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KNOCKOFF ABU WARNING



Finding the 181st Intelligence Wing's pulse

(A sit-down discussion with the newly chosen command chief)

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW Public Affairs

As a command chief, the priorities have to focus on upholding the policies and directives of the commander along with representing the enlisted Airmen throughout the unit. CMSgt Henry Mook, the incoming command chief will stick to these procedures, but his focus, like the entire Wing's focus right now will be on the future.

As I sat down with Mook for a quick interview, it soon became apparent that talking about the future of the Wing and breaking down the enlisted guidance from student flight to command chief; that this was not going to be a five-minute interview. We talked about the history of excellence the unit had always upheld and how he planned on carrying that excellence into the future with the new missions. From the moment he sat down in the Public Affairs Office, Mook permeated a sense of leadership, knowledge and a passion for the Air National Guard and the 181st Intelligence Wing.

We started out with feelings about being named the next command chief and while everyone mentions their humbleness and being honored about the position, his sincerity of actually being humble and honored was apparent. He didn't want to talk about him earning the position, Mook wanted to talk about the other candidates and their accomplishments and how qualified they were.

"It could have been anyone who put their hat in for the position," Mook said. "Everyone that applied was more than qualified for the job."

Mook's reputation within the Wing started more than 29 years ago on the flight line. He came from active duty straight into the unit and took a job as a technician crew chief.

As he relived his beginnings within the Wing, Mook's story isn't unlike so many other leaders within the unit. They came in as aircraft people. It was the aircraft that fueled their passion for the Guard and spawned their attitudes of excellence. We talked about F-100s, several different models of F-4 and F-16s, and how the changes came and went with each new platform. His stories didn't revolve around the equipment, but the Airmen surrounding it. From the fuel guys to the air frames and to the crew chiefs, Mook represents the Wing's history, from a people perspective. He has come from the internal workings of a fighter unit and now leads an Intelligence Wing into the future.



CMSgt Henry Mook prepares members of the 181st Patriot Flight for Basic Training. Chief your dedication to our new members is greatly appreciated. Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams

Mook knows the same Racer excellence will be apparent.

"We, as in the 181st, were the best in the business at our jobs on the flight line and we let everyone else know about it," he explained. "We were cocky because we were the best and I know that same attitude and sense of pride will become visible in our new missions."

Mook's experience has been from every angle the Guard could offer. From active duty to full-time technician and then to traditional Guardsman status, he has seen the challenges presented to every position and understands what Airmen are going through.

"Right now we are moving into such an exciting era and the technology can put us as one of the largest DGSs in the country," Mook explained. "Unfortunately it's hard for us to explain what that exactly is to people out side the unit. Our top secret missions keep us from explaining the ins and outs of our missions, but the excitement is there."

The conversation turned toward future Airmen within the new missions and Mook, who is currently overseeing Student Flight, was happy to talk about what he is seeing.

"We are improving the capabilities of our student flight with a more regimented system. Basic Military Training is not what it used to be and we are allowing our new Airmen to get a head start on what to expect and the feedback we are getting shows that it is helping."

Our conversation, like many in the last few years throughout the base, referred back to what was. Mook

recognizes that change is difficult, but the positive attitude he has seen across the base the last few months has let him know the future is very bright.

“We’ve got Airmen coming back from school who are so excited to jump into their position, it rubs off on others,” he said. “While some older members are still thinking about the loss of the jets, we’ve got members in Student Flight who have never seen aircraft at Hulman Field. Their excitement is noticeable and it is for the new missions. That is great.”

Mook is an Airmen’s chief. Airmen throughout the unit all have stories of how Mook helped them get through this and that. He has been a mentor, a leader and a friend to so many 181st members; some think it is only proper for him to become the new command chief.

When he takes the command chief position early next year, Mook will be monitoring the pulse of the unit. He explains in his words that the members are the unit’s beating heart, but having confident, healthy, well-trained and happy Airmen is the key to success.

“I will be relying on other senior NCOs for the insights on each individual,” he said as he discussed the challenges of gaining the unit perspective he is looking for. “I will hear about what mission “Joe” Airman did that day and how that mission went, but I want to know how “Joe” Airman, the person is today.”

Sitting down with CMSgt Henry Mook, the new 181st Intelligence Wing Command Chief and then sitting down to write about it, made me think of several key words. He’s been described by his peers with words like; mentor, honor, integrity, sense of humor, excellence and passion, but there are two words that resonate continually and represent the new command chief – leader and class.

Uniform officials warn Airmen about knockoff ABUs

by Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs

6/14/2007 - **WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Commercial manufacturers have begun to advertise sale of the new Airman Battle Uniform at various online Web sites. Air Force officials warn Airmen these uniforms are not the authorized items provided by the Air Force’s official source, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, and may not meet the service’s stringent specifications.

