



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, 19th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, assemble a medical tent outside of the Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital in Grayling, Mich., April 6, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze)

Joint Forces Soar Above the Cold in Operation: Arctic Eagle

By Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – Indiana Air National Guard Airmen and Indiana National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 19th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package participated in the cold weather joint training exercise Operation Arctic Eagle at Camp Grayling, Michigan, from April 3 - 8, 2016.

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Through joint efforts, the 19th CERFP is able to provide specialized units designed to assist a community’s local response team in their efforts.

“The military has assets that can assist, but not take over, the local incident command, CERFP is one of these assets that can be deployed in the event of natural, chemical or biological disaster,” said Major John A. Petrowski, 181st Communications Flight commander and Officer in Charge of the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability. “Because of the specialized training we receive as a CERFP mission we can provide an asset that really doesn’t exist anywhere else.” The cold weather presented a unique obstacle to the members of the 19th CERFP, but also allowed much room for growth.

The adverse weather provides a different set of problems and makes training more difficult but more beneficial should a real world incident come up, said Motz.



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, 19th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, treat victims of a simulated chemical explosion outside of the Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital in Grayling, Mich., April 6, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze)

“It provides a lot of opportunity to grow as an organization and develop adaptability and flexibility because we are provided a different challenge,” said Motz. “It provides an opportunity to broaden your skill set because you have to think about cold instead of thinking about hot. It provided more tools in your tool kit for when you go to an emergency where all services may be disconnected.”

The challenges presented during this exercise allowed for new Airmen to learn the roles they have in the mission as a whole. There were a lot of new people with CERFP this exercise and overall everyone did very well, said Petrowski.

These challenges taught the soldiers and Airmen to be adaptable leaders and to develop more skills required for this job, said Motz.

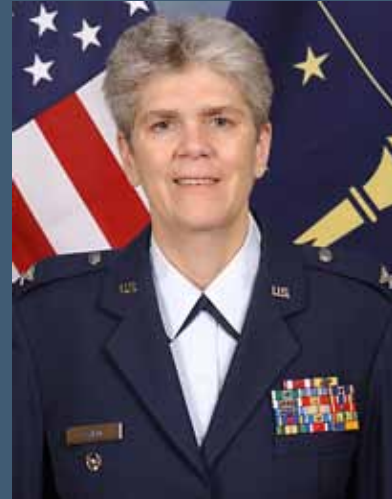
With specialized capabilities and specialized training such as exercises like Operation Arctic Eagle, the 19th CERFP encompasses the National Guard’s motto “Always Ready, Always There,” and is prepared to serve their community, state and nation at a moment’s notice.



VICE COMMANDER COMMENTS

I don't know about you, but I love being a Racer! Every day I drive through the front gate and realize how lucky I am to serve with an amazing group of professionals. From the security forces defenders at the front gate, to the personnelist assigned to an orderly room, to the weather specialist at the end of ammo road, Racers set the standard for excellence and continue to perform at a remarkably high pace.

2016 was another busy year for 181st Airmen! 104 members from the 181st IW were mobilized at home station in support of contingency operations. They supported 500+ intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance combat missions, located 20,000+ targets, played pivotal roles in the capture of 10+ high value targets, and directly supported more than 10 troops-in-contact missions. Another 30+ members from across the 181st deployed to multiple AORs conducting the nation's business. In July, the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron deployed seven Airmen to Slovakia to conduct close air support (CAS) for Operation Atlantic Resolve.



Col. Tamala A. Saylor
Vice Commander, 181st IW

In addition to deployments, the 181st participated in multiple exercises and training deployments. The CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, Fatalities Search and Recovery Team (FSRT) and the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability supported Arctic Eagle and Hoosier Rescue, proving once again that Racers stand ready to save life and property at a moment's notice. 181st Civil Engineering Squadron sent members to Patrick AFB and Andersen AFB to practice expeditionary skills training and to assist with local construction projects. TACPs traveled to Barry Goldwater Air Force Range, Arizona, where they accomplished over 150 CAS controls and honed their war fighting skills. The 181st Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group & FSRT supported the Patriot North Exercise at Volk Field, Wisconsin, receiving critical domestic operations training. Members throughout the Wing completed a wide variety of AFSC skill level training and continue to represent the 181st across the nation.

