

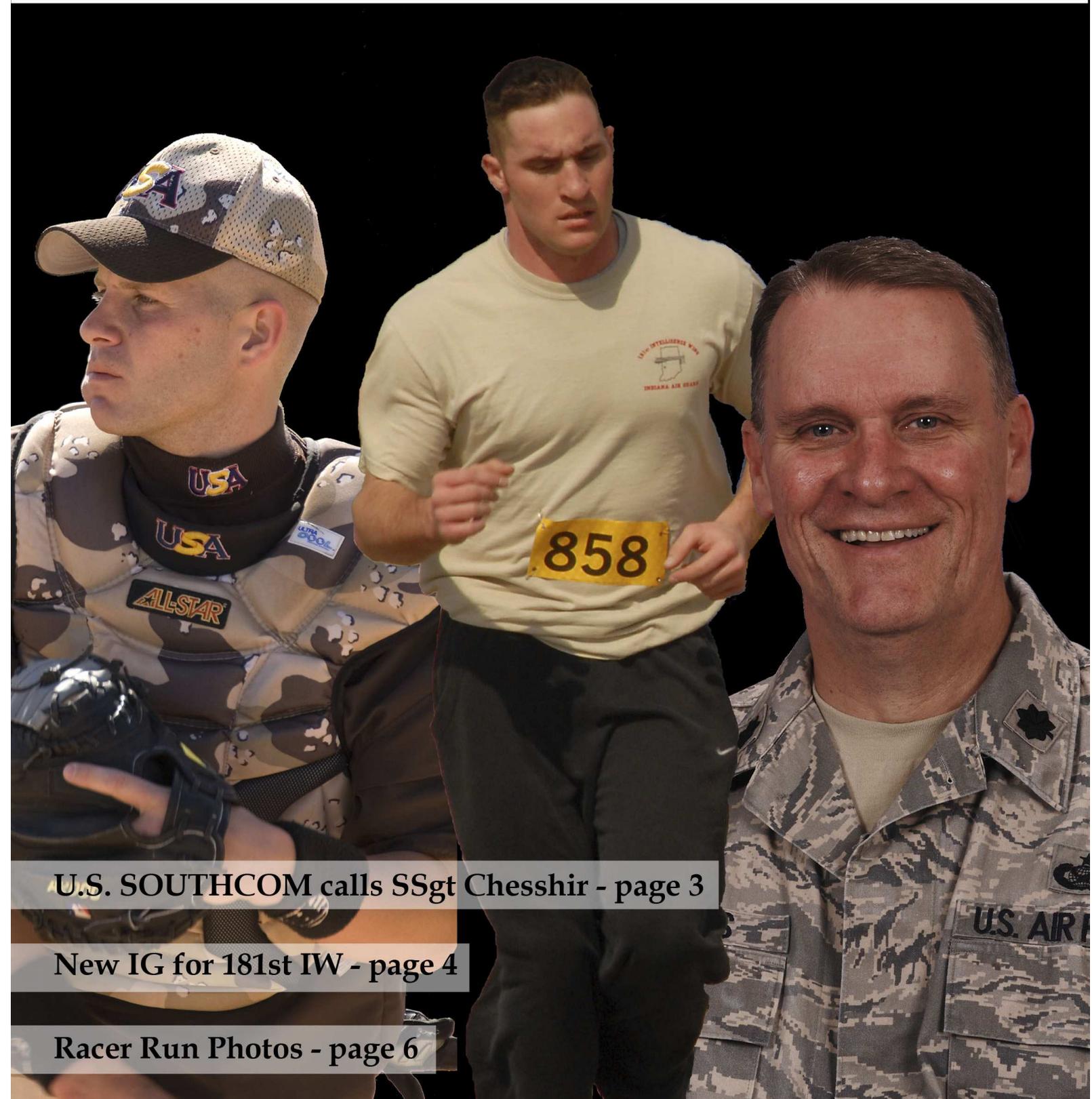
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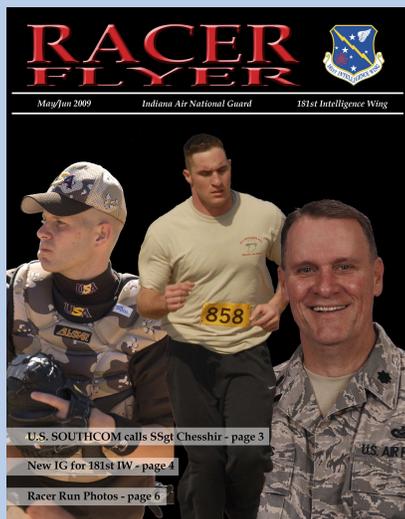
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Believe it or not, we are now up and running DGS missions right here in good ole Terre Haute. It has taken us almost two years, but it has finally come true. By the time you read this all of our people will have returned from DGS-KS and are settled into our routine here. We are now officially a

24/7/365 operation.

