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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

A relatively new concept of leadership is the idea of "Servant Leadership," which was developed by Robert K. Greenleaf in 1970. He stated that Servant Leaders serve the people they lead, not the other way around. Amongst other things, Servant Leaders must devote themselves to focusing on the needs of those they lead and develop growth in those that work with them.



Capt John Petrowski
181st CF/CC

Servant Leaders do not use threats and intimidation to achieve a goal; they set goals and inspire those around them to achieve those goals. Servant Leaders are selfless and are willing to advance unpopular ideas because they are the right thing to do, not necessarily the easy thing to do. They may not always win the popularity contest, they may not always be highly regarded by outsiders to the organization, but they can sleep very well at night knowing that their decisions and the motives behind them are for the good of those they serve. Servant Leaders have little desire to stand before the crowd, or to strike a pose for the camera with their white scarf blowing in the wind. They know that the focus should never be on them, the focus should always be on their people.

They are ethical, practical and meaningful. They practice seven principles: self-awareness, listening, changing the pyramid (the top is at the bottom), developing colleagues, coaching not controlling, unleashing the energy and intelligence of others and foresight. We all joined the military because we wanted to serve, now if you truly want to serve, serve others.

Our Core Values

One principle that has had a major impact upon my military career and life is The USAF Core Values. These Core Values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do — tell us the price of our admission into the Air Force and the 181st Intelligence Wing. Our Core Values explain what is required of all Airmen once we freely take the oath of enlistment or the oath of office. They spell out exactly what is expected of all Racers both on and off base, both on and off duty. These Core Values of ours are no short order; in fact they can be quite challenging to carry out. The military service is a profession that makes demands upon our lives. It's not easy; it's often demanding and difficult. If it was easy people would be beating down the front gate to join and we would have no need for recruiting events!



CMSgt Douglas Ackerman
181IW/CC

Our Core Values are the foundational tools provided to guide us through everyday situations, challenges, and decisions. They enable us to make the right choice at the right time for the right reasons. These Core Values call us to do what is required instead of what is desired. They help to create a keen sense of personal responsibility and accountability in our lives. Our Core Values are the nucleus of who we are and what we do.

We all face difficult decisions that enable the exercise of our Core Values. Integrity keeps trainers from just signing a subordinate's training record without actually verifying the training. An Airman puts the service first when accepting an assignment or temporary duty that takes him or her away from family and friends. Airmen exercise excellence when they continue to improve their physical fitness, career field expertise, and mission readiness. Our Core Values provide the basis upon which decisions are made in every day life, even though we often do not notice it.

Our Core Values are also found off base, as they are boundless and timeless, since they are not restricted to any one place or situation. Integrity first is played out regularly in homes across this great nation as Airmen teach their children to be honest and do the right thing even when Mom and Dad are not watching. Service before self is emphasized when children are taught to perform their chores, share with others, and play together on a team. Parents also reiterate excellence in all we do when encouraging children to do their very best in school, to put forth their best effort every day and on every assignment. Incorporating the Core Values into our home life and families will personalize them and make the application of our Core Values second nature. We soon discover that our Core Values help to establish stability in life and generate piece of mind.

The same holds true for when we are sent off on temporary duty or deployment. Our families, who also understand and accept our Core Values, realize that the military service often comes before the family. As a result our Racer families are better prepared to deal with the absence of their beloved Racer and are more inclined to make the most of the support and guidance available through our Family Readiness Group.

As with life in general, the military service is constantly changing and evolving. With each new day we face new situations and new challenges. We operate in different locations, within different units, and under different conditions.

It is our duty as Racers to take a new look at our Core Values. Discern original and relative ways to apply them in our individual and family lives. We are all called to make our Core Values personal and thus emulate them. I know they have helped to provide a sound foundation and guiding light for my military carrier and life.

CCAF Graduation Ceremony Recognizes 181st IW's Largest Class

By SrA Ben Sutton, 181 IW/PA

The 181 Intelligence Wing conducted the 2009/2010 Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation ceremony on February 21st here at Hulman Field. It was a highlight for the Airmen, the 181st and the Indiana Air National Guard. Brigadier General James S. Goodwin, Indiana Air Commander, was in attendance and Col (Ret) Kent R. Waggoner gave the commencement address.

