

# RACER FLYER



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## **Fishin' with the pros**

MSgt Tom Bowker, 181 OSS



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Lt Col Martin White  
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Where does the time go to? Looking at the calendar it's hard to believe that summer is nearly over, kids are going back to school and if you've been to Cracker Barrel lately you've noticed, no doubt, they're already showcasing Halloween merchandise and a Christmas tree. That's right, a Christmas tree.

This has already been an interesting year for the Civil Engineers, and by interesting I mean chaotic, hectic, frustrating, fun and fulfilling, all rolled into one. We've deployed numerous individuals in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, in both voluntary and involuntary status. Twenty-four individuals were placed on eight-month partial mobilization orders from January through August, serving at Sather Air Force Base in Baghdad, with another five individuals volunteering to serve as Third Country National Escorts at the same location and during the same time frame.

But back to my original point of having time slip away, on Saturday, the twelfth of September we will be conducting a retirement ceremony for a man many of you have known well over the years and if not, you have probably heard his name

mentioned over and over again. He is someone I have worked closely with throughout most of my professional military career as the Base Civil Engineer and through the years I have learned a great deal about what constitutes the core values of the Air National Guard.

Chief Master Sergeant Danny R. Lewis will don his uniform one more time as we pay him tribute for being far more than just an E-9. In every sense of the word Danny Lewis was a *Chief*. The word itself conjures up different images and ideals, depending on your perspective and experiences. For me, *Chief* represents the very best of what we in the Air National Guard have come to expect from our senior leadership. Never have I encountered a person in uniform who treasured or exemplified the responsibilities of that position more so than Chief Lewis. It never failed to surprise me that, no matter where my military travels took me, when asked what unit I hailed from, my answer would always bring a smile from someone who would reply, "The 181st, huh? How's Chief Lewis?" That sort of dedication travels far and wide, and leaves a lasting impression.

Not long before his official separation date – after forty-two years of absolutely selfless service – I asked him what it felt like to have that large of a portion of one's life come to a close. Chief, in that inimitable style he has of cocking his head to one side in thought before answering an important question, paused a moment, and then, with a half smile of wistful musing, replied, "It passed by too quickly, Sir, and I wish I could have another twenty years to enjoy it all over again."

Now, I find myself thinking of my own career, and wondering, where has the time gone? No regrets, mind you, but would I have done things a little differently? Probably, though it's difficult to say which things, exactly. When I asked Chief Lewis that same question, his response? "Not one bit, Sir. It's been a great adventure."

So, never forget that time waits for no one and the choices we make today will mold the lives we live tomorrow. Integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do. Chief Lewis proved that, even in the extraordinary times we face as members of the Air National Guard, they are possible. And one day, as I come to the end of this particular part of my life, I look forward to answering the same question from a young Airman at my own retirement ceremony with Chief Lewis' words, "It's been a great adventure."

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This brings to mind a poem, some of you may have heard it, it applies to us all and I try to use it to keep the trials and adventures of life in perspective. I have heard it many times but do not know the author:

*The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
That no man can restore.*

*The present only is our own,  
So Live, Love, toil with a will —  
Place no faith in 'Tomorrow' —  
For the clock may then be still.*

So, before I complain about how fast the summer has went by, or how undesirable the task at hand may be, I think of this and am grateful for the time I have to be doing these things, whether it be performing my military duties, mowing the lawn, fishing, or just relaxing; time is indeed short, so make the best of it and put forth your best effort, always.

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## CHIEF COMMENTS



### The First 8 Months...

In just the first eight months of 2009, we have seen and lived through so many changes in our lives that I wanted to touch on some of those changes that have affected all of us. We have a new President of the

CMSgt Henry Mook

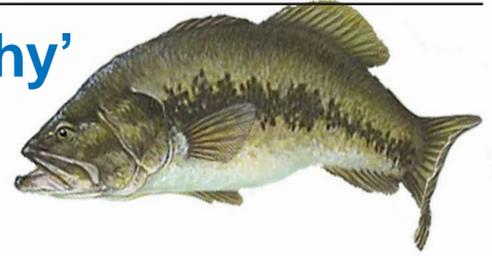
United States, the first four- star General of the Air National Guard, a new Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard, a changed focus now on Afghanistan, a fully functional mission in place, the majority of our people back home from training, new buildings to compliment our mission, and a new Wing Command Chief to name a few. All of these changes have affected some, or all of us, on a daily basis and what I have found from these changes in the last 8 months has been excitement, enjoyment, pride, anticipation, honor, and above all it has been humbling.

