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**"CHRISTMAS in the PARK"**

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# CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year "Racers"! With the holiday season now behind us, it is time to focus on the new year ahead. All of us have our unique challenges to meet head on and conquer. For me, 2010 brings about the culmination of 35 years of service in the Indiana Air National Guard and the 181st. Much has changed in the landscape of Hulman Field, but through it all, one thing has remained constant, the people of which I have served. Yes, the faces have changed some, but the "type" of people have remained the same. We serve for the greater good. We serve to preserve our heritage. We serve for something greater than ourselves, but most of all, we serve!

Many of my brothers and sisters that went before me "pulled the wagon" so to speak. They met the goals of the unit and pulled people like me along with them. I hope I have done the same for many of you. Now it's your turn to "pull the wagon". Prepare yourself for advancement.

Get involved in unit activities. Meet the challenges and tasks to the best of your ability. Look beyond detours and roadblocks and find a way to accomplish your assigned mission. Place a high priority on doing the right thing, both in your job and how you treat people. Along your journey, share your knowledge and experiences with your peers and subordinates. Your tenure is not as long as it seems. It's over before you know it. Professional development of our Airmen is the lifeblood of our unit. Someone has to be there to "PULL THE WAGON".

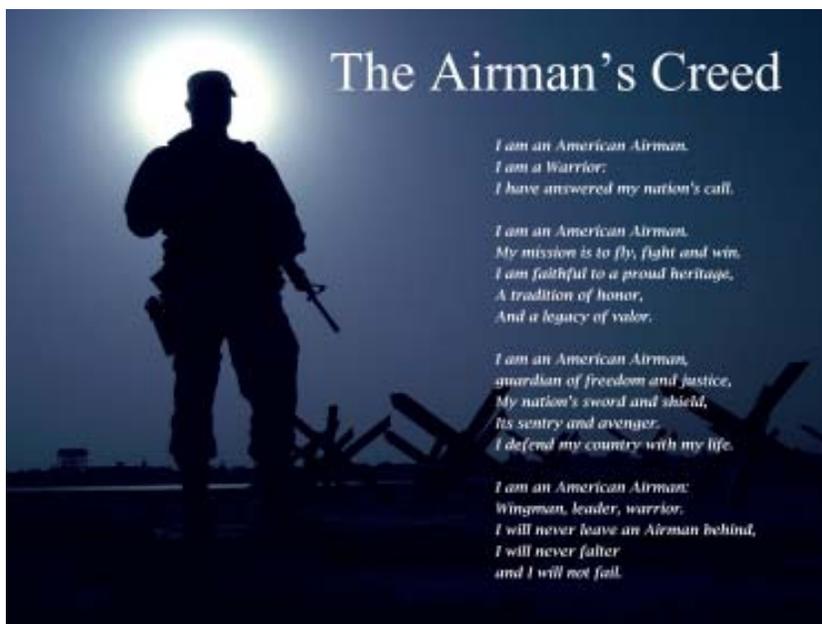
On professional development, we have many avenues to shape our Airmen. From professional military education to mentoring. We also have at our disposal many professional and civic organizations

NGAI, EANGUS, NGAUS, AFSA, VFW, American Legion that support, pursue, and protect veterans rights and benefits. These are only a few, there are many more. Whether it be through membership or active support, these organizations are here for you. Active support or involvement fosters your professional being. Seek out these opportunities via the many available.

Thank You for your service. I'll see you down the road.



CMSgt Danny Scobee  
113th ASOS



*I am an American Airman.  
I am a Warrior;  
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage,  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman,  
guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.*

*I am an American Airman:  
Wingsman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave an Airman behind,  
I will never falter  
and I will not fail.*

## Christmas in the Park

The Intelligence Wing is proud to announce that we are once again participating in Deming's Christmas in the Park showcase. It has been several years since the wing has had a display in the park. Honestly, many of us probably don't even remember what was in the display; it has been that long ago. However, when Christmas in the Park is mentioned we have all heard about the awesome product that the members of this unit created. In addition, we also heard how often the unit won the competition.

This year's display, "A Very Merry Christmas", has not been entered into the competition. The intent of our involvement with this community event is to show our holiday cheer and remind the Wabash Valley they still have an Air National Guard unit.

