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## Comm Flt Conducts Retreat on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

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**COVER PHOTO:** Seven members of the 181st Communications Flight conduct retreat on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gunter/Released)

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Transformation. Are you tired of that word? I am. Certainly, we all appreciate the tremendous effort that was exerted by the men and woman of this great organization to establish ourselves as the 181st Intelligence Wing. We have already set benchmarks in the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance community that nobody could have predicted outside our gate. However, at the risk of sounding arrogant, it is not surprising to us when we achieve the unachievable. We aren't shocked when we are first to arrive at an unprecedented mission milestone. That's the essence of being a Racer. However, we are all ready to move forward.

July 31, 2011. Mark that date on your calendar. That marks the end of "Transformation" and the beginning of our ISR future; a vision; a journey that will revolutionize ISR and how it is incorporated into all combat and domestic operations.

This initiative is not for the glory of our wing or our personnel. This initiative, this vision, is our humble effort to increase the maturity rate and capability of ISR and how it is utilized in all operations. Our ISR professionals will leverage their experience, knowledge and talent to develop tactics, techniques and procedures that will substantially increase the speed, fidelity and agility of information supplied to the war fighter, emergency responder or joint task force commander.

Training. Aggressive training is the vital key to the innovative development of ISR. We cannot propel our capabilities forward until we have developed an effective training program. We have to aggressively pursue the advent of a training environment that replicates the fight: Today and tomorrow's fight in combat and domestic operations.

The development of an appropriate training venue and program will be challenging. Unforeseen obstacles and smothering budgetary constraints will strain but certainly not break our will to succeed. We will rely on the unique capabilities of all organizations and individuals in this wing. The population, demographics, buildings and infrastructure on this base may change, but nothing will dilute our resolve to succeed.

A few years ago a friend of mine spoke of a vision. He certainly saw the importance of training and establishing challenging objectives. He saw, before anybody, how ISR could revolutionize how we fight. He knew the Racers would make it happen. Col. Baer, we are going to do just that!



Lt. Col. L. Kip Clark  
Commander, 137IS



## DRILL PAY DATES

NOV UTA will pay on 18 Nov      DEC UTA will pay on 19 Dec

QUESTIONS?

Call Military Pay at (812) 877-5248 or (812) 877-5336

# CHIEF'S COMMENTS

It seems the only thing constant is change! The first words I heard about the intelligence world was that you didn't deploy. Yet, I have around ten trips in the last three years. The mission support group has processed and helped maintain over 130 of our intelligence group airmen on active-duty status in six locations within the continental United States, and multiple locations outside the continental United States. The deployment numbers for the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron may not be as high, but their service has already produced a Bronze Star and Combat Action Medal recipient, Tech. Sgt. Damon Girton.

Changes our airmen have seen this year include:

- Standing up a new element called the "CERF-P";
- Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell;"
- Issuing military personnel authorization days in lieu of the unit line number system;
- In January, the first round of the enlisted grade reviews will be on our unit manning document, and the second round of the EGR is already scheduled for negotiation;
- The logistics readiness flight is implementing the integrated receipt process, moving the "You Drive It" fleet to the traffic management office, along with the driver's licensing program; and
- Soon we will all wear green combat boots, but not BDU's!

Personnel changes are inevitable. Col. Conrad "Rock" Barchfeld will be retiring in March. Four chiefs expect to retire by the end of calendar year 2012. The 181st Intelligence Wing will be looking for airmen to fill their positions. What is your career path? Are you progressing on that path? Every chief in this wing has more than one Air Force Specialty Code, so just know that career paths are not always straight. Airmen who prepare themselves to serve as leaders will find a way to reach a position where they are relevant, challenged, and eventually followed as leaders.

Does your career path include progression in your AFSC and professional military education? Are you holding to the Air Force core values? Are you being the best you can be for the Air Force? And, do you insure you have some peace in your life, as well as with your family and friends? Wait a minute, maybe some things don't change!