“I am very honored to be here, this is a very large class,” General Goodwin said. “The thing that’s important is that these young people have made the decision to further their education.” The graduating class had 36 graduates, the most ever here at Hulman Field. Many had family members in the audience to mark the special day. “No one can ever take this from them,” continued General Goodwin. “It makes them better Airmen and citizens of Indiana.”

The Community College of the Air Force was started in 1977 and has expanded to include 37 states. It is dedicated to the enlisted members of the United States Air Force and continues to meet the needs of Airmen across the nation as well as here at home. Over 100,000 CCAF Certificates have been awarded.

“The CCAF is wonderful for Airmen because it recognizes their technical training and experience,” said Col (Ret) Waggoner. “It is a great way for them to get an accredited Associates Degree.” Congratulations to the newest class of the CCAF.



Ret.(Col.) Kent Waggoner speaks to CCAF Graduating class.



Brig. Gen. Stewart Goodin takes time to address the 2010 CCAF class.

Slovakians train with 113th ASOS

By 1st Lt Randi Brown, 181st IW WESO

The Slovak Republic visited the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) during the month of February to finalize joint training opportunities during a planning conference. These training opportunities are a result of the creation of a State Partnership Program (SPP) that was established by National Guard Bureau in 1993, and Indiana was partnered with Slovakia in 1994. The SPP encourages long term relationships to build trust between the state and partner nation.

Lt. Col. Patrick Renwick, 113th ASOS Commander, said, “The 113th ASOS and Slovak Republic Tactical Air Control Parties established an enduring relationship over the last year. Our goal is to make both teams stronger by sharing Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) during combined training events.”

During their visit, the four Slovakian Joint Tactical Air Controllers observed all facets of planning, preparations, and execution of a close air support (CAS) training mission. The ASOS loaded their HUMVEEs and support trucks early one morning to convoy the unit and their guests to Camp Atterbury to carry out the scenario based mission. When the team arrived at the range, they immediately began their final equipment preparations for the CAS mission.

There were two missions scheduled for the day, with the initial mission being controlled by a member of the 113th ASOS. The Slovakian JTACs observed the first training mission allowing them to inquire and gain knowledge of the control process. With radios chirping aloud with communications between ground team members, and another frequency facilitating direct communication between the ground lead and the aircraft, an untrained ear could easily be distracted. 1st Lt. Marian Blazeniak was assigned to conduct the second control. Blazeniak said it was a valuable experience and he was excited to get that training opportunity on this trip.

This planning conference has lead to two more joint training events scheduled for 2010. “We look forward to sending seven JTACs to Slovakia in April. The focus there will be a combination of classroom and field skills training culminating in both American and Slovak led Air Strike Control exercises. We will utilize both F-16s from Aviano Air Force Base, and Slovak Republic L-39 aircraft,” said Renwick.

Major Rudolf Pevny, Slovak Republic, said he looks forward to the continued relationships with the 113th. “I am eager to implement a more scenario based training concept for my Airmen,” Pevny said.



While many members of the Wing will be heading to Alaska for annual training this summer, the ASOS will be conducting their training in Kansas. “In June, eight TACPs from the Slovak Republic will deploy with the 113th ASOS to Smokey Hill Range, Kansas, to participate in our annual training. While there, they will work side by side with our TACPs, and be blended with our exercise command and control operations. The missions will be dynamic, and the training schedule will be very demanding,” Renwick said. “Our equipment and training may be different, but the mindset of the Battlefield Airmen from both countries is the same; organize, train and equip our forces to deploy for combat.”

When the group was asked about the takeaways from this visit, 1st Lt. Marian Blazeniak said, “Being able to gain better equipment familiarization will help us get more needed items for our Airmen.” Even though different types of equipment are used by both countries, there are several similarities. Many items were discussed at length as to the advantages and disadvantages of specific equipment.

This was a first time visit to the United States for the group of Slovakian officers. In addition to learning from their military counterparts, they were very excited to learn about the American culture first hand. They were introduced to chicken wings, sushi, hibachi style cooking, and fried pickles. They were inquisitive in terms of work shifts, lunch hours, traditional homes, family size, and even the current economic status. They were very pleased with the welcoming they received upon arrival, and mentioned several times how comfortable they were here in Terre Haute.