A lot of hard work and dedication went into making our display possible. We were very limited on time, money, material and voluntary donations. We want to thank each and everyone that donated to this project. A special thank you goes out to those that fell into a position of helping that may not have been exactly in a voluntary mode. Some may say, wrong place wrong time, but without your assistance this would not have been possible. Special thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Troy Ave, Senior Master Sgt. Robert Hackett, Tech. Sgt. Robert Snow, Tech. Sgt. Mark Ford, Tech. Sgt. Becky West, Tech. Sgt. James Moore and Tech. Sgt. Charles Natt.

If you have ideas, a creative mind, artistic talent, some time and dedication we would love to hear from you. We are already working on next years display. If you are interested in supporting the event or being part of the committee, please contact MSgt Rhiannon Presnell at:

[Rhiannon.presnell@interr.ang.af.mil](mailto:Rhiannon.presnell@interr.ang.af.mil) or at 812-877-5239. Retirees are more than welcome and encouraged to join the committee.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Tech. Sgt. Charles Headlee, a traditional guardsman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Support Squadron at Hulman Field, was awarded the Certified Information Systems Security Professional certification on September 17, 2009. He is the first, and currently the only, resident of Vigo County to be awarded this credential. The CISSP was the first credential in the field of information security, accredited by the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) to ISO (International Standards Organization) Standards. Achieving CISSP certification is not only an objective measure of excellence, but a globally recognized standard of achievement. To be eligible for this certification, the candidate must possess a minimum of five years of professional experience in the information security field, pass the 250 question CISSP examination, and receive endorsement from an individual who already holds the CISSP certification. Individuals holding the CISSP certification must complete 120 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits every three years in order to maintain the certification.

### 10K RUN, 5K RUN/WALK

APRIL 2010

10K/5K participants receive medals when crossing finish line.

## 181<sup>st</sup> members participate in Veterans Day activities

By SSgt Mike Staggs, 181st IW/MPF

No doubt many of you had the opportunity and pleasure to participate in a Veterans Day activity on November 11 in your communities. For several members of the 181st Intelligence Wing, we had the honor of recognizing the veterans of three Terre Haute nursing homes during the November UTA.

Command Chief Master Sergeant Henry Mook mentioned during a Junior Enlisted Council meeting earlier this year that along with the activities the JEC is responding to on base, we should consider a service project of some type, either on base or off. After a few discussions, the decision was made to contact local nursing homes to gauge the interest in them hosting a Veterans Day activity. The activities staff at the three nursing homes selected were more than willing and interested in having us recognize their veterans. Through some quick research on Veterans Day activities and awards, some thrifty shopping at a local store to purchase frames, and most importantly with the assistance of Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman of the base Public Affairs Office creating some outstanding certificates, we were ready to head out and honor those veterans who came before us and served.

Initially, what started out as a Junior Enlisted Council project quickly grew additional interest. In true Racer fashion, by the time we had completed the three events Saturday morning, afternoon, and Sunday morning, close to thirty members of the 181st, representing several different units on base, surprised and honored the veterans.

At two of the nursing homes, the presentations were conducted with each veteran individually in their respective rooms. At the last event on Sunday, all of the veterans were brought together in a common area and a more formal presentation took place. In all three events, each veteran was handed an individually framed certificate and a United States flag lapel pin by one of the presenters. When possible, due to many of the veterans being incapacitated in some manner, we talked to them about their service time, asking such things as what branch they were in, what job they held, where they had served, or for some we simply listened as they went into stories about what they had experienced and had been fortunate enough to survive. Before departing, each veteran was given a round of applause by the presenters and each of us took turns shaking hands or in some way made an attempt to connect and show our thanks and appreciation.

In talking with the veterans and nursing home personnel who assisted us, we were told that many of those we honored had served during World War II or the Korean War, or in some cases the Vietnam War. Some saw action during more than one conflict while others did not see any battle. Many served in the Army or Marines. Some were in the Navy. A few felt a bigger sense of connection to us as they had served in the Army Air Corp and one even in the Air National Guard. A few of the World War II veterans told stories of their time in Europe or in the Pacific. One even stated he had served in both theatres of war.