The impact this will have on our normal drill schedule is still yet to be seen. Since we will be open for business 24 hours a day, our traditional guardsmen will have a much easier time rescheduling drills. For those of you outside the DGS, there may be some added flexibility for you as well. Your individual commanders may need to provide support during hours that fall outside of the normal business day. All I can say is that there will be greater flexibility. For now, be sure to stick to your normal schedule until further notice. All we can promise you is that things are changing and for many of us the days of a typical one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer are no more.

While the DGS is finally reaping the fruits of their labors, other units on base are exhibiting RACER Pride as well. The 113<sup>th</sup> ASOS continues to move forward in their efforts to recruit and acquire equipment. Notice I said “acquire” not “steal”. It’s a fine line sometimes, but they are really good at tap dancing on that land-mine and getting away with it. They continue to push outstanding men through training in preparations for their IOC date in the near future.

Our very own Civil Engineers have deployed to two different locations. While a large part of CE was deployed to the Middle East in support of Overseas Contingency Operations the remainder had to cover the slack by deploying to another version of the sandbox. Fortunately for them their version included Waikiki beach. Yes, you read that right. While some went to fight insurgents others get to fight fresh pineapples and warm tropical breezes. Things that make you go hmmm...

The often overlooked folks in the LRS have been busting their backsides trying to get rid of all the “stuff” we no longer need. I have been amazed time and time again at just how much equipment they have moved off base and how much still remains to be moved. Yet, they continue to work diligently and continue to get their normal jobs done as well.

The transition we have experienced over the last two years is incredible. It is no surprise though that we are coming out of it with pride and satisfaction in a job well done. Life since losing the jets has been difficult to say the least, but we have maintained that indelible spirit that defines us as an organization. I have said it before and I will say it again. I am extremely proud to be a part of this wing and I’m very proud to be a RACER.

# U.S. SOUTHCOM calls for SSgt Chesshir

By SMSgt John Chapman, 181st IW/PA

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Gino A. Flores

*“Brian Chesshir? This is Capt. Santana from the U.S. Southern Command. Would you be interested in playing baseball for us?”*

SSgt Brian Chesshir, 181<sup>st</sup> Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM), was watching ESPN SportsCenter when he answered the phone on Feb. 14, 2009 and had to think for a moment before answering – but he didn’t have to think very long.

“Yes sir,” he replied faster than Stuart Scott could announce the next SportsCenter highlight.

Chesshir’s love for baseball began at age five, when he swiped his first ball off the tee. Twenty-two years later, he will be playing ball representing the 181<sup>st</sup>, Indiana Air National Guard, the whole Air Force and his country in a U.S. Southern Command Partnership Tour.

Reporting to Miami, Fla., for a week of training before he begins a month long “friendship tour” visiting five Latin-American countries including; Panama, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Honduras and Chile. Chesshir is one of two catchers selected for the tour.

“The week-long training will decide on the starting catcher,” Chesshir explained. “There are some great ball players and I hope I can squeeze out the starting position.”

This will be Chesshir’s first time playing for the U.S. Southern Command in other countries. He will be staying on foreign military bases and meeting ambassadors from the countries he will be visiting.

The team is comprised of all military branches, but Chesshir is the only Air Force and Air National Guard member of the team. However, this won’t be the first time he’s has played baseball with other Department of Defense members.

He played for the U.S. Military All-Stars team last spring and was the first Air National Guard member to play for that



SSgt Brian Chesshir, 181SFS

team as well. As the team traveled all around the country playing ball, they also visited several children’s hospitals and nursing homes.

“One of the highlights of playing last year for me was visiting with the children and holding clinics to teach young players proper techniques,” he said. “I am looking forward to doing the same thing in other countries.”

Chesshir plays on a local men’s league which travels to Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Phoenix, Az., to participate in tournament play with the Men’s Senior Baseball League. He also volunteers with the Martinsville High



School baseball team, and coaches teams for Terre Town Little League, West Terre Haute and Legion Post 90.

“I’m not sure what to expect on this tour,” said Chesshir as he reflected on last year’s tour with the U.S. Military All-Stars. “I remember playing with the kids in Shreveport, La. They really enjoyed getting their pictures taken with us and playing different games. This year, there will be a lot more focus on the humanitarian side of things and we will be representing our country. I’m excited and it is an honor to be on this team.”

## Experience guides new 181<sup>st</sup> Inspector General

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181<sup>st</sup> IW/PA

The 181<sup>st</sup> Inspector General covers a wide range of job duties within the Wing from personal complaints to the fraud, waste and abuse program. If there is an issue within the unit that needs to be escalated to a higher level, whether that is to increase the readiness of the entire squadron or assisting in the professional growth of airmen, Lt. Col. Terrence Mullins is on the job for the 181<sup>st</sup>.