Of course a visit to Hulman Field must include participation in good old fashioned camaraderie. They were very excited to attend the first annual ‘Racer Idol’ during the February UTA, and were able to socialize with and get to know other members of the 181st Intelligence Wing.

RACERS help in Haiti

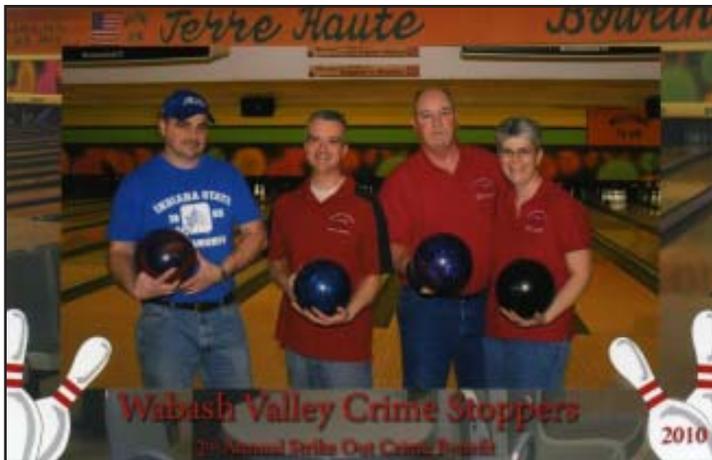


The following Racers are supporting Operation United Response in Haiti: 1st Lt. Matt Hollowell, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Wernz, Senior Airman Kevin Feltner, Master Sgt. Clint Robinson, and Tech. Sgt. Courney Leslie (123rd Intelligence Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.)

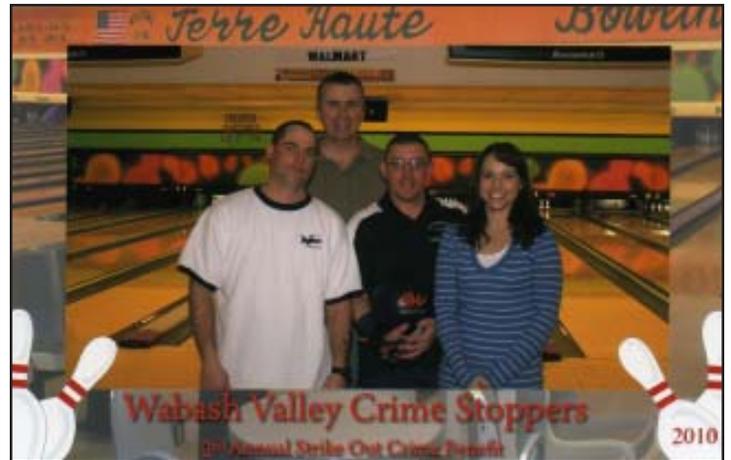
Intel Wing bowlers show off skills

By 1Lt Randi Jo Brown, 181 IW/CCE

Members of the 181st Intelligence Wing participate in the Wabash Valley's second annual Strike Out Crime bowling event at the Terre Haute Bowling Center in February. The event raises money for the Wabash Valley's CrimeStopper's. This program was established to provide a telephone number and online tip service encouraging citizens to volunteer anonymous information to help police with unsolved crimes.



(LtoR) James D. Brown, Stephen Strange, Johnny and Tami Saylor.



(1st Row) Joseph Hinkel, Craig Rudisel and Laurie Weaver. (2nd Row) Jerry Eaton.

Harrison Village Commissary On Site Sale

Our next Commissary Sale will be held in the Hanger on 10 Apr 10, 0800-1630. If there are certain items you would like for the Commissary sales rep's to bring to this next sale (i.e. more fresh meat items, canned goods, detergents, etc).



Who is Eligible:
Valid Military ID Card
Holders and Their
Dependents





FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor 181st Intel WFPC

Spring is here at the 181st Intel Wing



Photo taken at Fowler Park by Mr. Mike Snodgrass FRG treasurer

The FRG will be very busy the next few months with a lot of activities on tap for our Airmen and their families. There will be briefings for our Intel members and their families, a large group of Airmen deploying overseas, and there is still a large group of Airmen assigned here and on the east and west coast.