It has been said that no other personal quality contributes to success more than persistence in the pursuit of one's goals. BE PERSISTANT!



Chief Master Sgt.  
Robert Dickerson - 181 IG

## Bronze Star Recipient

By 2nd Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181IW/Public Affairs Officer

A member of our Racer family honorably received a Bronze Star Medal for his actions and performance during a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger presented Tech. Sgt. Damon Girton the prestigious Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

While serving as the lead Joint Terminal Attack Controller, Sergeant Girton's primary responsibility was to assist the ground force commander in coordinating and controlling aircraft in direct support of ground combat operations.

His distinguished service resulted in the recovery of the largest improvised explosive device found in Laghman Province, which undoubtedly saved the lives of U. S. and allied forces.

On two separate engagements Sergeant Girton's bravery and skill was demonstrated and his expert control of close air support contributed directly to the defeat of insurgent forces and the saving of U.S. lives.

Sergeant Girton's actions were often without regard for his own safety.

General Umbarger lauded Sergeant Girton for his actions, and commended all members of the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron for the outstanding work they do.



Tech. Sgt. Damon Girton, 113th ASOS, accepts Bronze Star certificate from Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

# Retreat, September 11, 2011

*By Lt. Col. John R. Puckett, 181IW/Executive Officer*

At the end of the duty day on September 11, 2011, the 181st Intelligence Wing's Communications Flight stood in formation while a detail of its members waited at the foot of the flagpole outside the headquarters building.

Minutes passed and the colors rippled in the wind. Then the voice of Capt. John A. Petrowski ordered attention—"Sound Retreat."

Loudspeakers across the base broadcasted the national anthem while the detailed communications flight members slowly lowered the flag.

Captain Petrowski is the commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing's Communications Flight, and he said it is a privilege to conduct retreat.

"According to Air Force Manual 36-2203 Drill and Ceremonies, the retreat ceremony serves a twofold purpose," Captain Petrowski said. "It signals the end of the official duty day and serves as a ceremony for paying respect to the flag. The communications flight is honored to conduct retreat on the day marking the tenth anniversary of the attacks."

During the week ahead of the September 11 anniversary and its attendant retreat ceremonies, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

September 11, 2011, marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people. This tragic event altered our view of the world and sparked a global effort to combat terrorism and the conditions that give rise to extremism. We are proud of the international efforts that have led to the capture or killing of many of the terrorist leaders, but our success has not come without significant cost. As we reflect on the horrific day that marked the beginning of our struggle to better secure the world from these threats, we honor the tremendous selfless service that today still distinguishes American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, comprising the most dedicated, professional and powerful military force in the world. We also recognize that the need for sacrifice is not over.

We sincerely thank you and your families for what you have done for your country to date, and thank you in advance for bravely facing our future challenges. Please take a moment this day to reflect on the tragic losses of September 11, 2001, as well as the losses and wounds that we have suffered in our campaign to maintain security for our Nation since that fateful day. Today, we also remember the families and friends of the lost and wounded, who bear the heaviest burden, whose loneliness we seek to ease, and whose sacrifice we hold in the highest regard.



## Colonel Patti Mook makes Racer history

By 2nd Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181IW/Public Affairs Officer

During a promotion ceremony on October 2, 2011, Colonel Patti Mook made Racer history, as she was the first female to be promoted to the rank of colonel.

Immediately following the promotion ceremony, Brig. Gen. Worthe Holt relinquished command of the 181st Medical Group to newly promoted Col. Mook. She is also the first female colonel to serve as commander of the medical group.

"I feel honored to be selected as the first O-6 female commander," said Col. Mook. "I would like to point out that we have a female first sergeant, Master Sgt. Rhonda Howell, and a female chief, Chief Master Sgt. Tracie Newman. We are definitely the first female leadership team in a group."

Col. Mook stated she is happy to pave the way for other young female enlisted and officer members.

