into action. Put yourself in the graduate seat at the next CCAF Graduation Ceremony. Align the rungs in your ladder for that next promotion. Before you know it, you will be the supervisor supporting young Airmen in their educational advancements.

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MSgt Jeffery E. Enright receives Certificate of Appreciation from the President George W. Bush, Commander in Chief. This award was giving to Sgt Enright by Capt Jamie Abott during a ceremony held back in May of 2008. *Photo by MSgt John Day*

June's warm weather got members out to PT. Some ran, did their push-ups or just watched (counting reps) The weather was ideal for PT. Let's hope Jul and Aug UTA will be the same! *Photo by SSgt Chris Jennings*

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(LtoR) SSgt Brian Chesshir, Col Jeff Hauser, Manager Terry Allvord and the rest of the Military All Star Baseball Team, stand along 3rd base line as the National Anthem is played. The All Stars took on the St Louis Grizzlies back on May 17th. *Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman*

Guardsmen called up to help fill sandbags for regional floodings





RACER UNIT REVIEW



ASOS - JTAC-Joint Terminal Attack Controller. The 113th ASOS has just acquired two of the finest JTACs money can buy. **MSgt Robert Basch** comes to us from the 18th ASOG, Ft. Bragg, N.C. and **MSgt Ed Shulman** hails from the 17th ASOS supporting the 75th Rangers out of Ft. Benning. Both of these combatants bring an impressive resume to the fight and will be the machines that forge our valuable raw material into steel-eyed warriors. Speaking of valuable raw material, **SSgt Hobson, SrA Eason** and **SrA Ames** have just completed the grueling Field Training Exercise of 1C4 School. It's a gradual downhill slide from here into a 15 July graduation. **SrA David Thorpe** begins the not so gradual climb as he starts 1C4 School on 11 June.

The goal of every military organization is to occupy the "high ground." This should also be the goal of every home owner, especially if they live in the Wabash River Valley. Unfortunately we all can't live and work on the high ground. Some of us with a higher calling have been activated to support those of us in lower dwellings. Ergo, the Governor enacted Operation Noah's Ark. The 113th ASOS recalled personnel and organized a QRF (quick reaction force). The QRF was manned for 24 hour operations on 06 June and was still in effect as I wrote this on 11 June. 113th ASOS personnel augmented local law enforcement officials in flooded areas and towns, supported local water / sandbag distribution as well as providing targeting and direction for the RC-26 aerial reconnaissance platform. Many residents of flooded towns were relieved to see Guardsmen out in force and keeping the peace.

The 113th would like to welcome **A1C Zachary Shipman** to the war chest. He is currently at Basic Training. Finally, **Captain Scott "Smuth" Perkins** is dead to us. He will be replaced by **Major Scott "Smuth" Perkins**. The old cliché, "The two dumbest ranks wear gold," does not apply to **Major Perkins**. We are getting reports that his Field Grade Frontal Lobotomy did not go well for the surgeon.

"I'm up-they see me-I'm down"

LtCol John Knabel

MDG - Congratulations to **Steve Martin** on his promotion to 1st Lt.

Several members of the Medical Group are attending EMEDS training in

Alpena, Michigan: **Lt Col Donna Edwards, MSgt Jay Cottom, SSgt Kelli Wietlisbach, SSgt April Simmonds** and **SSgt Kassie Monroe**. Other members of the Medical Group are participating in PRATTCOE - Puerto Rico Aeromedical Trauma and Training Center of Excellence at Centro Medico Hospital Center in San Juan. Those attending are: **Col Worthe Holt, Lt Col Patti Mook, Maj Rob Abbinett, Maj Stephanie Nelson, Lt Steve Martin, Lt Drew Powell, MSgt Shannon Carr, MSgt Leanna Edwards, SSgt Jessie Ellis, SSgt Sarah Boyll, SSgt Jennifer Faulkner, SSgt Lori Crowell, SSgt Sarah Osborn, SSgt Kassie Monroe, SSgt Dan Majors, SSgt John McCammon, SSgt Anton Petrashevich, SSgt Mike Rumbut, SrA Kelli Jo Marietta, and SrA Brandi Larson**. In addition, food services and public affairs personnel supporting the deployment are: **SMSgt Dan Hurley, MSgt Mark Emond, SSgt Brandon Rutledge, SSgt Mike Hawkins, SSgt Lenny Wheeler, SSgt Alec O'Neal, SrA Tiffany Fromm** and **MSgt John Day**.