For many of those who participated in the presentations, myself included, the range of emotions experienced was quite powerful as we interacted with and listened to these brave heroes talk about their time in the service. As mentioned previously, many of the veterans were incapacitated in some manner; some more severely than others whether from illness, stroke, or a physical or mental affliction. While they may not have been able to express themselves very well, they at least knew



Photo by MSgt John Day

we were there and were able to show in some way how much our efforts meant to them. One gentleman, in particular, who didn't utter a word comes to mind. After he was handed his certificate and pin, and as we were filing by to shake hands, I took his right hand in mine, another presenter took his left, and as he held on with quite a grip for a man his age and condition, he looked us in the eye as a tear formed in his, and I must say mine too.

As we met with each veteran, for those who were able to communicate with us, their humility was quite apparent as they stated "I was just in the service for a few years" or "I wasn't in during a war or anything like that." Most also said that this was the first time they had received any type of recognition for their service. Think about that. We all know that it is an honor to wear the uniform of the United States Military and we feel a sense of pride as we're buttoning our blouses or lacing our boots. We get an even bigger charge when we hear the thanks and admiration from our family, friends, coworkers, or community members for the jobs we do. Who hasn't been touched or even cracked a small smile when they hear the child in the grocery line state quite overtly, "Look Mom, an Army guy?" Shouldn't our predecessors get to feel that same emotion?

Most of the veterans we encountered experienced things we may not even know about and may not understand if we were aware. It's likely many of their stories will follow them to the grave. We're fortunate that we may never experience many of the things they went through and survived. The key here is that they survived. Whether their time in the service took them to far away lands during battle or they were back stateside during peacetime, each one's patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice is just as important as the next. Using a quote found during my research and also used on the certificates we presented, "We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." It shouldn't be this way.

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to our country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military, whether in wartime or peacetime.

The next time you see a veteran or have a chance to participate in a larger event, take the opportunity to thank them for their service. The time and effort you spend will make their day and most likely yours too. As I close, I'll leave you with two other encounters from the weekend's activities. I realized I had left a folder at the last location after returning to base Sunday morning. When I went back to pick it up later that day, the Activities Director told me everyone was still talking about the event and were so happy that we took the time to recognize them. The last veteran who was blind, after receiving his certificate and pin, was found long after the presentation still clutching both to his chest, as a proud smile filled his face. I think that says it all.

## 2010 Census is just around the corner

Fair enough, we know we are all busy. Is it really that important to take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to fill out a form for the 2010 Census? Yes, if you are interested in your community receiving their portion of the more than \$400 billion that is distributed based on the census data. Your community receives a set dollar amount for each resident, both citizens and non citizens.

The data collected effects various levels of the economy. Retail businesses, schools, housing developments and other community facility locations are determined from the data. The census even impacts the boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts. FACT: Article 1 Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates enumeration every 10 years.

While marketing for the Census has already begun, the first forms are not due to be mailed out until March 15. The forms are tagged to a specific residence and include a postage paid return envelope. If not returned, the form will be mailed up to two additional times, before a Census Bureau worker will visit the residence. FACT: All the forms for the nation are returned to Jeffersonville, Ind.

On previous years the form included more detailed personal information. That is not the case this year, everyone will receive a short form requiring only name, gender, age, date of birth, race, household status (own/rent), and telephone number. The intent is to reduce the chances of fraud or identity theft.

If a Census worker knocks on your door, ask for identification and their badge. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. Workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person, but they will not contact you by email. **REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.**

Military members are counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as the person's voting residence, legal residence, or permanent residence. For the members of the 181<sup>st</sup> that currently live in Terre Haute or surrounding areas, but have a different home of record, you will respond from the residence you inhabit the majority of the time. Likewise, members that are living in other locations such as California will report as residents of California.

Remember: **EVERYONE COUNTS!**

If you would like more information please visit:  
[www.census.indiana.edu](http://www.census.indiana.edu)

## Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Graduation

The 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing's 17<sup>th</sup> CCAF graduation will be held in the Racer Dining Hall at 1430 hours on 21 February 2010. Earning an Associates Degree is a huge accomplishment and the Education Office invites each and everyone to attend this years ceremony. Not only are we proud of each of our CCAF graduates we are also proud to announce this years guest speaker as Colonel Kent R. Waggoner, (Retired).

