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**On the cover...**



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART

*Staff Sgt. Amanda Beck, a member of the 114th Base Fuels shop, removes the retaining hardware on a JP-8 fuel receipt strainer.*



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# UCI Opportunity

BY COL. BLAKE JOHNSON, 114TH FIGHTER WING VICE COMMANDER

Mention a Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) anywhere around the Air Force and you will get a wide array of reactions from anxiety and frustration to *"bring it on."* No one seems to enjoy preparing for an inspection because it is the *"hard"* part of the whole process. Shining up programs, dotting I's, crossing T's, double checking documentation, etc.

Inspections should never be a big thrash. If we have been doing our jobs as they are laid out, we should be inspectable at any time. Remember the old saying *"It's easier to keep a house clean than to clean a house."*

I have always thought that inspections are a necessity and key component of a constantly improving process. At the end of this month we have the opportunity to host 60 plus evaluators, experts in their fields, here at the 114th Fighter Wing. It's an opportunity to show off our base, an opportunity to demonstrate our professionalism, an opportunity to exhibit our mission skills, and an opportunity to introduce these folks to our midwestern hospitality, work

ethic and wonderful community. Regardless of the grades we receive, our unit and indeed the U.S. Air Force will emerge from this experience stronger and more capable. These experts will look carefully at how we function. They may be critical about some things, offering solutions to better our results. Likewise they will identify efficiencies that are fresh and unique which they will take and share throughout the Air Force. Either way, the end result will certainly be positive.

I welcome the opportunity to proudly show off our unit, to learn and share. My challenge for you is to seize this opportunity to better yourself, your profession and contribute your expertise back into the Air Force system. Evidence of your contribution will come in the weeks following the UCI when counterparts from around the Air Force will show interest in your results.

As a final thought, this UCI is yet another opportunity for the members of the 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard to prove that *"Proud, Prepared, Professional"* are not mere words; it is our culture.

## Mental Preparedness key to UCI

### From your Command Chief



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BY COMMAND CHIEF  
MASTER SGT. JAMES WELCH

Congratulations to the Outstanding Airmen of the Year and thanks to everyone involved with this year's process. The number of Airmen submitted this year was impressive and all were well deserved of the honor.

We are all busy getting everything in order for the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection that will be held at Joe Foss Field from March 26 to 31.

We're checking the regulations and cross-talking with other units that have gone through the inspection. Let's also keep two impressionable thoughts in mind; dress and personal appearance, and customs and courtesies. Wear the uniform correctly and use proper courtesy. Stand up when the

inspector enters the room, answering with *"yes, sir or ma'am"* or *"no, sir or ma'am"* when appropriate. This will give a polished impression of our units' pride and professionalism.

Be mentally ready to answer questions with a positive attitude. As always, don't avoid answering a question if you feel you don't know the answer or if you are unsure of the facts. Always indicate that if you are unsure of an answer, you will find the correct response and get back to them. Making up answers won't work. Remember the inspector knows the answer or they wouldn't ask the question.

Keep in mind the mission goes on even during the inspection. Remember your *"wing man"*. Remember safety always and stay focused.

As always I am proud to serve with each of you and I am confident that as always, we will excel during this inspection.

I am always available if you have a problem, question or idea. You can reach me at home at (605) 212-9690, or my cell phone at (605) 351-1537. Feel free also to e-mail your questions or concerns to me at [james.welch@sdsiou.ang.af.mil](mailto:james.welch@sdsiou.ang.af.mil).

# Board selects Airmen of the Year for 2008

BY COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SGT. JAMES WELCH

On behalf of myself and those who presided over the Airmen of the Year board, we would like to congratulate the following individuals who were selected for the 2008 Airmen of the Year awards in December.

## Senior NCO of the Year



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Master Sgt. Jeanne M. Gacke is the NCOIC for Plans and Programs with the 114th Security Forces Squadron. Gacke resides in Sioux Falls.

Master Sgt. Matthew Geraets were nominated for the Senior NCO category.

In the NCO category, Tech. Sgt. Patrick Marino and Tech. Sgt. (now Master Sgt.) Charissa Lehman were interviewed.

## NCO of the Year



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Tech. Sgt. Patrick J. Marino is a Squad Leader with the 114th Security Forces Squadron. Marino resides in Sioux Falls.

