



Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (left) and Elaine Bedel, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (right) sit inside an M1165B3 Humvee during a visit at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Indiana, Sept. 5, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

Indiana Lt. Governor Visits 181st Intelligence Wing

By Capt. Brandy L. Fultz, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch visited the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Sept. 5.

Crouch was joined by Elaine Bedel, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Rachel Leslie, community leader, and Danielle Chrysler, Indiana Office of Defense Development.

Assistant Adjutant General – Air Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Hauser, 181st IW Commander Col. Christopher Alderdice, 181st IW Vice Commander Col. Matt Brown, 181st Mission Support Group Commander Col. Christopher Colbert, and 181st Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group Commander Col. Michael Holmes all greeted the guests upon arrival.

Alderdice began the tour with a briefing of the rich history of the 181st IW and the diverse missions and unique capabilities of the wing.

The tour also included individual mission briefs by Airman assigned to CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, ISRG, weather, security forces, and the air support operations squadron.



Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (left) and U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Hauser, commander, Indiana Air National Guard (right), discuss the mission of the 181st Intelligence Wing during a visit at the Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Indiana, Sept. 5, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Lt Col Christopher Snider, commander, Air Support Operations Squadron (left), briefs Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (right) on the training that Tactical Air Control Party members go through during a visit at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Indiana, Sept. 5, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



A-10 Flies High Over Hoosier Country

A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft with the 122nd Fighter Wing flies alongside a KC-135 Stratotanker with Grissom Air Reserve Base during an air refueling mission, Aug 18, 2017. The flight was part of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, which involved units with the 181st Intelligence Wing, 122nd Fighter Wing and Grissom Air Reserve Base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)





Indiana Air National Guard Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Communications Flight, depart the 181st Intelligence Wing, Terre Haute, Ind., Sep. 10, 2017. The team departed to Florida to setup communication capabilities using a Joint Incident Site Communications Capability. (U. S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)

Racers deploy in support of Hurricane Irma relief efforts

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HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — Six Indiana Air National Guard Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing Communications Flight deployed to Florida with the 38th Infantry Division in support of Hurricane Irma rescue, relief and recovery efforts.

The 181 IW Communications Flight maintains a deployable satellite communications system, the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability.

The JISCC is used to maintain communications between joint forces and agencies involved in a response to a disaster, providing internet, radio and telephone capabilities.

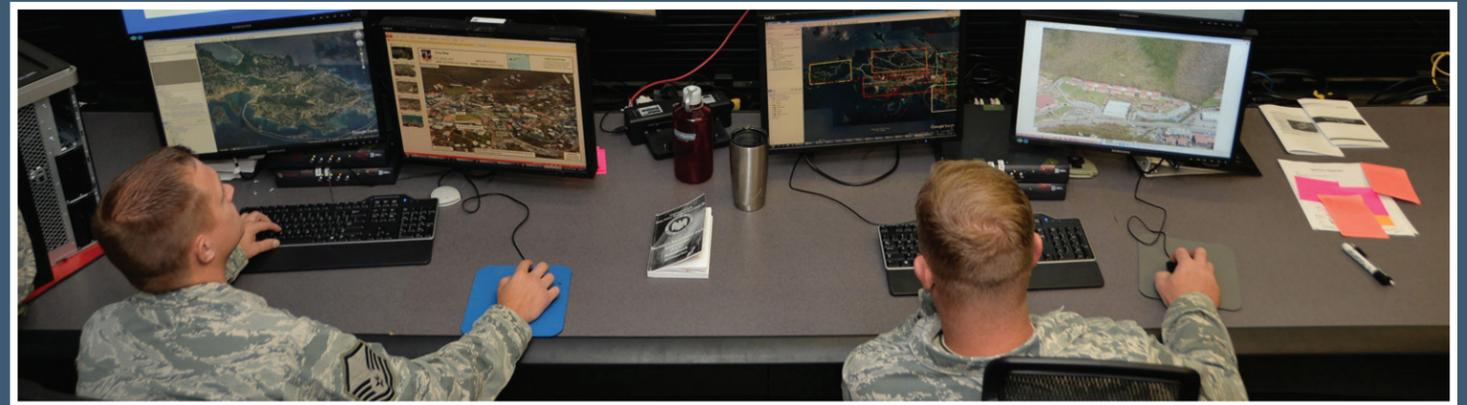
The unique platform provides communications capabilities that are otherwise unavailable due to a disaster.

