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Indiana Air National Guardsmen with the 122nd Fighter Wing Fire Department in Fort Wayne, Ind., battle a simulated aircraft fire, Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich. Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

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Message from The Adjutant General ...

Keep lines of communication open

We now live in a digital world, where we have access to immediate information. News, friends, families and even enemies can be accessed on a daily basis, without much effort, through the use of computers and mobile devices. Communication is great when it works.

There are so many reasons to stay connected and informed. As part of a community-based, military first-response organization, we owe it to our fellow Hoosiers to be ready at a moment's notice in times of crises and in times of need. When you're informed, you're more likely to be ready. Readiness is an integral part of our National Guard heritage.

I have no doubt we communicate very well within the full-time force. However, I believe we don't always get information to the majority of our traditional Soldiers, Airmen and their families. By expanding our communications and thereby facilitating more people being informed, we become a stronger organization where more people have the proper information to make decisions and

better understand our organization on a deeper level.

I welcome you to all join us at the following communication platforms:

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Finally, I urge you to sign up for our "as-it-happens" emails at govdelivery.com to keep up to date with the Indiana National Guard.

Take advantage of all these opportunities to stay connected. Keep in touch with your first-line leader throughout the month and keep those lines of communication open.

Adjutant General pins combat vet with Purple Heart



Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr pins the Purple Heart Medal on retired Spc. Jeremy Voorhees during a ceremony at the LaPorte National Guard Armory in LaPorte, Ind., Aug. 28, 2015. Voorhees suffered injuries from a roadside bomb attack in Iraq in 2012. He medically retired in 2014.

History buff finds priceless pics

Memorabilia dates from 20s to 40s and Indiana Army Air Corps

Spc. Evan Myers
120th Public Affairs Detachment

A Bloomington, Illinois aircraft mechanic, and a self-described Indiana aviation history enthusiast, found an extensive collection of historically significant memorabilia from the early 20th century.

The mechanic, David Parker, 30, said that his interest led to him eventually acquiring a stockpile of photographs, newspaper clippings, and several miscellaneous personal documents that belonged to Sgt. Fred Mangold, a Soldier who enlisted in the Indiana National Guard in 1928 and served in the 113th Observation Squadron's photo section for more than a decade.

Parker purchased the photos three years ago online from an anonymous seller who had inherited them from a family member. The collection he purchased consists of a box containing approximately 400 vintage photographs dated from the 1920s to the 1940s, all taken by Mangold during his time in service as a photographer with the U.S. military. At the time of his enlistment, the U.S. Air Force did not yet exist, so Mangold belonged to the Indiana Army Air Corps.

"To a history nerd like me, this is like a treasure trove," Parker said. "About 90 of the pictures were taken in Indiana, mostly at Stout Field in Indianapolis, and all of the rest of them were taken on assignments in various other parts of the country."

Many of the photographs in Parker's collection tell a story all by themselves.

Flipping through one of Mangold's scrapbooks, Parker displayed a few of his favorite photos within the collection, including multiple shots of Maj. Richard Taylor of the 38th Division Air Corps, who was in a fatal plane crash during a training exercise at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Also featured in Parker's collection is a photograph — presumably taken by one of Mangold's colleagues — of Mangold posing with famous Hoosier and namesake of the Indianapolis International Airport, H. Weir



David Parker shows his wife, Catrina, several aerial view photographs taken by Sgt. Fred Mangold at the Louisville International Airport, May 30.

Cook, a World War I American fighter ace and a Distinguished Service Cross recipient. "I've looked through these photos several times, and I still find new things," Parker said. "Sometimes it feels like overload when you're looking at them all, and you'll see a detail in the background that you didn't notice before, or you'll see how one picture correlates to another, and it just adds to the story."

Beyond photographs, the collection also includes a number of personal documents and other items that used to belong to Mangold, including his driver's license, birth certificate, and a decorated tire flap from Mangold's personal vehicle.

Parker's wife, Catrina, a graduate

student at Illinois State University, said that while she is not the history aficionado like her husband, she does enjoy rummaging through the old photographs with him while he explains the significance of each picture. "Sometimes I have no idea what he's talking about," said Catrina with a grin. "But I do love his enthusiasm for it all."