Selfless service is also synonymous with being a Racer. In multiple instances members of the Wing risked their own life to help save a neighbor's life or property. Innovation and commitment are a part of everyday life. I am honored and privileged to be a part of this great Wing. Thanks for being a Racer!

Mission

Provide operationally ready, deliberately developed, and expertly led Airmen to support our communities, state, and nation.

Vision

The first choice, providing innovative Airmen operating in multiple domains as the proven and enduring choice supporting our communities, state and nation.

Always....RACER READY!

Top Three Goals

Executing the Mission, Developing and Recognizing our Airmen, and Community Engagement by Building Relationships



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing receive simulated medical attention during an exercise conducted at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard base April 9, 2016. The exercise simulated a tornado hitting the base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)

Tornado Exercise Tests Racer Readiness

By Senior Airman Lonnie C. Wiram, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD, Ind. – Members of the 181st Intelligence Wing participated in a natural disaster exercise during a scheduled unit training assembly April 9, 2016.

The exercise simulated an F-1 tornado passing through the base causing destruction to buildings and evaluated how the Wing would respond.

“The Wing occasionally trains and tests our ability to respond to major accidents, natural disasters, attacks, and use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosive weapons or materials,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Hinkle, 181st IW Inspector General. “Today's exercise reinforces the training we have given our Airmen and validates the plans that we have in place to ensure we are mission ready.”

The primary purpose of the exercise was to enhance readiness, identify areas of improvement, and validate base level and unit plans for responding to a natural disaster or emergency, and the implementation of emergency management core capabilities.

“With the severe weather season upon us we can move forward with confidence that we are ready to execute our missions and mitigate natural disasters,” said Lt. Col. Hinkle.

Disaster response is a key capability of the 181st, and the exercise ensured Airmen remain trained and equipped with skills to stabilize the situation in the wake of a natural disaster.



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U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard and a Indiana Army National Guard Soldier crowd in a locker room for shelter during an exercise at Hulman Field Air National Guard base, Ind., April 9, 2016. The exercise simulated an F-1 tornado passing through the base causing destruction to buildings and how the wing would respond. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)



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Prime Beef Airmen from the 181st Indiana ANG deploy to Patrick Air Force Base

By Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing Civil Engineering Squadron and 45th Space Wing Civil Engineering Squadron work together to install new dock fenders at the outdoor marina at Patrick Air Force Base, July 20, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Airmen from the 181st Civil Engineering Squadron, Air National Guard deployed to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, to provide contingency related hands-on training July 11-22, 2016.

181st CES in conjunction with their 45th CES counterparts collaborated during a “Deployment for Training program.” The DFT provided contingency related training for Airmen to hone their civil engineering skills that are unable to be accomplished at home station.

“The DFT program gives Airmen upgrade level training that cannot be accomplished at home station; rejuvenate wing and squadron retention efforts by exposing Airmen to remote and active duty environments; and strengthen relationships between active duty and guard reserves with a ‘synergy development’ strategy that will help us work more effectively in deployed environments,” said Major Robert Jobe, assistant base civil engineer/deputy commander, 181st CES.

During the DFT, 10 members of the 181st CES accomplished their small arms training

and qualification requirements that were provided by the 181st Security Forces Squadron, Combat Arms Training and Maintenance.

CES members also attended “Social Intelligence,” a professional development workshop provided by Maj. Jobe and hosted by 45th CES Commander Lt. Col. Jason Glynn.