Many Airmen who want to get the uniform immediately may be tempted to purchase these uniforms, potentially sacrificing the safety and quality of the DSCP-procured uniforms scheduled to be available for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchanges Service locations in October, said Maj. Randall Smith of the Air Force Uniform and Recognition Branch.

“Many of these Web sites are advertising their uniforms as ‘official’ and ‘fully certified,’ however, no commercial vendors currently have Air Force certification,” he said. “All uniforms must be purchased through DSCP or AAFES when they become available.”

When the Army introduced its Army Combat Uniform, it faced similar issues, said Maj. Brian Schooley, the program manager for Air Force Military Clothing at AAFES. Many soldiers purchased uniforms from uncertified commercial vendors, and the uniforms did not meet Army specifications.

In many cases, the pockets were improperly sewn or sized, the stitching was incorrect, and the weight, quality and feel of the garments were inferior, he said. There were also safety issues.

“The (certified) ACU (and ABU) have an inherent non-infrared quality that makes them undetectable by night-vision equipment,” Major Schooley said. “The knockoffs may not have that same quality.”

Additionally, when soldiers purchased knockoff uniforms that did not meet military specifications, they were not able to return them for refunds, and military clothing sales cannot exchange them because they are not certified, he said. DSCP uniforms have a replacement warranty and may be exchanged at AAFES locations.

“DSCP provides high-level quality with all our products,” said Al Esposito, a supervisory product service specialist with DSCP. “We only award (contracts) to the best vendors to give (members) the best quality.”

While the military can not legally stop vendors from advertising and selling knockoff uniforms, it can educate military members on the importance of buying their uniforms from certified vendors.

“Our folks deserve to know what they are, or are not, buying,” Major Smith said. “Airmen, especially those who are deploying, don’t need hassles, and when you buy something uncertain, you run the risk of having your uniform fall apart at a very inconvenient time.”

The ABU is being issued to Airmen scheduled to deploy and those already in deployed locations. It will be issued to Airmen in basic training and available in select AAFES locations in October. The mandatory wear date is in 2011.

“We’re getting great reviews about the uniform, and we’re thrilled that folks want to get it now,” Major Smith said. “We are working as hard as possible with DSCP and AAFES to get it out while meeting the AEF and AOR requirements. We ask Airmen to hold on. It’s coming, and it’s worth the wait.”

THE RACER RECRUIT

181st Intelligence Wing, ANG



G-RAP SUSPENDED!!!

Effective immediately, the ANG Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) is suspended. The reason for this suspension is two-fold - security of the transmission of personal data and FY 09 funding.

"We regret to inform you that effective immediately, no new nominations will be accepted into the program. Furthermore, all accessions (enlistments/oaths) occurring AFTER 13 October 2008 will not be payable through G-RAP, regardless of the nomination date." For further details please refer to Docupak Website or contact Docupak at 866.566.2472 for additional details and criteria.

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LOCAL EVENTS

- CLAY CO. FAIR ~ 11–18 JUL
- SULLIVAN CO. FAIR ~ 13–19 JUL
- GREEN CO. FAIR ~ 12–17 JUL
- BLACK EXPO ~ 18–20 JUL
- KNOX CO. FAIR ~ 22–28 JUL
- INDIANAPOLIS AIR SHOW ~ 20-24 AUG
- AIR CAREER FAIR ~ 15-19 SEP
- IACAC ~ 17 OCT
- TH Optimist Club—06 NOV
- Avon Optimist Club—11 NOV

**FEEL FREE TO CALL RECRUITING
TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EVENTS**

~~ 181st Vacancy List ~~

Duty Title	School Days	ASVAB SCORE
1C4X1 TACP	11 WKS	G49
1NOX1 INTEL APPLICATIONS	6 MTHS	G57
1N1X1 IMAGERY ANALYSIS	6 MTHS	G66 & E50
1N2X1 COMM SIGNALS INTELL	79 DAYS	G53
1N4X1 SIGNALS ANALYSIS	4 MTHS	G62
1N5X1 ELEC SIGNALS INTELL EXPLOITATION	4 MTHS	G72
1W0X1 WEATHER	38 WKS	G66 & E50
6F0X1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	13 WKS	G57
3S0X1 PERSONNEL	6 WKS	A41
2T351 SPCL VHCL & EQUIP MXS	17 wks	M47
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FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor 181st Inel WFPC



Happy Holidays from the 181st Family Programs Office

The FRG would like to wish all Wing families a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. This has been a great year for the Family Readiness Group. We have had a full year of activities for our volunteers. The year started with 14 members attending the State Family Volunteers' Workshop in Indianapolis; where they were awarded the Family Readiness Unit of the Year for Army and Air, the best of the best. Many of our members were also presented certificates for their volunteer work with our program. Congratulations to all of our Group Volunteers for giving your time so freely to the 181st.

