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A photograph showing three airmen in a hallway. On the left, a man in a green flight suit and blue cap is presenting medals to two other airmen. The two recipients are in dark blue dress uniforms with numerous ribbons on their chests. A third man in a camouflage uniform is visible in the background.

**181st Airmen receive
Combat Action Medal**

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Col Donald Bonte

181st Mission Support Cmdr

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

First let me wish each of you and your families a Happy New Year, and may this New Year hold good health and prosperity for you and your family. As with previous years, 2008 was another high Ops temp year for the 181st Intelligence Wing. In 2009, 181st members will continue to deploy across this great country and around the world as we continue to establish our new missions and continue the fine traditions of our established missions. As we all seem to have to burn the candle at both ends, it's easy to get caught up in what needs to be done to balance our careers and family needs. As such, we are all guilty of pushing off personnel needs like exercising, to make room for something else. The start of a New Year has always been a time for looking to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. Like many of you, I too make New Years resolutions, well at least one anyway. While researching some information for this article, I came across America's top ten New Years Resolutions, one of which happens to be mine, but I really like the other nine, and I thought you would too.

1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends

Recent polls conducted by General Nutrition Centers, Quicken, and others shows that more than 50% of Americans vow to appreciate loved ones and spend more time with family and friends this year. Work shouldn't always come first!

2. Fit in Fitness

The evidence is in for fitness. Regular exercise has been associated with more health benefits than anything else known to man. Studies show that it reduces the risk of some cancers, increases longevity, helps achieve and maintain weight loss, enhances mood, lowers blood pressure, and even improves arthritis. In short, exercise keeps you healthy and makes you look and feel better.

3. Tame the Bulge

Over 66 percent of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese by recent studies, so it is not surprising to find that weight loss is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions. Setting reasonable goals and staying focused are the two most important factors in sticking with a weight loss program, and the key to success for those millions of Americans who made a New Year's commitment to shed extra pounds.

4. Quit Smoking

If you have resolved to make this the year that you stamp out your smoking habit, over-the-counter availability of nicotine replacement therapy now provides easier access to proven quit-smoking aids. Even if you've tried to quit before and failed, don't let it get you down. On average, smokers try about four times before they quit for good. Start enjoying the rest of your smoke-free life!

5. Enjoy Life More

Given the hectic, stressful lifestyles of millions of Americans, it is no wonder that "enjoying life more" has become a popular resolution in recent years. It's an important step to a happier and healthier you!

6. Quit Drinking

While many people use the New Year as an incentive to finally stop drinking, most are not equipped to make such a drastic lifestyle change all at once. Many heavy drinkers fail to quit cold turkey but do much better when they taper gradually, or even learn to moderate their drinking.

7. Get Out of Debt

Was money a big source of stress in your life last year? Join the millions of Americans who have resolved to spend this year getting

a handle on their finances. It's a promise that will repay itself many times over in the year ahead.

8. Learn Something New

Have you vowed to make this year the year to learn something new? Perhaps you are considering a career change, want to learn a new language, or just how to fix your computer?

9. Help Others

A popular, non-selfish New Year's resolution, volunteerism can take many forms. Whether you choose to spend time helping out at your local library mentoring a child, or building a house, there are many nonprofit volunteer organizations that could really use your help.

10. Get Organized

On just about every New Year resolution top ten list, organization can be a very reasonable goal. Whether you want your home organized enough that you can invite someone over on a whim, or your office organized enough that you can find the stapler when you need it, these tips and resources should get you started on the way to a more organized life.

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AF Combat Action Medal presented to 181st Airmen

by SSgt Christopher Jennings, 181st IW/PA

Two 181st Airmen were presented the Air Force Combat Action Medal on November 1 here at Hulman Field. It was a highlight for the Airmen, the 181st and the Indiana Air National Guard. Staff Sgt. Tyler Shields and Staff Sgt. Jerod Wright, 181st Vehicle Operations, became the first Indiana Air National Guard Airmen to receive the AFCAM for their heroic actions while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004.