As your new Command Chief of the 181<sup>st</sup> IW for the last eight months, I have been honored and proud to represent all of you at the Senior Enlisted Conference, the Command Chief Orientation Course, State Headquarters, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's graduations, EANGUS Conference in Rochester Minn., the Basic Military Training graduations in Lackland AFB, Texas, and more so at every Drill we have here at HUF. To have the ability to speak to other guard units about the changes we've made, the excitement, and the pride of the 181<sup>st</sup> IW is overwhelming at times but I am always ready to share our experiences. I want all of you to know and to understand that other units, both active and guard, know the 181<sup>st</sup> history and our accomplishments. From where we came from to where we are today, they have heard of the people we have overseas, in basic training, in technical and seasoning classes, in Professional Military courses, our Student Flight, and those who have accomplished more than they have ever dreamed in their lives. I am the person who reflects each day on how proud I am of every single member in this unit, the 181<sup>st</sup> IW, my family, and the pride I have of being a part of history and especially the last eight months.



# 181st member up to something 'fishy'

By SSgtChris Jennings, 181st IW/Public Affairs



For many, fishing is a hobby or merely a stress relief offering a chance to get outdoors and enjoy nature. For Master Sgt. Tom Bowker, 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing member, it is getting closer and closer to becoming his profession. Bowker currently sits atop the points standings in the co-angler division of the Forrest L. Wood Outdoors (FLW) professional fishing tour. Leading the co-angler division with two more tournaments to go, Bowker, like every fisherman, is optimistic about his chances to finish high in the standings.

"I have fished all my life and began fishing tournaments when I was stationed in Florida on active duty," explained the 44-year-old. "I am hoping to finish in the top 20, that's the goal right now and I think I have a really good chance."

The co-angler division Bowker fishes, pairs anglers up with current professionals on the FLW tour. The co-anglers join the professional for a day on the water and compete against 150 other co-anglers, fishing with a different professional every day for three days. While it might be a little intimidating being paired up with a professional, Bowker explained that he really enjoys being paired up with the professionals and feels he has picked up some great knowledge from each one.

"Everyone I've been paired up with has been really great," he said. "I get to know them a little and by the end of the day we are joking around and stuff. There is still a lot to learn and I try and pick up something from everyone I fish with."

He has been paired up with professionals like Jimmy Houston and Dion Hibdon, both well-known professionals on the tour.

"Jimmy Houston was a great guy and we got along," Bowker said. "I have not had a bad experience being paired up and most guys understand you are competing just like they are."

In the first tournament of the year at Florida's famous largemouth bass fishery, Lake Okeechobee, Bowker found himself leading the co-angler division after the first day with a five-fish limit weighing it at 18.9 pounds. Tossing a moss frog into the thick vegetation, Bowker was able to hold onto the lead until the last day, when he lost a couple fish that would have put him right up near the top. He finished 5<sup>th</sup> in this tournament and followed that up with a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish at Lake Eufala in Alabama and he found himself sitting at the top of the point standings in his division.

Bowker has been in the military for 22 years and has fished everywhere his military career has taken him. He is also no stranger to winning big tournaments, one of which was the Air National Guard tournament held at a different lake every year and hosted by a local Air Guard Wing. The ANG fishing tournament, annually held in April, is a team tournament that puts Airmen from all over the nation up against one another

sometimes hundreds of Airmen each representing their own base or wing. For these team tournaments, Bowker has fished with Master Sgt. James 'J.D.' Brown, 181<sup>st</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, who is also no stranger to competitive fishing.

"Tom's a 'fish-cathin' machine' and possibly the best fisherman I know. I'm excited he's doing so well in the FLW," Brown said. "We have fished very well in the ANG tournaments and we go out there, have a good time and represent the 181<sup>st</sup> on the lake. I think he can win this thing and I'm pulling for him."

Following in the 181<sup>st</sup> tradition of excellence, Bowker and Brown have won ANG tournaments, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and this year 7<sup>th</sup>. The 181<sup>st</sup> team is a force to be reckoned with no matter where the tournament is held.

