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Lt Col Wayne Booker
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

"Who are you, who, who, who, who. I really wanna know."

Pete Townsend of The Who continues to ask the most pressing question around the 181 Intelligence Wing. Yes, you read that right; we are now the 181st Intelligence Wing. It will become official in May 2008. Everything that we've been working towards since the BRAC announcement has arrived. Not really, but it is in sight and it is moving closer.

As of 1 April a very big change occurred and it will continue to impact everyone on this installation for years to come. Even if your particular job didn't change, you will still be affected by what has happened.

Bottom line:

Here are the changes and the answer to the question of who we are.

The 181st Fighter Wing has been redesignated as the 181st Intelligence Wing and we are still an ACC gained unit.

The 181st Operations Group has been redesignated as the 181st Intelligence Group.

The 181st Operations Support Flight has been redesignated as the 181st Operations Support Squadron.

The 137th Intelligence Squadron has been activated as a new squadron.

The 181st Intelligence Support Squadron has been activated as a new squadron.

The units that have been inactivated include the 181st Maintenance Group, Maintenance Operations Flight, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the Maintenance Squadron.

While the redesignated units will carry on the lineage and traditions of their historical ancestry, the activated units get to take the first steps on what promises to be an exciting and grand future. While we still have a lot of track in front of us, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting bigger and brighter. Regardless of our unit designation or what we do while we are on this base, we have always been and always will be RACERS because that's who we are. The quality and integrity of the people make this organization what it is, and that simple fact will allow us to excel and continue to set the standards for the rest of the Air Force. For that reason alone, I always have, and always will, be proud to be a part of this Wing – Past, Present & Future.

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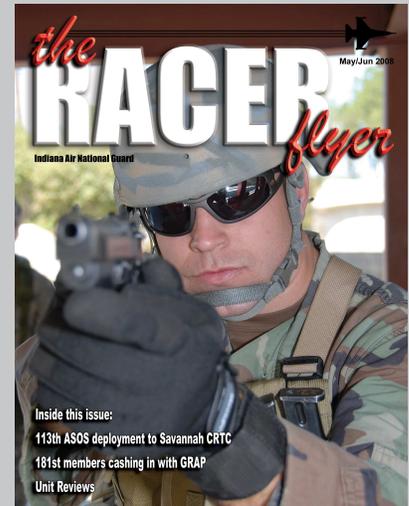
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The 113th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) has arrived. The squadron's debut was a robust annual training deployment to Savannah CRTC in March. During the deployment, members of the 113th ASOS were exposed to day/night land navigation, day/night vehicle navigation, fire and movement courses, hand to hand combat and various field exercises. Chief Scobee said, "I haven't had this much fun during AT in 35 years." Apparently flying jets is more fun than maintaining them. Kudos to Technical Sergeant Jesse Bien for setting up and managing this demanding deployment. Also, thanks to the JTACs from Ft Hood and the 169th ASOS from Peoria, IL for their expertise and advice. In addition, MSgt Bob 'Gadget' Basch, and TSgt Ed 'Friction' Shulman lent Active Duty JTAC expertise, providing invaluable insight and training. Without sounding like we're accepting an Academy Award, we would also like to thank Chief Ennen and the rest of the Security Forces personnel for their outstanding blocks of instruction.

Tony Dungy couldn't get better draft picks than the 113th ASOS. SrA Andy Clugh completed Airmen Leadership School (ALS) in November and received the "John Levitow Award" for the distinguished graduate. TSgt Kevin Brooks was recently awarded as the distinguished graduate from 3S2 Education and Training Tech School. TSgt Damon Girton and SSgt Boe Vanatti recently completed the grueling 1C4 TACP Tech School in fine Racer fashion. Other notable grads from 1C4 school are SrA Clugh (Honor Grad, Ironman 12 mile Ruck March winner), SSgt Darren Beanland (perfect 300 on the PT test, set the record on the obstacle course), and MSgt John Mehringer (captured the Commander's Trophy). Currently we have three steely-eyed warriors in 1C4 school: SSgt Tony Hobson, SrA Garrett Ames

and SrA Zach Eason. Ames and Eason turned in PT scores of 299 and 285 respectively out of a possible 300 points.

The 113th ASOS HQ (Bldg 17) has recently had more visitors than Cancun during spring break. We like to think that folks are stopping by to see what warrior spirit looks like, but they probably just want to see our M*A*S*H helicopter. Whatever the reason, we welcome all comers, the younger and meaner, the better. Here at the 113th ASOS, we don't get anything for free (except some money for school) we earn it, one mile at a time.

by Lt Col John 'Cannibal' Knabel



Civil Engineering

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/PA

Forty-five members from 181st Fighter Wing Civil Engineering Squadron traveled to Badin Regional Training Site, N.C., for war skills training operations and then shifted gears, heading straight to Silver Flag for their war skills certificate. The intense training, which lasted from Jan. 5-12 at Badin and Jan. 12-19 at Silver Flag, encompassed every aspect of a civil engineering squadron operation within an AEF.

“This training proved that we can be dropped into the middle of a cornfield, a bare base; and we can quickly put together an operating airfield compete with runways, lighting, shelters, water, and all the other needed essentials to launch aircraft and provide shelter for troops,” said CMSgt Danny Lewis, 181st Facilities Manger and NCOIC of the training deployment. “This is an intense training mission, and our Airmen did very well.”

