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**The Racer Flyer publication earns 2nd place
in 2006 NGB Media contest (story on page 4)**



Col Jeffrey Hauser
181st FW Commander

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As we are focusing on re-bluing and military protocol I wanted to take this opportunity to emphasize an important core value.

INTEGRITY

Integrity: Inspiring trust through leadership – This core value suggests that our words and actions should be consistent with our values.



In day to day terms, living with integrity may be recognized as how we:

- * Hold ourselves personally accountable to do what is right and ethical
- * Maintain high standards of excellence and performance
- * Communicate with honesty, compassion, directness, and respect
- * Collaborate with co-workers and others as appropriate in a mission and values based way
- * Help others think through and think ethically
- * Consider how to display and encourage important characteristics, such as courage, strength, and honesty

Integrity in the workplace should be an easy thing to define, right? We shouldn't steal paper clips or pencils. We shouldn't lie to our leadership. We shouldn't show up late, leave before quitting time, or push our lunch break limits. Then tie a 9-5 ribbon around it and viola, integrity.

Our integrity at work is not only tested in terms of the obvious red and green lights. It is also important how we decide to exercise our freedoms and accept the consequences of our responsibilities. In other words, integrity is more complicated than just not stealing and not lying. It's what we do when no one is looking. That's where real freedom resides, and that's where we often compromise our integrity.

We have the freedom to work hard and do a job with excellence – or just do enough to get paid. We can search for the wise advice of those who know better – or just do what we know and get it over with. We can take risks that are necessary for success – or just play it safe and stay afloat another day. We can receive work evaluations with a desire to be a better employee – or get defensive.

Will we use our freedom as an opportunity or as an avenue to work only as hard and as good as we must?

I can tell you without reservation that the great majority of our members always strive for perfection and to do the best for the Wing and themselves.

Thank you for all of your sacrifices to make this a premier Air National Guard Wing!

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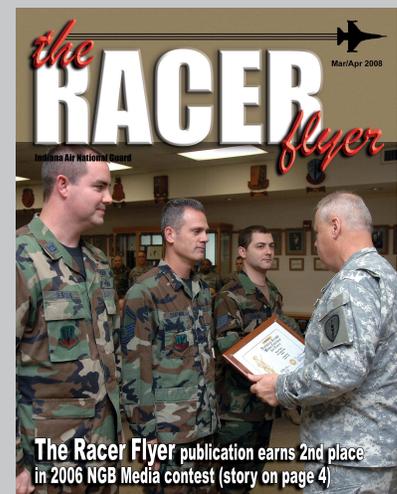
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Photo by Sgt Michael Krieg

181stFW first Air Guard unit to host ServSafe course

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Once again, the 181st Fighter Wing clears the path for other Guard units nation wide by hosting and instructing the first Air National Guard ‘ServSafe’ course for Services units. Twenty-seven Guard members from all over the country came to Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., on Dec. 6 for a two-day management course regarding sanitation, bacteria, food preparation and every aspect of serving safe food.

“This is a college-level course, and it is very difficult,” said MSgt Daniel Hurley, 181st Services member, who was one of the two instructors from the Wing. “We had an 85% pass rating which is very good for this type of course.”

ServSafe is a mandatory course for services management and is sponsored by the National Restaurant Association. The importance of the course is understood by its level of difficulty, and while the course is offered by the military, this is the first time it was hosted and instructed by an Air National Guard unit.

“The course went very well,” said SMSgt Emilie McFaddin, 181st Services member and also a course instructor. “It was nice to be the host and I felt like our visitors enjoyed themselves as much as they could considering the intensity of the course. There is a lot of studying involved.”

To become an instructor, personnel must take the course and score 90 or higher for the entire class to be considered. The 116th SVF Georgia; 153rd SVF Wyoming; 113th SVF District of Columbia; 105th SVF New York; 183rd SVF Illinois; 103rd SVF Connecticut; 123rd SVF Kentucky, and 181st SVF Indiana, sent their services personnel to Hulman Field in hopes of scoring high enough to become an instructor for their units.

“The ServSafe course is for management, which is very important for all units and even civilian restaurants,” Hurley explained. “It is mandatory to have someone who has taken, and passed this course to even serve food in some agencies.”

Hurley and McFaddin take great pride knowing that they have been able to share a little bit of “Racer” excellence with other unit members. The 181st has a habit of leading the Force, so it was no surprise to many when they hosted the first Air National Guard ServSafe course.