July is the last drill for **Lt Col Stacey Whalen**, as she is retiring from the Air Guard and moving to Florida. **Stacey**, thanks for all of the service and leadership you have provided the medical group and the wing. We wish you the best.

June 2008 UTA weekend was devastating to so many people in so many ways..... even though a number of us left on Sunday for our deployment, our thoughts and prayers continue to be focused on the destruction of the Midwest floods. It is a time when the guard family needs and the guard family reaches out and comes together... please continue to keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

Lt Col Patti Mook

CES - Again, it has been a very busy two months for the Civil Engineers. **SMSgt Christopher Shattuck** has returned from the Emergency Management Course and our new First Sergeant, **MSgt Michael (Scott) Tincher** is now an official First Sergeant. Engineers **SSgt Jonahan Matheis, SSgt John Labo** and **SSgt Douglas Simpson** have returned home from their deployed locations in support of the war on terrorism.

We are in the process of spinning up for our next overseas deployment. Several Civil Engineers will receive partial mobilization orders in the future for another

overseas deployment in support of the war on terrorism.

On the local front here at HUF, several Civil Engineers and Airmen from various sections throughout the base have been engaged with the rehabilitation of the Building 19, converting the building from the AGE Shop into the new base Fitness Center. Great progress has been accomplished over the last couple of months on this total building renovation and we expect the new Fitness Center to be open in the very near future.

In addition to our busy schedule and as all of you know, over the last couple of weeks we have been engaged in flood relief. Several of our Civil Engineers immediately volunteered for a week long sandbag mission at the Vincennes Ind. Department of Transportation site. This was a joint operation with the Army and according to local news; the team produced, transported and placed 100,000 sandbags. In concert with that mission, several Civil Engineers volunteered and supported the sandbag, potable water distribution and pump placement missions here at HUF. Again, this was a joint mission with the Army and several base agencies. The positive, proactive attitudes and willingness to get the mission accomplished was exceptional!

A quick glance at the next couple of months we will have several of our Civil Engineers deploying to Silver Flag Training Site at Tyndall AFB, Florida. Here at HUF, we will continue to work the DGS and ASOS bed down missions and our State Craftsmen will continue to accomplish base wide preventative maintenance and rehabilitation of Wing Plans area into the new Chapel.

In closing, our hearts and minds continue to support **MSgt Steve Ronaldson** on the recent loss of his daughter, **Faith**.

CMSgt Danny Lewis

CF - With the summer underway and as your spending more time outside with family and friends, remember to drink plenty of cool water to prevent dehydration. Doing too much on a hot day can cause heat disorders such as sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Learn the symptoms of heat disorders, and how to prevent them. Let's make this summer a smart one!

Recently we had several folks from the Communications Flight attend the National



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Guard Bureau's Eighth Joint Information Technology Conference in Dallas, Texas. The purpose of this conference was to bring together ARNG/ANG Information Technology professionals to review the various IT structures within, and related to, the National Guard's dual role (State and Federal) and discuss opportunities for integrated solutions.

Currently we have several folks at Technical School. **SSgt Lucille Brown** is at the Information Management Apprentice school at Keesler AFB, she will be graduating 31 July 08. Also, our very own Commander, **Capt John Petrowski** is attending the Communications Officer school at Keesler AFB. Good luck to you both and we look forward to seeing you soon.

SSgt Dustin Menzi is currently deployed, let's all keep him in our prayers, and wish him a safe return!