Mullins has served in the Air Force and Air Guard for 32 years and his experience and expertise in several career fields provide him with the knowledge needed to overlook the entire Wing's operational status.

Mullins explains his duties as making sure every squadron on base fulfills the proper training and readiness exercises to be prepared for any inspection. He is also here to provide guidance for any Airman who has a complaint that needs to be escalated above the supervisor level.

"Ideally, the best way to address a potential problem is by utilizing the chain of command," Mullins said.

Mullins, who travels from Colorado Springs, Col., for drill every month, spent eight years in the enlisted ranks before being commissioned. He worked as an administrative specialist before his commission and after he has held several key positions in the Indiana ANG. His latest stint as the Public Affairs Officer for the Indiana Joint Force Headquarters provides him with the most experience for the IG position.

"As the state PAO, I had to know a little about everything," he explained. "I understand there will be a slight learning curve with the new job, but my past experience is what will help me make decisions that will most benefit the 181<sup>st</sup> and the Air Force."

Mullins' full-time job in Colorado Springs is at Peterson AFB, where he serves as a International Affairs Specialist for the Air Force Space Command.

"I coordinate meetings, agendas, and entire visitations for our foreign allies interested in learning about the US space program," Mullins said. "I've hosted everyone from the Chief of the Air Force of Turkey to the Minister of Defense from the Czech Republic."

Back at the 181<sup>st</sup>, Mullins understands that his job is to maintain the Wing's integrity for operational status and on a personal level with 181<sup>st</sup> Airmen. Mullins explained that he feels this position gives him an opportunity to offer assistance with any question pertaining to someone's career.

"The IG position offers me an opportunity to help a young Airman make a career decision and stay focused on the mission," he said. "I've been in the Guard for a long time and have had the privilege to serve with some very professional Guardsmen. This position affords me the opportunity to contribute to something that has given me countless opportunities."

*The Inspector General office is located in Building 18, across from the credit union.*



Lt Col Terrence Mullins  
181<sup>st</sup> Inspector General

## Clinic Nurse Vacancy

The 181<sup>st</sup> MDG will be holding interviews June UTA for the position of Clinical Nurse 46N1 with a Maximum Grade of Captain. This will be for current members of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing.

To be eligible for appointment you must:

- 1) Be of high moral character and personal qualifications.
- 2) Be a United States Citizen.
- 3) Be medically qualified, or medically acceptable with waiver for Air Force commission.
- 4) Be at least 18 years of age.
- 5) Must be a graduate of an Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, or Diploma Program in Nursing which is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency.
- 6) Have successfully passed the National Council Licensure Exam-ination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
- 7) Possess current state licensure (any state).

Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) Resume (Civilian and Military)
- 2) Copy of College / University Transcripts
- 3) Two Personal Reference Letters
- 4) Copy of Nursing License.
- 5) Copy of Drivers License.

Applicant packages must be hand delivered or received by mail NLT 29 MAY 2009.

To: 181<sup>st</sup> MDG  
800 South Petercheff  
Terre Haute, IN 47803  
Attn: Nurse Selection

If selected, applicant must also have certified copy of all College / University transcripts mailed to:

MSGT David Sanders (Recruiting)  
800 South Petercheff  
Terre Haute, IN 47803  
Phone 812-877-5290

Questions can be directed to CMSgt Tony Colon at 812-877-5420.

# Broadcast Journalism coming to 181st

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/PA

When one thinks about female broadcast journalists, the names of Barbara Walters, Katie Couric, Susan Dinkel come to mind. Soon you can add – SSgt Diane Pirog.

In a time where the base's transition has brought many "firsts," the 181<sup>st</sup> Public Affairs Office is well on its way to chalking up another "first" for the unit. SSgt Dianne Pirog has successfully completed and passed a required voice audition for her upcoming Broadcast Journalism school at Ft. Meade, Defense Information School (DINFOS).

"This is really exciting," 24-year-old Pirog explained. "It's great to be the first person to do anything and I am looking forward to the challenges this new job will bring."

Pirog, an Indianapolis native, was a Graphic Specialist in the 181<sup>st</sup> Public Affairs Office, but the Graphics AFSC went away, leaving her with an option to choose print or broadcast journalism. She is currently working on her nursing degree at Ivy Tech and IUPUI, but feels that her experience in broadcast journalism could turn into something more.

"I'm really focused on getting my nursing degree, but you never know," she said. "Some day with my experience gained at DINFOS, I might host my own 'Ask the nurse,' show on day time television."

The 181<sup>st</sup> Public Affairs Office is excited about having a broadcast journalist on hand and will have new options for effectively telling the 181<sup>st</sup> story to not only the general public, but 181<sup>st</sup> members as well.