Airmen Graduate from Airman Leadership School

by CMSgt Anthony Colon, 181MDG



(Left to Right): SrA Dale Baker, SrA Andrew Love and SrA Andrew Socks.

On Friday February 8, 2008 three Senior Airmen from the 181st graduated from Airman Leadership School. SrA Dale Baker (CES), SrA Andrew Love (MDG) and SrA Andrew Socks (CES) completed the 5-week course at the Air National Guard ALS site at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn. They were joined by 80 other Senior Airmen from around the ANG as well as the Canadian Military and the US Coast Guard. Each one was provided a free membership into the ANG NCO Academy Graduates Association by Terre Haute’s NCOAGA Chapter 80. The three airmen will be working with the NCOAGA to promote the upcoming Satellite Airman Leadership Course and NCO Academy course as well as volunteering time to the Junior Enlisted Council. Anyone interested in what the ALS experience was like should contact them on UTA weekend for details.

Changes within 181st Public Affairs

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st Public Affairs

Over the last few years, Public Affairs has continued to report on all the changes being made to personnel and base activities. The new missions have brought in exciting new schools and base renovations, but most importantly for those who enjoy reading the Racer Flyer, the Public Affairs Career Field is gaining some expertise - the Photographer, Videographers and Graphics Career fields have merged into Public Affairs becoming one large mass-media information team.

"The merger has brought together the Visual Information shop and the Public Affairs Office," said Capt. Jim Jensen, 181st Fighter Wing Public Affairs Officer. "We have always worked closely together, it was only a matter of time before the career fields merged."

The photographer and videographer career fields have now become 3N, and the Graphics AFSC has just gone away completely. The personnel within the Graphics career field have been given the choice to retrain into a Public Affairs AFSCs, which includes either print or broadcast journalism training at Ft. Meade, Bethesda, Md.

181st Fighter Wing Public Affairs members traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, to gain perspective on the merger and also receive recognition for last year's Racer Flyer at the National Guard Public Affairs Conference. The Racer Flyer received an award for being the second best publication, in the magazine category, in the entire Air National Guard.

"This award means quite a bit for all of us who work on the Flyer," said SMSgt John Chapman, Racer Flyer layout and design coordinator. "It's good for our Airmen to see their work has been recognized and it will help us focus on maintaining a high level of excellence as we move toward our new mission as PA specialists."

The award was given to 181st members at the National Conference, but was also presented to the team at State Headquarters, by Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger on Jan. 6, 2008.

"This is a very prestigious award and reflects the hard work SMSgt John Chapman and others put into the Flyer," Jensen said. "While in Alaska, we learned a lot about the merger, and also how other PA teams handle various challenges and situations."

Along with the merger of AFSCs, the Public Affairs Office has also moved buildings. Once located in building 18, Jensen and his PA team are now located in building 62, which used to be the Visual Information shop.

To contact the 181st Public Affairs Office, dial ext 471.



Spring Time is on its way

Mr. Johnny Saylor
181st Wing Family Program Coordinator
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The 181st Family Readiness Group would like to congratulate our new board members. Elections were held in December and our new board has been selected. Dodie Halter is president, Dana Stephens is vice president, Tim Gray is secretary and Mike Snodgrass takes over as treasurer. If you see them around the base tell them congratulations. They will serve in their position for a two-year term.

We would like to send a big "Thank You" to our outgoing officers. Gloria, Jack, and Kelley, thanks for your service to the family members of the 181st. You have made great contributions to our Wing and helped the 181st FRG be recognized as one of the best support teams around. We know that you will be here to help out in our future endeavors. Again, thank you for your service.

The Kids AT applications are on the State Family Programs Web site or you can stop by the Family Readiness Office to pick one up. The dates are July 6 – 12 at Camp Atterbury. Applications must be sent in with the fees no later than April 1. Junior and Adult Counselor applications are also required by April 1. Adult Counselors are required to submit fingerprint cards with their application. More adult volunteers are needed this year because of the major deployment of Army Guard Personnel. If you ever thought of helping out, this would be a great year to assist. The 181st FRG will again offer a Camp Scholarship to Wing children attending, half of the application fee will be returned after camp has been completed.

We have a lot of our troops returning from their deployments but still have some rotating into the theater. Additionally, a lot of our members are off to their new technical schools. If you live near any of our family members stop by and see how things are going. Let them know that we are thinking about them and if they need anything, they can get in touch with our office.

We wish you all a safe Spring. Remember to ease into getting all those outside jobs started.

Come and see what our new board has planned for this year. We meet on Saturday morning of drill in the Wing Headquarters Building at 10 AM.