Airman (now Staff Sgt.) Elizabeth Ross and Senior Airman Aaron DeCurtins were nominated for the Airman category.

The candidates were outstanding this year. Congratulations to all the outstanding Airmen who were interviewed.

## Airman of the Year



SDANG FILE PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth A. Ross is a Command Post Controller with the 114th Fighter Wing. Ross resides in Sioux Falls.

## Semrau named NCO of the Month while deployed to Southwest Asia

Staff Sgt. Tyler Semrau is deployed to Southwest Asia with the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron. Lt. Col. James Griffin, commander of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing presented him with the award of NCO of the Month for January. Semrau was selected from over 140 Airmen. This is his second deployment to Southwest Asia. Semrau works in the liquid fuels shop with CES.



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## 1st Sergeant of the Year



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Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery C. Vander Woude is the First Sergeant for the 114th Maintenance Squadron and 114th Maintenance Operations Flight. Vander Woude resides in Sioux Falls.

# Computer reminders from the 114th Communications Flight

SUBMITTED BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. DAVE SIMONS  
114TH CF PLANS AND RESOURCES BRANCH CHIEF

**Common Access Card (CAC).** Your CAC card is a controlled item; it is a security violation to leave your CAC unattended in the computer's card reader. Ensure you take your CAC with you when you leave your computer every time.

**Computer Virus or Classified Message Incident (CMI).** Does the computer you are working at have a copy of 114 FWVA 33-01, Computer Virus or Classified Message Incident posted? Familiarize yourself with 114 FWVA 33-01 and the proper procedures for reporting a computer virus or CMI. If you have any questions about computer viruses or CMI's, or need additional copies of 114 FWVA 33-01, contact your Client Support Administrator (CSA), unit Security Manager or the Network Control Center.

**Privacy Act.** Safeguarding and protecting private information is everyone's responsibility. When in doubt, don't give it out! Reference the 114 CF/SCXK Privacy Act of 1974, "Protecting Information for Everyone", tri-fold for quick reference information. If you have further questions regarding the protection of Privacy Act information, contact your unit Privacy Act Monitor.

**E-mailing Privacy Act Information.** When sending personal information over e-mail ensure there is an official need, all addresses are authorized to receive, and it is protected from unauthorized disclosure,

loss or alteration. E-mails will be encrypted when they contain For Official Use Only (FOUO) and Privacy Act information. When transmitting personal information over e-mail, add "FOUO" to the beginning of the subject line, followed by the subject, and apply the following statement at the beginning of the e-mail: "This e-mail contains FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO) information which must be protected under The Privacy Act and AFI 33-332". Do not indiscriminately apply this statement. Use it only in situations when you are actually transmitting personal information.

**AF IMT 3227, Privacy Act Cover Sheet.** Use the Privacy Act cover sheet to cover and protect personal information that you are using in office environments that are widely unprotected and accessible to many individuals.

**AFVA 33-275, Privacy Act Label.** Used to assist in protecting Privacy Act information filed in binders, on compact disks, diskettes, etc.

**Placing Personal Information on Shared Drives.** Personal information should never be placed on shared drives for access by groups of individuals unless each person has an official need to know the information to perform their job. Work with your unit CSA on adding the appropriate permissions to folders.

**Shred, Shred, Shred.** Do not place papers containing Privacy Act information in the recycling bins. Shred this information.

## Family ties keep homesickness at bay for deployed family in SW Asia

Staff Sgt's Wade Horstman (Cousin), Josh Horstman (Son) and Senior Master Sgt. Lee Horstman (Father), 386th Expeditionary Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, pose for a photo at an air base in Southwest Asia, Feb. 4. This is the first time that all three relatives have been deployed to the same location.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO/SENIOR AIRMAN COURTNEY RICHARDSON

## From your Security Forces Squadron Commander, Capt. Joseph Hardin

**"Security is everyone's responsibility, all the time."**

Security is everyone's responsibility, not just the Security Forces Squadron. All personnel must remain vigilant and immediately report all suspicious activities to Security at extension 5790 while on base.

Know the current Force Protection Condition at Joe Foss Field or at your deployed location. Current FPCON is always posted at the Main Gate of all installations.

**FPCON NORMAL** This condition applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture.

**FPCON ALPHA** This condition applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities. The nature and extent are unpredictable.