“What these Airmen did and accomplished was amazing,” said Col. Jeffery Hauser, commander, 181st Intelligence Wing. “The AFCAM recognizes their actions and is a good representation of these Airmen’s commitment to their country, their unit, and is a perfect example of our Air Force core values at work.”

The Airmen continue to be humble about their achievements while serving in a combat zone, but the story of how and why they received the medal speaks for itself.

“Words are too little to describe the meaning of the AFCAM. A sense of humble accomplishment is the best I can say,” Shields explained. “Without a doubt serving in combat in Iraq with Jerod Wright, Brian Gossett, Dereck McClure and Mike Boerner is one of the proudest things I have done in my life.”

It was Aug. 16, 2004 and Wright and Shields, from the 181st Fighter Wing, were escorting an Army convoy between Tikrit, Iraq and Baghdad, Iraq. Shields was driving gun-truck 303 and Wright was manning the M249 machine gun atop the vehicle. Traveling along a hostile roadway, an Army tractor trailer hit a roadside improvised-exploding device which halted that vehicle and the entire convoy began taking small arms fire. Shields, without hesitation and making a quick decision, pulled alongside the damaged tractor trailer blocking enemy fire. This response saved the lives of the passengers on the tractor trailer. With the injured Army personnel protected from incoming fire, Shields hopped from his vehicle and returned fire with his M-16 while Wright unleashed more than 850 rounds of suppressive fire into a house nearby where the enemy was hiding. Putting themselves in the line of fire to protect their fellow servicemen earned Shields and Wright the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

“I don’t remember thinking at that moment. As a company, we had already experienced multiple IED attacks and various other skirmishes. That afternoon I had seen an up close and personal attack on our convoy,” Shields said. “The truck in front of us was disabled and we were hit instantly by small arms fire. I reacted in a way that any professional Airman and Soldier would, save the lives of my comrades, get the wounded to safety and secure the area by all means necessary. Jerod Wright and I did just that and completed our mission when the fight was over. It wasn’t until long after the fight I started thinking what could have happened to us. We knew there was a wounded Army private, we knew we were the closest gun truck, and we knew that our job was to protect that convoy so that we may push on with the mission that we were ordered to do. I thank God that there was a protective hedge around all of us in a world that placed upon us challenges that threatened our lives daily.”

Recollecting the exact details of that day, while hectic, seemed to just be another day in Iraq for these Airmen.

“We traveled nearly 14,000 miles across Iraq together for eight months,” Wright said as he shared his experiences in the combat

zone. “We were involved in numerous firefights and witnessed several IED explosions. There was never an easy day in Iraq, but the five of us who came from the 181st supported one another through every situation.”

The 181st Airmen ended up in Iraq through a new joint forces program that had Air National Guard Airmen augmenting convoy security teams with the Army. After a crash course in combat infantry, vehicles and weapons training at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo., Wright, Shields, McClure, Boerner and Gossett headed for Iraq.

Receiving the AFCAM is special to Wright and Shields, but returning home safely with everyone uninjured was the most important ‘mission accomplished’ for these Airmen.

“To me, the award is a nice reflection of the hard work and sacrifices that myself,

Shields, McClure, Gossett and Boerner went through for 8-plus months in Iraq,” Wright said. “The AFCAM also makes me very proud to have served with these guys. The five of us formed a bond that is still very strong to this day. When one of us was homesick or down, there were always four other friends to lend a helping hand and help out in any way we could. The five of us all came home together, and for that I am very thankful.”