Once at Badin, Airmen immediately began training, which began with constructing their shelters. The following days consisted of several types of training that many 181st Airman don't get much experience with because of equipment limitations at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Members participated in a series of training which began with securing locations for equipment and personnel to be brought in to fix runways and even generate potable water through Osmosis.

Civil Engineering learned every aspect of rearing a base from the ground up and repairing everything that could possibly break. In between setting up emergency runway lighting, and heating units for the shelters; Airmen had to learn combat organization, individual and team movements, work party security, defensive fighting positions, and convoy operations.

“The experience we gained at both training sites is invaluable,” said SSgt Brad Butrum. “It's hard to describe how important it is for us to be able to react to situations as if we were in an AEF.”

Traveling to Silver Flag for the final stages of the training, 181st CE joined forces with other Guard, Reserve, and Active duty counterparts. Once at Silver Flag, the mission was to pull every unit together as one unit to get a base up and running. Convoying into the site, calculating runway lengths, light placement, shelter, and of course, securing the area from the enemy; CE was off and



running with the mission as their boots hit the ground.

“We had a mission where we were supposed to set up a tent city, the actual tent city that we were all supposed to sleep in that night in one day,” said Butrum. “This is a task that is normally a 24-hour mission and we were able to complete it, with heating, electricity, and hot showers by 1800 that same day. It was quite an impressive site to see everyone working together.”

Working closely with the other units, all senior leadership noted that the cooperation amongst the Airmen was excellent. Sometimes there is a fear that not everyone will mesh together, but everyone came together to complete the mission.

The certification that was received by the 181st CE members who participated in this training is something that is mandatory for a Civil Engineering unit to have to even be considered an asset to the military. The

importance is highly noted by all active participants.

“Without this certification, our unit would go belly up,” Lewis said. “It's intense training that teaches everyone how to do their tasks and work together to complete them.”

Badin and Silver Flag were great experiences for several members of CE, who had never attended this type of training before. Butrum commented that these training scenarios are more demanding than even actual AEFs, with tighter time schedules and more going on. One Airman did stand out amongst his peers, and was recognized for his efforts at Silver Flag.

“CMSgt Joe Wright, the Chief Operations Officer at Silver Flag offered his coin to A1C Josh Petrowski for his performance during the training,” Lewis said. “There were only two coins given out to participants, and he received one of them. This was a very big deal and gave our base great pride knowing that others recognize how well we are able to perform.”

Not wanting to forget anyone, Lewis and Butrum both stressed the unbelievable job 181st Services Squadron members did while deployed with CE. Providing hot meals for Airmen returning from a long work day was a big relief to the Airmen.

“After eating MREs in the field, it was nice to know our Services folk were preparing a hot meal when we returned.” Butrum said. “They did an outstanding job supporting us the entire deployment.”

The training paid off and Lewis explained how every 181st CE member who attended the training had their name on the war skills certificate. Performing their tasks at such a high level, he knows that they set the bar high for other Guard units who will be participating in the training in the future.

“Our troops did very well,” Lewis said. “I am proud of what we accomplished.”

Acronyms, Initials, and Abbreviations! What do they mean.

Tony Smiley, Lt Col. Ret.

The Wing recently received a note from Lt Col Harry Dees, Jr. retired, asking about references to all the new acronyms he is seeing in the Racer Flyer. Hello Harry, hope you're doing well. After thinking about it for a few days, I jotted down some thoughts. Doing an internet search for Air Force acronyms, I found several references – some serious, some not so serious. All were good.

According to MG Allen Peck, Commander, Air Force Doctrine Center in his forward to AF Doctrine Document 1-2, dated 11 Jan 07, he stated that warfighters require a common lexicon of unique military terms essential to explaining, understanding, and writing doctrine. This common lexicon, reached by familiar definitions, is fundamental to conducting efficient and effective air, space, and cyberspace operations. Airmen should be able to clearly articulate their thoughts, ideas, and commands to each other by using a common operational language. This language tool should pervade every aspect of the force—operations and support—because in our profession confusion or misunderstanding can cost lives. Understanding acronyms is serious business. Sometimes we forget that not all readers of the Racer Flyer have a military background, or that with mission changes, even those of us in uniform must learn a new language and associated acronyms.

Change is ever present. The 181st has experienced another change – transition from a flying unit to an intelligence unit. And with the change comes another “new language”. New missions, reconfigured buildings, new equipment, new people, and new acronyms. Probably one of the most important acronyms, deals with the new mission we've seen it, we've heard it in discussions but what is it? Just what is DGS? It is the Distributive Ground Station (DGS) which is becoming the cornerstone of military intelligence employment. The DGS gathers intelligence from around the world providing near real-time exploitation of data collected by airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft. Oops, there was another one. The new missions will help our country to achieve total supremacy in air, space and cyberspace. Our current overall stated mission.

Let's not be forgetting another one of our new mis-

sions ASOS – the Air Support Operations Squadron. These are the guys that are down on the ground directing the aerial support needed at the right time, in the right place.