### CCAF Class "2009"

SSgt Jason Bough  
MSgt James Cottom  
TSgt Michael Deakins  
SSgt Robert Fout  
SSgt Adam Gayde  
TSgt Christopher Gilbert  
SSgt Thomas Gray  
TSgt Patrick Green  
SrA Bennett Grove  
SSgt Christopher Harris  
TSgt Dustin Hofer  
TSgt Michael Hoskins  
SMSgt Moira Johanningsmeier  
SSgt Andrew Johnson  
TSgt Channa Johnson  
SSgt Joshua Kelley  
TSgt Christopher Kirby  
MSgt Benjamin Knowles  
TSgt Ryan Leffel  
MSgt Jeffrey McCullough  
SSgt Daniel Meeks  
TSgt Joshua Minix  
SSgt Sakawa Ogega  
SSgt Tara Ricey  
MSgt Clint Robinson  
SSgt Nathaniel Romig  
TSgt Joshua Scherschel  
SSgt Elliott Shultz  
CMSgt Christopher Simmonds  
MSgt Barry Styles  
MSgt Chad Tabler  
SSgt Meagan Tabler  
TSgt Laurel Tincher  
TSgt Brandi Wallace  
MSgt Randall Webster  
SSgt Kelli Wietlisbach

## Wing Member Auditions for Air Force Entertainment Group

By 181<sup>st</sup> IW/PA

Attendees of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing's 2009 Enlisted Dining Out were amazed and proud when one of their very own stepped up and sang The Star Spangled Banner. Airman 1st Class Anjuli Smith, a member of the Intelligence Support Squadron, mesmerized the audience as she pulled from her heart the precious words about Old Glory.

Smith's singing talent could possibly lead to her being the first member of the 181<sup>st</sup> IW to be selected for 'Tops in Blue', the Air Force's premier entertainment group of which she recently submitted an audition tape to the selection committee. If selected, she will participate in a 10-day competition at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in January of 2010. As she awaits a response from the selection committee, she sounds very much like an anxious little girl awaiting Christmas morning. "I feel like I'm sitting on the edge of my seat," said Smith. "I will most likely jump up and down, cry, and act completely silly, if I am awarded this opportunity. If not then I'll try and try harder!"

The Air Force group has 35 members consisting of vocalists, instrumentalists and technicians. Currently, Tops in Blue has 5 guardsmen on their roster. They are scheduled to perform a 10-month worldwide tour. TIB has performed with legends such as Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope, Alabama, Barbara Mandrell, BOYZ II MEN, and many others. They have traveled throughout Europe, Far and Middle East, Central America, Canada and all 50 of the United States.

Smith is extremely excited about the opportunity. When she received the email notification to submit her audition tape she said, "I was pretty excited that they even knew I was alive." Smith started her singing passion at the young age of 4 in her church choir where her mother was the director. She recalls how she enjoyed singing, "A Whole New World", from the popular Disney film *Aladdin* as a child.

While attending Union High School, she competed in the Indiana State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. She proudly shared that she was awarded first place in solo competitions her sophomore, junior and senior years. Her senior year trio group, that she coached, received first place as well. To raise the bar, Smith has always competed at the most competitive level.

Anjuli, Best of luck from the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing!



## SATELLITE NCOA CLASS 10-6

- \* Home Station Phase (23 March 2010 to 10 June 2010)
- \* In-resident Phase (14 June 2010 to 29 June 2010)
- \* 45 Day Deadline (08 February 2010 - required to have at least one student enrolled)
- \* 30 Day Deadline (22 February 2010 - required to have at least eight students enrolled)

### Eligibility Requirments:

Be a TSgt in addition to the following requirements:

1. Not be on the control roster, under investigation, or charged with an offense punishable under the UCMJ.
2. Have at least 6 months retainability after graduation from the school (see AFI 36-2301, Table 4, not 3 for waivers).
3. Personnel with certified medical profiles (Temporary or Permanent) will not attend NCOA without prior approval of MAJCOM.

Please contact your Unit Training Manager to initiate a Formal School Application if you are interested. Completed applications will need to be routed through MSgt Laurie Weaver, 181 FSS, 812-877-5478 for review.



## FAMILY READINESS GROUP

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

### Happy New Year from the Family Readiness Group

The Family Readiness Group hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2010 is upon us and as we take a look at the past we can see how far we have come in so short a period of time. In February 2005 I started as your Wing Family Program Coordinator. It does not seem like 5 years has gone by. As I reflect back on all the changes that have occurred at our base I am amazed. We have taken on a new role in the defense of our great nation and now operate as one of the biggest Intel units the Air Force has to offer. We have maintained our excellent training standard and continue to provide outstanding mission support.