Parker plans to maintain ownership of Mangold's photograph collection, and he expressed that he wishes to share the photos and the stories he has discovered with anyone who wishes to learn. "I believe that it's important to preserve all history," Parker said. "I don't necessarily want them to just be locked away in my closet. I'd like people to see this stuff."

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David Parker displays one of his favorite pieces of memorabilia from Sgt. Fred Mangold's collection.



Indiana Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, the 38th Infantry Division commanding general, inspects flight crews at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1937. Tyndall, a World War I artillery officer, was also the Indianapolis mayor from during World War II, 1943 to 1947. He has been the longest serving Cyclone Division commander from March 1923 to January 1941.



Col. H. Weir Cook, a decorated World War I and World War II veteran, poses on horseback at Fort Knox, Ky., in 1935.



Sgt. Fred Mangold, a photographer with the 113th Observation Squadron's photo section, poses for a picture in front of an airplane at Stout Field, Indianapolis, 1935. Mangold enlisted in the Indiana National Guard in 1928 and served in the squadron for more than a decade.



Indiana Army National Guard Air Corps airplanes fly above the Ohio River near Fort Knox, Ky., in August 1934.

Fighter Wing Fights Fires



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Fire Department battle a simulated-aircraft fire at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich., Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

By Master Sgt. Darin L. Hubble
122nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 122nd Fighter Wing's Fire and Emergency Services performed many training tasks that included a simulated burn of an aircraft at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, in Alpena, Michigan during a two-week period in July.

The 24-member team trained on fully engulfed aircraft fuel fires that included aircraft engines, wheels, interior and exterior fires.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Brown, 122nd Fighter Wing station captain, helped create scenarios for the learning firefighters.

"As an annual requirement, fighting live fires is imperative to continuity in order to learn how to better work with one-another and to learn techniques on how to attack various kinds of fire," said Brown. "We finished the training strong, aiding in our team building, and overall the Alpena training was good for our team."



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Fire Department, battle a simulated-aircraft fire at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich., July 22, 2015.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Fire Department battle a simulated-aircraft fire July 22, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center.

An infrared camera lens reflects the image of Muscatatuck Urban Training Center during an exercise near Butlerville, Ind., June 15, 2015. The exercise used ground and air support for domestic operations in response to a simulated hurricane disaster. Photo by Airman 1st Class Lonnie Wiram



Eyes in the Sky

181st IW provides over watch during disaster exercise

By Airman 1st Class Lonnie Wiram
181st Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

The 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard Incident Awareness and Assessment team, Indiana Army National Guard, and the Civil Air Patrol teamed to conduct a training exercise June 15, 2015, at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center.

Partnering with federal, civil, state, and local authorities provided an opportunity for 181st Airmen to train on serving the community and state during domestic operations, such as a natural disaster.

In the event of a natural disaster, the IAA team has the capability to conduct aerial assessments of disaster areas and provide the information to federal, civil, state, and local leaders in order to save lives, reduce human suffering, and protect property.

The IAA team conducted aerial

assessments to aid in route clearance and search and rescue operations during the simulated hurricane disaster exercise.

"We analyze imagery taken from aircraft that's supporting the mission to assist the incident commander," said an IAA imagery mission supervisor.

During a natural disaster, Indiana has a joint team that can respond to the mission in support of the community, state, and nation.

"I believe this exercise was phenomenal for all parties involved, but especially for me in the intelligence squadron. I think that

this exercise has really opened up my eyes as to what the capabilities the intelligence career field really has," said a senior airman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Squadron, Terre Haute, Indiana.

"Typically, we are operating OCONUS (outside contiguous United States) and you always consider intelligence as providing over watch and protection for boots on the ground, but I think this exercise really illustrated just how important we can be, and what a vital asset we actually can provide to the state of Indiana," said the senior airman.

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United Front 15 participants carry a role player to a medical site to receive first aid care during the exercise at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, June 23.



Pfc. Micha Miller and Tech. Sgt. Isadore Gurnell search for simulated victims in the rubble of a destroyed home at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center.