Along with these changes, members of the Air Force and reserve components (Total Force) are also seeing the change from BDU's and DCU's to ABU's..... Gee seems like just yesterday we wearing plain old cotton, olive drab utilities or fatigues! Then came the short lived perma-press version followed by the Battle Dress Uniform, Desert Combat Uniform to the present Airman Battle Uniform. From what I hear, most people really like the new uniform; they say it is comfortable and easy to care for. Right now there are so many different combinations of uniforms that are authorized sometimes it's difficult to tell the Airmen from the Soldiers now at Hulman Field. Maybe before too long, even Hulman Field will become a true Joint Forces base and require a new name. Something like Hulman Field Joint Forces Facility? Only time will tell.

In the Racer Flyer, under the Unit Review, the following key may help. FW - Fighter Wing; MSF - Mission Support Flight; Det 1 - Atterbury Range; Det 2 - Jefferson Proving Grounds Range; MSG - Mission Support Group; MXS - Maintenance Squadron; MDG - Medical Group; OG - Operations Group; LRS - Logistic Readiness Squadron; CF - Communications Flight; CE - Civil Engineering; SFS - Security Forces Squadron; AMXS - Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; SVF - Services Flight; IG - Intel Group; IS - Intel Squadron; ISS - Intel Support Squadron; OSS - Operations Support Squadron. The unit review section was originally designed to allow the units a way to communicate news about their personnel to the rest of the Wing.

So, learning all the acronyms that come with the new missions, along with the new Army tenants now on base and their acronyms, will take some time. I am personally trying to get used to a new acronym myself. Change is all around us and never ending. With the 21st century comes new challenges that I'm sure the 181st Intelligence Wing will tackle in true Racer style, change is nothing to fear, for those of us that wear the uniform, or have worn the uniform, change is SOP (Standard Operating Procedure), a normal way of life. If it is approached in a positive manner, with the right attitude, the results are generally beneficial to all. So, bring on the acronyms!

GUARD-A-THON, 7 JUN 08

That's right, a Guard-A-Thon. In the spirit of keeping fitness fun, the 181st will host its first annual Guard-A-Thon. This event will consist of a 3 mile bike ride, a 1 mile walk and a 1.5 mile run. You can compete as a team of 3, from the same squadron, or as an individual completing all three tasks.

Awards will be given to first, second and third place for teams and individuals.

Mileage will be tripled and awarded to your squadron for the Route 66 competition.

This is a FREE event, promoting fun and fitness. 181st Members Only!!!!!! Set up your team and contact us today!

**Disclaimer: You must provide your own bicycle and helmets must be worn.

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What is the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program and how does it work? The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-Rap) is a contracted program designed for individuals who voluntarily apply to become eligible to serve as a part time Recruiter Assistant (RA). The RA applicant will be verified and hired by a contractor (Docupak), not the ANG.

What are the responsibilities of the Recruiter Assistant? The responsibilities of an RA are to identify individuals within their sphere of influence to develop potential Airmen, promote the benefits of the ANG, input potential Airmen's profile data into G-RAP website and arrange a meeting between the potential Airmen and the unit recruiter.

Is G-RAP a mandatory program? No, it is VOLUNTARY and you must be selected by the contractor, Dokupak, to become an RA.

Who do I work for? AM I an ADSW or AGR person? You are an independent contractor for Docupak and are not acting in a military capacity.

If I am a member of the Air National Guard, is this a required program? Will I get in trouble for not participating? G-RAP is not a required program and has no bearing on your status in the Guard, or you military career. You act as an independent contractor for Docupak.

Can an ANG Drill Status Airmen who is mobilized and is now on active duty be a part of this? Or if they are already a RA, can they continue to earn money from the contract? No, ANG members who are mobilized and then ordered to active duty and would not be eligible to be a RA during this period of service. Being a RA is done on Civilian time, never on ANG time. When they complete the mobilization and come off of active duty, they could apply to be hired or reappointed as a contractor with Docupak.

Are AGR, ADSW, Mil Tech or immediate family members of full time recruiting staff eligible to participate in G-RAP? No, AGR, ADSW, Mil Tech or immediate family members are not currently authorized to participate in G-RAP.

What are the qualifications -disqualifications for joining the ANG? The online training and your RA Guide will inform you of basic qualifications and disqualifications and all required information and supporting documentation necessary to assist you as an RA.

What information do I need to get from the potential Airmen, and where do I get it? The online training will inform you of all required information and supporting documentation you will need to gather from the potential enlistee.

Can I tell potential Airmen about bonuses or guarantees from the Air Guard? You are not authorized to make guarantees or promises to potential Airmen in regard to any benefits or incentives.

What do I tell potential Airmen about deployments? As a member of the Air National Guard, you are subject to federal and state mobilization in support of your country and community needs. Deployment is possible and you must be upfront with any potential Airmen about the possibility of serving the nation during this time.

Can I get credit for a current ANG member who transfers from one state to another? No, they are current members of the ANG and the G-RAP focus is on new recruits.

Can I perform the duties of the RA during drill weekend? No, any Airmen on Drill Statue, AT Status or ADSW CANNOT perform the duties of an RA.

Can I wear my uniform while I am doing RA work? No, your civilian contractor provides you with appropriate Guard wear (casual). You are never allowed to represent yourself as a Airman working in a paid military nor should you portray yourself as an recruiter.