Most people believe fishing is just relaxing in a boat; however, tournament fishing is anything but and Bowker claims his military discipline and physical fitness gives him a slight edge. Rising well before the sun comes up and spending all day on the lake, casting an estimated 4,000 times a day might wear on a casual angler. Bowker and the other fisherman do that for three or four straight days, and that's not taking into account two practice days leading up to most tournaments.

"It can be very physically demanding," Bowker said. "I know that staying physically fit for my Air Guard duties has helped me during those hot days on the lake and the discipline learned throughout my entire military career can keep me focused as well."

For now, Bowker is researching his next FLW co-angler tournament at Lake Dardanelle in Arkansas coming up in August. The hot southern weather will definitely be a factor and Bowker will have to hope he is paired with a professional looking to fish his same style. If not, he will have to adapt to the pro's style and switch his tactics. With a good showing at Dardanelle, Bowker might soon be the professional dictating his own style and offering advice to a co-angler in his boat.

"The FLW has been an excellent opportunity for me," Bowker explained. "The co-angler series is an unbelievable program. With a couple of good fish, I am hoping to be able to qualify for the Forrest L. Wood tournament that has a \$100,000 pot."

Using his Air Force core values on and off the water, Bowker will head to his next tournament with integrity, service before self and when weighing in a full limit of fish, he'll prove excellence in all that he does.

# 181st Airman earns ALS's most prestigious award

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/Public Affairs

Standing out while attending any Air Force leadership school is considered an honor, but standing out while attending Airman Leadership School is considered an excellent example of future leadership. One of the highest honors an Airman can receive is the John Levitow Award, given to an Airman who displays excellent leadership and academic qualities. This award is not given in every class and holds quite the prestige. SrA Branden Criss, 181<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron received this award while attending ALS at Charleston AFB, S.C.

"It is really an honor and very humbling," said Criss, who is from New Albany, Ind., and has been in the unit for five and half years. "I was also pretty surprised."

John Levitow was an Airman first-class on Feb. 24, 1969 when he was asked to fill in for the regular loadmaster on an armed AC-47 named "Spooky 71" serving in Vietnam. It was his job to set the ejection and ignition controls on Mark 24 magnesium flares and pass them to the gunner who used them to illuminate the dark night skies for troops on the ground. As the gunner pulled the pin and tossed the flare toward an open cargo door, "Spooky 71" was hit by an 82-millimeter North Vietnamese mortar shell and the three-foot, 27-pound flare which burns at 4,000 degrees was rolling across more than 19,000

rounds of ammunition. Everyone in the plane was injured, yet, without hesitation, young Airman Levitow leapt onto the flare, covering it with his body and tossed it out the cargo door. He had received more than 40 shrapnel wounds from the initial mortar shell, but his selfless heroic actions saved the entire aircraft and its crew from certain death. For this, Levitow became the lowest ranking Airman to receive the Medal of Honor for exceptional heroism during wartime.

"This is an award that not very many Airmen receive and is an excellent example of how Criss has developed as an Airman," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Ennen, Chief of Security. "This says a lot for Criss, Security Forces Squadron and the Wing."

Criss distinguished himself at ALS and explained that he felt his ability to interact with people is what earned him the award. Being able to effectively communicate across several different levels and work through conflicts relating to different Air Force Speciality Codes and bases. There were 23 Airmen enrolled in the course and 21 of them were active duty.

"I felt it was great to show some of the active duty Airmen that Guard members don't just read books; we are fully capable," he said. "It proved to many of the active duty Airmen that we carry quite a bit of knowledge."

The course is a mixture of leadership training, including briefings, marching and interpersonal evaluations. Criss excelled in every aspect and felt it was a great experience. Criss highly recommends going in-residence to any Airmen weighing his options.

"This course offers so much more than any book could possibly provide," Criss said convincingly. "You just have to go in there with an open mind as far as expectations."

Representing the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing, Criss earned ALS's highest honor and followed in the footsteps of a great Airmen like John Levitow. He has proven he is ready for the next step to be a non-commissioned officer.

"We are proud to see our Airmen develop into future leaders," said Ennen. "This puts a spotlight on Criss, but for a base that has recently transitioned – our ability to reinforce our Air Force Core Values and properly train young Airmen is of the utmost importance. This proves that the steps we have been taking to mold our young Airmen into leaders is extremely effective and we are proud to have Criss be that example."