This Wing has excelled at all levels in support of our nation and has never failed to answer the call to duty. Our Airmen continue to be spread out all over the world and we still take on more mission support functions for the Air Force. We have sent our women and men to many different countries, as well as Terre Haute, in support of the war on terrorism. In addition, many members have been recognized as the top graduate at technical schools that are among the toughest in the Air Force. Furthermore, many have excelled during world-wide deployments and have been called out as the nation's best. To this degree we were awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 2009. None of these accomplishments could have been achieved without the support and understanding of our Families.



Our Family Readiness Group has been recognized as the best in our state. We have maintained a strong volunteer base of workers and the FRG has developed new activities for our children. In addition, we have been successful in helping many families that have struggled financially and we continue to pursue assistance for families in need. Our web page ([www.181stfrg.com](http://www.181stfrg.com)) has received many great reviews from NGB, Wing members, and their families. We have been able to provide some great benefits for our Airmen through this website. It contains links and answers to many questions that will assist families and Wing leadership during difficult times. We are able to help family members and the Airmen get through tough times with all the organizations out there wanting to give us support. Just think with your military ID you can save at least 10% off your purchases at a lot of local stores. Plus, you can get Marriage,

Financial, Addiction, and various other types of help at the touch of the phone. Please visit our webpage to see what is available to you and your family.

As we continue writing the new history of the 181st, don't forget how blessed we are to be part of the "New" 181st Intel Wing at Terre Haute, Ind. Take some time and see all that is at your finger tips, just for being a member of the 181st.

## 181st Intelligence Wing Annual Award winners for FY 09

**Non-Rated Officer of the Year**  
*Breck W. Schmidtkofer*

**Senior NCO of the Year**  
*Paul A. Lybarger*

**NCO of the Year**  
*Damon M. Girton*

**Airman of the Year**  
*Adam Montague*

**Ed & Trng Manager of the Year**  
*Joan M. Heshelman*

**Firts Sergeant of the Year**  
*Michael C. May*

## 181st Intelligence Wing Promotion Orders

**SMSGT**  
*David A. Wood*

**MSGT**  
*Jason E. Jackson, John M. Wade*

**TSGT**  
*Kevin E. Demlow, Douglas A. Maul Jr., Jason W. Quyle, Kevin R. Sparks*

**SSGT**  
*Jonathon W. Bose, Daniel L. Myers, Terence L. Robbins, Brittany E. Ross, Nicholas L. Rudder*

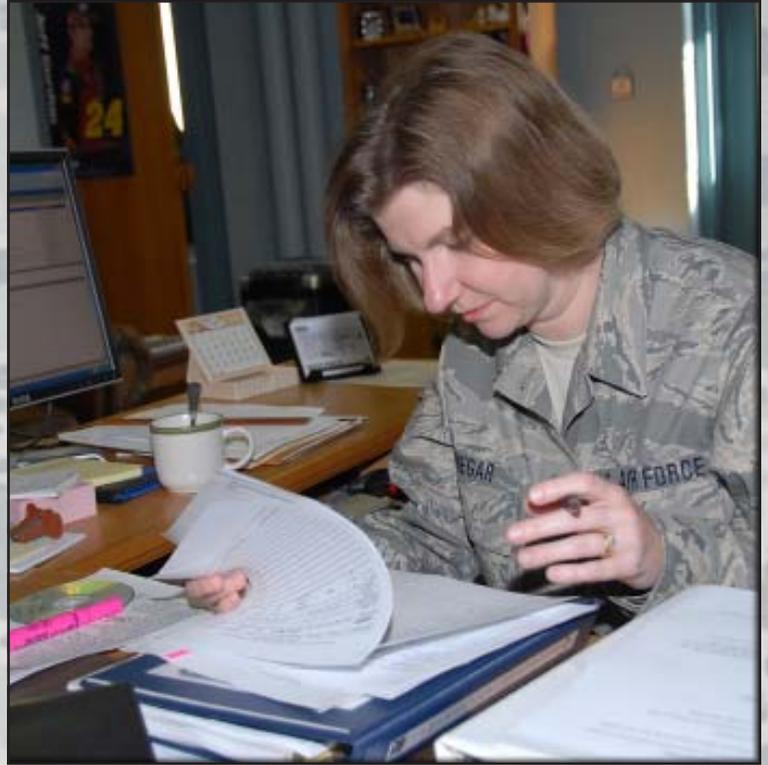
**SRA**  
*Megan M. Sever, Austin S. Staley*