What will I be paid? You will receive \$1,000 upon the verified enlistment of a new Airman. A subsequent \$1,000 payment is made upon shipping to Basic Military Training for NPS and PS must affiliate for three months and perform three drills.

How do I get paid? You will receive a contractor issued debit card which will be credited upon each enlistment.

At what point do I no longer work with the potential Airman? Your responsibilities end upon receipt of your final \$1,000 payment.

How long does it take to get paid? It takes approximately 30-45 days to receive payments once the enlistment has been verified.

Is this a bonus? If so, what authority is it under? No, this is not a bonus program. This is a performance based contract that pays for actual, verified accessions and basic training shippers.

If I have received a bonus for joining, does this program affect it in any way? No, the Select Reserves Incentive Program (SRIP) is separate from G-RAP. Your civilian contractor status has no affect on your enlistment or reenlistment bonus.

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181st members cashing in with GRAP

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW Public Affairs

Trying to find a way to pay for that new boat this summer? How about paying off that loan or credit card? The National Guard is willing to pay you \$2000 for every qualified recruit you bring to the recruiters this year.

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program is a program that allows Airmen to become recruiting assistants and recruit new members from within their own spheres of influence. Acquiring new members for the Wing, Air Guard, and even Army National Guard; Airmen can earn \$2000 for every new recruit. With no limit on the number of recruits an Airman can bring in to the recruiters, the sky is literally the limit when it comes to being a GRAP recruiter.

There are currently 118 active recruiting assistants within the 181st Fighter Wing, and the potential for earning extra money is always there as the Wing continues to recruit at a very high level for the new missions.

“The issue we are facing as recruiters right now; is that a majority of the available jobs within the Wing are Intel slots that require high ASVAB scores,” said MSgt Andrew Van Ness, 181st Recruiter. “The GRAP program allows members to bring in people they know, who more than likely have a good background, and have some knowledge of the Wing before they get here. Earning that extra money is a good incentive as well.”

181st Recruiting Assistants have brought in 71 potential Airmen, eight of whom have shipped off to basic training or tech school. The top five recruiting assistants on base have cashed in on the new program and all over the country Airmen are taking advantage of the money incentives.

“It’s a really good program,” said A1C Joshua Petrowski, who has recruited several potential Airmen in the last year. “It was very easy. One of my buddies approached me about joining the Guard and I just signed up for GRAP online, updated the information on a weekly basis, and when he joined I received the money.”

The 181st top five recruiting assistants are as follows; Aaron Racey, John Green, Joseph Harter, Joshua Petrowski, and Matthew Brown.

Once a recruit is brought in to the recruiters and signs an enlistment contract, upon notification from military personnel, a Visa card with \$1000 is shipped to the RA. After the recruit has completed a 90-day affiliation period with the Wing, the RA will receive the additional \$1000 on the same card. This card can be used as a debit card, or the card holder can use it at an ATM machine and withdraw the money from the card. There is a rumor that one Airman recruited 44 new members last year for a total of \$88,000.

Unfortunately, GRAP is not available for members in a technician status, but it can be utilized by retirees with 20-plus years of service.

For more information on how to become a recruiting assistant and to sign up, go to <http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com>.



Col Jeffrey Hauser, 181 FW Commander, presents \$2,000 check to SrA Sarah Osborn, 181MDG, on her recent recruitment under the GRAP program. Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams

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Balad Air Base, Iraq - SrA Zachary Eason, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maint Sqd weapons mechanic, installs an aircraft universal ammunition loader to pull the remaining 20 mm rounds from an F-16. (USAF photo by SrA Travis Edwards)



181st members work on CBT's while deployed to Savannah CRTC, GA. The Wing deployed to Savannah CRTC for two weeks to accomplish AFT requirements. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



SSgt Alec Oneal, 181SVF, operates the hot grill at Savannah CRTC, GA. The Wing deployed to Savannah CRTC for two weeks to accomplish AFT requirements. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



181st members get trained on Tent Build-Up procedures while deployed to Savannah CRTC, GA. The Wing deployed to Savannah CRTC for two weeks to accomplish AFT requirements. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



TSgt Timothy Brown, 181CF, gets CPR training at Savannah CRTC, GA. CPR training was one of many classes held during AFT at Savannah CRTC, GA.

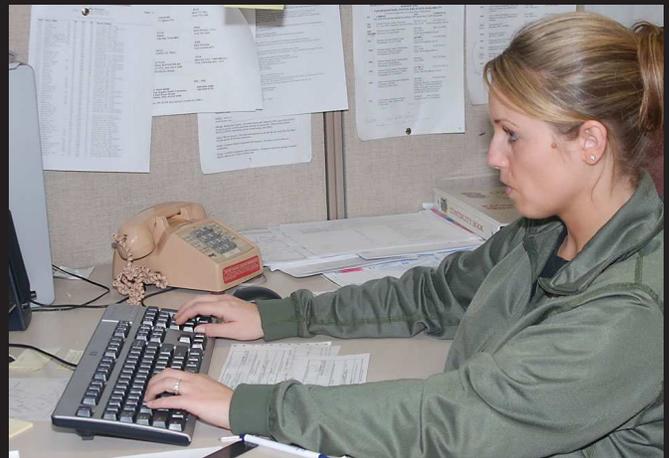
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TSgt Greg Dunham, 181LGRF, draws a sample of fuel from the tank sump on an Oshkosh R-11 fuel truck. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*



ASOS support members receive land navigation and map reading training during field exercises at Townsend Range, GA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



SSgt Rebecca Deal, 181LGR, processes an equipment transfer request. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*



MSgt Jason Bullard, 181SFS, explains firing position to ASOS members while SSgt Brian Chesshir, 181SFS, demonstrates firing position at Townsend Range, GA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt James Brown, 181LGR, prepares to move un-serviceable equipment in the supply warehouse. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*



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CF - We'd like to "Congratulate" and "Welcome Back" to the 181st Communications Flight, **A1C Jonathan Ellinger**. **A1C Ellinger** recently graduated from Basic Military Training and Tech School.