"We hope to have a full broadcast studio up and running by the time Pirog returns from school," said SMSgt John Chapman, supervisor of 181<sup>st</sup> PAO. "We will be able to do news and weather broadcasts, but the real value will come from generating video news releases and news pieces we can send to different military media outlets. We are excited about the new opportunities."

The four-month long broadcast school will be Pirog's first step, but she will more than likely fly through it in "Racer Style." Currently she hasn't thought of a signature sign-off, so for now, she'll have to borrow one.



## IN State University is now accepting CCAF Degrees as a block credit toward a Bachelor Degree

Indiana State University is partnering with Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to become part of the Air University Airmen to Bachelors Cooperative (AU ABC) program.

Under this agreement, ISU will accept many of the CCAF degrees as a block credit so a person will be awarded 64 credit hours toward a bachelor degree. This will require a student to take an additional 60 credit hours to complete a four year degree. Indiana State's College of Technology is currently accepting students in two different degree programs.

The first program is Human Resources Development which accepts CCAF degrees in most fields. This degree has been designed to meet the needs of a specialist working in the profession. These professionals conduct, plan, and manage education training management and other human resource development activities. Jobs typically held by people with this degree include responsibilities for training and development, organizational development, career development, performance management systems and union/labor relations.

The second program is Technology Management which accepts most CCAF technology related degrees. It includes course work in three areas: technology management, a technical specialization, and the University's General Education Program. This program prepares you with the skills and knowledge required for professional management oriented positions in a variety of technology fields. Graduates of the Technology Management Program qualify for management-level careers in their technical specialization area.

Both degree programs can be completed as a distance student or classes can be taken on the Terre Haute campus. For more information go to [www.indstate.edu/transfer/ccaf](http://www.indstate.edu/transfer/ccaf). For personal counseling, contact Jo Anne Seybold at 812-237-3346 or toll free 1-888-478-7003 ext. 3346 or email [j.seybold@isugw.indstate.edu](mailto:j.seybold@isugw.indstate.edu).



## FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor 181<sup>st</sup> Intel WFPC

### Volunteers: The Heart of Family Readiness

April was “Volunteer Month” and I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their faithful commitment to the members of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intel Wing. Our four officers and many of our volunteers have to travel many miles each month to attend our meetings. Without their dedication we would not have such a great Family Readiness Group. All four officer positions will be up for election this fall. I would like to say thank you to Dodie Halter, president; Dana Stephens, vice president; Tim Gray, secretary; and Mike Snodgrass, treasurer. This team has made it fun to work with them.

Daisy Troop #887 from Danville, Ind. stopped by and donated lots of Girl Scouts cookies to send to our deployed Airmen. They were working on their Patch for helping others. They received a small gift from the FRG office and then were given a base tour by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Brown.



#### Daisy Troop #887 Danville, Indiana

(LtoR) Madyson Williams, Estrella Petty, Larissa Bales, Aubrey Clark, Savannah Jones, Erin Seders and standing in the back Mr. Johnny Saylor. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*

We would like everyone to take time this month to say thank you to the many area citizens who support our troops. Additionally, if you would like to send a Care Package to any of our Airmen overseas, and don't know their address, you can call the FRG office at 812-877-5545. I have a list of those who have given us permission to give out their address. There are many Airmen deployed overseas from our unit at this time and they would love to get something special from home. If you ever wondered what to put in a care package read on – FRG president, Dodie Halter, has included a list of items most frequently asked for by our deployed Airman.

#### Words from the FRG President:

Greetings! What a great time FRG volunteers had Saturday afternoon of April drill. We worked with the Student Flight and packed approximately 50 care boxes to be sent to our Airman deployed overseas. Thanks to all who were able to donate items; the boxes had a variety of things in them.

Have you ever wondered what to donate or what to pack in a care box? Here's a partial list of categories and useful items:

**Food** – ready to eat tuna/chicken pouches or kits, hard candy, dried fruit, trail mix, no chocolate Apr – Oct (it will melt), ready to eat pudding, sandwich crackers (cheese or peanut butter), beef jerky; packets of instant drink mix, anything that comes in individual servings and can be carried easily.

**Hygiene/toiletries (travel size)** – disposable razors, toothbrush and paste, dental floss, eye drops, wet wipes (individual packets), hand sanitizer, mole skin, SPF 45 sun block, bug spray/DEET, nail clippers, cotton swabs, tissues.

**Other** – hometown newspapers, batteries (AA, AAA, D), duct tape, used CDs/DVDs, books, magazines, comic books, playing cards, puzzle books, travel size board games, stationary and envelopes, Nerf footballs, Frisbees.

**Toys and School Supplies to be handed out to local children** – paper, pens, pencils, small stuffed toys, etc.

Again, many thanks for the donated items and the help.