With temperatures in the 90s each day, 13 Prime Beef specialists from the 181st CES installed over 1,200 feet of fencing, removed outdated signal traffic lights, hung and mudded drywall sheets, finished the antenna platform, installed fire alarms and smoke detectors, replaced dock fenders at the outdoor marina, installed barricade posts and tightened barbed wire on the beach property, and used GPS equipment to survey roads at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida.

“This temporary duty DFT allowed the 181st CES Airmen to function in a different environment working alongside active duty and federal civilian workforce within the civil engineer community. This is truly a win-win situation for our Airmen,” said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Tincher, section chief, 181st CES.



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Civil Engineering Squadron and 45th Civil Engineering Squadron use global positioning system survey equipment to measure roads at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., July 14, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)

Training with other units will prepare today’s Airmen for a future Air Expeditionary Task Force. While traditionally AETF is combat centric, forces are tailored to specific capabilities. It would not be beyond the scope to deploy a civil engineer squadron or integrated units to support such missions in an AETF design.

Lt. Col. Jason Glynn, commander, 45th CES was very impressed to witness the total Air Force commitment during the two weeks of training. Speaking on behalf of the 45th CES, “we really appreciate the opportunity to serve for a brief time with the 181st Civil Engineer Squadron.”

“It’s part of our total force deployment package it doesn’t make a difference when you go down range whether you are Guard, Reserves or Active Duty, we all wear a uniform that says United States Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. Lamar D. Heard, squadron superintendent, 45th CES. The most effective pre-deployment training is hosting other units, “it pays dividends when you go down range.”

“I’m proud of our unit for taking advantage of the resources of skills and knowledge here at Patrick AFB, Florida. The timing could not have been more perfect for us to show up and fall in to support them with manpower. We have had the opportunity to develop professionally while here and I’ve been proud of our showing of ANG strength and resilience. You could not tell us apart from them in training, and that’s what the expectation is in the fight. We are exceeding the expectations and that’s what the 181 CES does,” said Maj. Jobe.

According to a recent memo by Chief, National Guard Bureau, Gen. Frank J. Grass, ANG civil engineers will be tasked to support enduring missions around the world for fiscal year 2016 and beyond. The 181st has taken a proactive step to align with the future mission objectives established by Gen. Grass.



U.S. Airman with the 181st Civil Engineering Squadron removes foundation at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., July 12, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)





U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, 181st Communications Flight establish satellite communication during the cold weather exercise, Operation: Arctic Eagle, at the Camp Grayling, Mich. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kevin D. Schulze)

Communications Weather the Storm

By Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. - Indiana Air National Guard Airmen assigned to the 19th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package's Joint Incident Site Communications Capability unit participated in the cold weather joint training exercise Operation Arctic Eagle at Camp Grayling, Michigan, from April 3 - 8, 2016.

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The JISCC unit is used to maintain communications between all units involved in the response of a disaster.

"We provide all the communications, data and voice for the CERFP mission," said Major John A. Petrowski, 181st Communications Flight commander and Officer in

Charge of the JISCC. "If that mission were to roll into an area where there are no phones, no radio communications, no towers, we can provide an entire array of services."

Many problems arise when units from different locations arrive to aid the same disaster. The JISCC is able to filter communications between differing types of communication.

All these different agencies show up on the ground to help, but none of them can talk to each other because they use different radios or frequencies or rely on cell phones, and this is why the JISCC was created, to blend all these entities together, said Petrowski.

"With the JISCC, I can take a fireman that shows up with his radio from his own fire department in one city and get him to actually talk to an Army troop or an Air National Guard troop down range on a different radio frequency, without having to reprogram radios," said Petrowski.

With a trained and functioning JISCC team, the 19th CERFP returns to the 181st Intelligence Wing fully prepared and ready to move when the time calls them into action.



Future Airmen for the 181st Intelligence Wing stand at attention on stage during a concert at Hulman Regional Airport September 18, 2016. The members recited the oath of enlistment in front of thousands of people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)

Just Bring One

By Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – Racers hosted 181st Intelligence Wing's inaugural Just Bring One event September 18, 2016, at Hulman Field.