The 181st Communications Flight had quite a few participants in the Enlisted Dining Out 5K and 10K run. **TSgt Brandy Fultz**, and **SSgt Shane Kennedy** ran the 10K; while **MSgt Julie Vanlandingham**, and **SrA Lucille Brown** ran the 5K. Participants of the 1.5 mile Fun Run included **MSgt Michael Fisher**, **SSgt Darryl Yancy**, and **SrA Lucille Brown**. A special "Thanks" goes out to **MSgt Vanlandingham** for all of her efforts and encouragement in assisting myself in the run. I could not have made it without your help! "Way to Go" all of you runners!

Congratulations **SSgt Darryl Yancy** on your "Excellent" score on your recent fitness assessment, you've set the standard high for all of us to follow.

For those of you who deployed to Savannah CRTC we are so glad that everyone made it there and back safely. We heard that you had rough start, from the snow covered roads to overturned snowplow trucks in Kentucky.

For all of those personnel who deployed in the Communications Flight, Watch out for the "ghost" ring any bells?
SrA Lucille Brown

Det 1 (Atterbury Range) - Hello once again from Atterbury Range, where despite heavy precipitation the past couple of months the mission has not been slowed, if anything it would appear business is picking up. In addition to our usual day flying we are working several weeks of night flying with the 1-230th Army helicopters and the C-130 Gunship's from the 123rd unit in Louisville Kentucky. Our tasks will include observing the flying, providing electronic threat and Smokey Sam support. Thank you **Lt.Col. Paul Davis** for obtaining the much needed items that we requested.

Captain Matt Perkins visited DET 1 with representatives from the new ASOS unit to look at our range for future training.

Welcome to **SrA Jason Hart**, he is filling our vehicle mechanic vacancy and has been performing "man-days" with us for the past 3 weeks.

TSgt Ernie Nester has been busy organizing and making calls so that we can

have our controlled burn. This is necessary because the practice bombs that our units drop here can catch the surrounding grass, leaves, etc. on fire and by doing this it minimizes the possibility.

MSgt Jason Coldiron has been at Langley AFB Virginia the past week working as a IG Augmentee during the current inspection.

Major Chris "Beech" Snider recently was at Tyndall AFB. Providing F-22 support and flying numerous sorties with the 122nd FW based out of Ft Wayne.

Lt.Col. Craig "Merle" Haggard was TDY in Washington DC, for a UAV conference to discuss numerous items including the possibility of using Atterbury Range as a training asset due to our numerous capabilities.

MSgt Terry Abel

CES - Once again, it has been a very busy two months for the Engineers. **SMSgt Christopher Shattuck** is busy with studies at the Emergency Management Course and our new First Sergeant, **MSgt Michael (Scott) Tincer** is attending the First Sergeant's Academy. The Engineers still have **SSgt Jonahan Matheis**, **SSgt John Labo** and **SSgt Douglas Simpson** deployed in support of the war on terrorism.

During the month of March we had nine more Civil Engineers attend and graduate from Silver Flag at Tyndall Air Force Base and we will deploy four more Airmen during the month of May to attend Silver Flag.

Also, a subject that is very hard to talk about is the closure of the Fire Department after 56 years, over 20 of those as a full time department, of loyal and dedicated service to the 181st Civil Engineer Squadron and the 181st Fighter Wing. Our Fire Fighters have been key players in the overall continued success of our Unit and the Wing and it is very hard to bid farewell to such outstanding Airmen!

Last, and certainly not least, we will bid farewell to First Sergeant (**SMSgt**) **Charles (Chuck) Gilbert** on Sunday, 6 April 2008. **First Sergeant Gilbert** has been a member of the 181st Civil Engineer Squadron since 1979 and has been the First Sergeant for the Engineers since 1993. He, like the Fire Fighters, has been a key player in the overall continued success of the Unit and the 181st Fighter Wing. It will indeed be very hard to bid farewell to **SMSgt Gilbert!**

On another note, we would like to wish

Mrs. Barbara Jones a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to work in the very near future.

CMSgt Danny Lewis

MDG - Congratulations to **SSgt Jessie Ellis**. **Jessie** is one of the NGAI Scholarship Award Winners and the presentation will be at the NGAI State Convention in April. Congratulations to **SSgt Sarah Boyll**, she has been selected as the Indiana ANG Enlisted Member of the Year. **Sarah** will receive her award at the Armed Forces Day Banquet in May.