**A1C**  
*Michael J. Filosa*

# "RACERS on the job"



Staff Sgt. Tara Richey, Command Post, prepares briefing notes during the Nov UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Master Sgt. Teri Winegar, Mission Support Group, goes through training documents during the Nov UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Col. Jeff Hauser, 181st Wing Commander, presents Airman of the Year FY 08 to Senior Airman Garrett Ames, 113 Air Support Operations Squadron. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Tech. Sgt. Damon Girton, Air Support Operations Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Kane Lawlor, New Jersey ASOS, set up a SATCOM antenna for training. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Airman 1st Class Nikki McCartney, Medical Group, draws blood from Tech. Sgt. Dan Majors, Medical Group. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Tech. Sgt/ Robert Snow, Senior Airman Jeff Osborn, Senior Airman William Zigler, and Tech. Sgt. Mark, Vehicle Maintenance, prepare a dump truck for schedule maintenance. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Staff Sgt. Tiffany Jennings, Logistics Readiness Squadron, works clothing issue request from Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Manalo, 137th Intel Squadron. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Honor Guard members raffle the famous Holiday Baskets. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Senior Airman Fred Horner, Air Support Operations Squardon, adds modifications to the newly received M-4's. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



Several unit members help set up the display at Deming for Christmas in the Park. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*

# RESPECT

*America's promise is a moral imperative that every life is precious and every spirit deserves dignity and respect.*

Respect is the mutual and unbreakable bond that pillars our military strength and is the premise of public trust for the Air National Guard.

Respect others; look out for your Wingman, a failure for one is a failure for all!

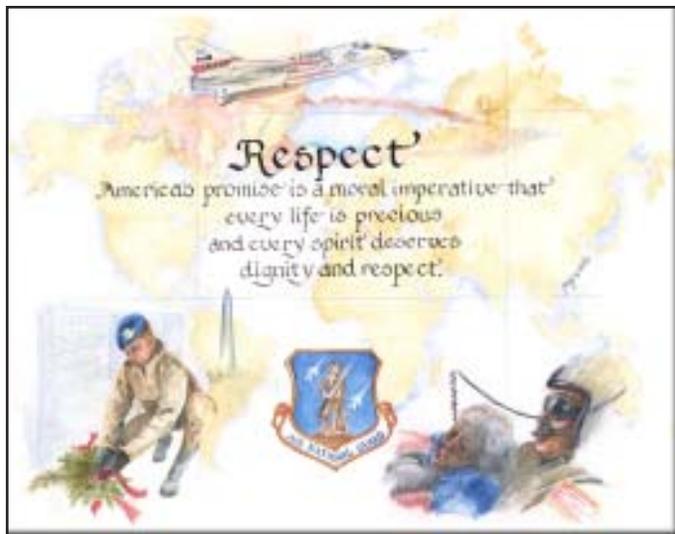
We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the Air National Guard team to achieve his or her greatest potential. This new diversity presents both challenges and opportunities to individuals and to the organizations of which they are a part.

Benefits include a broader talent pool and the opportunity for individuals to more fully develop their potential. At the same time, however, new perspectives on creativity, innovation, and performance can be perceived as intrusive and lead to tension, misunderstanding, and even hostility between old and new, creating problems of coordination and cohesion for diverse organizations.

It is imperative that we, as leaders, work out the difficulties generated by diversity and reap the rewards. Applying varied perspectives and approaches—such as training and education, being a leader who “Walks the Talk” and treats each individual we come into contact with dignity, proper acceptance, and courtesy, will all pave the way for our Airmen to embrace diversity as the norm and seek a deeper understanding of the problems and promise inherent in diverse organizations.

Our philosophy of diversity goes beyond that of race, creed, ethnicity and gender. We look to promote the diversity of thinking that results from the differences in experiences, knowledge and background of all Airmen! Diversity of thinking will help us continue to encourage the creativity and innovation necessary for the ANG to maintain a competitive advantage in air and space dominance!

The ANG is committed to a tradition of mutual trust and respect, one that promotes a culture of confidence, dependability and reliability. This is vital in our mission to Fly, Fight, and Win...now and forever!



## Remembering MLK: Message of respect applicable to today's military

Commentary by Col. Tom Schluckebier, 66th Air Base Wing commander

1/13/2007 - HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFNEWS) —

Americans will observe what would have been the 78th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday.