Also, Congratulations to **SSgt Lucille Brown** on her promotion! Congrats **Lucille** and keep up the hard work.
MSgt Julie Vanlandingham

137th Intel Sqd - Greetings from the Intel Squadron, I just wanted to give everyone a quick update on our folks who are deployed to Arkansas, Alabama and Kansas. We currently have 16 deployed to Birmingham, AL, 13 deployed to Little Rock, AR, and 1 in Kansas. They are all doing great and working their way through the training program. We have had several get screener qualified and a few are working on getting IMS qualified. The morale in all places is outstanding other than being a little home sick, which is to be expected. I have been to Kansas and Arkansas and from talking to people who have been to Alabama; I know that the level of training our Racers are receiving is second to none. All three locations have welcomed our folks right into their family and treat them as their own. I know that the relationships that are built now will pay dividends down the road and all locations have offered to help in anyway. If anyone has any questions about how the mission floor operates please feel free to stop by my office and I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.
2d Lt Andrew "Beau" Bailey

The 137th lays claim to a Top Graduate of Intel School - **SSgt Monica Britt**. She earned the AETC Commander's Top Graduate Award with a course average of

96.53. Way to go Monica! We are very proud of you! (I also hear she's trading in her Blazer for a PT Cruiser since they do a lot better in high flood waters.) We have approximately 80 folks currently in school at Goodfellow and they are all doing great! On a side note, I've gotten word back from the schoolhouse that the instructors are referring to the Racers as the "Terre Haute Mafia". They have no idea how close that is to being true!

June drill may have brought devastating flood waters but it also brought out the awesome teamwork and fighting spirit of all the Racers. Many of our troops tried to battle the waters coming in only to find out there wasn't a way to get here. Those that did make it in told of driving through raging waters with crossed fingers as they drove to the base. It was a hustle of activity starting on Saturday after drill with the beginning of "Operation Noah's Ark" and the Racers Operation Sandbag. As usual, we had plenty of volunteers ready to spend the next eight hours filling sandbags and more volunteers coming back in the wee hours of Sunday to continue those efforts all day. They sat on the ground and ate MRE's in the middle of the night and the next crew enjoyed breakfast in the chow hall thanks to SMSgt McFaddin and her services folks. It was truly a joint effort of every rank, squadron and service - the Indiana National Guard at its best! On dayshift we had **Maj Mike Holmes** out there bagging sand, directing forklifts and dump trucks all the while keeping a close eye on everyone working in the heat. **Lt Bailey** stepped up and took charge of the 20 Department of Corrections inmates who were also glad to come out and help us. Beau also went out and got a couple local restaurants to donate food for those working the sandbag efforts on Sunday. Thanks to Subway on Fruitridge and McDonalds at 46 & 70 for your generosity and thanks to Beau for taking care of your crew! Down stream, **Lt Col Clark** was tasked to man the JTF-81 out of Vincennes as the liaison with the Joint Task Force Commander and **Maj Mike Holmes** was tasked to the IN ANG/JOC (Joint Operations Center) as the liaison with Headquarters. We also had our own **SrA Joe Bautista** volunteer to go on State Active Duty spending the week in Vincennes with approximately 20 other Racers working hand in hand with the Army. Thank you Joe! I know they were all very happy to get home that following

Saturday and said they were well taken care of by the Army. The Intel Squadron also took charge of Operation H2O which tasked us to distribute water at the civilian airport (thanks to **Tom Long** and **Georgia Douglas** for all their support) They were also tasked to deliver water to surrounding counties for the next 11 days. **TSgt Glidden** became very skilled at loading and unloading trailers and trucks with water at midnight, but still wasn't able to keep up with the "dynamic duo" pushing those pallets inside the trailer. (Girls Rule Re-Bob) **SMSgt Durcholtz** was instrumental in coordinating drivers and deliveries to the local agencies needing water on the day shift and Re-Bob on nights.