To Honor with Dignity

By CMSgt Christopher Simmonds, 181st FW Honor Guard



This article will be the first in a regular series of Base Honor Guard articles designed to inform the personnel of the 181st about their Base Honor Guard history, members and events.

Many of you see your Base Honor Guard both on and off base posting colors, marching in parades and conducting flag folding ceremonies. We have even appeared on live network TV during the 2006 AFC Championship game between the Colts and Patriots. Prior to this time, our Honor Guard competed in and won the Indiana Adjutant General's State Color Guard Competition. Our unit competed against



the best the Army National Guard had to offer. We won! We have been referred to as the Premier Base Honor Guard by The Air National Guard Readiness Center and have been asked by name to perform many high visibility ceremonies. In particular, we participated in 18 funerals in Virginia when an Air National Guard Red Horse Unit crashed and there were no survivors. The 18 funerals took place in six days with five occurring in one day within the same cemetery. Many of our members have gone through training with the USAF Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base.

Volunteers that care and will go the extra mile!

Our main and most important purpose is to provide Military Funeral Honors (MFH) to our departed comrades. Possessing the ability and having the privilege to provide the family with a dignified ceremony which honors the memory of their loved one is something that words can't describe. The family will remember every detail from the bearer's team's razor sharp precision while folding the flag to the firing detail's three sharp precise volleys and the perfect playing of taps. Providing funeral honors doesn't stop the pain for the family members. It does provide a level of comfort and pride knowing that their loved one is being recognized and honored for something they earned and deserve for their military service to their great country. We therefore strive to perform with the utmost precision. We know that all eyes are on us at the service. Before each "job" we always dry run the ceremony one last time before anybody arrives. We always have a quick reminder meeting to make sure we have a clear mental picture of what we're about to do and we ALWAYS say something to the effect; ***"That if it wasn't for this person and their service to this great nation none of us might be here today."*** The gratitude of the family is often expressed in many ways. Some will want to shake your hand, or give you a hug. Others may give a simple affirmative nod.

One might find some comfort in knowing that the event he or she just participated in gave some closure and most certainly rekindled the pride that they felt for their lost loved one. Personally for me it's an honor each time I'm permitted to participate in such a noble endeavor. The Honor Guard Patch really says it best: ***"To Honor With Dignity"***



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can I perform the duties of the RA during drill weekend?

No, any Airmen on Drill Statue, AT Status or ADSW CANNOT perform the duties of an RA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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“Strong Bonds”

by Chaplain Bill Yates

Have you seen the movie *Family Man*? The story begins with Jack and Kate saying goodbye at the airport. Jack wants to study in London for a year. Kate is worried that if he leaves, their relationship is over. Kate says, “Wait, I have a really bad feeling about this. Let’s flush the plan. Let’s start our lives right now, today. I have no idea what this life is going to look like, but I know it has the both of us in it and I choose us.” Jack chooses to leave anyway. Kate falls into tears. And they never get back together again.

Choices are at the heart of every relationship. We could all use help in making the best choices for our relationships with others. This is the reason the Air National Guard is supporting **Strong Bonds**. Strong Bonds is about making our relationships stronger and more satisfying. Frequent deployments and reunions present an even greater challenge to individuals and families who may or may not have the coping skills to address such stresses. Strong Bonds will help everyone learn the skills and choices necessary to make their relationships better. There are special programs for singles, couples and families.

As for marriage, one of the most important choices to make is choosing for “us” and not just for “me.” Kate had it right when she said, “I choose us.” This places the priority on the shared relationship. It is said that before marriage, opposites attract. After marriage, opposites attack. Also, at the altar, many couples say, “I choose us,” but what they really mean is, “I choose you to help me feel better about me, to fulfill me and what I want.” That choice is bound to create major problems down the road. What are some ways to improve our marriages?

First, consider your thoughts and attitudes toward your spouse. Marriage researcher John Gottman discovered that if you continue to think negatively about your spouse, you are more likely to divorce than those who sustain positive thoughts about their spouse. Here are some examples of negative thinking: She’s not meeting my needs. She doesn’t care about me. She meant to hurt me. Or, he loves his work better than me. He’d rather watch sports than spend time with me. He never gets around to fixing this-or-that or spending time with me, but always has time for the computer or his hobbies.