The Medical Group welcomes two new members: **Major Stephanie Nelson**, Physician's Assistant, has joined us from the Indiana Civil Support Team. She practices Emergency Medicine and Family Practice. **SSgt Misty Baumann** joins the 181st from Dallas, Texas. **Misty** attends Purdue University in the nursing program.

A number of medics will be assisting with Kids Challenge Camp, July 20th. The volunteers include: **W. Holt, A.Colon, L. Crowell, D. Edwards, J. Faulkner, J. Harman, A. Love, D.Majors, K.Marietta, J. McCammon, S.Osborn, W.Samm, A.Simmonds, A.Thompson and R.Webster.**

SSgt Dan Majors had some quality "air time" on April 1st part of his comedy routine was featured on the "Bob and Tom" radio show in Indianapolis. Congrats **Dan...**

Please keep our deployers in your thoughts and prayers: **Captain Katherine Good, MSgt Tommy McMinn, MSgt Brian McCammon and TSgt Jennifer Harman.**

Be safe, enjoy the warm weather and remember to promote the Air National Guard and the 181st by doing your part with the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP).

Lt Col Patti Mook

SFS - We welcome back **SSgt Amber VanNess** to the SFS. While separated from the unit, she married **Tyler VanNess** who was once a SFS member and she became a mother. It's always sad to see members leave the squadron but for **MSgt Shumaker** we send him away and wish him luck as he has been selected to be the 1st Sgt for the 181st Intel Support Squadron. April is also the last weekend for **Sgt Petrowski** as he separates from our unit. **TSgt Murphy** recently returned from 7



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level school and **TSgt Maul** and **TSgt Drake** are currently attending the school. We also have **SSgt Gilbreath** and **SSgt McIntire** attending CATM School. We wish all of troops attending schools good luck. It's not very often the SFS gets the opportunity to train together but this May we will have the opportunity to train in Alpena, Michigan. This training is much anticipated because of the opportunity for the troops to train in squads in a variety of unique situations.

We would also like to acknowledge our own **SSgt Brian Chesshir**. He is currently trying out for the US Military All Stars Baseball Team. The team is comprised of military members from all branches of the service. Brian is the first Air National Guard member to have been selected from the tryouts since the organization was established 19 years ago. We wish him luck.

MSgt Roy Riggs

SVF - Thanks to all of the Services Flight for a job well done while deployed to Savannah. You guys are the best! We would also like to thank all of our hardworking KP's. We couldn't have done it without you! We have a lot of new members coming into Services, and we can't wait to begin working with you. Welcome to the Services family! We have a lot of congratulations to give out this month! First, we want to congratulate our Services members who passed their PT test in April. I guess that new flavor burst ice cream machine didn't hinder us from being Fit to Fight!!! Big congratulations to **Lt Col McKenzie's** daughter for graduating from the University of Kentucky. She is also being commissioned! **TSgt Heather McMains** is expecting her first baby in July, **SrA Meagen Morse** passed her 5 level CDC's, and **SrA Dara Orman** passed her Course 1 and graduated from the ISU School of Nursing in December! We would also like to congratulate **TSgt Larry Waggle** for graduating from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in Biomedical Engineering! Good luck to **SSgt Michael Hawkins** who has launched a new website selling his personal photography, and to **TSgt Douglas Hadley** who is competing in a bodybuilding competition at the end of May. You guys have worked so hard and deserve the best! Good Luck to the Services members who are leaving us to attend Silver Flag training.

I'm sure you guys will do great! We would also like to say welcome home to **TSgt Christopher Lawler**. He is on his way home from a deployment and we are happy to have him back. Thank you so much for your service! May drill will be a sad weekend for us Services folk. **MSgt Jeffrey Enright** will be retiring after twenty years of outstanding military service. You will definitely be missed! Keep up the good work Services! Hot Pan! Huah!
SSgt. Valerie Knight

137TH IS/ASOS - Even though it's been months since we've had aircraft on the ramp, it still sounds unusually quiet as I drive onto the base for drill. In the past you saw the hustle and bustle of the flight line already in motion long before the start of the normal drill day. Things have changed so much here. We no longer hear the "Sound of Freedom" that we loved so much in the skies above. The maintenance shops don't look the same, the hanger is void of jets in phase, people have scattered to different career fields and nothing seems the same. Nothing except our spirit – the infamous Racer spirit – well known worldwide - that has been at the foundation of our success since the beginning. That Racer spirit has once again prevailed and is making its debut as the 137th Intel Squadron. (*The Intel world will never be the same after they encounter us.*) The meaning behind the 137th goes full circle – back to our origin. In 1922, with a handful of Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" Bi-wings, we became the 137th Observation Squadron – which was also where the 113th Squadron originated from. In keeping with the original mission of the 137th, we will now be the observers of the world on a high tech level. We will be the eyes for the troops on the ground to protect them and keep them out of harms way. Instead of jet noise – we are now the silent, 24/7 portion of the "kill chain". We will work hand in hand - across thousands of miles with our other new mission on base – the ASOS. Those elite "soldiers of fortune" (Joint Tactical Air Controllers) JTAC's will depend on us to provide them with up to the minute Intel they need to do their job. Our job in the 137th is to provide actionable intelligence to Combatant Commanders and war fighting forces throughout the world utilizing the Sentinel Weapons System.