If you would like to be part of the FRG please attend one of our meetings on Saturdays of drill at 1:30 pm.

Military and Federal Employee Discounts

All these businesses offer military discounts; all you have to do is ask.

Cell Phone Service Discount

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Sprint - 877-812-1223

T-Mobile - 866-646-4688

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You will need to know the military member's supervisor's name, phone number, and full address, so that his/her military status can be verified.

The following restaurants and business also offer discounts:

Restaurants: Arby's, A&W, Back Yard Burgers, Burger King, Captain D's, Chick-Fil-A, Cotton Patch, Denny's, Dunkin' Donuts, IHOP (20 percent discount with military identification), Java Cafe, KFC, Long John Silver, Pancho's Mexican Buffet, Pizza Hut, Quizno's, Sizzler, Sonic, Taco Bell, Whataburger. **Services:** AT&T, California Cryobank, Geico, Jiffy Lube, Meineke, Sears Portrait Studio.

Travel and Leisure: Blockbuster, Movie theaters, Ripley's attractions and museums, Professional Sports teams.

Products: Apple Computers, AutoZone, Barnhill's, Bass Pro Shop, Bath and Body Works, Big 10 Tires, The Buckle, Champs Sports, Copeland's Sports, Dell, The Discovery Channel Store, Dress Barn, The Finish Line, Foot Action, Footlocker, Gadzooks, GNC, Goody's, Great Party, Happy Harry's, Hot Topic, Jockey, Lerner, Michael's, NAPA Auto Parts, New York & Company, Pac Sun, Payless Shoes, Play It Again Sports, Pure Beauty, Sally Beauty Supply, Spencer's Gifts, Suncoast, Timberland Outlets, Wilson's Leather.

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Airman First Class

Chase A. Bauer FSS

Nina J. Butler OSS

Staff Sergeant

Shannon J. Brown, CES

James C. Dorsey, IS

Kenneth C. Dwigans, CES

David A. French, SFS

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Daniel J. Gess, CES

Jeffrey J. Hills, IS

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Dustin L. McDaniel, SFS

Karl R. McGarvey, CF

Megan C. Morse, FSS

Technical Sergeant

Brian Chesshir, SFS

Shaun C. Earl, OSS

Adam J. Gayde, OSS

John K. Hackett, CES

Randall W. Monroe, CES

Robert D. Morris Jr., SFS

Morgan R. Scott, SFS

Dustin H. Strole, OSS

Lenny D. Wheeler, FSS

Senior Master Sergeant

Paul A. Lybarger, CES

Vincent Quinones, MXS

Officer Promotions

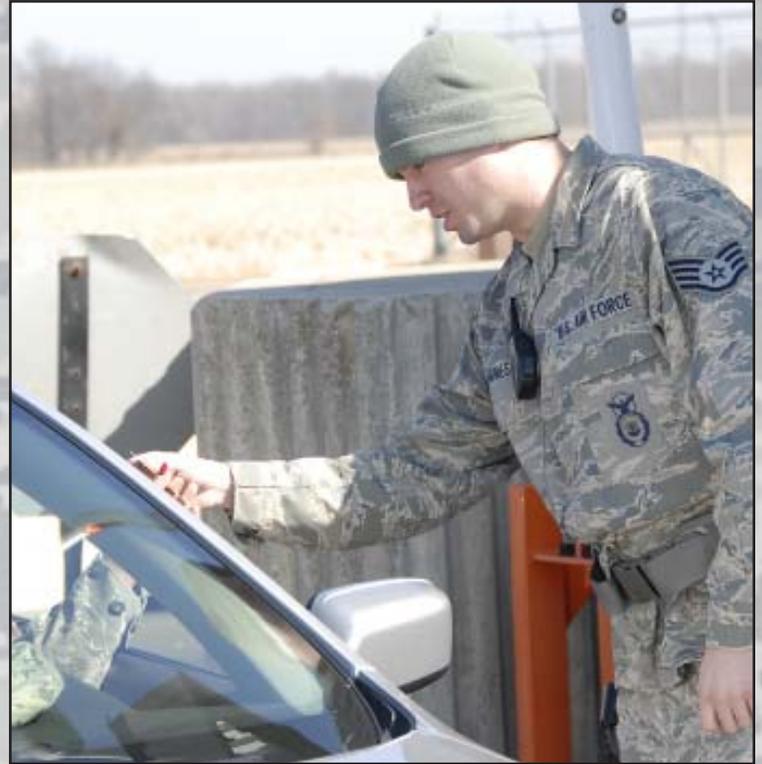
Captain

Steven L. Martin, MDG

"RACERS on the job"