"They inspire me to be my best," noted Col. Mook. "They are the reason I wanted this opportunity."

Col. Mook joined the unit in September 1987, as a direct commission, and credits two commanders as being the most influential in her career.

"I was honored to serve under Brig. Gen. John McGoff for 15 years and General Holt for the last five years," said Col. Mook. "They are both fantastic leaders. If you know either of them at all, you understand why they were selected to be generals."

"The medical group has a history of excellence under both of my previous commanders. I hope to continue that history."

Col. Mook has some advice for today's airman. "Make your military career what you want it to be," said Col. Mook. "Be proud to wear the uniform and honor the uniform that you wear. Always set goals for yourself. Realize that there will be hiccups along the way, but pave your own road."

"The military is an all-volunteer force, why are you volunteering? My office door is always open; not just to the medical group members, but to all 181st IW members."



## Cyber Threat Bulletin



### CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS: WHAT HOME USERS CAN DO

Home computers are a common target of cybercriminals. Home users keep large amounts of personal data on their computer, such as tax records, banking information, and lists of contacts. In addition, home computers have become the family archive of photos, documents, and other sentimental items that, if lost, would be devastating. There are actions you can take to help protect your family's privacy and decrease your odds of a cyberattack. Consider doing the following during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month:

#### Be Web Wise

- Stay current. Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online. Check trusted websites for the latest information, and share with friends, family, and colleagues and encourage them to be web wise.
- Think before you act: be wary of communications that implore you to act immediately, offers something that sounds too good to be true, or asks for personal information.
- Back it up: protect your valuable work, music, photos, and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.

#### Be a Good Online Citizen

- Safer for me, more secure for all: what you do online has the potential to affect everyone - at home, at work and around the world. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.
- Post only about others as you would have them post about you.
- Help the authorities fight cyber crime: report stolen finances or identities and other cyber crime to the Internet Crime Complaints Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov), the Federal Trade Commission at [www.onguardonline.gov/file-complaint.aspx](http://www.onguardonline.gov/file-complaint.aspx) (if it's fraud), and to your local law enforcement or state attorney general as appropriate.

## Enlistment, 9/11

By Lt. Col. John R. Puckett, 181IW/Executive Officer

September 11, 2011 marked the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people -- at the World Trade Center; at Shanksville, Pa.; and at the Pentagon -- and affected the lives of countless others across our great country and beyond. In all, 90 countries lost citizens, and people the world over would condemn these acts of terrorism.

So it was somehow fitting that on the day marking the fateful attacks of ten years earlier, the sun shined bright through the blue, cloudless sky and a soft breeze gently stirred the flag flying atop the 181st Intelligence Wing's flagpole.

Just before noon, seven airmen lined up beneath the flagpole, basking in the sun's rays as they held up their right hand to swear allegiance to both the U.S. and Indiana Constitution.

"The airmen taking the Oath of Enlistment today represent the Guard's special significance," said Col. Donald J. Bonte, commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing. "They're here because they want to be here. They want to do their part to keep America free and strong."

Colonel Bonte administered the Oath of Enlistment to the airmen en masse and then congratulated them with a salute and personal handshake.

Staff Sgt. Rodney Strader, already a member of the 181st, said the event was the first time he'd ever had the oath administered by a Wing Commander.

"I'm glad I was able to be part of this today," Sergeant Strader said. "I feel like I'm part of history by being able to re-enlist on 9/11."

Friends and family of the enlisting airmen gathered to watch the ceremony, signaling their approval by snapping pictures and smiling and clapping.

"This is a day not to forget," said Ronald Newby, who was on-hand to support his granddaughter, Jessica Cazeem.

"Today's enlistment demonstrates the resiliency of Americans and the 181st Intelligence Wing," Colonel Bonte said. "The commitment of these airmen shows our resolve to win the War on Terror."