**FPCON BRAVO** This condition applies when an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

**FPCON CHARLIE** This condition applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel or facilities is likely.

**FPCON DELTA** This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or intelligence is received that terrorist activity against a specific location or person is imminent.

When in a restricted area, your restricted area badge **MUST** be worn at all times on your upper left side of your body on the outermost garment. The restricted area badge is a controlled item and must never leave the base. The badge must be put away when not in a restricted area.

**Your key to Success: Situational Awareness**

# OPSEC: Anti-terrorism, Force Protection is everyone's job

SUBMITTED BY MAJOR STEVE MIELKE, 114TH FW OPSEC MANAGER



In an effort to keep overall Anti-Terrorism awareness up, take the time to read and employ the following tips.

1. Do not volunteer personal information.
  - Be cautious of conversations in public places and on the telephone.
  - Do not have rank or duty title in commercial phone books.
2. When feasible/possible avoid wearing military uniforms or other identifiable clothing while traveling off the installation or for an extended period of time. If possible, remove military headgear and cover uniform when traveling in a vehicle. If a uniform is required, consider changing at the office.
3. Vary routes and times when going to and from work, taking children to school, shopping, etc. Be unpredictable and avoid establishing routines.
4. Look for unfamiliar objects or activities when traveling by vehicle, especially during early morning or late at night.
5. Avoid isolated areas, side streets, civil disturbances, and demonstrations.
6. Consider removing family name from home or vehicle.
7. Know where your family members are at all times and encourage them to check in by telephone.
8. Verify all deliveries and repairs through proper credentials or other documents.
  - Contact the agency or company they claim to represent for additional verification.
9. Be alert for unidentified vehicles or personnel and exercise caution with strangers.
10. Know your neighbors and neighborhood (watch programs).

11. Keep all outside doors and accessible windows closed and locked.
  12. Keep car and house keys separate and maintain accountability.
  13. Conduct frequent checks of your vehicles to ensure they are in good working order and there are no anomalies.
  14. Never leave young children unattended at home or in the car.
  15. Examine mail for suspicious letters or parcels.
  16. Familiarize children with police and fire stations; teach them emergency procedures and telephone numbers.
  17. Advise children to avoid isolated areas, to travel and play in groups, never talk to or go anywhere with strangers.
    - Keep a family member informed of their whereabouts.
  18. When making personal travel reservations, do not use rank or position title.
  19. When in a restaurant, locate emergency exits upon entering, choose a table with greatest field of view and away from windows. Avoid sensitive business conversations and do not reveal after-dinner plans.
  20. Stress the importance of security and the seriousness of the threat to the whole family.
  21. Be alert to your surroundings and report suspicious personnel or activities to local authorities.
  22. Remember to trust your instincts!
- These tips and other important information are located at the Department of Homeland Security website at [www.dhs.gov/xcitizens](http://www.dhs.gov/xcitizens) or at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). The 114th Fighter Wing Anti-Terrorism Officers are Major Steve Mielke, Master Sgt. Jerry Lemme, Master Sgt. Jeanne Gacke, and Staff Sgt. Paul Lupkes.

## P.G.T. Beauregard

SUBMITTED BY MAJOR STEVE MIELKE  
114TH FW OPSEC MANAGER

In the U.S. Civil War, the Confederate Forces under P.G.T. Beauregard found themselves severely outnumbered at Corinth in May 1862. Maj. Gen. Henry W. Halleck's army laid siege to their position with an overwhelming force of 100,000 men. However, upon reaching the Beauregard's fortifications, Halleck was struck by the apparent strength of the garrison forces. Camping for the night in order to consider strategy, he was concerned about the possibility of attacking a fortification with his own inferior numbers.

His concern was compounded when one of his commanders on the left flank of the position wrote that "the enemy is re-enforcing heavily, by trains, in my front and on my left. The cars are running constantly, and the cheering is immense every time they unload in front of me. I have no doubt, from all appearances, that I shall be attacked in heavy force at daylight." Similarly ominous were the imposing silhouettes of the Confederate artillerymen standing by their guns, backlit by the many campfires.

It wasn't until the next morning that it was discovered that Beauregard's entire army, consisting of only 50,000 men, had retreated during the night. The retreat was orderly and methodical, and was masked by a train running back and forth along the Memphis & Charleston tracks, while the men cheered and played taps (the single band shifted from location to location during the night). To complete the illusion, fires were kept burning by a small group of men until morning, drummers were left to beat the reveille and stuffed dummies bravely manned the guns with painted on grins.