## RACER RUN 2009

*Photos by TSgt Michael Kellams*



**Look for next Racer Run some time in the fall.**

# THE RACER RECRUIT

## 181st Intelligence Wing, ANG



**DEC - APR**

**Enlistments:**

- 137 IS
  - Shawn Brown
  - James Middleton
  - Justin Miller
  - Brian Ward
  - Alan Griffith
  - Scott Seibert
  - Kevin Arnett
  - Keaton Robertson
  - Levi Schutter
  - Erin Anderson
  - Emma Chapman
  - Christopher Kesner
  - Todd Ratzlaff
  - Christopher Khensouri
  - Craig Tucker
- 181 SFS
  - Michael Conway
  - Cameron Cooper
  - Justin Miller
  - James Allen
  - Richard Schweyer
- 181 SVF
  - Andrew Davis
  - Amber Davis
  - Satia Highbaugh
- 181 CES
  - Suzette Crawford
  - Curtis Peters
  - Derrick Goodman
  - Justin Bailey
  - Michael Mullen—181 OSS
  - Michael Acree—181 OSS
  - Brooke Cranahan—181MDG
  - Rodney Strader—181 MDG
  - Ricky Lewis—207 WF
  - Dayne Goodman—181 LRS
  - Darrel Zeck—181 IW
  - Andy Jackson—181 MSF

**MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTORS NEEDED**

The Air Force is currently looking for more Military Training Instructors (MTI's). If you fall into the Senior Airman to Technical Sergeant range, and would like to mold the Air Force's future leaders, then look no further! You can find more information about being a MTI on the Air Force Portal or contact the MTI recruiting team direct at DSN 473-1016. (This position is for a 4-year controlled tour)

**FULLTIME RECRUITER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

We would like to introduce you to our newest program...FRAP! This program offers rewards to those who are AGR and Technicians who voluntarily use their off-duty time to encourage prior and non-prior candidates to join the 181IW. FRAP offers AGR's a 3-day pass for each enlistee, not to exceed 10 passes per FY. Technicians receive \$250 (Net) for the first enlistee and a 3-day time-off award for each subsequent enlistee. For more information, contact the Recruiting office today. (FRAP will remain active until 30 SEP 2009).



*Congratulations to SSgt Jessica Ellis  
for  
G-RAP Representative of the Year (2008)*

~ ~ 181st Vacancy List ~ ~

AFSC	DutyTitle	School Days	ASVAB SCORE	AFSC	DutyTitle	School Days	ASVAB SCORE
1C4X1	TACP	11 WKS	G49	2E1X3	GROUND RADIO COMM	34WKS	E70
1N0X1	OPS INTELL	6 MTHS	G57	2E2X1	NETWORK INFRST SYS	24 WKS	E70
1N1X1	IMAGERY ANALYSIS	6 MTHS	E50	2W0X1	MUNITIONS SYSTEMS	14 WKS	M60
1N2X1	COMM SIGNALS INTLL	74 DYS	G53	3C0X1	COMM-COMP SYS OPS	13 WKS	G64
1N4X1	NETWORK INTELL ANALYST	4 MTHS	G62	3C2X1	NETWORK INTEGRATION	4 MTHS	F70
1W0X1	WEATHER	38 WKS	E50	3C3X1	COMP- SYS PLANNING	5 WKS	G62
				3S0X1	PERSONNEL	6 WKS	A41

**HELPFUL WEBSITES:**

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(LtoR) SrA Felix, TSgt McPhee and SrA Ames, 113th ASOS, stop at observation point during an exercise to prepare data to transmit. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Johnny Saylor, FRG, and Brooke Carnahan, Student Flt, pack boxes with items to send to our troops who are deployed overseas. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



TSgt Angela Shaw, 181st IW/SVF, gets pizza's ready for the hungry members of the 181st Intel Wing. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*



Maj John Jensen, 181st MSG, participates in the group warm-up prior to the 2009 Racer Run. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



*Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*

The home-station portion of the Satellite Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (NCOA) is in session at the 181st Intelligence Wing. The class, self-titled as the 181st Racer Spies, consists of seven students and four Facilitators. Students spend four hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings listening to Satellite Enlisted Professional Military Educational (EPME) Instructors broadcasting via a one-way video from Training and Education (TEC) at McGhee Tyson, Tenn. Students are then encouraged to interact with each other to discuss educational concepts and respond to instructor questions or site material via a two-way audio. Satellite facilitators are responsible for leading students in guided discussions of the materials taught by the EPME Instructors. Students are currently learning Drill and Ceremonies and have been the recipients of two uniform inspections, with one yet to come. We are pleased to acknowledge that Col Jeffery Hauser, wing commander, several unit commanders and members of the Chief's Council have been in attendance as VIP guests.