In June, quite a few of our children attended Kids AT at Camp Atterbury. We also had many of our Airmen volunteer to work at the camp. There were over 200 total campers; the largest group thus far. The camp is held yearly the last part of June and applications are normally available in March. Place this on your 2009 calendar now so that your children can have an experience of a lifetime.

Seven members from our base were then off in July to the National Workshop in St. Louis, MO. We spent a week learning about new family programs and getting the latest information from the National Guard Bureau. The Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, ADM Michael Mullen spoke on Monday morning along with LTG H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau. The rest of the week was filled with other top military leaders addressing the group. Each leader stressed their appreciation for all the hard work that the Family Programs volunteers are doing in each state.

September drill we held our 2nd Operation Kids Deploy event for unit children; 53 kids and 13 adults participated. The day started in the main hanger with roll call, equipment checks, ID issuance, orders, a quick breakfast, and mission displays by the Civil Air Patrol and the ASOS. Deployers were then assembled for an Intel, Finance, Safety, Chaplain, and FRG brief. With all briefing completed we loaded on busses and deployed to the Indianapolis Children's Museum. The deployed members had an opportunity to explore the Museum for about 3 hours before we returned to base. Board members would like to thank all of the people who made this a great success. The next Operation Kids Deploy is scheduled for 2010. If you missed this deployment be ready to join us then.

We will be assembling some care boxes for all our Airmen who are overseas this holiday season. If you would like to send your own care package and need an address, check with their duty section or give us a call. The Wing also has many Airmen deployed to different bases state-side this holiday season. We want to wish all of our members a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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181st and community come together for Racer Fitness Expo

By SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW Public Affairs

Honing the Wing's focus on staying in shape, many 181st Intelligence Wing and community members participated in the 2008 Fitness Expo on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. The competitive run had 1.5 mile, 5k and 10k distances with 117 total participants.

"This is a great opportunity for our members to be active in events outside of our daily routine," said MSgt Melinda Tatman, Racer Fitness Expo organizer. "It's a good community outreach opportunity to emphasize the importance of physical fitness."

Extraordinarily cooperative weather and a motivated staff provided runners with an excellent atmosphere for the Fitness Expo run.

"The run is something that we have done in years past, but this is the first time we had a serious commitment from not only 181st members but also some training and fitness experts from the community," said 1st Lt. Randi Brown, 181st Wing Executive Staff Officer. "We had a great turnout and I feel like everyone enjoyed the course we had set up and the inter-Wing competition to get everyone a little fired up didn't hurt. It was a great time and I hope we can get more people to participate next year."

The runners took off at 9:20 a.m., but before the race began 13 local vendors were on hand to help runners stretch, learn about running equipment and possibly get a few hints from

experts on how to shave a few minutes off their time. Pacesetter Sports gave running shoe advice and also handed out 20 percent discount coupons while representatives from the Fitness Experts held a mass warm-up.

"This event was designed for 181st Airmen and members of the community to come out and have a good time while running, but to also learn something they can implement into their personal work out routine," Brown said. "181st Airmen were asking the experts questions and participating in pre-run work outs with our vendors. This is exactly what we hoped would happen."

For convenience, the race was chip timed and each runner was assigned a chip to tie into their shoelace. Crossing over the start and finish line mats, runner's time was recorded electronically. This allowed for race volunteers to distribute water and offer guidance throughout the course. Terre Haute North High School Cross Country team runners posted up along the course to point runners along the correct path.

"We greatly appreciate our vendors and also T.H. North Cross Country team who volunteered their time to help mediate the race," Tatman said. "This race wouldn't have been such a success without the assistance from so many different people, including base personnel who helped set up and tear down for the event. Thank you all."



Members push hard as they near the timing carpet to complete their 1.5 mile "Fun Run". Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams



RACER PHOTO GALLERY



SSgt Randall Monroe training SrA Andrew Hopkins, both CES, on the proper use of the government semi. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Capt John Petrowski 181CF, congratulates CMSgt Johnny Irwin on his retirement and dedication and knowledge he brought to the 181st Communications Flight. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



TSgt Brandi Wallace, 137 IS, and Maj Tami Saylor, IW/FM, come across the timing carpets to complete the 5K run, TSgt Wallace continued on to complete the 10K. Great job ladies. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



MSgt Andrew Vanness, 181st IW/Recruiter, explains benefits to a possible recruit. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



MSgt Tina Pressey, 181st IW/Recruiter, talks with new recruit about the different opportunity the Guard has to offer.. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