April UTA "officially" began our new mission with new leaders. Our Commander

LtCol Kip Clark at the helm, **Major Mike Holmes** as our Director of Operations and our newly selected First Sergeant **MSgt Mike May**. (Just our leadership alone is enough to make everyone want to be a member of our squadron) The transition began last year with sending troops to school. To date we have sent almost 80 people to school, 35 have graduated and 32 are filling a ULN for another unit...and we aren't even scheduled to be IOC until mid August 2008! That shows the war fighter spirit, initiative and dedication we already have in this new mission. That is what the Racers are – decades of war fighters – constantly evolving to newer weapons systems. Our newest one is the Sentinel. That is what we are as well; sentinels of the Intel world. We stand guard – ever watchful – over our military forces – day and night. We look forward to blazing new trails within our new world and in our usual Racer way, take the lead.

CMSgt Anne Rice

FW - Congratulations to the Wing's newest parent; **SrA Amanda Ridenour**, Command Post. **Amanda** gave birth to her son in January and we are pleased to have **Amanda** back from maternity leave. Farewell to **TSgt Tom Howell** as he is moving from the Command Post to the Intell mission. Good luck in tech school, **Tom!** Farewell to **Col Riegler** who retired from the JAG office in March and congratulations to **TSgt Josh Scherschel** who graduated from paralegal technical training and returns to May drill. Great job, **Josh!** Finance welcomes it's newest member, **TSgt Gary Murphy** who switches things up and joins them from AMXS. Other wonderful HQ news includes the promotion of **James Jensen** to the rank of Major and the appointment of the **Capt Jay Dunn** as the new MEO officer. **Capt Dunn** looks forward to getting out on the base to meet with folks soon.

SSgt Brooke Nigh





Summer time in the Wabash Valley

by Mr. Johnny Saylor, 812-877-5545

The Family Readiness Group has been in the planning mood lately. We are going to be at the After Burner at the end of the Base's physical activity on Saturday of June drill. We will be selling our Wing Photographs and our Airplane Ornaments. This is a fundraiser for Scholarship's to help offset the cost of sending our kids to Kid's Camp at Atterbury from 6 to 12 July. All the money we raise is used for our kids activities.

We are also planning the 2nd Annual "Operation Kid's Deploy". The plan is to deploy to the Indianapolis Children's Museum for the day. It will be free to the children, but we will need to raise funds to support the activity. We plan on deploying on Saturday of September UTA, mark your calendar now for 6 September. You will be given more details on how to sign up and what kind of help we will need in the next few months. We will be posting ads for it all over the base and on our website. So, stop by the club June Drill and help support our Kid's Activities.

You can go online to see what the Family Readiness Group is doing. We have our own web site, www.181stfrg.com. You can go to the site to find out when our meeting times are plus you can link to other great informational sites. Some sites offer free items for our Airmen and their families. There is also a link to our State Guard site. Additionally, meeting minutes are posted so you can see what the group is doing for you.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Family Readiness Group held its elections in December and a new secretary was elected for a two year term - Tim Gray. Tim retired this last year and wanted to stay connected with this great unit. He came the next meeting after his retirement and jumped right in helping with whatever needed to be done.

Tim was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been married to his wonderful wife Linda for 31 years and they have two children, Tanya who is in our Intel Squadron and Timothy Junior, a junior high school teacher. Tim received his BA in English at Towson State University in 1971 and has completed two year's of law school. His military career started out as a Helicopter Electrician for 6 years in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. He then became an Interior Electrician in the Baltimore 175th CE Guard Unit before coming here to spend his next 15 years as an Interior Electrician, Information Management Specialist, Public Affairs NCO, and Prime BEEF Manager.

Tim would encourage you to become part of the Family Readiness Group as a way to keep serving the needs of our 181st Family. We meet on Saturday of Drill at 10:00am in the Wing Conference Room. The meetings last about one hour and cover what is coming up around base plus what we as a group are planning for the future. Come out and be part of the 181st as a volunteer for the FRG.

Clinic support troops gain new skills

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

Members of the 181st Medical Group learn new skill sets while deployed to Sather Air Base, Iraq.

MSgt Tommy McMinn, medical logistics NCOIC, and TSgt Jennifer Harman, a medical administrator, recently learned basic medical care skills during a two week trauma training program required by the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Amanda Callahan)

"It was interesting to be able to be a part of the operational side of the clinic. I have been in the military for almost 11 years, so I have gotten to watch the operational side's training but never participated in it. It gives me more respect for the docs, nurses and medics who keep such a cool, calm head in the midst of organized chaos," said Harman.

The members of EMEDS were trained to insert IVs, assess injuries, and other emergency room standard operating procedures. Harman admits she was very nervous the first time she had to insert an IV; however, she was able to accomplish the task successfully. She has already enrolled in the Army's Combat Lifesaver course, which will allow her to further support the medical team.

"We train for so many scenarios, not until you see it and live it, do you realize how well orchestrated the chaos really is during a trauma," said McMinn.

Neither of the members have utilized their new skill sets yet; however, McMinn did perform CPR for the first time. He was thankful for all the arduous CPR training, after working on a live recipient.

McMinn currently oversees repair of the medical equipment. He has recently been selected to be the First Sergeant for the Operation Support Squadron, upon his return to the unit.