Second, live in forgiveness with one another. Forgiving and being forgiven are essential to happiness and well-being. Often, it’s the little things that build up over time. If they are not taken care of, they lead to major breakdowns. Forgiveness needs to be ongoing. It brings greater trust, increased safety, deeper intimacy, and stronger bonding. The three most important words in our relationship vocabulary should be: “I was wrong.” The second three are: “I am sorry.” And the final three are: “Please forgive me.” They might be hard to say, but say them and you will reap a lifetime of blessings in any relationship.

Strong Bonds programs are led by chaplains with support from local the Family Readiness Group. Impact studies showed that couples who completed the program showed marked improvement in skills and habits that lead to increased marriage satisfaction and survival. More than 90 percent of those who participated in Strong Bonds reported that the program was helpful and appreciated. Hopefully, you will be able to attend a Strong Bonds event soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The March of Dimes **March for Babies** is scheduled this year for Saturday, 26 April 2008. It is a 6-mile walk starting and ending at the ISU Football Stadium. If you would like to help the March of Dimes find the cause/cure for prematurity, join us and **March for Babies**. If anyone is interested in participating or would like more information, please contact one of the following: MSgt Julie Vanlandingham, MSgt Kim Wade or MSgt Winnie Weaver.

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SSgt Lori Crowell, 181MDG, provides one of the required immunizations to maintain medical readiness. Each year 1500 immunizations are given to members of the wing. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



ASOS members continue to focus on staying physically fit by doing pull ups in one of the 181st Fighter Wing's many fitness areas. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt Angela Shaw and SrA Dara Orman, 181SVF, put their own personal touch on the pizzas being prepared in the 181st Dinging Facility during Feb 2008 UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



SSgt Jennifer Faulkner, 181MDG, administers an eye exam to update a member's visual acuity. The Optometry Clinic tracks all changes in vision and orders the necessary Gas Mask Inserts. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Keeping our waters safe, that's what SrA Branden Criss, 181SFS, is doing at MacDill AFB, Fla. SrA Criss is working with the USAF Police Patrol.

Photo submitted by SMS Dan Cook



Lt Gen North, CENTCOM Commander, and CENTCOM Command Chief Small recognizes SrA Jonathan Jaworski who was awarded a general's coin for his outstanding participation in OIF. SrA Jaworski has been deployed since late July 2007. *Photo submitted by CMSgt Anne Rice*



MSgt Todd Lee, Det 1 (Atterbury Range), receives Legion of Hoosier Hero from Lt Col Craig Haggard during MSgt Lee's retirement ceremony.

Photo submitted by TSgt William Abel



MSgt Andrew Van Ness, 181 Recruiter, talks with Ryan Johnson about the opportunities that lie ahead for him in the Air Guard. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



SSgt Anton Petrashevich, 181MDG, provides instructions on how to properly participate in the 181st Drug Prevention Random Testing program. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt Steve Black, 181SFS, receives his Presidential Certificate of Appreciation at his retirement ceremony from Maj Tommy Phillips, commander, 181SFS. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



RACER UNIT REVIEW



Det 1 - Hello once again from a unseasonably warm but very wet Atterbury Range. The inclement weather has given us some much needed time to catch up on some paperwork and pertinent things in preparation for our inspection in September. Atterbury Range honored **MSgt Lee** with a retirement ceremony January 25 with all of the rangers from Atterbury , JPG, close friends and family members attending . Good luck in retirement **Todd**. With **MSgt Lee's** departure we now have a vehicle maintenance AGR position available , any qualified individuals interested please contact us. Thank you to all of the Atterbury personnel for all the hard work in preparation for this special day. Thank you to CES for all the support that they have given us in our recent projects , installing a water line and replacing our water heater. In addition **Lt Col White** has been evaluating and assisting us with his expertise in our installation of a electric hoist. This will be very helpful with target preparation with the need to remove engines , transmissions ETC. to eliminate ricochet hazards thank you very much Sir. CES very own **MSgt Dave Wood** is once again performing some mandays with us helping out with various duties ..welcome back **Dave**. **Lt Col Craig "Merle" Haggard** is attending a Joint Firepower Course in sunny Las Vegas. **Major Chris "Beech" Snider** and **TSgt Kevin Aders** are going to Smokey Hill ANG range for a meeting to discuss various items pertinent to the Range community. This week we have been providing "Smokey sams" and electronic support for the A.CO 2-160 SOAR (special operations aviation regiment) Ft. Campbell Kentucky . I am sure