Col. Donald Bonte Jr., 181IW Commander, enlist's five new members and two re-enlistments on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 . Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

## AF Academy/AFROTC Opportunities

I would like to inform our enlisted members about unique opportunities for airmen to obtain an undergraduate bachelor's degree and commission as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development Program allows airmen to compete for an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship or one of the 135 Air Force Academy appointments made available to those in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Those not selected for direct entry into USAFA may still be selected to attend the USAFA preparatory schools for one year as a transition from enlisted service to entry into the Cadet Wing.

These are very competitive programs and candidates must meet strict academic, physical and moral standards. In order to qualify for consideration, members must be no older than 23 years of age on July 1 the year he or she would enter the Academy, and no older than 31 years of age as of Dec. 1 of the year the student will be commissioned through the ROTC program.

USAF Academy graduates will incur a five year active-duty service obligation upon graduation. Longer commitments are dependent on career field choice and specialized training, such as pilot training. AFROTC graduates will have an obligation of four years, and like the academy, can be longer based on career field.

The admissions process to both the Academy and AFROTC must be completed by the spring of the year of desired entry. It is highly recommended that candidates start this process as early as possible to avoid missed deadlines and navigate unforeseen obstacles and required waivers. Those interested can visit [academyadmissions.com](http://academyadmissions.com) or [afrotc.com](http://afrotc.com).

To obtain more information or get an application started, please contact me at [brianweitz@yahoo.com](mailto:brianweitz@yahoo.com) or the USAF Admissions Liaison Officer Director in Indiana at [IndianaLOD@live.com](mailto:IndianaLOD@live.com).

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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## Call me Chaplain

By Chaplain (Maj.) Darvin Winters

Words are powerful tools used to convey powerful messages. With words, we are given the power to strengthen someone with praise or weaken them with an insult. Our elementary and high school years can serve as a reminder on how we use words. Who escaped these years without some type of compliment, nickname, or insult? I would say a small percentage of people.

In the military, we use words and attach them to titles. Although I must offer a confession, I was uneasy, at first, in the Guard culture, particularly with the common use of first names and nicknames. It makes me think about those dreaded military customs and courtesies I learned from the gunnery sergeant during Naval Chaplain School. Some say to me: "Oh, come on, chaplain, lighten up! We do not do that in the Guard!"

WAIT A MINUTE! We are still in the military. Those customs and courtesies still apply. Within the Air Force Chaplain Corps, chaplains have a dual role: we are officers and chaplains. Our primary concern, however, is that of a chaplain.

Although this word, chaplain, has Christian roots, it is used to describe those who provide pastoral care to individuals; those who facilitate the religious rights and needs of people; those who work with Commanders on matters regarding religion, ethics, morals, and morale; and in some cases, especially in the current wars, the chaplain might serve as a liaison to local religious leaders to deescalate local terrorism done in the name of God.

Please remember: We are here for your spiritual needs. Please call us chaplains because our primary mission is to glorify God by serving all airmen! To God be the Glory—Chaplain Winters

## Upcoming Highlights

Senator Dick Lugar and the Military/Veterans Coalition of Indiana are hosting a Military, Veterans and Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair on Saturday, November 12, at the Department of Defense Finance Center in Indianapolis. For more information, contact Senator Lugar's office at (317) 226-5555.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist this year's Christmas in the Park, contact Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Hall at (812) 877-5274. Family members are also welcome to volunteer.

If you are interested in donating an unwrapped gift for the upcoming Christmas party, please turn it in during the November drill. Gifts are distributed by Santa during the Christmas party to Racer members experiencing financial hardships. All toys not given away will be donated to a local charity. Ages 6 and under are most needed.

During November drill, the Junior Enlisted Council will be presenting letters of appreciation to veterans at local nursing and assisted living homes. If you are interested in volunteering, contact any member of the JEC or Chief Master Sgt. Henry Mook.