SrA Branden Criss, 181st Security Forces Squadron

# Annual Field Training Lives!!!

By Col Donald Bonte, 181st Mission Support Grp Commander  
 Photos by MSgt John Day, 181st IW/PA

For a long time after we were BRAC'd back in May of 2005, the concept of performing Annual Field Training (AFT) seemed all but dead and buried. As I write this article here at the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) in Alpena, Mich., I can assure you that the concept and purpose of AFT is alive and well. Over 200 members of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing, representing all the groups and Wing Headquarters deployed to Alpena.



Airmen learn the proper carrying techniques of a wounded troop.

We have accomplished a lot of ancillary training, that would otherwise be very time consuming during a Unit Training Assembly. Training included: CPR refresher, Self Aid & Buddy Care (both computer and classroom), Information Protection/Force Protection, Human Relations, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive, Initial Security Briefing/Information Assurance, and UCMJ/ICMJ (article 137) to name a few. The Wing Base Training and Education office offered AFOQT and AFCAT testing to deployed members, and also



Medical staff exercise their response skills to a wounded Airman.

provided a much needed Train the Trainer class. In addition to ancillary training, multiple informational briefings were given by subject matter experts. 38 members (2 classes of 19 students) of the 181<sup>st</sup> attended CompTIA Security+ training. This very difficult class requires a large amount of study time outside the classroom and these students were afforded the much needed study time without the distractions of training at home station. As a result, all 38 students successfully passed the course. Deploying to Alpena has also provided some very unique training opportunities for the members of the Security Forces Squadron, the Medical Group, and our Services personnel. Members of these organizations have been able to dedicate the time needed to meet their respective unique training requirements; time that is not otherwise available at home station



Security Forces Squadron absorbs the latest taser training.

due to the mission needs of the Wing. Even though we sometimes struggle with the challenge of fitting all of our required ancillary training and AFSC specific training into each UTA weekend, we seem to make it work month after month. In reality, deploying to another location for AFT offers significant training benefits.

Additionally, unit camaraderie takes place that, for many reasons, cannot occur at home station. Deployed AFT provides more opportunities for team building and unit cohesion. In a very relaxed atmosphere, unit members can better know their co-workers, learn more about each others families, and personally meet members from other duty sections on base. Members of the 181<sup>st</sup> also participated in a community event sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

So, is deploying as a unit to perform Annual Field Training beneficial? Absolutely!

# Air Support Operations Squadron AFT @ Marseilles Training Center Ill.

By Lt Col John Knabel, 113th ASOS

Photos by TSgt Michael Kellams, 181st IW/PA

It's so stinking hot in here; my petroleum jelly is now a liquid. It looks like a jar of lemonade and probably has just as much lubricating power. Senior Master Sgt. Paul Norton informed me an hour ago that the heat index was 102. I'm lying on my poncho liner in a pool of my own sweat wondering if that burning, itching sensation on my knee is poison ivy or a heat rash. Either way, I dare not scratch and spread this evil plant juice to more valuable parts of my body. The major in the cot on my left has already decided that scratching is the way to go. The Combat Photographer on my right has been motionless for hours. I think he is dead. Oh well, I guess Hell won't get photographed today. The Commander across from my feet is so tired that he can't muster up a manly snore. The master sergeant across from him has back pain so bad that it sounds like he is in the



*Team Leaders review plan for Infill to execute Special Reconnaissance Mission*

final round of a losing battle with 1970's wrestling champion "Dick the Bruiser." I don't even know the whereabouts of the other master sergeant. The pelican case fort he has made for himself in the far corner of the tent is eerily silent and empty. "KA-BOOM", we are woken by a series of thunderous bangs and someone shouting, "The FOB is under mortar attack, do you have your people?" I think I just found Master Sgt. Ed Shulman. The cloth tape above my left breast pocket says U.S. Air Force, but it definitely doesn't feel like it. And so begins day two of the Field Training Exercise (FTX).