that they will be going home with some quality training.
TSgt William Abel

CES - The construction and changes to the base continue as we transform from a fighter wing to an intelligence wing. The contractors have nearly completed the work to install conduits across the entire base for the new mission. Work is progressing well. CE continues to press hard on training. Several of our Airmen are back home safe and sound from overseas. They have a lot of stories to tell and are all glad to be home. At the time this article is written we still have two people deployed. The Squadron continues to provide volunteers for the fight and they continue to uphold the outstanding reputation of our Squadron. The unit left on Saturday of January's drill for Badin, NC for a week of training. Then they went to Tyndal AFB for a week of "Silver Flag" exercise. At the close of the exercise **A1C Joshua Petrowski** , Utilities section, was recognized, and coined, by the Silver Flag Chief for his outstanding performance. This is no small honor. There were several outstanding performers at SF, but **Petro** topped them all in performance, attitude, and energy. Great job! I would like to say good bye and good luck to **SMSgt William "Bill" Brainard**. He retired from the military in February. We all wish him well and thank him for his service to the Squadron and the Wing. **MSgt Robin Moore** has been selected to be his replacement. He comes to us from the aircraft maintenance side of the house. Welcome aboard. As a special note I want to announce that this will be the last article I will be writing for the Racer Flyer. I will be retiring

from the military as of 26 April 08. I have been a member of the Civil Engineer Squadron since 1980. I have had the awesome privilege to serve with some of the Air National Guards best for over 28 years. I will always be proud to say I was the First Sergeant for the best CE Squadron there ever was. I feel confident that I helped prepare several outstanding Airman to step up and continue the fine reputation of the 181st CES. I will remain a civilian member of the squadron by being the full time State Maintenance Supervisor, but it will not be the same. Remember, as always, I want to invite all of the readers to help with the continued recruiting effort. We have a few openings in the CE Squadron and will have a couple more in the next few months as some more of us old dogs retire. If you know anybody that might be interested in joining the unit, please have him or her come out and see us. Press on!
SMSgt Charles Gilbert

CF - We'd like to welcome some new faces into the Communications Flight. **SMSgt Scott Winegar**, is our new Maintenance Systems Chief; **TSgt James Moore**, is our new NCOIC for Radio Maintenance; **TSgt William "Gunny" Curtis**, is our new NCOIC for our Voice Network Systems; and **SrA Megan Rost**, is our new Assistant Project Planner. A big welcome to you all, we are all looking forward to working with you.

As we welcome in the new we sadly say goodbye to **CMSgt William Walker**. **CMSgt Walker** recently retired as a full time technician and has recently moved to North Dakota. Thanks Chief for your many years of service and dedication to this unit and your



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country. We wish you the best of luck.

Other full time technician retirements include **CMSgt Johnny Irwin**, and **TSgt Mark Catt**, congratulations go out to you both. We are most fortunate that these two will still be joining us on the UTA weekends.

We'd also like to say good luck to **TSgt John Kaufman**, **SSgt Curtis Peterson**, **SSgt Michael Farrar**, **SSgt Kristen Kaminski** and **SSgt Kevin Demlow** as they move into the DGS. Good luck also to **SSgt Eric Harris** as he joins the ASOS.

Farewell to **SSgt Darryll Harlan**. **SSgt Harlan** is transferring to the 182nd in Peoria, IL. We will miss you.

Communications Flight would like to "Congratulate" our recent CCAF graduates **SMSgt Scott Winegar**, **TSgt Morgan Elmore**, **SSgt Michael Farrar**, **SSgt Jason Gaudard**, **SSgt Charles Headlee**, and **SSgt Shane Kennedy**.

Another congratulations goes out to **Brandy Fultz** on her recent promotion to TSgt. Great job **Brandy** on setting the bar for the Communications Flight Promotion Board.

SrA Lucille Brown

MDG - The Medical Group is proud to announce that we have four Air National Guard 2007 Outstanding Performance Award winners: **Lt Col Paul Davis** – 2007 ANG Outstanding Bioenvironmental Engineering Officer ; **Captain Brian Ellis** – 2007 ANG Outstanding Public Health Officer; **SSgt Sarah Boyll** – 2007 Dental Services Airman and **SSgt Kelli Wietlisbach** – 2007 Public Health Airman. This group represents

about 20% of the 2007 national award winners. Congratulations to all of you.

SrA Andrew Love graduated from Airman Leadership In Residence School. The ALS school serves to develop an airman's leadership skills, networking skills and military knowledge as part of their progress through the enlisted ranks. Congrats **Andrew**.

TSgt Jennifer Fitzlaff and **SSgt Jennifer Faulkner** were two of the CCAF graduates honored during February drill. The CCAF degree is added value to a resume for consideration of promotion, job selection, commissioning, deployments and national awards. Congrats to both of you.