I personally want to say thanks to everyone in Intel for stepping up and doing whatever it took to make things happen. I am very proud of all of you.
CMSgt Anne Rice

MSG - As member of this Wing for the past 26 years, and the Mission Support Group Commander, I have witnessed some pretty amazing accomplishments. However, when the flood hit, the accomplishments by this Wing and those incredible men and women I have the privilege of commanding is by far the most impressive I've ever seen. The speed by which you all came together, the passion by which drove you to help, and spirit to serve our community in spite of being victims yourselves, will forever be one of my fondest memories of this Wing. When a married couple in the unit watches CNN only to see their home has been completely flooded, and still puts the needs of the community above their own, well, that says it all about the spirit of compassion and caring of the members of the 181st. Whatever was asked of you, you gave, and then you wanted to do more. I know I don't tell you often enough how proud I am be the Mission Support Group Commander here at the 181st, but rest assured, I know you are the best at what you do, and there is no other organization I would rather be part of in the Air National Guard. You are the best, and it shows.
Col Donald Bonte

HQ - I would like to start off by thanking all Wing members that were so diligent in helping build sandbags and deliver water during a time of need in the Wabash Valley. Special thanks go to **SSgt Siebenmorgen** and **SrA Connerly** for volunteering for

RACER UNIT REVIEW

State Active Duty. All State Active Duty volunteers represented the 181st IW in top Racer fashion while working as a team with the Army in Vincennes. **SMSgt Chapman** visited various locations around the Wabash Valley to capture "Operation Noah's Ark" in full swing. Can't say you don't know where New Harmony is located now!

On June 3, The **Wiram's** added a beautiful baby girl to their family. The new addition weighed in at 8lbs and 6 ozs with a head full of dark hair. **Donna**, enjoy the sleep while you can.

The Public Affairs office has been traveling all around documenting Racer pride. **MSgt Day** accompanied the Medical Group to Puerto Rico, documenting their training to be marketed throughout the Air Guard. **TSgt Kellams** took on the adventure to catch ASOS in action while training in Utah. So Mike, you cross training to a TACP? Help us in welcoming one of the unit's newest Lts... **2d Lt Chris Good** is our latest Finance Officer. Congrats on your AMS accomplishment Lt.

As the moves around base are idling down, we would like to welcome all new Headquarters members: **Capt Jay Dunn**, **TSgt Jamil Ali**, **TSgt Barry Boyd**, **TSgt Mike Deakins**, **TSgt Gary Murphy**, and **SSgt Josh Velders**.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been affected by the recent flooding in the Midwest.

2d Lt Randi Brown

08-09 IN ANG Bowling League will start soon

The league is always looking for new members, couples and teams. Our league is a mixed league: 2 males and 2 females. The league is open to all members of the 181st and their family, 181st retirees, and 181st state employees. The league starts on Sep 8th on a Monday night at 6:20pm. We'll bowl for 31 weeks and conclude with a sweepstake/banquet/awards night.

If you are interested in bowling please call John Chapman at 877-5471(work)



FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor, 181st WFPC



The Family Readiness Group wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. It looks like we are in for a really hot one, don't forget the suntan lotion and to drink plenty of water when outside. Also remember your safety gear; seat belts, life jackets, and good common sense.

The FRG would like to take this time to thank all those who support our local club. The Afterburner Board has given us a gift of \$500 to help support our children's programs. In addition, they have supported many of our base activities. Once again a big Thanks! to all the board members and those that support the Afterburner.

The 181st Family Readiness Group was recognized as the Best Family Readiness Group in Indiana for CY 2007. Dodie Halter and Gloria Shipman were presented the award by MG Umbarger at the Annual FRG Workshop in Indianapolis this past April. Our unit had over 16 members present at the workshop.

Just a heads up – we are planning the 2nd Kid's Deployment for this fall. It will be open to all unit children from 1st through 12th grade. Like last time each child will be able to bring one friend out for the day. Registration and Release Forms along with t-shirt size will be required. Registration forms will be available at the FRG Office in the O&T Building. The registration deadline is 10 August and more information will be available soon.

Come out and join the best FRG in the State. We meet at 1000 on Saturday of drill in the Wing Headquarters Conference Room.