Some 181st Airmen might not know Wright or Shields, but there is one thing that makes them stand out among other Airmen. Both wear the Army’s historically-honored “Big Red 1” on their uniforms. Their supporting role within the Army’s famous 1st Division earned them the right to wear this on all their uniforms. The ‘Big Red 1’ has a deeply-rooted American military history that began when Gen. John “Blackjack” Pershing stepped foot on European soil during WWI, from the beaches of Western France, Sicily, North Africa, Italy and into Germany during WWII, the jungles of Vietnam, and into Operation Iraqi Freedom, where Wright and Shields found themselves earning the right to wear the ‘Big Red 1’ with the Army’s 1st Division.

“I still have people ask me why I am wearing the 1st Infantry Division Combat Badge on my battle dress uniform,” Wright said. “Many members of the 181st have no idea as to what the five of us accomplished in Iraq. I feel like we made history and represented the 181st to the best of our abilities and the “Big Red One on our uniforms show that.”

Wright and Shields’ company were awarded 10 Purple Hearts, and the five Airmen were awarded Army Driver Badges, Army Commendation Awards, and the 1st Infantry Division Combat Patches.

“I hope the patch to other Airman is a symbol that we represent the United States of America and sometimes that representation comes with a price that we must be ready as Guardsmen, at all times, to go just like the five of us volunteered to go and fight,” Shields said. “It reminds me that we five helped the entire world in the fight against terrorism. It reminds me that each time I put my uniform on that we are at war, even here in Terre Haute, Ind. A war that we must keep current training and the proper mind frame that we still have a job to do and it is far from over.”

What these Airmen accomplished will be something they will carry with them and remember for the rest of their lives. The AFCAM is merely a symbol to let everyone else know that their courage, commitment to each other, dedication to country and nearly an ultimate sacrifice is appreciated by country and state.

They know the story. At times they can still hear the small arms fire, feel the sand blowing against their uniforms and smell the burning vehicles. They’ll never forget and neither will the 181st. Their story is yet another piece of 181st lore comprised of hard fought battles and valiant Airmen that make up the history of the wing and the entire Indiana Air National Guard.

Officer Selection Board

Now that the Wing Manning Document is in place and Unit Commanders have looked at their Force Management Plans after the Off-Site meetings prior to Nov. drill. It has been decided to hold an Officer Selection Board for Fiscal Year 09. Interested individuals will need to submit required documentation no later than Feb 28, 2009. Individuals should be prepared by reviewing Wing Instruction 36-3001 for specific requirements. This can found on the HUF Portal under Publication/181 IW/36 Personnel Series. It should be noted that you may be required to obtain a Top Secret Security Clearance. Please direct any questions regarding this announcement to Capt Brian Ellis at 877-5282 or MSgt Dave Sanders.

CY09 Meal Rates and Who Pays

Effective 1 January 2009, the following meal rates will apply at all DoD appropriated fund dining facilities:

- Breakfast - \$2.30
- Lunch - \$4.25
- Dinner - \$4.25
- Holiday - \$7.00

Who Pays: All AGRs, All Officers, All personnel on Title 10 or 32 orders (receiving BAS) All technicians in a technician status Civilians/Guests

181st Promotions



Staff Sgt

- Richard L. Gaddie
- Bradin J. Grant
- Eric E. Gruner
- Cindy S. Poole

Technical Sgt

- Roy T. Bock
- Lori A. Crowell
- Kassandra K. Monroe



Master Sgt

- Jeffrey D. Jensen
- David M. Glasgow
- Jason R. Tritle



Senior Master Sgt

- William R. Pomeroy Jr.



Chief Master Sgt

- Ronald Winegar

First Sergeant Vacancy

First Sergeant Applications are now being accepted to fill vacancy/manning in the 181st Security Forces. The duties of the First Sergeant are to advise and assist the Commander in maintaining discipline, standards, and exercise general supervision over all assigned enlisted personnel. The First Sergeant also provides guidance to the enlisted force on matters of leadership, military courtesy, personal appearance and self-discipline. First Sergeants consult with Commanders to ensure all supervisors are setting an appropriate example for their subordinates and are taking the necessary actions to ensure all personnel adhere to standards.