The Federal forces were prevented from comprehending the true intentions of the Confederate forces because key information was denied to them. In addition, Deception (often found hand in hand with OPSEC) was successfully used to mask the operation.

### Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program



Victim Advocates, L to R: Scott Richardson, Melania Barnes, Reid Christopherson, and Sara Hilmoe.

The Compass Center  
1-877-IN-CRISIS (462-7474)  
24 Hour Crisis Line

Military OneSource  
1-800-342-9647

Sexual assault is a crime that can and must be stopped!

If you, or someone you know, are survivors of a sexual assault, help is available.

# Suriname Defense Minister, Ambassador visit South Dakota, 114th Fighter Wing

STORY AND PHOTOS BY: 1ST LT. MICHAEL V. FRYE

The 114th Fighter wing hosted the Suriname Minister of Defense and U.S. Ambassador here Feb. 25 as part of the Growth through Partnership program.

Suriname Defense Minister Ivan Fernald and U.S. Ambassador to Suriname Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes were in South Dakota to meet with key leaders focusing on an exchange between government, community and military leaders.

"With South Dakota and Suriname being so similar, we're both small, but if you look at us as the standard, the test, this partnership is a great pilot for the program," said Ambassador Schreiber Hughes.

The 114th FW hosted the duo with a tour of the base operations building and command post, a windshield tour of the base, demonstrations by 114th Security Forces personnel, and an up-close viewing of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The government of Suriname has recently purchased helicopters for their Air Force. Success will be based on an effective training program and detailed, preventative maintenance.

"The meeting at Joe Foss Field centered on effective training and preventative maintenance," said Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander. "It does not matter if it's a M-16 rifle or the F-16 fighter aircraft, our Airmen's ability to tear down, inspect, repair, reassemble and return to service is based

on an effective training program and focuses on mission accomplishment. Just as I am everyday, our Suriname guests were truly impressed."

"It was great to see our friends from Suriname and I'm looking forward to future partnership opportunities," Col. Walz added.

The South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership program was formally established in August, 2006 to develop mutually beneficial partnerships between the two entities. The partners were selected based upon similarities in population size, land mass, agricultural-based economies, and lack of significant language barriers.



< Master Sgt. Troy Erlandson, avionics systems repairman with the 114th Fighter Wing, gives U.S. Ambassador to Suriname Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes and visual tour of the F-16 Fighting Falcon here Feb. 25.



< Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander, explains the cockpit of the F-16 Fighting Falcon to Suriname Defense Minister Ivan Fernald here Feb. 25.



114th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Steve Warren, 114th Fighter Wing Commander Russ Walz, Suriname Defense Minister Ivan Fernald, U.S. Ambassador Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, and Navy Lt. Commander Waymon Jackson pose next to the tail of an F-16 Fighting Falcon here Feb. 25. Defense Minister Fernald and Ambassador Schreiber Hughes were here touring South Dakota as part of the Growth through Partnership program.



< Capt. Joe Hardin, 114th Security Forces commander, demonstrates his marksmanship skills in the Firearms Training Simulator room during a tour by Suriname Defense Minister Ivan Fernald and U.S. Ambassador Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes.



> Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander explains the operations inside the 114th Fighter Wing Command Post to U.S. Ambassador Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes and Suriname Defense Minister Ivan Fernald.



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BY STAFF SGT. MIRANDA SKILES

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### 114th Fighter Wing News

**Annual training takes place in Volk Field**  
 SIOUX FALLS, S.D. -- The Security Forces Squadron sent 47 members to Volk Field, Wis. for Annual Training January 3-17. SFS was joined by Ready Augmentee Commander Capt. Kevin Miller who participated alongside the members of Security in all scenarios. In addition, eight members of the Services flight and one motivated Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harrison Lippert also made the trek to Volk.



### Civil Engineer Squadron deploys to maintain base facilities in SW Asia

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. -- Overseas deployments seem to be getting longer and more frequent for SDANG members. The latest group of Airmen from the South Dakota Air National Guard to take their turn in the line of duty hails from the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron. The 114th CES Base Engineer Emergency Force team, known as PRIME BEEF, recently deployed 52 Airmen to Southwest Asia to work on numerous projects to support combat air power in the Global War on Terror.