The event provided guests with an opportunity to observe the capabilities of several units on base and speak with Airmen and commanders of these units.

Every man and woman in uniform, every state employee and every worker at this base contributes to the defense of our nation, no matter their job, said Col. L. Kip Clark, commander 181st IW, as he spoke to potential recruits at the event.

Several units of the 181st IW took part in the Just Bring One event by presenting their career fields through static displays, tables filled with weapons and tools, as well as demonstrations and presentations of their jobs.

"Seeing everything that the base can do really opened my eyes to the possibilities available for joining," said a guest after visiting several units' displays.

Clark spoke with the visitors about the rich history of the base and the people he met throughout his career.

"The things you get to do, the places you get to go, those are all fantastic, but the people you serve with and serve for are some of the best reasons to join," said Clark.

Several hundred guests and potential recruits attended the 181st IW's Just Bring One recruiting event. The event



Future Airman for the 181st Intelligence Wing raises her right hand to recite the oath of enlistment during a concert at Hulman Regional Airport September 18, 2016. She was among other members of the Patriot Flight to swear in on stage in front of thousands of people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)

opened the door to serving in the Air National Guard here at Hulman Field while also strengthening the relationship between the base and the community.



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Col. L. Kip Clark, commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, carries the Indiana Bicentennial Torch through the downtown area of Brazil, Sept. 22, 2016. (photo courtesy of www.facebook.com/INTorchRelay)

Commander Carries the Torch

By Senior Airman Lonnie C. Wiram, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. - U.S. Air Force Col. L. Kip Clark, commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, had the honor of being a torch bearer during the Indiana Bicentennial torch relay in Clay County, Indiana, September 22, 2016.

Col. Clark was one of twenty nominees to carry a torch throughout the county in part of a relay that took place in every county in the state to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Indiana.

Col. Clark carried the torch about a quarter of a mile in downtown Brazil, Indiana.

Clark also gave a speech about the military history in Clay County and the great heroes that came from the county.

“It was such an honor to carry the torch”, said Clark. “I am proud to be Hoosier.”



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard base, receive their Community College of the Air Force degrees at the 181 IW, June 5, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze)

Persistence, Determination, Perseverance: Airmen acquire CCAF degrees

By Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. - Many members of the 181st Intelligence Wing received their Community College of the Air Force diploma during a graduation ceremony June 5, 2016.

U.S. Air Force Col. Shane A. Halbrook, commander, 181st Mission Support Group, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

“These individuals are not only proficient in their current job, but are even recognized by the Community College of the Air Force as going to that next level of expertise in their chosen fields,” said Halbrook.

Education and knowledge are very important aspects for Airmen when it comes to their careers as well as to the mission of the 181st IW.

“If we don’t gain knowledge and expertise, the likelihood of success in the future is greatly diminished,” said U.S. Air Force Col L. Kip Clark, commander, 181st Intelligence Wing.

CCAF allows Airmen an opportunity to further their individual education. A necessity for keeping the 181st IW Racer Ready in an ever changing world.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing Civil Engineering Squadron arrive at the job site at Andersen AFB, Guam, July 13, 2016. The 181st engineers provided contingency related hands-on training for Air National Guard CE Airmen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)

Building up the Pacific

By Senior Airman Lonnie C. Wiram, 181st Intelligence Wing/Public Affairs

ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Guam - U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 181st Civil Engineering Squadron deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, for their annual training July 10-28, 2016.

The 181st CES deployed over 20 Airmen and equipment in efforts to support the construction of buildings on Andersen AFB.

“We are building a field training exercise warehouse for the Red Horse unit,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. David Lasagna, 181st CES commander.

All components of the 181st CES were utilized in construction of the warehouse.

“We have HVAC here installing split system units,” Lasagna said. “We also have structures that will hang doors, paint, and build the bathroom structure. Then we have our electricians here doing all the low voltage power as well as the high voltage power for the HVAC units. We also have our heavy equipment operators here doing a lot of the site work.”