MSgt Matt Riggs, 181st IW/Fitness Rep helps out SSgt Chris Jennings, 181st IW/PA, with his crunches which is part of the ANG Fit Test. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Lt Col Kip Clark, Col Pete Baer and Capt Rick Wood accomplish registration paperwork for the Racer Fitness Expo, which was held last drill. The run was sponsored by the Enlisted Dining Out. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt Brandi Wallace, Fitness Organizer, presents SrA Cindy Poole, 181st IW/CF, with her 1st place medal for her age group in the 1.5 mile race. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Maj Ron Padgett gives a briefing to the first group of Title 10 members of the Intel Group to work on our Unit Line Numbers at various locations. *Photo by SMSgt John Chapman*



New equipment arrives for the temporary SCIF. MSgt Lohse operates the forklift while MSgt Schell guides him backing out *Photo submitted by 1Lt Matthew Hollowell*



NEW RACERS



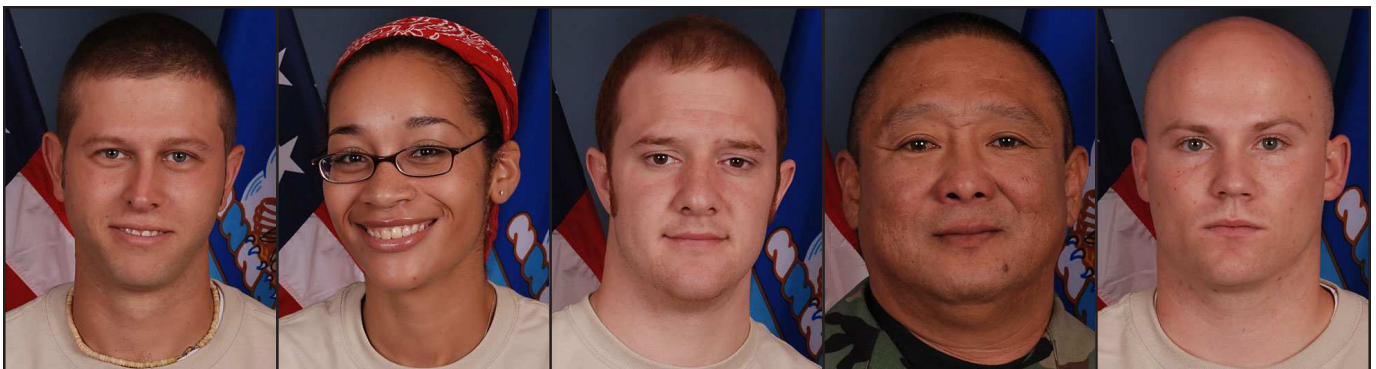
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Who is eligible: Valid military ID card holders and their dependents

When: 1 November 2008

From: 0800 - 1630

Where: 181st Intelligence Wing, Main Hangar (location may change)

Questions call: (812) 877-5350

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Enlisted Members of the 181st Intel Wing

The latest on ABU's

from the 181st LRS Clothing Sales Team

As we are all aware, the "ABU has made it's debut!" Unfortunately, the initial supply didn't quite meet the demand. There are worldwide shortages of the uniform, to include the green boots and the new outerwear (APECS).

We are, first and foremost, required to outfit all deployers. Locally authorized individuals beyond that include: ASOS, Security Forces, Recruiters, transfers from other services, significant weight gain/loss, and fair wear and tear replacement of BDU's. BDU's are still being manufactured and can be readily attained, for schools, etc. The mandatory wear date for the ABU is 2011.

At present, we do have a limited supply of ABU stock sizes for "try-on" purposes located at the Clothing Store. If you have not had the chance to try on the ABU, we would recommend that you visit the Clothing Store. Sizes are supposed to mirror that of civilian attire. We can, at that time, determine your size and document that information on your personal clothing record for easy reference when stock actually becomes available. We are trying to preclude a mass issuance of the ABU to everyone because they will eventually be readily available. When this happens, we can order in bulk and KYLOC will have accoutrements already sewn on. If you would like to try on the ABU, please call our store prior to visiting. We have only one fitting room and a fitting takes approx. 10-15 minutes.

****SPECIAL NOTE**** Please do not go behind the counter located in the Clothing Store unless accompanied by an attendant. The area behind the counter is a CONTROLLED area!

There are many questions and answers which have been posted online regarding the wear of the ABU. You may check it out yourself on the AF Portal, under "Featured Links," "Top Viewed: Career" and then click on "Air Force Uniform Program."

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter and we hope to have the ABU issues resolved in the very near future. If you have any concerns or questions, please call 877-5281. Any issues beyond that should be addressed by using your chain of command.

181st Promotions



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