## Family Readiness Group

Greetings, I am Dodie Halter, the president of the 181st Intel Family Readiness Group. I would like to extend an invitation for you to join us in our efforts to continue our mission of Family Preparedness and Readiness.

A short list of our accomplishments and our continuing services, have included Kids Deploy (our most popular), Family Day and Kids Camp.

During our base military deployment phase, we strive to keep in contact with the family of our deployed members. We send care packages to our deployed airmen, gift cards, phone cards and aid in the disbursement of donations to our air families.

On the home front, financial education classes, as well as individual counseling on financial matters (including retirement issues, credit reports/scores, etc.), have been made available to all, including our retired personnel.

The FRG Office has information on Emergency Relief Funds for all families facing challenges with deployments and unemployment. We now provide information on mental health concerns and have a licensed clinical social worker working here on base.

These are just a few of our ongoing projects; however we need everyone's help and expertise to continue meeting our goals and mission.

Please join us on the Saturday of drill weekend, at 10 a.m. in the executive conference room, Bldg. 18, Room 128.

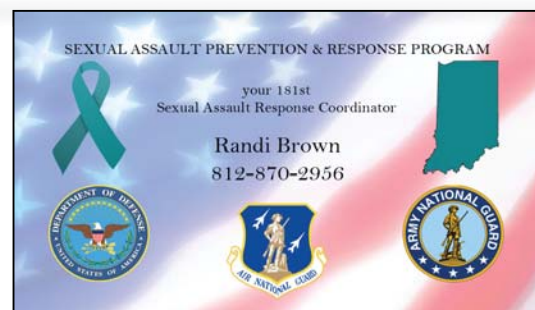
Be sure to check out our website at [www.181stfrg.com](http://www.181stfrg.com)

## Airman and FRG Bi-Yearly Officer Ballot

It's that time... Your Airman and Family Readiness Group (A&FRG) is holding elections for its officer positions. The term of office is two years and is open to civilians who are associated with wing personnel. For example: Partners, parents, retirees, etc.

We have several individuals running, as shown below, but your choices are not limited to the nominees, as you are able to add a write-in candidate for nomination. Ballots may be obtained and returned to Lt. Col. Booker in the mission support group. The ballots are due on Dec. 3, 2011, and the winners will be announced during the December UTA.

Candidates running unopposed are Linda Ackerman for president and Michael Snodgrass for treasurer. Candidates for vice president are Dodie Halter and Gloria Shipman. Candidates for secretary are Gloria Shipman and Dodie Halter.





Command Chief Henry Mook, 181IW and Col. Worthe Holt, 181IW/MDG pin colonel rank on Col. Patti Mook, 181IW/MDG. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



1st Lt. John Mutnansky, 181IW/SFS takes command of the Security Forces Squadron from Lt. Col. Wayne Booker, 181IW/MSG Commander. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gunter



# Photo Gallery



*Lt. Col. Steve Brown is presented his certificate of retirement from Brig. Gen. Jeff Hauser. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gunter*



*Lt. Col. Booker, MSG commander, presents Maj. Wellums, FSS commander with his retirement Saber Swords. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



*Maj. Abbinett, MDG, presents Col. Holt with a flag case for his distinguished service as the medical group commander from April 20, 2006 to Sept. 20, 2011. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*



*Tech. Sgt. John Hackett, CES, finishes the 1.5 mile course with Maj. Sean Stephens, IG, close behind. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gunter*



*"It's that time again!" Tech. Sgt. Jody Matson, 181MDG, administers flu mist to IW members. Photo by Master. Sgt. John Day*



*Staff Sgt. Allie Miller, CES, participates in the toilet seat toss portion of the quadathlon at the CE Olympics during the October drill. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Gunter*

## 181st IW Command Chief Master Sergeant Vacancy

As the senior enlisted person to the wing, the command chief master sergeant advises and assists the wing commander in morale and welfare issues and represents the enlisted force and the wing commander during certain public events. The command chief master sergeant also is the functional manager for all first sergeants.