The 181st CES also deployed to train on their skill-sets and readiness.

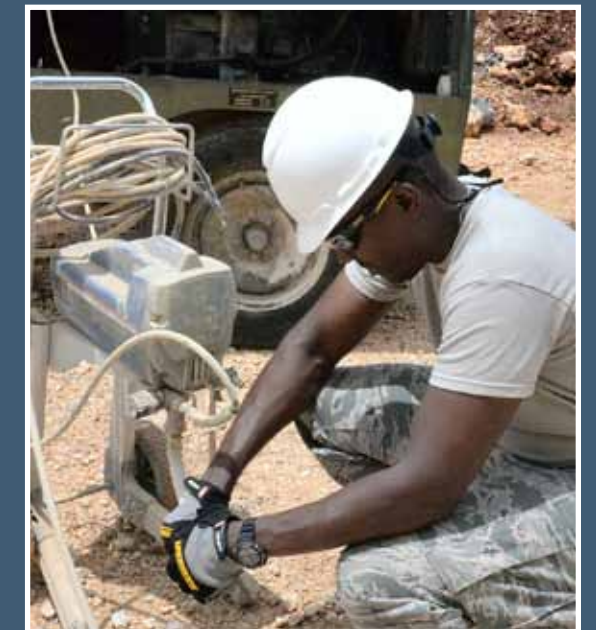
The Airmen completed all their tasks ahead of schedule even with rain delays.

“This is the best group we’ve had,” said Senior Master Sgt. Bryon Gullett, 189th CES, Arkansas Air National Guard.

The Airmen of the 181st CES set the standard and that is the Racer way.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing Civil Engineering Squadron, remove the safety line from the top of the building they are constructing during their annual training at Andersen AFB, Guam, July 14, 2016. The 181st engineers provided contingency related hands-on training for Air National Guard CE Airmen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)



U.S. Airman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing Civil Engineering Squadron prepares a paint sprayer for use during his annual training at Andersen AFB, Guam, July 13, 2016. The 181st engineers provided contingency related hands-on training for Air National Guard CE Airmen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)