Had Dr. King lived 78 years, one can only imagine the additional contributions he would have made to our country and society.

Sadly and tragically, his life was cut short by an assassin's bullet April 4, 1968, and we lost the youngest person ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He earned it for his work as a peacemaker, promoting nonviolence and equal treatment.

As a tribute to Dr. King, I hope we will all take at least a few minutes Monday to reflect on Dr. King's message and then spend some more time thinking about what we can do to spread his message as we go about our daily routines.

It may be as simple as telling our children about Dr. King or as significant as giving a commanders call briefing on the importance of respect for others, the positive power of diversity and the need for equal treatment.

For Air Force members — civilian and military — Dr. King's message of respect for others is an essential cornerstone to our three core values: integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do.

That's why the Air Force promotes an environment free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent Air Force members from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible. This type of environment starts with respect for every member of the Air Force team regardless of race, color, national origin, religion or gender.

Dr. King's famous statement, “I have a dream that one day ... sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood,” is really one way of depicting an environment of mutual respect and appreciation.

A phrase that you've probably heard uttered by numerous Air Force leaders is, “People are our most valuable asset.” This statement is very true. It isn't the aircraft or the weapon systems that accomplish a mission — it's the people. Each person has a tremendous amount to offer to the Air Force, but if they are weighted down by the barrier of disrespect, they cannot reach their full potential.

Respecting each other regardless of differences and recognizing the valuable role each member of our military family plays are imperative.

In the 78 years since Dr. King was born, much has changed in both the world and the military, but the fundamental need to respect others remains constant. On Monday, we pay tribute to Dr. King — his courage, his leadership and his message. What a great reminder that we all play a vital role in the world's greatest Air Force and we all deserve the respect that Dr. King so aggressively sought for all people.

## Drill Pay Dates

*Jan UTA* will pay on 20 Jan 10

*Feb UTA* will pay on 22 Feb 10

### Questions?

Call Military Pay at (812) 877-5248

or (812) 877-5336

# "AIRMEN SPOTLIGHT"

## MSgt Julie A. Vanlandingham

**Hometown:** Terre Haute, Ind.

**Military Service:** 1 Nov 80 to Present; Traditional Guardsman - 1980 - 1988 - 181st Weapons System Security Forces - Admin Specialist, AGR - 1988 - 2008 - Information Management Specialist for 181st Support Group Commander, AGR - 2008 - Present - 181st Comm Flight, Base Knowledge Operations Functional/Resource Manager

**Reason for Joining:** Obligation to Country, College Assistance

**Education:** Graduated Terre Haute North 1981, recipient of 3 year "Varsity" Track and Field Letter; Attended IVY Tech and Indiana State University

**Hobbies:** Running and working out. Spending time with my two beautiful daughters!



## SSgt John Hackett

**Hometown:** Plainfield, Ind.

**Military Service:** 181<sup>st</sup> CE Heavy equipment operator; 22yrs total service time; 6yrs active; 4yrs Fla. guard civil engineering Red Horse

**Civilian Employment:** Federal Penitentiary hostage negotiation team member and Turkish interpreter

**Reason for joining:** Service to country and family tradition

**Education:** Associate degree in criminology from Bravard Community College

**Hobbies/Interests:** Sporting clays, riding his Harley Davidson, managing personnel properties



## SrA Darrel Zeck

**Hometown:** grew up in Michigan, lives in Terre Haute, Ind.

**Military Service:** 181<sup>st</sup> Command Post Emergency action controller; active duty, 5yrs HQ 21<sup>st</sup> AF MAC operations controller, NCOIC of flight planning, made flight plans for Reagan and Bush, Air Force 1 and 2; reserve 4yrs

**Civilian Employment:** Director of Public Affairs for the City of Terre Haute

**Reason for joining:** To defend the country and fulfill military commitment



## SSgt Richard Gaddie

**Hometown:** Fishers, Ind.

**Military Service:** 181<sup>st</sup> Supply Warehouse Tech

**Civilian Employment:** Forum Credit Union teller

**Reason for joining military:** education benefits and military pride

**Hobbies/Interests:** Enjoys going to concerts, golfing, and boating



# NEW RECRUITS



Congratulations to Mikayla Weaver, daughter of Master Sgt. Laurie Weaver, for winning this year's base Christmas card contest.