Tech. Sgt. Damon Girton, 113th Air Support Operations Squadron, gets blood pressure reading from Tech. Sgt. Misty Baumann, 181st Medical Group. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Staff Sgt. Paul Humes, 181st Security Forces Squadron, inspects military member's identification credentials before permitting them on base. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Tech. Sgt. Christian Haggett receives his retirement certificate from Capt. John Petrowski, both of Communications Flight. *Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman*



Senior Master Sgt. Terry Arthur, Intel Group, receives her retirement certificate from Col. Jeff Hauser, wing commander. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Ellinger, 181st Communications Flight, replaces a power supply for customer. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Due to the cold February temperatures, members of the 181st stay in shape by utilizing our state-of-the-art fitness center. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



In order to ensure a constant state of readiness, Staff Sgt. Alex Saldivar and Seniro Airman Raymond Felix, Air Support Operations Squadron, perform monthly scheduled preventive maintenance on their HMMWV. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Tech. Sgt. Amanda Gilbert, Force , provides exceptional customer service for the entire base. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Staff Sgt. Elliot Shultz, Services Flight, delivers a nutritionally balanced meal to each of his fellow Airmen. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*



Staff Sgt. Landon Hinman, 137th Intelligence Squadron, completes a daily vehicle inspection. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Kellams*

25 Graduate from first CPI green belt course

By SrA Ben Sutton 181 IW/PA

On March 5th 2010, 25 students graduated from the brand new Lean Sigma Six Green Belt Course in Bloomington, Indiana. The students were a mix of Army and Air Force members as well as DoD employees. The Continuous Process Initiative (CPI) training program is rated on three levels; green belt, black belt and master black belt.

This curriculum combines the Army's Lean Six Sigma and the Air Force's Smart Operations for the 21st Century efficiency programs. CPI is designed to help an Enterprise become mission-ready and mission-capable by removing wasteful and non-value-added activities. The hope is to reduce the time it takes to accomplish tasks, while improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency. CPI supports the critical need for action in meeting National Guard mission requirements.

"It's the first time that we actually have a class that was designed to be truly joint," said Air Force Col. B. J. Marshall, CPI director at the National Guard Bureau. "We took the best of the OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense) curriculum, the Army's black belt curriculum and the Air Force curriculum and built our own curriculum that meets the learning objectives of both the Army and the Air Force."

Many adjutant generals pushed for a joint training program due to the issues from having two separate programs. Improving efficiency by eliminating the repetitive and cumbersome aspects of those programs has helped accomplish the long term initiatives set forth by Col. Marshall.

"Our whole initiative starts with the strategic alignment workshop for the senior leaders," said Marshall. "We go in and take their strategic plan, align it to the core processes, identify the gaps and build a project library."

These new green belt graduates will be able to provide a standard framework, method and metric to accomplish the long term initiatives while making immediate improvements across all mission sets. This is a critical component to the successful execution of the National Guard Strategic Plan and its objectives.

It comes down to using the CPI training and tools to better manage finite resources. "By working through and using the continuous process improvement tools, we are able to free up resources to apply them in other areas," Marshall said. "And that can be both people and money."



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am MSgt Colleen Mason and I am your new 181st Intelligence Wing Human Resources Advisor (HRA). I have been a proud member of the 181st IW for 19 years. My whole military career has been in the Mission Support Flight working as the Assistant Retention Office. I received my CCAF Human Resource degree in Aug 2008.

I live in the small town of Robinson Ill. which is known for its great Heath candy bars. My whole family husband, Ed, and daughter, Stacy, and I work at the local candy factory which is now Hershey USA. My daughter and I both make Whopper Malted Milk Balls and my husband works in the Payday Dept. I am a very proud grandmother to my 6 month old grandson, Seth.