The 113<sup>th</sup> ASOS recently completed its annual training (AT) at Marseilles Training Center (MTC), Illinois near Joliet. This was not a normal AT. We chose to focus on scenario based training, versus ancillary training, in order to give our Airmen the opportunity to learn much needed leadership skills while being challenged with the stressors of mission operations. This was

the kind of training that makes Marines glad they're in the Marine Corps and not the ASOS. This was all about the "ables", accountable, culpable and enduring. We purposely introduced long days and thinking scenarios, Mother Nature kicked in the heat, humidity, rain and poison ivy, so each Airman would learn their capabilities in a stressful environment. All of the training was hands on and combat focused for both the Tactical Air



*113th ASOS members hone their tactical rifle skills*

Control Party Operators and the support section. Everyone in the ASOS needs to be able to perform in austere combat environments and the training was designed to ensure that everyone walked, or in some cases limped, away with that ability. "Anyone can make a decision in an office or spend hours concocting the perfect motivational email", said Shulman, "all of our people need to be capable of making critical decisions and executing complex missions at combat speed without stumbling over their own discomfort or uncertainty" That kind of leadership can't be taught in a classroom, in fact, it can't be taught at all. That level of situational and tactical leadership can only be learned through the trial and error of real world experiences and that was the key idea that guided all of our training.

The first four days of AT were filled with nearly non-stop tactical training that often took us from early morning well into the night. The training started with practical exercises on rural and urban patrolling and day/night foot and vehicle navigation. We then moved into vehicle reactions to contact and two days of day/night live fire exercises. ASOS Airmen shot over 19,000 5.56mm and 9,800 9mm rounds on a variety of static and maneuver live fire ranges. The final shooting event took place well after midnight on the fourth day and pitted teams of ASOS Airmen, armed with night vision goggles, rifle mounted IR aiming lasers and a basic load of 210 5.56mm rounds, against a horde of reactive targets from 50-350meters. The targets presented themselves at random distances and numbers forcing Airmen to

maintain 100% situational awareness throughout the event. “Maintaining your cool while rapidly transitioning from a 350m threat to the 3x 50m threats that just popped up in front of you isn’t easy, but it’s realistic which is why we train this way” said

Senior Airman Zach Eason, TACP.



Urban Movement training “The High Low”

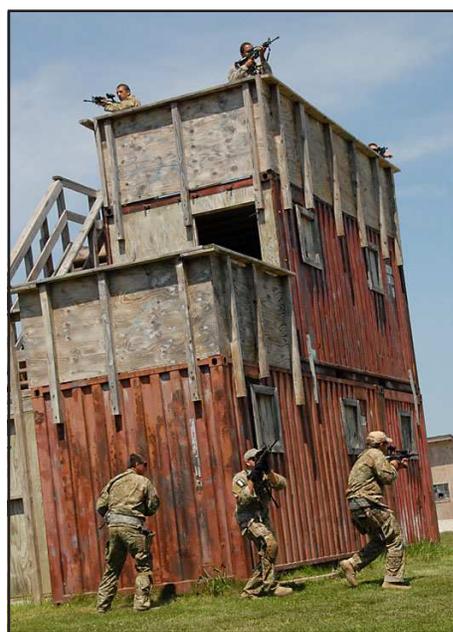
The AT culminated in a four day FTX that continued to challenge all members both individually and collectively. The reality of the situation set in when Shulman held a meeting with the squadron leadership at 2200 on Wednesday night and presented us with a detailed scenario, aptly dubbed “OPERATION

ABDOMEN VERIFY”. The mission called for us to have the entire force re-deployed to a bare bones Forward Operating Base (FOB Pain) in a simulated combat zone no later than 0900 on Friday. 35 hours of notice seemed like plenty of time to plan, prepare and mobilize until we considered that there was already 10 hours of training planned for Thursday and that “simulated combat” likely referred more to the presence of individual explosive devices, mortars, rockets and bullets than their absence.

One mile out from our destination, the previous four days of training suddenly made sense. One of our vehicles erupted in a cloud of smoke from a simulated IED strike and a hail of gunfire and grenade simulators rained down from several rooftops. After negotiating the urban gauntlet we identified that one of our vehicles had been disabled and was still in the city. At that point this was no longer a point A to point B mission and we had to quickly re-organize our force into an offensive rescue element. After fighting back into the city to recover our wounded and learning a few hard lessons along the way we finally made it to FOB Pain and immediately established operations. The FOB quickly became a hive of activity with the well choreographed deployment of tactical laptops, communication suites, antenna farms, planning areas all while maintaining local security. A few hours later the main generators came online and the “death star” became fully operational. Just in time for the commander to get handed orders for a mission that took us back into the town we just fought our way out of. At that moment I realized sleep would be an elusive luxury, and was glad I had not wasted my time setting up a cot.