Mandatory non-waiverable criteria for the position are as follows:

1. Selected individual must be a standing chief master sergeant;
2. Selected individual will be required to complete the ANG Chief's Executive Course and the Command Chief Master Sergeants Course within one year of being selected;
3. Individual must have the ability to speak clearly and distinctly;
4. Individual must agree to a four year tenure as command chief master sergeant;
5. Individual must exceed the required PT qualifications;
6. Individuals overall image must exceed minimum standards; and
7. Individuals must be financially stable.

To apply for this position, please send a resume, to include letters of recommendations, to Command Chief Master Sergeant Henry Mook. Applications must be submitted no later than the close of business, Dec. 3, 2011.

Interviews will be conducted during Dec UTA, with final interviews by the wing commander. Questions may be directed to Command Chief Master Sergeant Mook at extension 568.

## 181st IW Officer Vacancy

The 113th Air Support Operations Squadron has traditional officer positions available for the newly created Career Air Liaison Officer (13L) career field. Applicants must be able to meet the stringent criteria for this Battlefield Airman AFSC. Current officers and those eligible to become officers are encouraged to apply.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Lt. Col. Renwick at [patrick.renwick@ang.af.mil](mailto:patrick.renwick@ang.af.mil) or Master Sgt. John Mehringer at [john.mehringer@ang.af.mil](mailto:john.mehringer@ang.af.mil) or 812-877-5200. We will send you criteria and guidelines for applying. An officer's board for the position will be held November UTA.

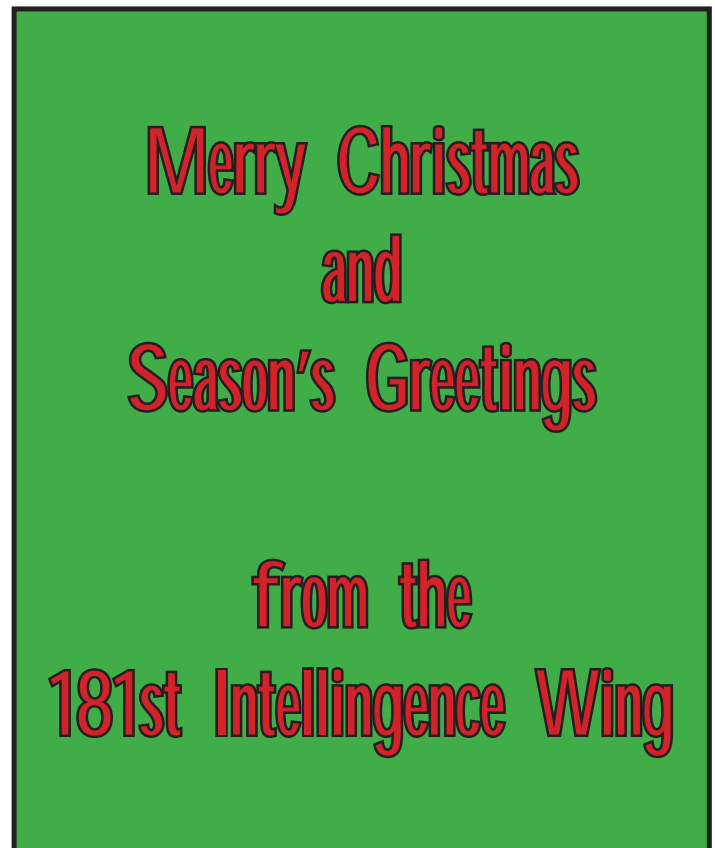
## HELP WANTED

The Cultural Inclusion Awareness (CIA) Council is launching a membership drive. Do you want to make a difference? Are you proud of your culture? Would you like to see more culture awareness around the base? If you can answer "yes" to just one of these questions then we need YOU!"