# INSIGHT FROM INTELLIGENCE AIRMEN

## SSgt Dustin Strole

In May 2005, the news that the 181<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing was on the BRAC list came as a shock to most of the Racer community. The news that the unit had been given a new mission in the intelligence business was a shock as well. This led to the decision that had to be made: get out, change units, or cross-train into a job for the new mission. The decision was pretty easy. Getting out wasn't an option with the amount of time left on my enlistment, and there was absolutely no desire to drive to another unit every month for drill. Retraining to another career field with the new mission was my only true option. The transition was easy. With a Top Secret clearance from a previous AFSC already in hand, the only question left was how soon could I leave for training?

The career of choice was the 1N1, Imagery Intelligence Analysis. As an Imagery Analysts it is our responsibility to analyze, exploit, and disseminate all imagery derived intelligence from the DCGS collection platforms. The training has been great. Tech school was at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas, from Jan to June 2007. The school consisted of 18 blocks with each block ranging from 1-2 weeks in length and a test usually at the end of each one. Class would be from 0715-1515 Monday-Friday and three of those days physical training was included in the daily program. Upon completion of school, I was enrolled into the Career Development Course and began my upgrade training as an imagery analyst.

Being away from home has always been the hardest part for me. My youngest daughter was only 6 months old when I left for tech school, and so with 6 months of school and several months of training thereafter, I missed a lot of her first two years, and in my mind that is one of the most important time periods a parent should have with a child. Aside from that, my family has been very supportive, loving, and most of all patient. We always found a way for them to come see me, or I would attempt to take leave and come home to see them.

Overall, I think making this change was possibly the best choice I will make during my Air Force career. It is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of, with an endless amount of possibilities in both the Air Force and the civilian sector.

## SMSgt Troy Davis

After four years active duty Air Force and 19 years in the Indiana Air National Guard (181st Fighter Wing) our mission changed from

supporting a flying mission to an Intelligence Mission (181st Intelligence Wing). Like most unit members, I found myself in shock as anyone who has spent as much time as I have supporting aircraft would certainly do. But, the one constant in the military is change. Change is a good thing because technology is an ever changing way of life. If you don't keep up with it you will fall behind.

I was not ready to retire and I certainly would never want to leave the 181st for another unit; no where will one ever find a better group of military members as we have here in Terre Haute. The only real choice was to embrace the new mission and move forward into the future. As a Senior Master Sergeant my skills were required in a supervisory capacity within the 1N0 (Operations Intelligence) career field. I attended training at Goodfellow AFB, Texas for a six-month course.

As with anything, sacrificing your time with family and friends and leaving them is a very difficult process. However, it will be well worth it once all the training is complete. My immediate family, as well as my extended family at the 181<sup>st</sup>, has been very supportive, and this has been a great opportunity to really get better acquainted with the people I have known for years. It's been quite an experience, one that I will not soon forget.

The experience has been breath taking and the memories will be lasting. I look forward to the challenge ahead and I am proud to be part of standing up the Intelligence Operations here at Hulman Field, in Terre Haute, Indiana.

## SrA Tyson Hillenburg

When BRAC was announced I had only been with the unit for about two years. During this period, I had the opportunity to travel to Iraq, and see other parts of the world in support of the mission for the War on Terror.

My previous AFSC was Aircrew Life Support, and I performed inspections, maintenance, and adjustments of aircrew support and chemical defense equipment. I also conducted aircrew shelter processing, chemical defense training and life support continuation training. With BRAC, I knew I would have some career changing choices in the near future. With great expectations, I chose to pursue the Network Intelligence Analysis career, 1N5.

In this career field one analyzes, disseminates, and exploits intelligence derived from target network communications. As of today, I have only been to school for the new job and I am currently scheduled for some additional training in late March. I am eager to

get some more experience and hope to deploy to Germany for a year.

This new career field has not had any negative impact on the home front, and my wife has been very supportive in all of the decisions we have made towards the new mission. The rest of my family has also understood decisions we have made for the good of our immediate family. We are a close family and we have come to realize that a supportive family really eases the pressures of a military life. I am looking forward to many more positive years with the 181 IW.

## SrA Megan Sever

When I decided to join the Air Guard, I was given the opportunity to be a part of the intelligence career field. I saw it as a benefit to join the new mission, which was just taking off.

The AFSC I chose to enter was the 1N1, Imagery Analyst. As an imagery analyst, it is my job to analyze the imagery we've received, and process it into usable information to share with our customers down range by providing an image or video clip to them.

There have been many ups and downs with the new mission; however, I've enjoyed being able to experience and network with other imagery analyst from Guard units across the country. This whole process has allowed me to grow as an individual and learn to view how the mission is accomplished by other DGS Units within the Air National Guard network. Ultimately, I will be glad to see the 181<sup>st</sup> mission come to life and we can do our part on the War on Terrorism at home.

I received my training at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, and I had my continuation training at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas. At Goodfellow the training was intense at times and very extensive. The focus in Wichita was specifically on the job, and I was actively a contributor to the missions.

My family has been and still is my biggest support system. Even though my absence has been a major change for the family, they continue to be my backbone. I could have never done this if it wasn't for their understanding and support.