The mandatory non-waiverable qualifying criteria for the position are as follows:

1. The selected individual will be required to complete the First Sergeant's Academy, (FSA) within the first 12 months after assignment into this position. FSA is a two-week course held at Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2. Individual must have the ability to speak clearly and distinctly.
3. Individual must have completed the NCO Academy Course (in-residence or by correspondence)
4. Individual must currently hold the rank of Master Sergeant (or be an immediately promotable Technical Sergeant).
5. Individual must possess a 7 or 9 skill level in **any AFSC**.
6. Individual must agree to a tenure of no less than 3 years after completion of FSA.
7. Individual must meet minimum weight and body fat standards, with minimum physical profile PUL HES 333231.
8. Individual's overall image must exceed minimum standards.
9. Individual must be financially stable.
10. Individual must have minimum ASVAB scores of A-41, and G-62.

To apply for this position, send a resume (to include letters of recommendation, personnel RIP and FIT test score) to Command Chief Master Sergeant Henry Mook. Applications must be submitted no later than the close of business, Sunday 08 March 09. Interviews will be conducted during the April 09 UTA, with final interviews by the Security Forces Commander. Questions may be directed to CCMSgt Mook at ext. 568.

PERSONAL READINESS...



On the heels of the ARPC Briefings and vPC-GR Training that was conducted 4-6 Dec 08, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of having your personal affairs in order. This past year has been another high Ops tempo for the 181st Intelligence Wing. The 181st will continue to deploy across this great country and around the world in 2009 as we continue to establish our new missions and the fine traditions of our existing missions. We all get caught up in fulfilling our requirements for deployment and tend to forget what needs to be done to ensure our families are also prepared for our deployment. We ask that each Racer take some time and give thought to prepare your family. We encourage you to ensure that your spouse or designated family member has access to the following information and discuss it with them:

- Will or Power of Attorney
- Life Insurance
 - Where are the policies located?
 - Who are they with?
 - How much money are the policies worth?
- Make a copy of your personnel information from the virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) or request copies thru vPC-GR
 - Print copies of your DD 214's, NGB 22's, Point Summary, 20 year letter, statement of service, etc and keep them in a safe place at home
- Pension Information
 - Who is it with?
 - Account access information
 - PIN number or password
- 20 year letter (provided you have 20 years of good service)
 - Did you select survivor benefits?
- Servicemans Group Life Insurance (SGLI),
 - How much coverage did you select ?
 - Have a copy of your SGLI form
- Contact Information for appropriate 181st personnel
 - Military Personnel Flight
 - Civilian Personnel
 - Chaplains
 - Family Support Group (Pick up copy of Life Organizer Book)
 - Unit/Wing Commander
- DD93 (vRED)
 - Is the information current?
 - Marital status update, have you added a dependent (got married) or taken a dependent off (i.e. divorce) **Note: failure to remove an ex-spouses name from your DD93 means that in the event of your death, the ex-spouse is still entitled to the money.**

Regarding benefits, for all benefits, civilian and military, make sure your current spouse is listed on all documents, your beneficiaries listed are current, insure family members are aware of your selection of beneficiaries and that they know where all important papers are kept. It is a lot easier for your dependents to get the information they need in the event you are not available to assist. **NOTE: Only designated beneficiaries are entitled to information about you, with no exceptions!!!!**

If questions arise don't hesitate to contact the Mission Support Flight.

Since moving to our new quarters in the 181st hangar this past summer the Terre Haute Squadron of the Indiana Wing Civil Air Patrol has had an active flight agenda. As usual the Wing counter-drug program was operational from mid-May through mid-October and our corporate fleet of eight aircraft flew 220 DEA missions totaling 859 hours. The Indiana State Police credited the Civil Air Patrol flights with locating 2,758 marijuana plants for a street value of approx \$4.1 million. Specifically, the Terre Haute Squadron flew 73 of those missions for a total flight time of 208 hours.