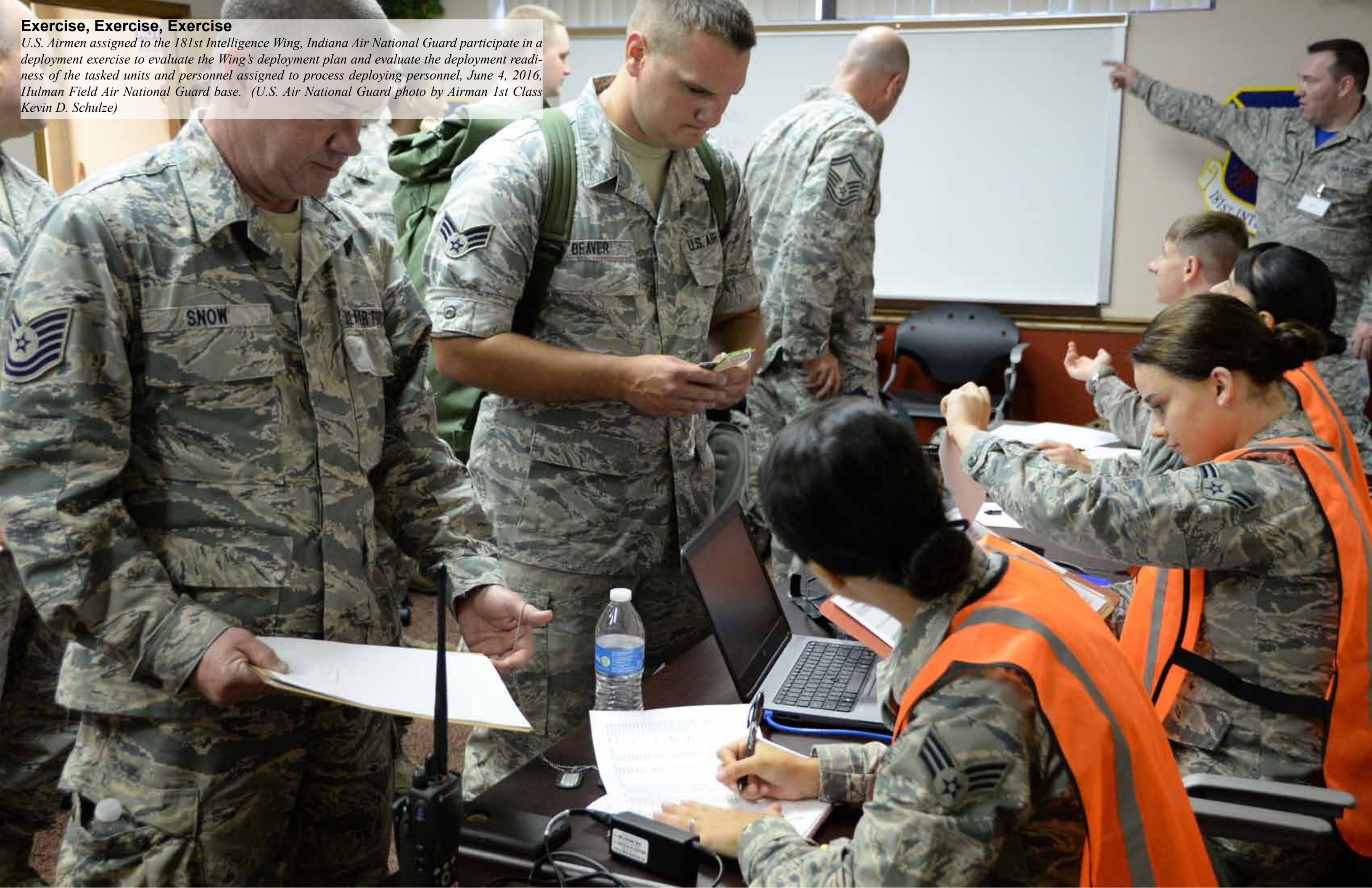
Arctic Eagle 2016

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 19th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard treat a victim of a simulated chemical explosion outside of the Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital in Grayling, Mich., April 6, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze)



Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard participate in a deployment exercise to evaluate the Wing's deployment plan and evaluate the deployment readiness of the tasked units and personnel assigned to process deploying personnel, June 4, 2016, Hulman Field Air National Guard base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin D. Schulze)



Armed Forces Day - May 21, 2016

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard setup the recruiting trailer at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the Armed Forces Day ceremonies, May 21, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)



Security Force Training

U.S. Airman assigned to the 181st Security Forces Squadron, Indiana Air National Guard, trains with an AN/PAS-13D Thermal Sight during a weapons training briefing Mar. 6, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kevin D. Schulze)



Global Watch

U.S. Airman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard checks satellite images during Uniform Training Assembly Oct. 2, 2016. The 181st IW Airmen are always ready, reliable and relevant. (U.S. Air National Guard photo illustration by Senior Airman Lonnie Wiram)

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We do more than oil changes

U.S. Airmen assigned with the 181st Logistic Readiness Flight, Indiana Air National Guard remove a Ford F-350 truck cab for some major turbo repair, Terre Haute, Ind., May 25, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman)





U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Civil Engineering squadron measure and plot additions to the base DFAC.



181st Intelligence Wing Honor Guard members fold the American flag during a ceremony.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron members keep watch during an exercise.



Stanley Richardson, a former member of the 181st Intelligence Wing, looks on during his base tour.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 181st Force Support Squadron serves a holiday meal during Dec. UTA.



U.S. Airman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing gives the gift of life.



U.S. Airman assigned to the 181st Security Forces Squadron stands guard at the front gate during Oct. UTA.