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY  
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# New Racers



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Craig Tucker - IS      Darrell Zack - IW/CP      David Black - OSS



James Allen - SFS      Justin Bailey - CES      Kevin Arnett - IS



Levi Schutter - IS      Michael Acree - OSS      Richard Schweyer - SF



Satia Highbaugh - SVF      Curtis Peters - CES      Joshua Boham - IS



Andy Jackson - MSF      Erin Anderson - IS



## WEAR OF THE AIRMAN BATTLE UNIFORM

**ABU Outergarments:** All weather coat, ABU improved rain suit (IRS) or All Purpose Environmental Clothing System (APECS), with/without liner (fleece black or sage green), or hooded cold-weather parka. Gortex rank insignia authorized until ABU rank is widely available. Zipper pull may be removed for safety reasons if no change to intended appearance of uniform. IRS will have ABU rank fob affixed to rank tab, will be clean/serviceable, zipped, snapped and buttoned (underarm venting may be unzipped as needed). Limited authority granted until 1 May 09 to wear Gortex and/or field jacket with ABUs when other approved cold weather options are unavailable.

**ABU Coat/Trousers:** Alterations authorized to improve fit, but must not change the intended appearance of the uniform per AFI 36-2903, table 1.2, Note 1. Sleeve crease may be re-ironed on low setting to ensure enlisted sleeve chevrons are centered. Sleeves may be rolled up per AFI 36-2903, table 2.2. Sleep shirt is authorized for wear under the ABU. Do not starch or use fabric softener.

**T-Shirts/Thermal Underwear:** T-Shirts are crew neck, desert sand (light tan) in color, fabric 100% cotton, poly/cotton blend, 100% polyester or synthetic, or moisture wicking blends at the option of the member. Mission/duty specific safety requirements take priority. Turtlenecks (desert sand in color) and thermal underwear (white, cream or desert sand) authorized in cold weather.

*\* Per AFI 36-2903, Installation Commanders may prescribed unit designation, and cloth or silk screen emblem, to be worn on the left side of chest not to exceed 5 inches in diameter. Wear of t-shirts with writing on the front or back of the t-shirt is not authorized.*

**Hats:** ABU patrol caps authorized outside AOR. Berets, campaign hats by Special Operations Commando units, Basic Military Training Instructors, and Defense Language Institute English Instructors are authorized. Organizational caps only authorized for Red Horse Squadrons. ABU "boonie" hats authorized for wear in the AOR.

**Boots/Tennis Shoes/Socks:** Tan boots authorized until 2011. Black boots authorized in work areas where industrial products or processes cause irreparable staining to the sage green/tan boot until stain resistant sage green boots are available. Temporary wear of athletic shoes authorized with medical recommendation and commander authorization. Sock color is sage green with sage green boots and tan, black, or green socks with tan boots.

**Badges/Patches/Rank:** Occupational badges (optional) and required duty badges are authorized; unit patches and command insignia are not. ABU Ranks and Name Tapes should be sewn on with thread same shade range as the ABU fabrics. Rank placement on ABU identical to BDU/DCU. Subdued metal rank only authorized for Officers on ABUs, hats, and APECs. Cloth rank authorized for all. Enlisted rank should be positioned per AFI 36-2903. If crease is not consistent with correct rank placement, ironing of the sleeves is authorized to "move" the crease.

**Gloves/Watchcaps/Scarves:** Gloves and watchcaps may be black, sage green, or desert sand. Scarf color must match liner.

**Optional Accessories:** Backpacks/briefcases/hydration systems and gym bags in black, OD, AF Sage Green, ABU patterns.

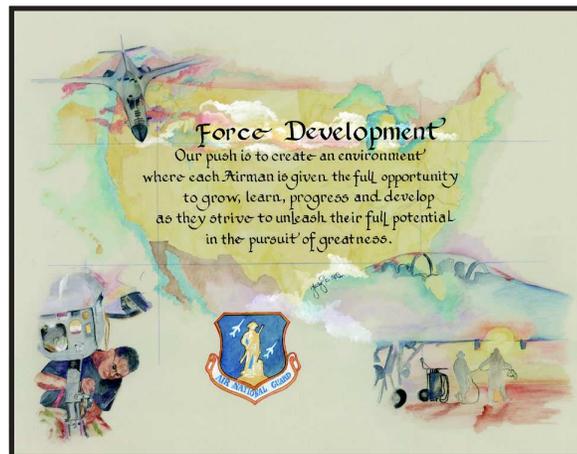
## FORCE DEVELOPMENT

Our push is to create an environment where each Airman is given the full opportunity to grow, learn, progress and develop as they strive to unleash their full potential in the pursuit of greatness.

The goal of Force Development is clear — develop professional Airmen who will collectively leverage their respective strengths to accomplish the mission of the Air National Guard. Each of you make our unit the best!