The USAF has an agreement with several colleges throughout the State of Indiana designating the CAP to provide orientation flights to selected AFROTC cadets during the academic year. For several years the Terre Haute Squadron has been supporting the AFROTC program at Indiana State University and Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. The squadron also assists in flying cadets from Notre Dame, Purdue, and Indiana University. The flying portion of the program which is provided by our local squadron introduces the cadets to "hands on flying" with hopes of inspiring them towards a career in aviation. Each cadet involved in this program is provided with four hours of front seat, hands on flight time, and unlimited back seat observation time.

As in previous years, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has provided us with several flood damage assessment missions. This year these missions took us from the Chicago area to the Evansville area providing hundreds of digital pictures of flooded areas to the dept of HLS. In the early part of 2008, the flooded areas of Northern Indiana were declared a National Disaster Area and participating members of the local squadron were awarded a National Ribbon for their service.

Recently, we were contacted by Major Chris Snyder to fly a Safety Survey for Military Training Routes VR 1679 and IR 618 for the ANG. The Squadron has been doing this for several years and looks forward to working with our friends and colleagues. The winter months provide the squadron with time to review procedures, train new members, and gear up for the busy season from May through October.

Submitted by:

Thomas L. Pickett, Lt Col, CAP Commander



FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor 181st Intel WFPC



Happy New Year from the 181st Family Readiness Group

The Family Readiness Office would like to thank all our volunteers for their hours of support. We have a good core of men and women who faithfully volunteer their time and talents each month to support the 181st Intel Wing families.

In December, the FRG sent care packages to all our Airmen deployed overseas during the holiday season. If you or your family would like to send a care package we have a list of items that are good to include in your package. Addresses of the Airmen who are deployed at any given time are also available.

The FAT RATS (our retired members) have given a donation to the Family Readiness fund to help support our children's programs and our care package mailings. We want to thank them for all they have done for our group. If you know of a retiree who doesn't know about this group, have him call our office and we will get them in touch with the retired group.

Again, 2009 will be a busy time for our group. We will be attending the State Workshop, National Workshop and many of our loved ones will be deployed overseas. Additionally, our new mission will be up and running so a lot of our newly trained Airmen will be back home from their state-side assignments. We will be putting our projects together for the summer time and all our activities worked out at the January and February meetings. Come and join us on Saturday of drill at 10:00 am. Our meetings are in the Wing Conference Room of the Headquarters Building (#18) and last about one hour.

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Mr. James Dowell presents a check on behalf of the FAT RATS, to Vice Wing Commander Col. Gilbert to be used by the FRG in the children's programs.



Members of the Family Readiness Group filling care packages for our deployed overseas Airmen.

From the FRG President Dodie Halter,

Greetings! Wow, can you believe another year has passed? And what a great year 2008 was for our Family Readiness Group. We were involved in briefings for troops and their families as they readied for deployments, helping military members apply for assistance through the Guard Relief Fund, helping military families replace items lost in the flood, fundraising efforts with the money being geared towards children's activities (Operation Kids Deploy and Kids Camp), etc. Kid's Camp (yearly) and Operation Kids Deploy, offered every other year, are great activities and are well attended. The next year for Operation Kids Deploy will be 2010. The New Year promises to be just as productive. As the 181st deploys more of our Airmen, a goal of the FRG is to be in contact with their families on, at least, a monthly basis. We are here to assist the families with whatever their needs might be while their military member is away from home. To help with that, our web page has been updated, www.181stFRG.com, and includes FRG contact information, links to many of the services offered to support families in their time of need and a calendar of upcoming events. Please, check it out. There's an area to make comments. Your remarks are returned directly back to our office. I invite any and all family members to attend our monthly meetings, held each Saturday of drill at 1000, in the Wing Conference Room. I look forward to meeting and talking with you.

Chaplain Bill Yates



This is a fun time of year if you like to read the covers of magazines and tune into all the predictions for the New Year.