My primary role as Human Resource Advisor is to promote our Wing's most valuable resource... YOU! I am here to help you maximize your potential for success! The 181st IW and the Air National Guard offer many opportunities for you to utilize your talents, background, and interests to make our unit and country a better place! You are in charge of your success!

One of my goals for this year is to encourage and assist everyone in getting their highest Education level updated in v-MPF. Don't wait until you are eligible for promotion or want to apply for a school. If you have a degree that is not listed on v-MPF please take your degree or transcript to the Base Education Office.

The base education office cannot up date officers, please go through the Air Force Institute of Technology their procedures are available at <http://www.afit.edu/p/milpds.cfm> or the FAQ page at <http://www.afit.edu/en/ener/coding/faq.htm>

I look forward to assisting you as our Wing's Human Resource Advisor. If there's anything I can do for you, please contact me at 812-877-5178 or via e-mail at nina.mason@ang.af.mil

"AIRMEN SPOTLIGHT"

Major John Jensen

Hometown: Grew up in Terre Haute, Ind. lives in St. Louis, Mo.
Military Service: Mission Support Group Executive Support Officer, 25 years of service (11 years as an officer; 14 years enlisted)
Civilian Employment: Prudential Financial, Financial Advisor
Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Purdue University
CCAF - Administrative Management
Hobbies/Interests: Golf, Basketball, Fantasy Football, Cardinal Baseball, and Investments.



Master Sgt. Robin Moore

Hometown: Cloverdale, Ind.
Military Service: 181st Civil Engineer Squadron, Production Control Superintendent
Member of the 181st since 1981 (crew chief, fuel systems analyst, and quality assurance)
Hobbies/Interests: Tractor/Truck pulls, loves the outdoors, hunting, fishing and loves spending time with grandkids.



Tech. Sgt. Suzette Crawford

Hometown: New Orleans, La., lives in Danville, Ind.
Military Service: 181st Civil Engineer Squadron, Knowledge Operations Manager
Member of the 181st since FEB 2009, 4 years active duty AF, 7 years reservist at Keesler AFB Miss., 2 years at Maryland ANG.
Education: CCAF, Information Systems Management
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, four-wheeling, loves football and hockey.



Senior Airman Alan Cirillo

Hometown: Bedford, Ind.
Military Service: 137th Intelligence Squadron, Knowledge Operations Manager
Member of the 181st since 2004, (6 years EGRESS), 8 years Navy, 7 years with the Navy Seebees
Civilian Employment: Custodian at Indiana State University
Reason for joining military: Camaraderie, satisfaction of a "job well done", patriotism, proud to wear the uniform.
Hobbies/Interests: Snow skiing, model building, reading.



CSAF stresses value of diversity at engineering awards conference

by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

2/22/2010 - BALTIMORE (AFNS) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz was the keynote speaker Feb. 19 at a conference recognizing and honoring African-Americans in technical career fields.

The annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards conference highlights the contributions of African-Americans in jobs centered on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The accomplishments of several Airmen were recognized at the event.

In his address, General Schwartz called attention to the varied backgrounds of Airmen and sister service members and how diversity makes the military a stronger force as a whole.

“Diversity is at the very heart of the American dream,” General Schwartz told the crowd of more than a thousand Airmen and joint partners as well as civilians and industry professionals. “We come together with a conviction that diversity is a strategic imperative, putting together our creativity and innovation.”

The general stressed that a successful and diverse tomorrow depends on mentoring all of today’s youths, noting that “we have a responsibility to prepare them for the future” and especially to emphasize in them a “sense of service.”

“As influential people in the lives of young Americans, we must encourage them toward higher callings,” he said. “From senators and congressmen to professors and educators; to coaches, counselors and parents. Our undertakings today to broaden diversity in our armed forces ... depend, in no small measure, by communicating to and mentoring youngsters of enormous promise.”

General Schwartz said that science professionals have several career options available to them and that the military “must adapt to attract, recruit, develop and retain a talented workforce” of people with technological skill sets.

“We need talented and thoughtful leaders who not only have a deep and abiding appreciation for other cultures, languages and customs, but also firm understanding that these various backgrounds and viewpoints ultimately establish a foundation of strength, legitimacy and greater efficiency,” General Schwartz said.