More news

### 114th Fighter Wing Features

#### Family ties keep homesickness at bay for deployed family

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- To say the Air Force runs in the family would be an understatement for the Horstmans.



#### Three generations of full-time service

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- The Portices' have made full-time service in the South Dakota Air National Guard truly a family tradition. Three generations of the Portice's, Master Sgt. (Ret.) Bob Portice, Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Portice, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Portice have all made careers of full-time service with the unit.



### 114th Fighter Wing Press Releases

**Suriname Minister of Defense, US Ambassador Visit S.D. under the National Guard State partnership program**

### 114th Fighter Wing Commentaries

#### Balance strategy

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. -- The Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates recently stated that "the defining principle of the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy is Balance." The strategy strives for balance to prevail in current conflicts while preparing for future

### Air National Guard Headlines

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. -- The South Dakota Air National Guard Public Affairs office recently went live with a new website designed to keep unit members, both past and present, as well as the public informed about the 114th Fighter Wing.

The new webpage is available to the general public and is based off the Air Force-wide standard layout. The latest news, features and commentaries can be updated regularly and available immediately.

"The new site will help get news about the 114th Fighter Wing into the hands of the public in a very timely manner," said 1st Lt. Michael Frye, public affairs officer for the 114th Fighter Wing. "Instead of waiting two months for new information from the Thunderbumper, anyone can access the information within minutes of the website being updated."

Also, those interested in becoming a member of the 114th or advancing into a new position can also find great information about career opportunities.

Check out [www.114fw.ang.af.mil](http://www.114fw.ang.af.mil) for the latest news from the 114th Fighter Wing. All stories highlighted on this page can be viewed now!

### AF Headlines

LeMay Center realigns doctrine development

U.S., Afghan forces unite to open fuel depot

DTS expands, earns greater customer

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- Contact Us

### 114th Public Affairs

No data available at this time.

## New Air Guard Command Chief

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy from the Ohio Air National Guard was selected as the Air Guard's next command chief.

As the ANG command chief, Muncy will serve as the senior advisor to Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt, director of the Air Guard, on matters concerning the readiness, morale, welfare, proper use and progress of more than 90,000 enlisted Airmen.

Muncy succeeds Chief Master Sgt. Richard Smith, who served some four years as the Air Guard's command chief and will retire this spring after more than 37 years of service.

"Chief Muncy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience," said Smith in an emailed announcement. "We look forward to his strong and inspired leadership."

Muncy will be the Air Guard's 10th command chief. Prior to July 1998, the title was "senior enlisted advisor."

Muncy currently serves as state command chief of the Ohio Air National Guard. He previously spent nearly 26 years in various Air Force communications and information, and leadership positions. He also serves as chairman of the Air Guard's Enlisted Field Advisory Council and teaches the Air Guard Chiefs' Executive Course.

Muncy is a native of Ohio, where he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1977 and joined the Ohio Air National Guard in 1979. He and his wife, Monique, have four children, of which three currently serve in the Ohio National Guard.



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## What NOT to wear: Buffalo coats not authorized as outer garments

BY 1ST LT. MICHAEL V. FRYE



Above and right: Staff Sgt. Miranda Skiles, Public Affairs Journalist, demonstrates the improper wear of a "buffalo coat." It is only authorized as a liner for the BDU GORTEX and the ABU-style GORTEX known as the APECS.

With the new Airman Battle Uniforms coming out and all the different combinations you see around base, you may be wondering which ones are authorized.

Until supply gets all the ABUs distributed, Col. Walz has issued a policy letter outlining the proper guidelines for mix and match of the current BDU cold-weather gear when worn with ABUs.

The BDU GORTEX and BDU field jacket is authorized to wear with ABUs. The cold-weather parka is also authorized, but may not always be suitable for duty due to its bulky fit and non-water resistant material.

This policy will expire May 1 based on expected inventory levels of the ABUs in supply.

While on the topic of outer garments, one to take note of would be the fact that the black and brown BDU GORTEX jacket liners are not authorized to be worn alone. The liner, also known as a buffalo coat, is under no circumstances to be

worn alone whether outdoors or in your office.

If you have questions regarding the proper wear of your uniform when combining ABUs and BDUs, contact Tech. Sgt. Tammy Carda at 988-5915.



## ANG deputy director named

ARLINGTON, Va. -- A new deputy director of the Air National Guard was announced by Lt. Gen. Bud Wyatt, the director of the Air National Guard today.

Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Moisio, an Arizona Guardsman, will succeed Brig. Gen. Stanley Clarke III, who took a position as the military assistant to the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs last year.

"I look forward to working with Maj. Gen. Moisio," Wyatt said. "He brings extensive field experience and QDR expertise that will benefit the Air National Guard, the U.S. Air Force and our nation."

He will assist Wyatt in formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs affecting more than 106,000 Air Guard members serving in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

## Military Equal Opportunity officer vacancy announced

The Military Equal Opportunity office is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to help manage and promote the Military Equal Opportunity Program. Strong organizational skills along with the ability to communicate well with others individually and in a training environment is essential. This is a traditional Major opening. Individuals not already commissioned will need to have taken the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. AFOQT scores should be submitted with application package. The closing date for this position is May 2, 2009. If you are interested in this position, please contact Maj. Mary Rysavy or 2nd Lt. Nichole Franklin 988- 5707, Hangar 40, 2nd floor (old gym) for more details.



## Dakota Relays free to military



BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

In a letter to Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander, Dean Mann, assistant meet director for the Howard Wood Dakota Relays, wrote, "For the last five years the Howard Wood Dakota Relays has established a military entrance at the front gates to allow members and former members of the National Guard, Reserves, and active components of the military to be admitted free. We are doing so again this year."

The Dakota Relays are May 1 and 2 at Howard Wood Field. Events begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. Saturday and 5:45 p.m. on Saturday for evening events.

This invitation is being extended to all military members and their immediate families. All the veteran or service member has to do is identify themselves at the gate and they will be admitted without question.

"We appreciate the sacrifices all of our service members have made over the years," said Mann. "This is one way of thanking them."

## 114th Fighter Wing to host Air National Guard Softball Tournament

SUBMITTED BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. DONALD POTTEBAUM

After 20 years, the 114th Fighter Wing will once again host this year's national Air National Guard softball tournament Aug. 12-16.

With up to one thousand Air National Guard members from all over the U.S. attending, we will need a lot of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out before or during the tournament we have multiple opportunities. Some of the things you may be involved in include welcome event volunteers, scorekeepers, water runners, ball field assistants, and tournament planning committees. Please submit your name and area of interest to tournament co-chair Senior Master Sgt. Donald Pottebaum via e-mail at [donald.pottebaum@sdsiou.ang.af.mil](mailto:donald.pottebaum@sdsiou.ang.af.mil) now.

If you, your spouse, or eligible dependent are interested in playing on a team for the

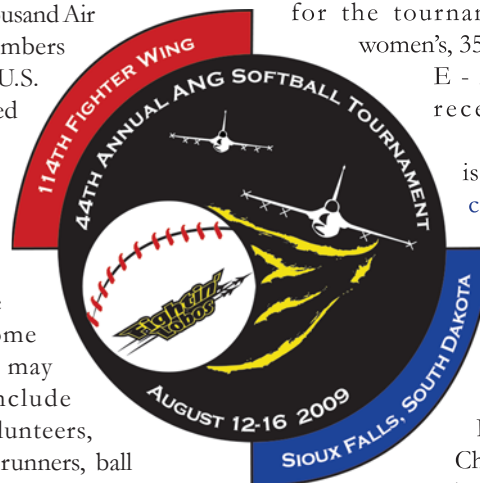
tournament, please e-mail your name, division, experience/league level, and position to Senior Master Sgt. Pottebaum. Divisions for the tournament are co-ed, men's, women's, 35 and over, and 45 and over.

E-mail must be received by April 30th.

The tournament website is located at [www.freewebs.com/angsoftball](http://www.freewebs.com/angsoftball). This website contains all the information on the tournament as well as e-mail addresses for various points of contact.

Senior Master Sgt. Pottebaum and Master Sgt. Chris Langloss are tournament co-chairs. Also on the committee and representing the city of Sioux Falls is Captain Cathy Clayton. Feel free to contact any of these members with your questions.

We've begun the work to make this a successful event and now all we need is your help. Step up and volunteer or come on out and play.



## Fishing tournament scheduled

SUBMITTED BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT DEWITTE

The 22nd annual South Dakota Air National Guard Fishing Tournament has been scheduled for 2009. This year's tournament will take place June 20 at American Creek, Chamberlain, S.D.