By 0400 the next morning we had completed two additional squadron level missions involving complex blacked-out vehicle and foot patrols, direct actions raids, and of course, more grenade simulators, booby-traps and force on force engagements. As the sun rose that morning and I finally laid down to rest I couldn’t help but wonder what day two would have in store for us. Five hours later I had my answer.

Shortly after our morning muster, in a bunker quickly filling with smoke (for a definition of ‘muster’, see paragraph 1), friendly suggestions for improved accountability were handed out with our next series of missions. This time the Battalion (BN) TACPs were given the location of the cache site where the attack on our FOB had been initiated. Each BN independently planned their mission and back briefed the Squadron Commander prior to



Small Unit Tactice Training “Point of Domination”

execution. The ability of our Operators to intelligently plan and brief their missions is just as important as their ability to complete them, and the training reflected such. As the teams departed the FOB they were handed a series of Tyvek envelopes marked only with large letters and instructions not to open them until directed to do so by Shulman. As the teams later found out

the envelopes contained a variety of new mission directives that were carefully planned to force the team leaders to think on their feet and react to a dynamic situation. We provided command and control for the team missions throughout the next 36 hours. The dynamic scenarios ranged from a ‘soft knock’ on the unfriendly Mayor’s door to a day/night Special Reconnaissance (SR) mission that had me dressed like an indigenous citizen covertly inserting teams of TACPs. The SR mission developed into angry villagers (support section), and captured American pilot (Master Sgt. Bob Basch). Our quick thinking TACPs executed a successful Ad Hoc rescue mission, complete with firefight, stolen opposing force vehicle, and exfil back to FOB Pain.

Finally, a field grade assignment. The command staff was asked to head out to the urban village to role play High Value



*“8 KM Day Land Navigation Begins”*

Targets (HVTs) to facilitate training for the teams tasked on a SR mission. Shortly after being dropped off in a wood line near the village, I was informed that the BN teams had been re-tasked to OP-FOR to hunt down the three man crew of a downed B-1B. Just as the commander and I began to suspect we may have been set up, Maj. Scot Perkins launched three parachute flares into the sky and suggested that we start moving since they know where we are now. There is nothing like three ‘forty somethings’ evading three teams of ‘twenty somethings’ to get your heart rate up. Fast forward several hours of over the river and through the woods to a successful combat pickup executed by our support section. Age and wisdom beat youth and enthusiasm in this scenario.

It has been said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step and a lot of complaining. That was us on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, but not us on August 13<sup>th</sup>. We overcame a major obstacle and now have a clearer understanding of our duties and roles in the ASOS. Lt. Col. Pat Renwick, commander, commented on how the entire ASOS came together as a team; from the TACPs running operations, to the command and control provided by the Tactical Operation Center staff, to the support section running combat re-supply and medical evacuation missions. All were tasked outside their normal comfort zone, with outstanding results.

We would like to thank Col. Colbert for his visit and for helping us put rounds down range. We also want to thank all the 181<sup>st</sup> IW support agencies that helped us train for this event, and provided invaluable assistance to make this an outstanding AT. Combat Arms Training and Maintenance for providing extra effort to gain weapons qualifications, Services for ensuring we had the beans to go with our bullets, Logistics Readiness Squadron and Traffice Management Office for getting us out the door, and AMMO for ensuring we had the bullets to go with our beans. It was genuinely a team effort executed in true Racer fashion.

The training events for this AT were created by Master Sgt. Shulman with the help of Maj. Perkins. Their expertise and experience have been invaluable. The attitude and professionalism of the squadron was nothing short of remarkable. It’s been a great experience to work with the men and woman of the ASOS. Now, if only we could just get thirty more warriors like the ones we have.



**1st Brigade Combat Team, 113th ASOS after a successful raid to recover captured American**



Capt Katherine Good received the 2008 ANG Young MSC Award during the Readiness Frontiers Conference on Sunday, August 9, 2009, Salt Lake City, Utah. (LtoR) Lt Col Snider, Capt Good and CMSgt Colon.