Force Development is a recognition that we need to continuously improve because we never achieve zero defect! Leadership constantly evolves to new and emergent challenges.

Chief's Sight Picture: Force Development — Changing the Education Mindset *By Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff*



Over the past few years, we have initiated a number of educational initiatives for Force Development, focusing on changing the way we develop and train our people to meet the challenges of the Expeditionary Air Force. Force Development takes a deliberate approach to providing Airmen the training and experience they need to succeed in delivering air and space power now and in the future. We must make sure Airmen get the training and education required for their specialty or area of expertise. If you need additional education or training — you will get it.

This mindset is a significant change, especially for officers. For years, Master's degrees had a significant impact on promotion potential. This must change — our focus should be on deliberate development and not "square filling." Education must be tailored to benefit Airmen in doing their jobs. Promotion is, and will continue to be, determined by your performance and demonstrated leadership potential to serve in the next higher grade.

All Airmen should receive some form of development to assist them in their duties in higher grades and levels of responsibility. We will provide the right development venues to meet both Airmen and Air Force needs. At the same time, I'm not discouraging you from pursuing an advanced academic degree on your own. We will continue to offer tuition assistance and operate educational support offices at each base. Advanced academic degrees will no longer be a factor in the promotion process — at any level of the process: rater, senior rater, management-level, or the promotion board. The Air Force's emphasis is on job performance and for providing Airmen the right opportunities for advanced education when it is required.

The goal is clear — develop professional Airmen who will collectively leverage their respective strengths to accomplish the Air Force mission. You make our Air Force the best in the world. We owe it to you to provide the skills and education you need to continue to excel!

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## Legal Assistance and the Homeowners Assistance Program

by Steven L. Kirkman, Major, IN ANG, 181 IW Staff Judge Advocate

Congressional measures to stimulate the economy and provide benefits to homeowners have dominated the media in recent months, including the much-debated stimulus bill, or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). President Obama signed the ARRA on 17 February 2009, and it contains significant provisions affecting military homeowners. This has prompted some Airmen to seek legal assistance in interpreting these measures. Specifically, the ARRA expands eligibility for the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP), a program historically designed to provide some reimbursement for servicemembers and federal employees who face financial loss when selling their primary residence in areas where real estate values declined due to base closure or realignment announcements.

Under the ARRA, HAP eligibility now extends to certain servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians who suffered deployment-related injuries or sickness and are reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or medical retirement. Widows and widowers of deceased servicemembers and Department of Defense employees who died during, or as a result of, a deployment are also eligible if the surviving spouse relocates within two years of the death. Eligibility is also extended "for members of the Armed Forces permanently reassigned during "the specified mortgage crisis." P.L. 111-5, § 1001(a)(3). Generally, this provision provides for some reimbursement of financial losses sustained by servicemembers as a result of selling a home due to a PCS. This particular provision is prompting many questions from attorneys and clients. It is extremely important to realize that despite the ARRA's enactment, the Department of Defense is given broad discretion in implementing this program. There are many details to resolve and the Defense Department is currently in the process of drafting regulations to implement these benefits.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has historically processed applications for assistance under the HAP. Their recently updated website now contains links for the different expanded categories of eligibility. For military homeowners affected by a PCS, the USACE lists the following key eligibility requirements: (1) reassignment was to a location more than 50 miles from previous duty location; (2) reassignment was ordered between 1 February 2006 and 30 September 2012; (3) the home was purchased before 1 July 2006; (4) the property was sold between 1 July 2006 and 30 September 2012; and (5) the home was the primary residence of the owner. Even though applications may be submitted now, no action will be taken until the Department of Defense publishes further guidance.

If you believe you meet the above requirements, you should monitor the Homeowner's Assistance Program website at:

<http://hap.usace.army.mil/>

## 181st Promotions

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### National Guard Supplemental Grant Change

The initial submission/received by date for your annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) remains at 10 March each year but all corrections to your FAFSA must now be received no later than 15 May.

Corrections made to your FAFSA after 15 May will render you in-eligible for the following school year.

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Civil Engineering personnel deployed to Baghdad Air Base, Iraq were excited to receive a shipment of Starbucks coffee and a grinder, compliments of the Wabash Valley.

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## THE FIRST DGS INDIANA CREWMEMBERS

DGS Indiana, or DGS-IN, became operational in late February 2009 working on the mission floor of DGS-KS (KS ANG) at McConnell AFB, Kansas, while the facilities and equipment were finished at HUF. Approximately 60 personnel from the 181st Intelligence Group have been supporting current military operations from Kansas but were scheduled to return to HUF on mid-April and continue doing the same at HUF. While new units often stand-up through out the Air Force, few reach IOC and are immediately required to perform their war-time taking. DGS-IN is operational and making a difference.