American Creek campground will be the host location for the tournament and reservations at the campground will be taken 90 days prior to the tournament date.

Registration will be open to all SDANG members and retirees and will run from February through May. Registration must be received before May 30. No refunds will be given if you register and are unable to attend, and the tournament will be restricted to the first 60 boats to register. Entry fee for the tournament is \$60 per boat and a registration table will be set up in the base dining facility during the May Unit Training Assembly.

When registering, you'll need to provide your entry fee along with the name of the boat captain and the number of people fishing in each boat.

Get your boat together and join the fun! If you need further information, feel free to contact any of the tournament coordinators; Scott DeWitte (988-5895), Mike Rollag (988-5893), Paul Farr (988-5873), or Kyle Tobin (988-5895).



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## Volunteers needed

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. REBECCA BRENNAN

The South Dakota Air National Guard will be serving the supper meal at The Banquet on Tuesday, May 19th.

We need your help. We are looking for about 35 members and family members who would volunteer to help. Volunteers will work from about 5:15 to 7:45 p.m. Volunteers would help with a variety of duties including cooking, serving, fellowship and clean-up.

The banquet is located at 900 East 8th Street in downtown Sioux Falls. The mission of The Banquet is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those in need. They provide a safe place where people can gather to receive food for the body and soul.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Becky Brennan at (605) 988-5715 or send an email to [rebecca.brennan@sdsiou.ang.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.brennan@sdsiou.ang.af.mil).



## Movin' In

### Staff Sgt.

Montana B. Penton, 114 MXS  
Anthony R. Ritter, 114 MXS

### Airman 1st Class

Riley A. Aadland, 114 AMXS  
Brian D. Barros, 114 MXS  
Nathan L. Kroon, 114 MXS  
Cody M. Simonson, 114 MXS  
Thaddeus J. Wells, Jr, 114 MXS

### Airman Basic

Brett V. Citrowske, 114 MXS  
Mitchell B. Cownie, 114 MXS  
Maria A. Degroot, 114 AMXS  
Trent W. Greene, 114 SFS  
Tyson A. Gregoire, 114 SFS  
Tyler J. Snyders, 114 AMXS  
Vincent L. Whaler, 114 MXS

## Movin' On

Col. Craig M. McCormick, 114 MDG, will retire March 31 with over 35 years of service.

## Movin' Up

### To Capt.

Sallie S. Bak, 114 HQ SDANG  
Laurie E. Ross, 114 HQ SDANG

### To Master Sgt.

Michael J. Bertrand, 114 MXS  
David A. Dohn, 114 SFS  
Shawn L. Greer, 114 MDG

### To Tech Sgt.

Derek A. Frerichs, 114 CES  
Gregory D. Peterson, 114 SFS  
Steven P. Schade, 114 LRS

### To Staff Sgt.

Jason D. Hai, 114 MXS  
Michael B. Jacobs, 114 AMXS  
Heath M. Petersen, 114 CF  
Nicholas T. Peterson, 114 MXS  
Dustin D. Sullivan, 114 AMXS

### To Senior Airman

Alexander R. Lohr, 114 MOF



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### Base Fraud, Waste & Abuse Monitor



Lt. Col. Richard Reid is the new 114th Fighter Wing Inspector General. His office is located in Hangar 40, upstairs in room 202. His phone number is 988-5643. Reid will be responsible to handle all IG complaints as well as any fraud, waste and abuse inquiries.

Air Force Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline

Toll-Free 1-800-538-8429

## Vacancies

The 114th Fighter Wing has the following jobs available for part time employment.

- **Aircraft Maintenance**  
School - 23 weeks
- **Aircraft Weapons**  
School - 15 weeks
- **Financial Management**  
School - 11 weeks
- **Plans & Implementation**  
School - 6 weeks
- **Phase Maintenance**  
School - 23 weeks
- **Tire Shop**  
School - 23 weeks
- **A/C Electrical Environmental**  
School - 18 weeks
- **Munitions Systems**  
School - 9 weeks
- **Information Management**  
School - 8 weeks
- **Public Health**  
School - 14 weeks

Non-prior service personnel may enlist up to grade E-3.  
Call the Recruiting Office for more details at 1-800-432-0182 or 988-5718.

### Recruiters

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Voges  
Master Sgt. Jon Goehring  
Master Sgt. Eric Tidemann  
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Lackas  
Staff Sgt. Jessica Larson



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