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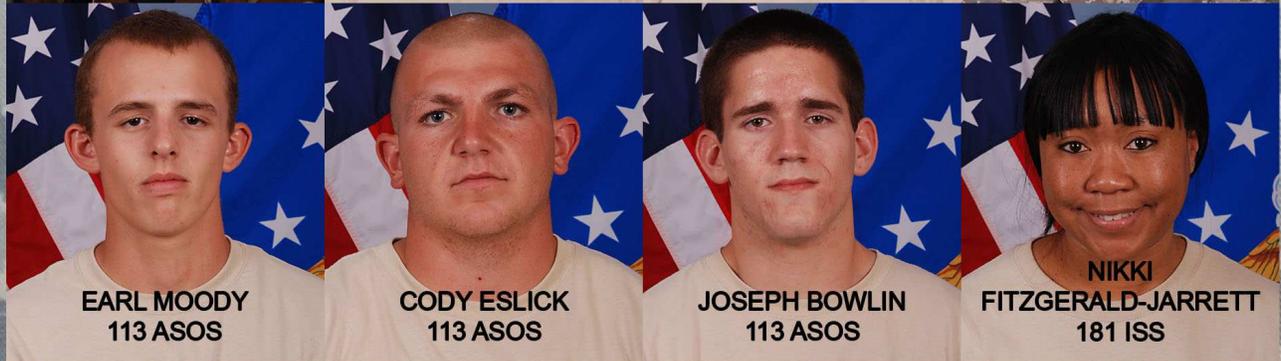


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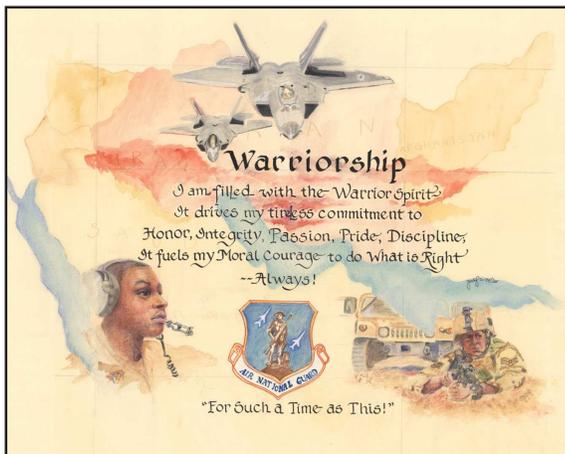
# WARRIORSHIP

Warriorship: I am filled with the “Warrior Spirit” — it drives my tireless commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; and it fuels my Moral Courage to do what is right — always! “*For such a time as this!*”

**From Heritage** — Understanding history is key to seeing the warrior ethos in Airmen today; **To Horizons** — **we must cultivate a warrior ethos in our Airmen.**

Airmen exemplify the warrior ethos in every Air Force specialty by deploying to the corners of the Earth in support of the Air Force Mission: to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace.

The foundation of Warriorship is that “All men are created equal.” Warrior ethics have respect for human equality as the premise — just as it is stated in the Declaration of Independence. It is our noble courage to put others before ourselves as the protectors and defenders of freedom. We must cultivate the willingness to develop the bravery to apply that ethic to an enemy that has arisen from another culture, with a code of warfare of their own, in this global war on terror.



The Air National Guard has a commitment to the ethical principles of leadership and diversity because it strengthens and validates our warrior ‘ethos’. It is our *commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; to do what is right — always* of which our Core Values are built.

Our moral courage is fueled by the institutionalized character we establish in ourselves each day. Sound morals go beyond our ranks or positions; they cut to the heart and to the soul of who we are and what we are each and every day as Airmen of character. The warrior ethos also emphasizes that today’s Airmen are “Battlefield Airmen” and that this moral courage is continuously built upon to arm us with the challenges to come and unite us as expeditionary Airmen.

*“For such a time as this!”*



## FAMILY READINESS GROUP

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

### Election time for the FRG

How time flies; it doesn’t seem like it’s been almost two years since we had our last election of officers. I want to take this time to thank Dodie, Dana, Tim, and Mike for all they have done these past two years. Election of new officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be held on Saturday of the December UTA. The names for each office will be available after the October drill. Those who have held officer positions before can run again. If any of our unit members would like to run for an office they are more than welcome to have their name placed on the ballot. Position descriptions are available in the Family Readiness Office. Voting is open to all members of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intel Wing and their families. Voting information will be sent out prior to the December UTA.