(left) Mrs. Dodie Halter, President, and Mrs. Gloria Shipman, past President (not in photo) of the Family Readiness presents Col Hauser their award of being the Best FRG in the State for 07. Presented to them by MG Umbarger at the State Workshop in April.

(right) Mrs. Dodie Halter President of the Family Readiness, presents William Curtis with a framed photo to be displayed at the Afterburner. The photo was a "Thank You" for the club's support of the Children's program.





NEW RACERS



Daniel Morris - CF



Jennifer Oxford - DGS



Jeremiah Brown - CES



Kelly McCarthy - OSF



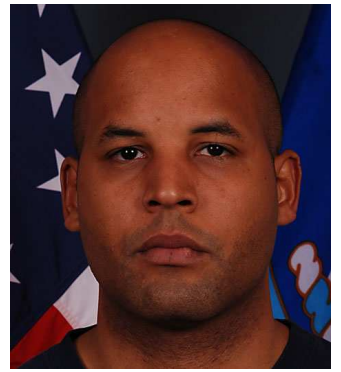
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Information Assurance

REMANENCE SECURITY (Sanitization/Destruction)

This month's Information Assurance Awareness Campaign theme is *Remanence Security*. Computer information is stored on various forms of media, floppy disks, tape back up systems, or hard drives to name but a few. These types of media are considered magnetic storage types and are the most common in use today on base. These media types are used to store everything from classified to unclassified information. A computer would be of little use to most of us without storage media. So once this media or the information stored on it has out lived its usefulness what do we do with it? Throw it in the dumpster? In some cases, yes that would be the prudent action, but not always. Take the case of the government agency (won't mention any names) that deleted all the information on their systems and then disposed of them. The person that came into possession of the hard drives sold them to the highest bidder, the Chinese. It turns out the hard drives formally contained information on nuclear related projects. As you can image this was a bad thing, as the hard drives were never properly sanitized. Potentially any information even when deleted from magnetic media can be recovered to its useful state. All storage media leaving control of the Department Of Defense must be sanitized and possibly destroyed. If you are unsure how to dispose of storage media refer to AFSSI 5020 *Remanence Security* or your unit's information assurance professionals.

Wing Information Assurance Office



Enlisted Dining Out 2008

"Living Tomorrow's History"

Date:

1 November 2008

Where:

Saint Mary of the Woods O'Shaughnessy Hall

Cocktails:

1730

Dinner:

1830

Dancing:

2100 til 2330

Tickets:

\$15.00 E6 and below

\$25.00 E7 and above

Tickets on sale August, September and October UTA's only. Ticket Sales details to be released soon.

PROMOTIONS



To Senior Airman
A1C Tiffany Fromm



To Staff Sergeant
SrA Alfred Cannin
SrA Jason Rogers



To Technical Sergeant
SSgt Bradley Coats
SSgt Joshua Pirtle



To Master Sergeant
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(LtoR) SSgt Matthew Metzger (122FW), CMSgt Anne Rice, Brig Gen Stewart Goodwin (JFHQ), Capt Brian Ellis, 2d Lt Rebecca Metzger (122FW), CMSgt Darrell Newman, 2d Lt Christopher Good, 2d Lt Randi Brown, 2d Lt John Mutnansky, 2d Lt Brian Weitz (JFHQ), Capt Bryan Debshaw, 2d Lt Patrick Mitchell, Lt Col Joetta Garland (JFHQ), 2d Lt Kelly McArthy, and Col Jeffrey Soldner (122FW)

Academy of Military Science Class O-2008-3 was honored to have six members of the Indiana Air National Guard in attendance. Congratulations to the state's newest Air Force Second Lieutenants: Christopher Good (Finance), Kelly McArthy (DGS), Rebecca Metzger (122 FW/Public Affairs), Patrick Mitchell (DGS), John Mutnansky (DGS), and Brian Weitz (JFHQ/Public Affairs). 2d Lt Mitchell was selected to receive the Commandant's Award for Military Excellence that recognizes outstanding performance in personal inspections, military drill, military bearing and behavior. Be sure to congratulate them on a job well done. Welcome back LTs!