The Medical Group has another baby girl to announce. **SrA Alisa Thompson** gave birth to **Rory Dakota** on January 2nd. **Rory's** grandfather is also a member of the unit - **MSgt Bruce Thompson**. Congrats to both of you.

Captain Bill Johnson has joined the medics from the 123rd Louisville ANG. **Dr. Johnson** is an anesthesiologist specializing in OB/GYN procedures in Louisville, Kentucky and he has two daughters. **SrA Tyler Coopridner** has joined the medics from Maintenance as a Bioenvironmental Technician. **Tyler** lives in Shakamak and attends Ivy Tech's Nursing School. Welcome to both of you.

February drill was the last 181st UTA for **Major Kim Trospen**. **Kim** has transferred to the 123rd Louisville, Kentucky Medical Group. She has set a model path in her progress from Airman to Major during her 25 year tenure here in Terre Haute. She has been a mentor, a leader, a counselor and above all a friend to the entire wing family.

Kim, your 181st Medical Group family adores you and we wish you the best that life can offer.

Lt Col Patti Mook

FW - The Wing would like to "Congratulate" our recent CCAF graduates: **TSgt Jenny Lindsey** - Information Management; **TSgt Gracie Roan** - Financial Management; **MSgt Matthew Riggs** - Financial Management/Construction Technology.

Capt James Jensen, **SMSgt John Chapman** and **SSgt Chris Jennings** were presented the Indiana Commendation Medal for their outstanding contributions during Exercise Vigilant Guard back in May of 2007.

Don't forget about the Enlisted Dining Out 5k Run scheduled for March UTA, see **MSgt Melinda Tatman** for more information.

We'd like to welcome back **2nd Lt Randi Jo Brown**. **Lt Brown** has been away to Defense Information School, Public Affairs training.

The Public Affairs office would like to welcome **SSgt Joshua Velder** to the shop and also say good bye as **he** will leave for training the end of March. **SSgt Velder** will be assigned as our Information Management Specialist.

SMSgt Terry Arthur and Public Affair Staff



Air Force celebrates African-American History Month

2/1/2008 - SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — In 1926, Carter G. Woodson single-handedly pioneered the celebration of “Negro History Week,” during the second week in February, to coincide with the birthday celebrations for Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

Mr. Carter’s proposal later became Black History Month, and since 1976, is celebrated every February.

One purpose of Black History Month is to recognize past events that affect us today. Some events receive great attention. Others are more subtle, receiving little fanfare yet are just as important in shaping and molding America.

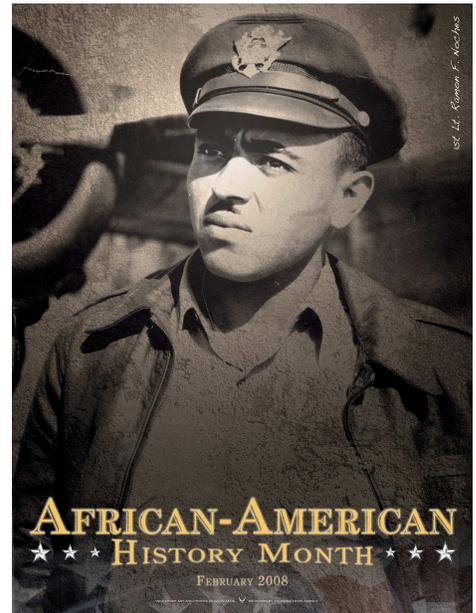
War Department General Order No. 143 is one of those less-remembered but important events. Issued May 22, 1863, the order established the Bureau of Colored Troops.

In his article, First to Fight, author John Raymond Gourdin wrote, “Prior to the establishment of the bureau, colored regiments were organized and supported by state governments in free states and in areas in Confederate states occupied and controlled by Federal troops. However, after the establishment of the bureau, those regiments that were previously raised by state governments and carried state designations were redesignated as regiments of United States Colored Troops and assigned a USCT number.”

Many Americans of African descent continue to agree with the fundamentals and principles established by General Order 143. Accepting the opportunity to serve, defending the borders and upholding the integrity of law permeate through those who continue the tradition of military service today.

There have been many African-American pioneers who have played an integral role in air power. To learn more about these pioneers and Black History Month click here <<http://www.af.mil/library/aahm08.asp>> to go to a special multimedia presentation.