Indiana Guardsmen productive while building bonds



Photo by Spc. Evan Myers

Indiana National Guard Pfc. Sam Howard, with the 438th Chemical Company, assists a role-player simulating an ankle injury during the United Front 15 exercise at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, near Butlerville, Ind. Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Service members train in every aspect of a rescue operation, including victim engagement and search and extraction.



Photo by Spc. Evan Myers

Indiana National Guard Sgt. Michael Carpenter, trains with search and extraction tools at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, June 23. The exercise allows Indiana National Guardsmen to get hands-on training and experience with other first-response services.

By Pfc. Hannah Clifton
120th Public Affairs Detachment

A simulated detonation bellowed through the air over the rubble-lined streets of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in southern Indiana.

In the response, Indiana National Guardsmen from the 81st Troop Command, personnel from the Israeli Home Front Command, National Rescue Unit, National Guardsmen from Colorado, West Virginia and Illinois, as well as civilian agencies from Indiana Task Force 1, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and local fire departments, joined forces to train for exercise United Front 2015 at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center for three days in June.

The United Front Exercise is an ongoing military small-unit exchange exercise between the Israeli Home Front Command, National Rescue Unit and the Indiana National Guard's disaster-response team specifically assembled to respond to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks or accidents.

This partnership began in 2012 and provides reciprocal support between Indiana and Israel. In the past, the Israeli Home Front Command hosted training operations where Indiana National

Guardsmen conducted similar exercises in Israel with a similar focus on disaster response.

The operation's mission was to provide response to a mock 7.7-magnitude earthquake. Men and women began to diligently perform search and rescue tasks as smoke rose from several destroyed buildings.

By conducting search and extraction drills and providing on-site medical treatment to live role-players, participants were able to use the necessary skills that could save lives during a natural or man-made disaster. While learning how to react during a disaster is important, sharing innovative ideas and building new relationships are the keys to effective emergency response.

"We have such a wide variety of experiences. We have folks that have been doing this for two months, we've got Israelis that have been doing this for 15 years," stated Maj. William M. Poag, the operations officer of disaster-response team. "That range of experience levels and the ability to bring them all together in the combined squads so they can all learn from each other, that's probably the best thing."

Lt. Col. Kelly S. Hammond, the team's battalion commander, pointed out that it is a small circle of people who do this mission.

"If we deploy, these are the people we will be working with," said Hammond. "It builds that relationship, it builds trust. We can do what they do. And they know that we can come in and help them."

International partners like the humanitarian organization ZAKA brought an increased knowledge base to the exercise, as volunteers have been seen among the first responders at the Tsunami in Japan, Hurricane Katrina, the Columbia space shuttle disaster, the Haiti earthquake, and terror attacks in Turkey, Mombasa, Bulgaria and many more.

"The relationship building and what we actually take out of it is what gives us more experience," said Spc. Cameron S. Arrington, a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear specialist with the team. "We are helping each other so that when the real world situations happen, we are more prepared than we ever would be, because our main goal is to save as many lives as possible."

While the 81st Troop Command and their counterparts extract victims from the Muscatatuck rubble, their interaction contributes to international unity and functionality.

"It's training for our own sake," said Arrington. "We know we go in and do something great when we leave."



Photo by Spc. Evan Myers

Indiana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Cody Eslick, right, and U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Calen Marroquin, assist a role-player simulating an injury at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Tuesday, June 23. The service members had to respond to a number of emergency situations throughout the United Front 15 exercise.

A-10s & Ammo

122nd Fighter Wing's Summer Training

An Indiana Air National Guard A-10C pilot from the 163rd Fighter Squadron at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Ind., taxis toward a runway at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Ind., June 16, 2015. All photos by Staff Sgt. William Hopper



Indiana National Guard Senior Airman Sharane Watson, a member of the 122nd Weapons Load shop, loads a live, MK-82 500-pound high-drag bomb underneath an A-10C Warthog, July 27, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich. Airmen from the 122nd Fighter Wing were training with live munitions at the CRTCC as part of their annual training.



Senior Airman Cruz Galvan, a member of the 122nd Weapons Load shop, cuts the arming wire on a bomb.



An A-10C Warthog from the 122nd Fighter Wing prepares to land, June 16, 2015.