“The 181st Intelligence Wing is supporting Hurricane Irma operations with personnel and equipment. It is our duty to serve the community, state and nation. In this instance we are humbled to be a small part of the larger National Guard assisting our fellow citizens in need,” said Colonel Christopher Colbert, commander, 181st Mission Support Group.

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Indiana Air National Guard Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Communications Flight, depart the 181st Intelligence Wing, Terre Haute, Ind., Sep. 10, 2017, transporting a Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC). The JISCC is used to maintain communications between joint forces and agencies involved in a response to a disaster, providing internet, radio and telephone capabilities. (U. S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Timothy (left) and Tech. Sgt. Anthony (right) with the 137th Intelligence Squadron, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard conducts near real-time analysis of U.S. Virgin Islands post Hurricane Irma, utilizing social media outlets, satellites, airborne platforms, and interactive maps, Terre Haute, Ind., Sep. 12, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)

Racers support Hurricane’s Harvey and Irma

By SMSgt. John S. Chapman, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

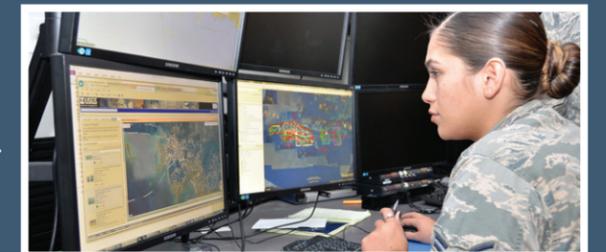
HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — U.S. Airmen with the Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Intelligence Wing, 181st Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group assigned to the Incident Awareness & Assessment (Indiana IAA) are providing aerial imagery support of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma rescue, relief and recovery efforts.

The Indiana IAA synchronizes and integrates the planning and operations of various information capabilities, providing situational awareness and assessment to civil authorities in support of domestic operations in times of natural disasters or emergencies.

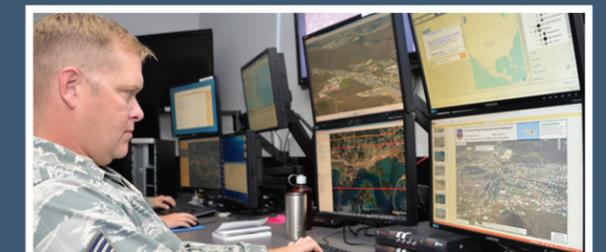
The Indiana IAA is tasked to support both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, providing situational awareness for search & rescue, damage assessments, lines of communication, and route analysis to assist officials make informed decisions on how to conduct operations.

“Airmen of the 181st Intelligence Wing have honed their analytic skills over the past several years to be able to provide assistance in the event of a natural disaster like we have experienced with Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Countless man hours have been spent developing procedures to ensure relevant information can be collected and provided to first responders and on-scene commanders,” said Lieutenant Colonel Mark Wright, commander, 137th Intelligence Squadron.

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Tearing up roads at the 181st

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Trevor Zink, 181st Civil Engineering Squadron, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard digs up an old storm drain line, Aug. 6, 2017, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind. Sgt Zink is one of CE's finest.(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathan W. Padish)



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Robert G. Beasley, the command chief master sergeant of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery, supervisor assigned to the 137th Intelligence Squadron, pose for a photo during a Chief's Induction Ceremony, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind., Sept. 16, 2017. The ceremony recognized Jeffery's promotion to chief master sergeant. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathan W. Padish)

Challenge accepted

By AIC Jonathan W. Padish, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — A longtime Racer earned the rank of chief master sergeant during a Chief's Induction Ceremony September 16 at Hulman Field Air National Guard Base.

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery, a multi-intelligence supervisor assigned to the 137th Intelligence Squadron, was recognized by fellow chief master sergeants during the ceremony.

Only 2 percent of Air National Guard enlisted personnel attain the rank of chief master sergeant, said Chief Master Sgt. Robert G. Beasley, the command chief master sergeant of the 181st Intelligence Wing.

The ceremony itself is seeped with tradition.

"It's a big deal," said Beasley. "It's a deep tradition not just in the wing but in the Air Force."

The ceremony included the presentation of a charge posed to new chief master sergeants about what it means to be a chief, said Beasley. The charge reaffirms why we serve.