Or, you can opt for the way the Procrastinators Club of America handles it. They just now got around to their annual predictions for 2004. The PCA boasts a 100% accuracy rate. How do they do it? President Lester Wass reveals the secret: “It’s all a matter of timing. Instead of making predictions at the beginning of the year, we make them at the end. We find that helps our success rate.” Yes, the PCA is behind us all the way! They base their skill on “aftcasting” which works much better than forecasting.

As we enter a new year, wouldn’t it be great if we could know the future with as much success as the Procrastinators Club of America predicts the past? Instead we live in what my Air War College studies called the “VUCA” environment. What does that mean? It means our lives and military service take place in a world that is vulnerable, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. Our transition from F-16s to Intel has shown us this fact, maybe more than we care to admit. What have all the changes been like for you?

Larry Henshaw told a news reporter about the time his home was rocked by an earthquake. His daughters Debbie and Carol were sleeping when suddenly their beds slid and crashed into the door of their bedroom. They panicked and screamed for help. Good old Dad raced to their room and spoke calmly: “Don’t worry, girls! You’re Henshaw’s, and Henshaw’s know how to keep cool heads in a crisis.” Carol’s little voice came from the other side of the door: “Daddy, I think we take after Mommy’s side of the family.”

One of the classic hymns sung at New Years is “Our God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.” Hope is powerful and necessary to step into the future with confidence and expectancy. Since God lives in the eternal realm, he is already waiting for us in the future. The great news is that he has his eye on us and includes us in His grand work for the good of the world. That gives me hope.

Procrastinators believe that tomorrow never comes – even when it’s tomorrow! I think we’d all agree that “tomorrow is today” at the 181st. We’ve come a long way and are ready to engage our new mission and go online. It’s easy to “aftcast.” I’d rather forecast. I am confident that we will master all the challenges, continue to grow and succeed. Please know the chapel staff stands ready to support you with our many quality of life programs geared especially for this new Intel environment.

In Memory.....

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

MSgt (ret) Wayne L. Padgett, 61, of Stinesville, Ind., died Saturday 13 Sep 08. MSgt Padgett was a Vietnam veteran, and retired as an air technician in January 2004. At the time of his retirement, MSgt Padgett was an F-16 crewchief.

Col Peter G. Baer, 47, of Terre Haute, Ind., died Friday 14 Nov 08 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Col Baer was a fulltime technician with the 181st IW and serving as the Commander of the Operations Support Squadron (OSS) at the time of his death.

RACER PHOTO GALLERY



SSgt David Blanton, 181 DP, provides military identification card services to base member and other DoD personnel. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



SSgt Tiffany Barley, 113WF, takes part in tent build-up class. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



MSgt Mark Boyll and SrA Eric Krackenberger, 181 CES, check fuses while troubleshooting high voltage transmission lines during a recent power outage. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



A1C Christopher Weatherford, 181 SFS, is being issued an M240B machine gun from the security forces weapons vault. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt Shawn McCarter and SSgt Lawrence Glass, 181CF, performing comm maintenance utilizing a T1 tester. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



SrA William Zigler, 181 VMS, organizes socket draw during the NOV UTA weekend. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Capt John Jensen carries on a Racer tradition of officers serving the holiday meal. *Photo by MSgt John Day*



SSgt Sarah Boyll, NCOIC of the Dental Clinic, clears SrA Brown from his annual dental requirements. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Johnny Saylor, Family Readiness Group, shows his holiday spirit during December drill. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



MSgt James Cottom, Superintendent of the Base Honor Guard, raffles off holiday baskets. *Photo by MSgt John Day*

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Many injuries occur each winter as people try to keep their homes warm and get around in cold, stormy weather. December, January, and February are the leading months for home fires and associated deaths in the United States. Follow these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to prevent injuries and deaths related to heating your home.