According to the article on the Air Force News link, Col. Gregory Biernacki, EMEDS commander, has implemented the training to assist his 11 member medical team. He requires the members of his medical support staff, such as logistics, administration, public health, dental and bioenvironmental engineering personnel to attend the training their first two weeks assigned to the EMEDS. "We're only 22 strong, so everybody's got to work, especially if we have a mass casualty," said Biernacki.

Typically, Harman's responsibilities are orders, awards and decorations, Professional Credentials, and other administrative requirements as necessary. Before being called up to active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle, with her prior California unit, she was enrolled in an EMT course. She hopes to pursue taking the EMT course through the Air Force.



NEW RACERS



Paul Dehart - Intel



Brent Cooper - Intel



Daniel Taylor - Intel



Ryan Johnson - SFS



David Hart - LRS



Carlie Harper - LRS



Brandon Wilmer - CF



Jaycob Allen - Intel



Troy Cobb - Intel



Misty Baumann - MDG



Stephanie Nelson - MDG



Mark Decamp - Intel



Jonathon Morales - CES



Amber VanNess - SFS



Brandon Terry - Intel



Jeffery Osborn - LRS

“Spiritual Readiness”

Chaplain Bill Yates, 181st IW, Wing Chaplain



Last week I attended the Joint National Guard Chaplains Symposium in Baltimore. We had a major training block on operating safely in a CBRNE environment. And one of the lessons compared “spiritual” and “religious” support in times of crisis, chaos and war. What’s the difference between those two words?

The word “spiritual” refers to universal needs and qualities that are important to everyone. For example, we all want a sense of hope for the future and to experience safety, security and belonging. Nearly all people pray at some time. Almost everyone agrees that virtues like love, honesty, strength of character, patience, courage, and service above self are worth teaching and practicing. And we all want to know that our lives have purpose and meaning, and that what we do counts for good in this world.

The word “religious” refers to the specific beliefs and practices that a person observes through their church or denomination. For example, one person may be Protestant and observe Methodist doctrines and practices. Another person may follow the catechism of the Roman Catholic Church and attend mass. And another person may go to the synagogue and follow the teachings and rituals of the Jewish religion.

Air Force Instruction 36-2618 states: “*Spiritual readiness is the development of those personal qualities needed to help a person through times of stress, hardship,*

and tragedy. This may or may not include religious activities.” Spiritual readiness is an important part of any military unit and is becoming crucial in joint training and operations.

Spiritual readiness means having the inner resources to face all that life can throw at you. Spiritual readiness affects unit morale and is an essential part of being a fully developed and capable person. Spiritual readiness helps you do what is right and keeps you “in the game” when the going gets tough.

With the arrival of our new missions, spiritual readiness will be even more important here at the 181st. Many of our people will see and do things that will test their best selves. Your chaplains stand ready to help. We are trained to support both the spiritual and religious needs of all our people. And we work closely with our commanders and supervisors. And DoD policy supports your spiritual and religious needs as part of the free exercise guaranteed by the Constitution.

I want to welcome you to attend chapel. Our Protestant community gathers on Saturdays at 1530 and our Catholic community on Sundays at 1330. We are available for personal guidance and counseling. We offer our ministry to everyone regardless of their backgrounds, religious and non-religious. If we cannot help you we will find someone who can. Feel free to stop by our offices or talk anytime you see us out and about among our units. You can call or email us, too.

We join you in making the 181st the best it can be by being personally, physically, militarily ... and spiritually ready!

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To Major



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Information Assurance

Managing Licensed and other Software

Thinking of copying government procured software for home use? Not so fast, you may not legally be able to make copies of copyrighted software. In addition, you cannot install and use copies of government-owned software on a home computer unless the software license explicitly allows users to do so and the base CSO (CF/CC) has authorized such use. (An example would be Symantec Antivirus software.)

Other important things to remember are:

- Do not install freeware, shareware or personally owned software on government systems without approval of the system administrator or network manager.
- Maintain a record of the Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software (COTS) controlled by your organization.
- Audit all computer software annually to ensure there are no illegal or unauthorized copies of COTS or other software installed.
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2008 Enlisted Dining Out Run

The weather and participation was great for the 2nd Annual Enlisted Dining Out Walk/Run on 1 Mar. 206 participants came out for the four events. Tom Dever (civilian) logged the best 10K: 38:53.38. Top military runners are as follows: 10K male – John Puckett (FW) 52:38.97, female – Brandy Fultz (CF) 1:02:03.55; 5K run male – Dustin Devitt (LRS) 19:57.0, female – Leslie Rice (OSF) 22:55.0; 5K walk male – Aaron Bratka (OSF) 32:38.7, female – Winnie Weaver (OPS) 42:02.1; 1.5 mile male – Daniel Meeks (SFS) 10:51.5, female – Sara Osborn (MDG) 13:31.6. For the first quarter, the Commander's Traveling trophy was won by Wing HQ, congrats. We are well into the Route 66 challenge. Walk, run or bike your way from Chicago to San Diego. Ask your Squadron Wellness Representative for details. Part II, 10K Run 5K Walk/Run and 1.5 Run is already scheduled for 4 October 08. The competition is on between the squadrons. In keeping with Racer style, "DON'T BRING IT WEAK!"