The general reminded the audience that Air Force heritage is “one of believers and dreamers who often faced adversity and criticism for their ideas.” He spoke about the contributions of several Air Force pioneers as well as the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen. In addition, General Schwartz highlighted the successes of some of today’s Airmen and other service members receiving awards during the three-day conference.

The speech was especially poignant for several Airmen in attendance.

Capt. Janelle Harden Jackson, a career mechanical engineer, was impressed that General Schwartz understands the importance of technical professionals like her.

“Technology is in every facet of what the Air Force does so to hear him talk about why we have to recruit the best and brightest from a broad cross section of America was inspiring,” the captain said. “Diversity brings new, fresh and more creative ideas, which is exactly what makes the Air Force so successful.”

Bringing that diverse talent to the Air Force falls to people like Chief Master Sgt. James Nickerson, the superintendent of recruiting for the national capital region.

“Diversity has long been a focus of ours because of everything the Air Force does,” the chief said. “If you look at all our platforms, our efforts in space and cyber, we need the nation’s best. And that means doing what we can to bring talent into our service regardless of gender, skin color or creed. It’s what diversity is all about; it’s what the Air Force is all about.”

The March of Dimes **March for Babies** is scheduled for Saturday, 24 April 2010. 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**. We are always looking for new team members, so if anyone is interested in participating or would like more information, please contact MSgt Winnie Weaver.



Tricare program for ‘gray area’ reservists coming A new program will offer “gray area” reservists the opportunity to purchase Tricare health care coverage. A new provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010, allows certain members of the Retired Reserve who are not yet age 60, called “gray-area” retirees, to purchase Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra coverage.

It is still in the design, development and testing phase but qualified retired reservists should be able to purchase coverage by late summer or early fall of 2010.

The health care benefit provided for gray-area retirees will be similar to Tricare Reserve Select, however the new program will differ from TRS in its qualifications, premiums, copayment rates and catastrophic cap requirements. The program is tentatively called Tricare Retired Reserve. Premiums for the new gray-area retiree program will be announced after program rules are published in the Federal Register.

In Memory.....

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

Retired TSgt Ellen J. Green, 54, passed away at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, on 3 Nov 2009. At the time of her retirement, TSgt Green served in the Base Training and Education office.

Retired MSgt Rick VanNess, 64, passed away on 11 Feb 2010. At the time of his retirement, MSgt Vaness was the Mission Support Group First Sergeant.

**181st IW Quarterly Award winners for
1st Quarter FY 10**

Non-Rated Officer of the Year
1Lt Andrew Powell

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
MSgt Chad Tabler

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
TSgt April Simmons

Airman of the Year
SrA Jeffery A. Osborn

RACER RUN

10K, 5K, 1.5 mile Fun Run
All Races start at 1300
April 11th

Fitness Expo opens at 1100

Pre-registration: 10K/5K \$20 w/Shirt
1.5 \$5 (\$15.00 w/Shirt)

*Only preregistered participants are guaranteed a shirt,
Ends March 26th

Race Day registration starts at 1130:
10K/5K \$25
1.5 \$5

Location: 113th Weather Flight Building

POCs: Lt Randi Brown or MSgt Melinda Tatman

Drill Pay Dates

Mar UTA will pay on 19 Mar 10
Apr UTA will pay on 23 Apr 10

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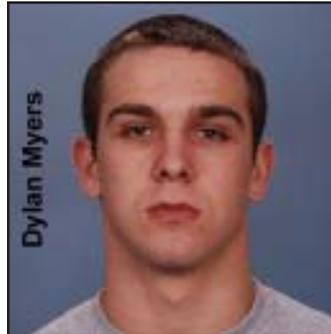
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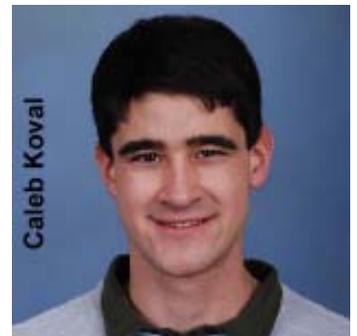
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During a Change of Command Ceremony held on 7 March, 2010, Lt Col Terry Mullens assumed command of the 181 IW's Security Forces Squadron. *Photo by Master Sgt. John Day*