Our goal is to ensure adequate representation across the base. We strive to have a council made up of equal number of airmen from all rank structures and also seek members that are truly committed to diversity and cultural awareness. Here are a just few interesting facts:

- Did you know November is Native American Heritage Month? Do you know how many Native Americans we have on base?
- Everyone knows Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day, but did you know that Congress established the Women Veterans Recognition Week (2nd week in November) to enhance awareness and appreciation of the role women have played in our nation's military defense. How many women are in your unit?

The CIA will meet every Sunday drill at 2 p.m. in the wing executive conference room, Room 128. Please come be part of our CIA team; together we are better. For more information contact your HRA office, Senior Master Sgt. Mason at ext 178.



# Hoosier Airman brings experience to Indiana's CERFP

Story by Sgt. Lasima Packett, 120th Public Affairs Detachment, 81st Troop Command

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. -- Large white tents were quickly thrust into the air as a bright, red-haired Indiana Air Guard servicewoman moves quickly to grab a support pole. She stood out among all the Army and Air Guard digital camouflage uniforms scrambling to assemble what became a temporary training area.

On a hot, humid day in August at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Indiana Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Leslie Tucker brought all of her medical skills to 81st Troop Command's emergency response unit validation training.

Tucker, a cardiopulmonary technician of the 122nd Medical Group from Fort Wayne, Ind., is an experienced member of the 19th CERFP or Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package. She is one of the 47 Air and Army National Guardsmen who make up the medical element of the unit that responds to civil emergencies.

The 10-year veteran deployed to Germany after completing her Air Force technical school. While in Germany Tucker said she gained a great deal of experience that prepared her for future endeavors with the Georgia National Guard's CERFP. Tucker said because of her training with the Georgia CERFP she was encouraged to participate with Indiana's team.

"Tucker brings a lot of that real-world knowledge, plus her civilian real-world knowledge," said Indiana Air National Guard Maj. Robert Abbinett, the chief nurse executive in 181st Medical Group from Terre Haute, Ind.

Tucker, a skilled respiratory tech, brought her emergency medical technician skills to the table. Tucker said her military experience helped her obtain her civilian job, and that it was her civilian job as an EMT that kept her fresh and prepared for the

CERFP.

"Being an EMT helps you remember the basics that anyone could overlook," said Tucker. "You understand the overall body at the very basic level, understanding the airway, breathing and circulation functions, your three main vitals."

Tucker was the only respiratory therapist who participated in the CERFP validation process. She was responsible for setting up and maintaining the ventilators, and she assisted with managing the patients' airways, said Indiana Air Guard Col. Brian Dykstra, the senior flight surgeon for 122nd Medical Group.

Dykstra said having a knowledgeable respiratory therapist on an emergency team is important to the operation.

"She is very capable and competent," said Dykstra of Tucker's experience.

Tucker's red hair stood out against the green and grayish colored uniforms that filled the room, however she is all about being a team player.

Indiana Army National Guard Spc. Shelly Yarde, Evansville, Ind., a pharmacy technician with the 384th Military Police Company, said she learned a lot working with Tucker and the other Airmen.

"She gave classes on how vents work, and how to operate them," said Yarde of the specialized medical equipment.

As she prepared the team's ventilators, Tucker showed no sign of stress for the coming validation. Maybe this is because of her experience. Whatever the reason for her calmness, Tucker said she enjoyed the hands-on opportunities during CERFP training.

The validation for the 19th CERFP is scheduled for Friday, and the results are expected to be released by October 2011.