(Master Sgt. Kevin McWashington from the 301st Aerospace Medicine Squadron contributed to this story)



New 1st Sgt announced

181st Command Chief, CMSgt Dennis Williams announced the selection of the newest “First Sergeants” within the Wing. Displaying professionalism and leadership abilities, the four Airmen selected to be the newest 181st “First Sergeants” are:



MSgt Timothy Shumaker
181 Intel Support Sq

MSgt Michael May
137 Intel Sq

MSgt Scott Tincer
181 CES

MSgt Paul McMinn
181 Ops Support Sq

In Memory.....

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of the following members of our Racer Family

MSgt (Ret) Larry D. Schommer, 71, passed away on 7 Feb 08. MSgt Schommer was a fulltime technician serving in the Hydraulic Shop at the time of his retirement.



NEW RACERS



Garrett Ames - ASOS



Leanna Edwards - MDG



David Thorpe - ASOS



Azia Dwigans - SPS



Jay Mills - SPS



Matt McCullough - SVF



James Dorsey - Intel



William Johnson - MDG

PROMOTIONS



To Senior Airman

Rachel A. Wade, 181OG

To Staff Sergeant

Andrew C. Nigh, 181CE



To Technical Sergeant

Mark D. Auterson, 181MXMVE



Jeremy D. Barger, 181MXMCE

Joshua K. Schershel, 181MXMG

Brandy M. Fultz, 181SC

To Master Sergeant

Laurie E. Weaver, 181DP



To Senior Master Sergeant

Joshua D. Hall, 181DP



To Major

Mark W. Wright, 181MXS

Bryan D. Yates, 181LGR



RETIREMENTS

SMSgt Charles F. Hogue - 181MXMV

MSgt Todd A. Lee - 181Det1

SMSgt James S. Noel - 181MXS

MSgt James S. Reel - 181MXM

TSgt Mark F. Schutter - 181MXM

CMSgt William D. Walker - 181SC

SMSgt Teddy L. York - 181MXA

MSgt Robert L. Akers - 181LGR

MSgt Timothy L. Biddle - 181MXQ

SMSgt William M. Brainard - 181CES

MSgt Dean E. Cress - 181MXMW

SMSgt Charles M. Gilbert - 181CES

MSgt Arthur B. Goldberg - 181SC

MSgt Thomas M. Harmon - 181 LGR

Keep OPSEC in mind

Compiled by SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st FW Public Affairs

In today's highly technological world, the fast-paced sharing of information can be considered friend or foe to those in the Air National Guard.

There are several public Web sites which offer individuals free membership to create personalized Web pages. Two of the most popular social-networking sites are MySpace and FaceBook.

Even at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., 181st members must always be vigilant towards OPSEC. Members should be aware of the fact that there are people out there searching public sites for military information and can use anything that is given to them on these public sites.

"Someone could use anything such as what you do, where you do it, what unit, and who is in your chain of command," said Capt. John Petrowski, 181st Communications Squadron Commander. "There have been several Air Force members who have listed deployment information."

A high-priority warning was sent out early this month urging service members to remove personal information on social-networking sites. The document stated that any information pertaining to military is invaluable in the hands of Al-Qaida.

"We had a member of the 181st who was recently deployed and had their apartment broken into," Petrowski said. "Posting information about when you are leaving, how long will be gone for, and any other deployment info can put your personal belongings, and also your family at risk."

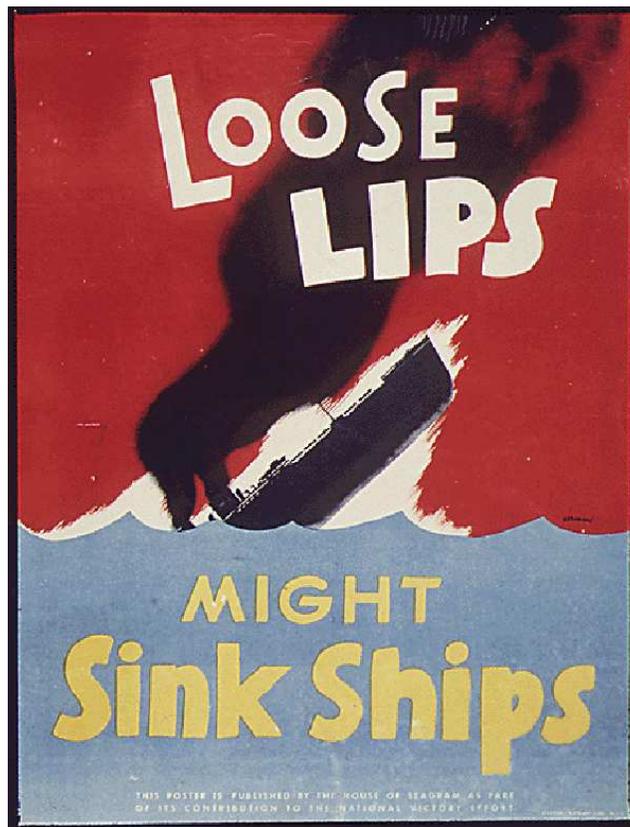
Petrowski mentioned that he didn't feel that MySpace was a bad network, and it isn't wrong to have a MySpace page; it is just the information that is posted up there that can cause problems. To be in fact, he stated that the Air Force used to have its own MySpace page, but there were so many unauthorized links being attached to the site, it was finally shut down.