An A-10C pilot from the 163rd Fighter Squadron speeds down the runway for takeoff.

Hoosier Guardsmen earn German jump wings



Photo by 1st Lt. Eugene M. Harding

Indiana National Guardsmen parachute into a Camp Atterbury drop zone as they earn their German jump wings, July 18, 2015. The Soldiers and Airmen loaded onto a C-130 at Himsel Airfield at Camp Atterbury.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lorne W. Neff

An Indiana Guardsman prepares to land into the Bowden Drop Zone at Camp Atterbury, July 18.



Photo by Cindy Neff

German jump wings.

By Staff Sgt. Lorne W. Neff
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

More than 120 Indiana National Guardsmen earned their German jump wings in July.

Jumpers came from Company C, 2nd Squadron, 152nd Cavalry Regiment, Long Range Surveillance, and the 181st Intelligence Wing's 113th Air Support Operation Squadron. They were trained under the watchful eye of two German jumpmasters, Lt. Col. Frank Holzner and Sgt. Maj. Stefan Engel.

"The instructions that we are used to doing in English, they did in German so we had to pay attention to their hand motion more than anything to know exactly what we are supposed to be doing," said Capt. Adam Barlow, the Company C commander.

After following the German jumpmaster commands and their normal practice routine, the troops loaded onto a C-130 at Camp Atterbury and jumped from about 1,200 feet.

"Being able to work with the Germans and be able to do an airborne operation is a brotherhood like no other," said Barlow.

"This was a great opportunity for the paratroopers. For many, this was their first real chance to work with personnel from a foreign nation. I had to make sure along with my German counterparts, that the paratroopers were safe and could still have a memorable experience," said Sgt. 1st Class James Gibson, senior airdrop operations noncommissioned officer.

Editor's note: 1st Lt. Eugene M. Harding, a 2nd Squadron unit public affairs representative, contributed to this story.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lorne W. Neff

Hoosier Guardsman walk back to the pick-up zone after jumping out of a C-130 at Camp Atterbury.



Photo by Cindy Neff

Indiana National Guard Sgt. 1st Class James Gibson gives a safety brief to his fellow paratroopers.



Photo by Cindy Neff

German Army Lt. Col. Frank Holzner and Sgt. Maj. Stefan Engel award Indiana National Guard Soldiers and Airmen with their German jump wings during a ceremony at Camp Atterbury, Saturday, July 18, 2015.



Photo by Cindy Neff

Indiana Army National Guard Capt. Adam Barlow, left, listens to German Army Sgt. Maj. Stefan Engel during a safety brief to paratroopers at Camp Atterbury, Saturday, July 18, 2015.

RACER WINDS



Maj. Gen. David C. Wood, 38th Infantry Division commander, speaks to Company C, 113th Brigade Support Battalion Soldiers at Camp Atterbury, June 5.

38th ID CG visits Nighthawks



Maj. Gen. David C. Wood, 38th Infantry Division commanding general, listens to a Company A, 1st Battalion, 151 Infantry Regiment Soldier at his fighting position at Camp Atterbury, June 5.

By Sgt. Daniel Dyer
76th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. David C. Wood, 38th Infantry Division commanding general, visited 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldiers during their annual training at Camp Atterbury in June. Accompanying him were the 76th commander, Col. Robert Burke, 38th ID Command Sgt. Maj. James H Martin, and 76th IBCT Command Sgt. Maj. Jon E. Mitchell.

The leaders visited multiple ranges and

training areas.

At each location Wood spoke to the Indiana National Guardsmen about topics important to him, such as the detrimental effects of sexual harassment to the Army and its victims.

“I have no tolerance for sexual harassment,” said Wood.

He also talked about the need for experienced Soldiers to stay in the Indiana Army National Guard and to individual Soldiers who are close to their enlistment obligation about re-enlisting.



Maj. Gen. David C. Wood, 38th Infantry Division commander, fires a 105 mm howitzer with the 1st Battalion, 163 Field Artillery Regiment Guardsmen at Camp Atterbury, Friday, June 5, 2015.



Indiana National Guard Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing carry an injured victim away from the wreckage of a simulated hurricane.