There is a new group being formed in the Wabash Valley that will serve all our military’s families. Read on for an article from Mike Snodgrass about this new organization.



WVMSO members are (left to right, standing): Bonnie Lu, American Red Cross; Melanie Brunett, CASY; Mike Caress, ISU; Stephanie Land, Red Cross; Johnny Saylor, 181<sup>st</sup> FRG Coordinator; Bob Strange, USAR Employment; and Bob Rummel, Army OneSource; (left to right, seated): Hannah Thompson, CASY; Sheri Dunn-Ramsey, MFRI; Pamela Kinney, MFLC; Bobbi J. Wilson, IN Guard Employment Coordinator; and Kim Nelson-Blackburn, MFRI.

The 181<sup>st</sup> Intel Wing Family Readiness Group would like to welcome a new military assistance organization to the local area, the Wabash Valley Military Support Organization or WVMSO. This recently formed organization has been meeting quarterly for the last year in the Wing Conference Room here on base.

The WVMSO is the vision of Sheri Dunn-Ramsey, and is a partnership of various community service and military groups, with the goal of providing easy access to the many resources available to members of the Indiana National Guard and their families. The WVMSO includes representatives of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intel Wing, Wabash Valley American Red Cross, the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI), Army OneSource, ISU, Purdue, the Community Alliance & Services for Young Children (CASY), and Military Family Life Consultants, among others.

The organization primarily serves Clay, Greene, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo counties in Indiana, and Edgar County in Illinois. The WVMSO is dedicated to providing all local area Indiana Guard members, active and retired, and their family with resources and assistance for various problems and issues, such as finances, physical, emotional and mental health, employment, etc.

For more information on the WVMSO, feel free to contact Johnny Saylor in the Family Readiness Office.  
Mike Snodgrass MSG (Ret)  
181<sup>st</sup> IW FRG Treasurer

## 1st Annual RACER RUN Food Drive

3 Oct 2009

1 non-perishable food item plus entry fee Shirt guaranteed to pre-registered participants only

All races start at 1400  
Race Day Registration 1200

Items may be donated in advance. Look for donation barrels Located in Dining Facility and Main Hangar

Additional information:  
MSgt Tatman 877-5204  
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fitnesschallenge@interr.ang.af.mil



### Online Repristration at:

<https://secure.marathonguide.com/register/USAFMarathon/>

**19 Sep 09**

Full Marathon (26.2 Miles) - Start time 0730

Half Marathon (13.1 Miles) - Start time 0830

10K Race - Start time 0730

5K Race - Start time 1800 \*\*

\*\* (this is a Friday night race 6pm, 18 Sep)

## Promotions



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Kevin A. Cobb  
Janet S. Kinley

## TRICARE ACTIVE DUTY DENTAL CHANGES

Dental Insurance for Active Duty members (to include AGRs and members on order for 31 days or longer) has changed.

- Applicable to Active Duty members and Guard Members who are on orders for over 30 days who reside more than 50 miles from a Dental Treatment Facility.
- You MUST use a United Concordia network dentist
- To coordinate routine dental care, you must first obtain an Appointment Control Number (ACN) from United Concordia by completing an Appointment Request Form
- To access the Appointment Request Form, log on to [www.addp- ucci.com](http://www.addp-ucci.com) and click on the Active Duty Service Members portal, then select Make An Appointment
- To find out if your dentist is a Network dentist, visit their website and select find a dentist from the options on the left side of the page
- The website also has a wealth of additional information.

# Drill Pay Dates

**SEP UTA**

**29 Sep 09**

**OCT UTA**

**15 Oct 09**

**Questions?**

**Call Military Pay  
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## **CES deploys to Hawaii**

35 members of the 181st CES deployed to the United States Coast Guard Station Barbers Point, HI 13 thru 27 Apr 2009. Numerous essential projects were completed. Here 6 members (L to R): SSgt Randal Monroe, MSgt Robin Moore, MSgt Jason Coldiron, A1C Andrew Lane, MSgt Matt Riggs, and TSgt Dan Meuser) pour and finish concrete for the memorial in remembrance of Flight Crew 6505 that perished in a helicopter crash 4 Sep 2008.