- Install a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly.
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department), and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or near an open door or window).
- Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year.
- Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn, including bedding, furniture, and clothing.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room alone when a space heater is in use.
- If you use a kerosene heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Before you refuel the heater, turn it off and let it cool down. Refuel outside only.
- When using a kerosene heater, keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly. This will reduce the chance of carbon monoxide build-up in the room.
- Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed. Burn only untreated wood; never burn paper or pine branches—pieces can float out the chimney and ignite your roof, a neighbor's roof, or nearby trees.
- If you use a wood-burning stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year.
- Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short time.
- Consider a Dry Powder fire extinguisher for your home.

And, of course, we are all aware of the many challenges we face while driving an automobile during winter weather. When it snows, use your head not your feet. **Slow down** for wet, snowy, or icy conditions; when visibility is poor; or when conditions are changing or unpredictable.

These tips can help you avoid winter accidents; however safety starts with good decision making. If you think something may not be a good idea, it probably isn't. Don't risk an accident because of poor judgment.

Harrison Village Commissary On Site Sale

Mark Your Calendars and Find your Coolers



Who is Eligible:

Valid Military ID Card
Holders and Their
Dependents

When: Saturday 7 March 2009

From: 0800 - 1630

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IN ANG - TH Inter. Airport

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NEW RACERS



Craig Arthur
ASOS

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IS

Michael Adams
IS

Michael Filosa
OSS

Christopher Witts
SFS



Destry Wilson
IS

Farrah Arnett
MDG

Shawn Brown
IS

Scott Seibert
IS

Kyle McLeish
CES

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STORIES FROM THE WAR ZONE...

Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa

Maj. Craig Kolasch, general surgeon assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group, changes an injured man's wound packing and dressing while Capt. Darla Mitten, registered nurse assigned to the 379th EMDG, hands him a syringe filled with water so he can clean out the wounds Nov. 26, 2008, at an undisclosed air base in Southwest Asia. The 379 EMDG members are responsible for ensuring all injured personnel are receiving the best medical care while they recover from their injuries. Major Kolasch, a native of Great Falls, Va., is deployed from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and Captain Mitten, a native of Brownsburg, Ind., is deployed from Air National Guard Terre Haute, Ind. Both are deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady/Released)



Both are deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady/Released)

THE RACER RECRUIT

181st Intelligence Wing, ANG



SURVIVING THE "BEAST"

(Basic Expeditionary Airman Skill Training)

They start training Nov. 3, and when they graduate 8½ weeks later, they will have defended their base against air assaults and surprise chemical attacks, navigated a trail littered with roadside bombs, and experienced the austerity of a deployed environment - all without leaving the confines of Lackland.

The bulk of that extra training time will focus on expeditionary skills - handling, firing and caring for an M16, self-aid and buddy care, chemical warfare, and base defense. Before sewing on their first stripes, airmen will know what it's like to lug around a heavy rifle while wearing chemical gear, sleep on cots in tents and survive on Meals, Ready-to-Eat - experiences recruits got only a taste of before.

"This is the biggest transformation in BMT in the last 50 years," Said Col. Edward Westermann, the 737th Training Group commander. "It's going to be mentally challenging, psychologically challenging and physically challenging."

The structure of the new BMT is meant to mirror an Air Expeditionary Force cycle, with pre-deployment, deployment and post deployment phases. The pre-deployment phase is the longest, consuming the first five weeks of the course.

What has not changed is the introductory week zero and week one, in which airmen in-process, get assigned gear, meet their training instructors, get assigned to training flights and learn basic military skills such as military drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies, and dormitory setup.

"This is exactly why many of them want to be in the Air Force, why they want to be in the military," he said. "My expectation is that when we send them out to the BEAST site, ... this is going to be a motivational experience for them." Westermann said, "The real acid test for the success of this program will be when we get reports back from combatant commanders saying the folks you're sending us ... are more capable and better trained to face those challenges that they have downrange."

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