Airmen, civilians train in disaster-relief exercise

By Airman 1st Class Kevin Schulze
181st Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Screams filled the air. Broken down cars lay overturned in the road. Power lines fallen across the street. Injured victims remain trapped in the wreckage. To some, this would seem like a nightmare, but for the Indiana Air National Guard, it is all part of the job.

Approximately 150 Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing worked alongside civilian authorities during Racer Winds, a three-day simulated domestic operation for disaster relief in June at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center near Butlerville, Indiana.

With scenarios ranging from road

clearance to civil disturbance, exercise participants trained and worked with other units to understand how they would work together in a disaster-relief situation.

This opportunity allowed Airmen to see how their career field applied outside of the Indiana National Guard.

“Back at Hulman Field, my job is kind of a solo thing,” said a 181st senior airman assigned to the logistics readiness squadron. “This taught me to adapt and work with others to get the job done.”

Alongside Hulman Field Airmen, civilian units were able to experience the value of training with other individuals with similar missions as their own, and prepare for a real disaster.

“This was one of the most valuable trainings I think we have done because how do we know what tomorrow is going to bring,” said Robin Stanifer, a dog handler with the Vigo County Emergency Management Agency. “How do we know that right in our very own community, or anywhere here in the state of Indiana that we aren’t going to have some kind of event?”

Racer Winds provided 181st Airmen an opportunity to not only see their civilian counterparts in action, but also show what skills they offer to the mission.

“It was very neat for the civilians to see the capabilities that the Guard has to offer,” said

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Indiana Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Michael Klausung, a member of the 122nd Security Forces Squadron, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Ind., moves through the forest during a reconnaissance exercise, July 28, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich. Airmen from the 122nd Fighter Wing were training at the CRTC as part of their annual training.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Security forces train to win



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Airman 1st Class Seth Lamb, a member of the 122nd Security Forces Squadron from the 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Ind., fires a burst of blanks from his M249 light machine gun during an ambush exercise, Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center, in Alpena, Mich.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Master Sgt. Brandon Herber, with the 122nd Security Forces Squadron, explains proper tactics to Airmen during an ambush exercise at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich.



Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper

Staff Sgt. Austin Esotu, a member of the 122nd Security Forces Squadron, keeps an eye out for enemy combatants during a reconnaissance exercise, July 28, 2015.

Racer Winds

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a 181st security forces superintendent. “And it was a good experience interacting with law enforcement, especially during the civil disturbance. After seeing us in action, they said they could use us in more situations than they thought.”

This training also provided civilian units a chance to see how they fit into the mission and how the military units operate.

“You have all of your military expertise, you can clear the road, you can take care of the crowds,” said Stanifer of the intelligence wing Airmen. “You can do anything within your realm, and we’re a flavor to add to that because on top of that, there are going to be missing people, there are going to be casualties, and that’s where we can come in to assist.”

Though a simulated disaster, Racer Winds was substantially beneficial for all participants involved. It gave a true sense of what it would be like to respond to a natural disaster such as a hurricane.

Racer Winds also allowed mistakes to be made and fixed before a real-life situation presented itself.

“What we are doing here is as realistic as you can make it,” said J. D. Kesler, a deputy director with the Vigo County EMA. “When you get boots on the ground, that’s when you fully understand the value of what you’ve done here.”

Exercises like Racer Winds not only provide the necessary tactical training required for the job, but also give a lasting bond with other units in the area. A connection that transcends the training environment and crosses into everyday life.

“It’s about the relationships you make,” said Dorene Hojnicky, director of the Vigo County EMA. “You meet these people when exercising and when you step down you still have those connections.”

With relationships made and the training completed, the Indiana National Guard Airmen will be ready to help the community.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lonnie Wiram

Members of the Vigo County Emergency Management Agency rescue flood victims during an exercise at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, near Butlerville, Ind., Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

181st partners with rescuers

By Airman 1st Class Lonnie Wiram
181st Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

A natural disaster, such as the 2008 floods, is just one of the many situations the Vigo County Emergency Management Agency may encounter.

During the 2008 flood the 181st Intelligence Wing partnered with the Vigo County EMA.