Additionally, Jeffery's fellow chief master sergeants recognized his hard work.

Not only did Jeffery successfully execute his duties in his area of responsibility, but he also voluntarily took care of another area, said the superintendent of the 181st Intelligence Group. That speaks to his character.

Members of the 137th IS, other chief master sergeants assigned to the 181st IW, members of the 181st Student Flight and friends and family attended the ceremony.

(In accordance with current Air Force guidance, the last name of 181 ISR group members have been omitted.)



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Mark Wright, commander, 137th Intelligence Squadron presents Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery with his chief strips, along with his wife Kathy, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind., Sept. 16, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathan W. Padish)

Battlefield Weather Forecasters

By Senior Airman Kevin Schulze, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — The 181st Intelligence Wing is home to many incredible and unique units within the Air National Guard that provide direct support to Air Force missions across the globe.

The Tactical Air Control Party provides close combat air support with joint operations, the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package deploys to aid in domestic disaster relief efforts and the Intelligence Group provides real time imagery analysis for ground troops overseas.

However, there remains a unit that is often overlooked due to their size and location, yet they provide a crucial supporting role to both Air Force and Army operations.

Tucked away in a corner of Human Field, the 113th Weather Flight's role is to observe, record and disseminate weather data and information to enhance combat operations and training and to alert users of mission-critical weather. Within this unit, there is a small group of Airmen who provide their knowledge to primarily Army units by embedding into them in a deployed environment.

Battlefield Weather Forecasters deploy in support of battlefield operations of all branches of the military, but the Air National Guard typically has Army customers, said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Alexander, a Battlefield Weather Forecaster assigned to the 113th WF.

Born and raised in Terre Haute, Alexander is one of 10 Battlefield Weather Forecasters with the 113th WF.

"Not all Weather Forecasters are Battlefield Weather Forecasters, but all Battlefield Weather Forecasters are Weather Forecasters," said Alexander. "The main difference between battlefield weather and regular weather would be that as battlefield weather we are Army support and typically we embed directly with [them]. So when they're sleeping outside, we're sleeping in the dirt with them."

Battlefield Weather Forecasters must adapt their training to accommodate the needs of their customers efficient-



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Alexander assigned to the Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Intelligence Wing, 113th Weather Flight checks weather equipment at Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 17, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Kevin D. Schulze)

ly and without mistake.

It all depends on the customer, said Alexander. The difference between Army weather support and Air Force weather support is Army support handles rotary wing aircrafts; Blackhawks, Chinooks, Apaches; while the Air Force support is fixed wing aircrafts, F-16s and A-10s and the like.

With over a year and a half of training, life as a Battlefield Weather Forecaster is one that offers many opportunities and experiences.

There are so many opportunities to travel and work because weather is one of the career fields that is critically manned in almost every position, said Alexander.

The experience from working with Active duty Army, Marines and Navy and making friends all over the world have made it an incredible experience. But for Alexander, Air National Guard Battlefield Weather Forecasting is the best choice.

Weather is always happening everywhere in the world. It can cause the simplest of military missions to go awry. Battlefield Weather Forecasters, like Alexander, play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of military member and allowing the Air Force mission to proceed without a hitch.



Nigerien Armed Forces visits 181st Intelligence Wing

U.S. Air Force Colonel Christopher Alderdice, commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, greets a visitor from the Nigerien Armed Forces during a state partnership program brief-ing Aug. 9, 2017, Terre Haute Regional Airport, Terre Haute, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)



Logistic Readiness Flight has a new commander

U.S. Air Force Colonel Christopher Colbert, commander, 181st Mission Support Group presents the LRF guidon to Major Corrine Foree as she assumes duties of the commander of Logistic Readiness Flight, Aug. 6, 2017, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathan W. Padish)



Meritorious Service Medal Awarded

U.S. Air Force Colonel Christopher Colbert (right), commander, 181st Mission Support Group presents Lt. Col. Sean Stephens (left) the Meritorious Service Medal during a change of command ceremony, Aug. 6, 2017, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kevin Schulze)



Oath of Enlistment

U.S. Air Force Maj. Brain Weitz (right) administers the Oath of Enlistment to Tech. Sgt. Michal Dinnsen (left) and Tech. Sgt. Robert Decker (center) during the August UTA, Aug. 6, 2017, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kevin Schulze)





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CATHOLIC MASS AT THE 181ST



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