Members must also explain Operational Security guidelines to family and friends. Having a friend or family member post information about a deployment or any training operation can be just as detrimental to the security of the whole unit.

"It isn't that we are worried about people posting classified information on these sites," Petrowski explained. "It is when large amounts of unclassified information are posted on there and it doesn't take a genius to put the pieces together to figure where someone works, and when this person will be deploying."

Remember to keep all aspects of OPSEC and COMSEC in your mind at all times, whether on a government computer or a personal one. OPSEC has been around since World War II when the slogan, 'Loose lips sink ships' was plastered onto billboards around the country. With modern age technology linking millions of people with no more than a click of the mouse, 181st members need to remember that they could be a target at any time.

"I remind people who have MySpace pages that there are people out there with ill-intentions and I ask them, 'Would you want someone to know where your kids go to school? When and where you or your family member will be leaving for a long time?'" Petrowski said. "Avoid putting something on there that could be used against you by our enemies."



Enlisted Dining Out 2008



Date:
November 1, 2008

Place:
St Mary Of the Woods College

Speaker:
CMS Richard Smith, ANG
Command Chief

45th Annual Air National Guard Bowling Tournament

Entry forms are now available for this year's event, please contact SMSgt John Chapman at ext 471 (812) 877-5471 for a copy. This tournament is open to all current and past members of the ANG, spouses, and immediate family members over 18 (parents, children, grandchildren, siblings only).

PLACE: Selfridge, Michigan

DATES: 9-10 May 2008 (Bowling Dates)

Deadline for Entry: 10 Apr 08

Airman 'The Book' 2008 available online

2/5/2008 - SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The 2008 almanac version of Airman magazine is now available online.

“Into the Wild New Yonder” is the theme for the issue, traditionally called “The Book.” The issue focuses on important facts and provides insight into today’s Air Force.

Data in the magazine highlights the service’s major commands and their functions, weapon systems, demographics, statistics and other information. Also included is a pull-out map of Air Force installations suitable for framing.

Check out the magazine online at: www.af.mil/news/airman/0208/pdf.shtml <<http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0208/pdf.shtml>>



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Information Assurance

Spam / unwanted E-mails

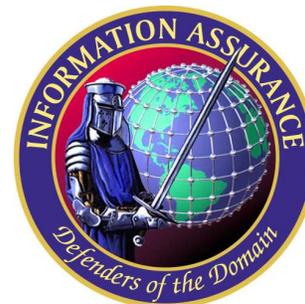
Spam is unsolicited e-mail on the Internet.

Dealing with Spam. The first thing that needs to be addressed is where it came from and to whom it is addressed. If the message was sent directly to you from the annoying sender, you have a few options available to you.

1. You can add them to your junk senders list. This basically creates a rule to handle unwanted messages as you see fit, such as moving the message directly into a specific folder, usually the deleted items folder.
2. You can sometimes follow the instructions in the message to get removed from the sender's mailing list. This is not recommended but if you do, it is critical that you're sure that the message was sent directly to you. If you received the message via a mailing list, you should never reply to it.

Messages sent to official mail lists are more difficult to control and or stop. Due to the nature of how they are received, they cannot be blocked at wing level. This would stop all mail to the mail list from being received. For the same reason, you cannot add them to your junk senders list.

3. Never sign up for any unofficial solicitation using your government E-mail address. An important step to not getting spammed is to not get on the list in the first place. Be wary of any entity asking for your E-mail address.



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Brig. Gen. Stewart Goodwin, Indiana Assistant Adjutant General – Air, visited Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., on Jan. 9, 2008 to speak with the 181st Junior Enlisted Council. Speaking about leadership, and providing an equal environment for all Airmen to work in, Goodwin impressed and motivated the junior non-commissioned officers.