Indiana Air National Guard Capt. Steve Martin, Danville, Ill., a 181st Medical Group physician's assistant, holds a pole as his fellow troops set up a tent during 81st Troop Command's emergency response unit validation training. Indiana Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Lowry, 120th Public Affairs Detachment



Indiana National Guard Airmen set up a tent during 81st Troop Command's emergency response unit validation training Monday, Aug. 22, 2011 at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Indiana Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Lowry, 120th Public Affairs Detachment



Jordan Rodgers  
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Jacob Keith  
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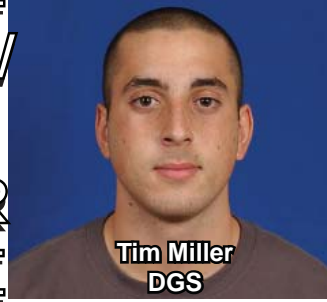
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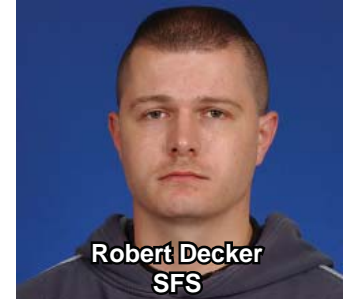
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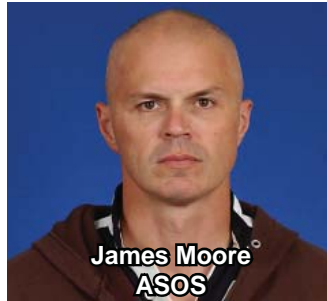
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Darrell Williams  
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James Moore  
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CES



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NEW  
RECRUITS

## 181st IW Promotions

### Colonel

Patricia Mook-MDG

### Master Sergeant

Damon Girton-ASOS

### Lieutenant Colonel

Charles Iracondo - ASOS

### Technical Sergeant

Ethan Turner-IS

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# Military commander joins Indiana State's unmanned systems program

Story by Austin Arceo, ISU Assistant Director of Media Relations

The former commander of the Indiana Air National Guard's 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute stands atop several new command posts – including one at Indiana State University.

Brig. Gen. Jeff Hauser has been named assistant professor of aviation technology and director of unmanned systems, an initiative currently being developed in the College of Technology at ISU. Hauser will help develop the program, in addition to teaching two courses in unmanned systems, which are vehicles and other technology that is remotely operated, and an aviation law course. He began his new position on Aug. 1.

His latest endeavor coincides with his Air National Guard promotion to brigadier general and assistant adjutant general for air, which includes his new assignment overseeing both the 181st Intelligence Wing and the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne. His schedule also has changed from working full-time with the Indiana Air National Guard to a part-time schedule, which allowed him to take on the new position at Indiana State.

"I've always said that I wanted to teach," said Hauser, who graduated from ISU in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in aviation administration. "I never thought about coming back to the aviation department once I left the Indiana Air National Guard full-time, and it just so happened, the timing with the position really worked out. It couldn't be any better."

Unmanned systems include more than just military technology. The systems have been used by emergency responders in a variety of situations, including Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Japan earlier this year, Hauser said.

"I'm really looking forward to getting into what I consider a field that's probably going to be one of the fastest growing fields out there," Hauser said. "I think in the next few years we'll really see that, and Indiana State right now is on the forefront of unmanned systems, one of the few universities that are trying to start the program and get it going."

Richard Baker, director of ISU's Center for Crisis Leadership and Homeland Security, has developed much of the current program offerings. As the aviation technology department sought out a professor to teach additional unmanned systems courses, officials also wanted someone to help develop the program. Hauser has briefed elected leaders, including the governor's office and congressman, about issues related to unmanned systems, said Harry Minniear, chair of the aviation technology department, which houses the unmanned systems program.

"We're kind of homegrown here," Minniear added. "We're learning about it as we go. ... To get to the next level, we needed a person that had some national exposure to these kinds of systems, and Colonel Hauser is the commander of the 181st, and their mission brings that to the table."

The former colonel had been the commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing before his promotion. He was promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony this month in Indianapolis, where his new position will be based.

"It'll be a change, because I've been full time for so long now, and I've been in Terre Haute since 1980, so it'll be bittersweet leaving the 181st Intelligence Wing," Hauser said, "but to gain access to the 122nd and their mission as well, I'm looking forward to it."

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