“We established a working relationship and a very close relationship with the 181st after the flood in 2008,” said Keith Holbert, deputy director, Vigo County EMA. “We had a very skeletal emergency operation center and the 181st provided us with logistics experience, and that skill set that the 181st has.”

In 2009, the Vigo County EMA moved to Hulman Field with the 181st. The new facility has an emergency operations center, vehicle storage and better resources.

The Vigo County EMA has the capabilities to respond to any call. Whether it is floods, drownings, search and rescue, food distribution, safety, or disaster relief, the EMA can provide the resources.

“Our priority job is resource management,” said Dorene Hojnicky, director of Vigo County EMA. “We gather the resources from the state that an

incident commander would need.”

For the Vigo County EMA, it is not a 9-to-5 job. They are on standby all the time.

“For our county, we do a 24 hour, 365 on call to support any of our response agencies,” said Hojnicky. “We are the communications between state and federal levels for emergency management and homeland security, so on a local level, it’s ensuring cooperation between all of our first response partners.”

During a future natural disaster 181st Airmen could be called upon to assist with first-response organizations like the Vigo County EMA.

“Our Airmen play an important role in disaster-response operations,” said Col. Shane Halbrook, the 181st IW mission support group commander.

“Working closely with state and local officials during these exercises ensures we provide operationally ready Airmen to support our communities in the event of a natural disaster,” said Halbrook.

Disaster response is a strategic core capability of the intelligence wing. In the event of a natural disaster, 181st Airmen are capable of responding rapidly in support of civilian authorities to save lives, conduct search and rescue, protect property, maintain or re-establish communications.

Indiana National Guard Policies



Troop Protection

Indiana National Guardsmen are able to defend themselves at work and are trained to a higher level of firearms safety such that themselves, co-workers and families are safe from firearms accidents. This

follows the executive order of Gov. Mike Pence, commander in chief of the Indiana National Guard.

In accordance with Indiana state law, the memorandum authorizes members and employees of the Indiana National Guard, with a valid license to carry a handgun for

personal protection, to have a handgun on their person while at Indiana National Guard facilities and recruiting stations.

There are many stipulations regarding eligibility, safety certification, military registration, transportation, weapon dimensions and weapon caliber.

Alcohol & Drug Abuse

In an adjutant general policy letter, the Indiana National Guard established a policy concerning Hoosier Guardsmen who test positive for illegal drugs that includes unlawful use of prescription drugs. This letter supersedes a previous policy dated June 2009.

Indiana National Guard personnel who

test positive of illegal drugs, even once, are subject to the ignition of separation procedures for their actions.

It is essential that commanders give careful consideration and justify, in detail, a decision to recommend the retention of an Indiana National Guard member who is a verified substance abuser.

Indiana National Guard personnel who test positive for drugs and have six or

more years of service will be processed for separation. Indiana National Guard members who are convicted of drunk driving and alcohol-related misconduct will be processed for separation and may also face potential adverse action.

All Indiana National Guard personnel who test positive for illegal drugs a second time during their careers will be processed for separation.

Thunderbolts strike in Michigan

An Airman assigned to the 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana National Guard, fires a burst of 30mm rounds from GAU Avenger cannon on the A-10 Thunderbolt jet at the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center during Northern Strike 15, July 28, 2015. Northern Strikes is an annual training exercise that assesses air-to-ground capability of U.S. Army, Air Force, and Marine units around the country and military personnel from Canada, Latvia, Poland and Australia. Photo photo by Sgt. Seth LaCount



Indiana Air National Guard 1st Lt. James Pratt, an A-10C pilot from the 163rd Fighter Squadron, 122nd Fighter Wing, taxis his Warthog toward the runway loaded with live, MK-82 500-pound, high-drag bombs, July 27, 2015, at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich. Airmen from the 122nd Fighter Wing, headquartered in Fort Wayne, Ind., were training with live munitions at the CRTC as part of their annual training. Photo by Staff Sgt. William Hopper



An Indiana Guardsman prepares to land into the Bowden Drop Zone at Camp Atterbury. More than 120 Indiana National Guardsmen earned their German jump wings Saturday, July 18, 2015. For more, see pages 12 and 13. Photo by Staff Sgt. Lorne W. Neff