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A new star at State Headquarters

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Still want to keep receiving the Racer Flyer? Contact MSgt Julie Vanlandingham at 877-5267 or email: julie.vanlandingham@ang.af.mil with any address changes.

You don't want to miss an important issue?

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I was once told a good sense of humor was the only way to survive in our changing environment. If this is true, the 181st IW should be one of the happiest units in the Air Force. We have gone from a Fighter Wing to an Intelligence Wing. The transition was long and painful at times but I believe we are better for the chance to show the perseverance, pride and integrity which is the bedrock of the 181st IW.

Another wave of change has reached the shores of the 181st IW. The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) and the Services Flight (SVF) have merged into the Force Support Squadron (FSS). I have the humble privilege of being the first commander for this squadron. A lot of people have approached me and asked why would they combine these two flights? How is this going to change how business is done on the base? Are we going to be able to get identification cards in the dining facility while we are eating lunch? I inform everyone who asks that we will not be moving into one building and you won't be able to submit an award package in the serving line at the dining facility. The main changes will be the command structure for both flights.

Both of the flights now representing the FSS are service oriented which is the glue that unites us as a squadron. We will still be accomplishing the same jobs and providing the same high level of customer support. We have gone from two flight commanders to one squadron commander. Our senior enlisted structure has been combined and we are working together to accomplish ancillary training and administrative duties within the squadron. We are located in the same buildings as before and our phone numbers have not changed.

People used to describe our flights as "Out of sight out of mind". Our Flights were small and the work we do sometimes went unnoticed until someone didn't have a meal to eat, a place to sleep, needed expert guidance for writing awards or suddenly realize your identification has expired. As a squadron we have a bigger footprint on the base and we will be able to contribute to the needs of base personnel in a more effective manner. We are still in the infancy of our development but as we have demonstrated through hard work and quality personnel we will be around for a long time.

As an Intelligence Wing we have already demonstrated our ability to overcome change with increased job diversity. The 181st IW is now at the pinnacle of success and we are the wing to emulate as the example of what can be done with pride, perseverance and integrity.



Maj Robert Wellum
181st FSS/CC

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

The profession of soldiering is older than recorded history itself. The role of the military today is as central to global societies as it ever was. Each of us has a reason for voluntarily serving in the military profession and by doing so we accept unique responsibilities.

Our primary enlisted responsibility is to accept and execute all duties, instructions, responsibilities, and lawful orders in a timely, efficient manner. You have no doubt embraced the concept! The success of our Air Force in meeting the challenges of this rapidly changing world depends on our preparedness to face and overcome the threats and conflicts of the future.

As a mentor, I would like to share with you the topic of adherence to standards. This is a discussion many commanders have had with senior non-commissioned officers under their command. Adherence to standards begins with wearing of the Air Force uniform. It identifies the person as a military professional, a member of a historical profession, a close-knit society, one of competence and professionalism. It is military appearance that is basic to self discipline and adherence to standards. Appearance reflects the discipline of the organization.

The perspectives of Airmen are influenced by their supervisors. Each member must carry out orders, perform specific responsibilities for accomplishing the mission, and live up to the Air Force standards. Conduct, discipline, and customs and courtesies reflect this broad heritage and tradition. Setting the example can sometimes be the toughest part of being a leader.

Standards are an accepted measure of comparison for quantitative or qualitative value. Next year we will have an inspection to determine our compliance with standards. Many of you have not experienced a **Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI)** to assess **unit compliance** with established guidance governing each particular area by the Inspector General. The inspection system provides the commander with credible, independent assessment process to measure the capabilities of the force. We have to analyze our procedures and processes to ensure full compliance with regulatory guidance and strive to improve.

Sometimes we choose to improvise over sound repeatable principals; our planning and employment must be understandable and repeatable to be effective. Risks need to be managed and mitigated in order to provide the capabilities our country needs. Air Force Commanders must continuously evaluate force readiness and organizational efficiency and effectiveness. One of the telltale signs of military professionals is preparation. Change is ever constant and you must strive for proficiency in standards.

Success is often attributed to the ability to anticipate, learn, and adapt to new operational concepts. The chain of command provides the control and communications necessary to accomplish the mission. We have a responsibility to translate the leader's direction without buzzwords of unclear meaning; their positive connotations prevent questioning of intent. Our commitment and the right attitude are everything! Thank you for your service.



CMSgt Jeffrey Ennen
181st SFS/SFM

2010 Golf Scramble

It's time again for the 20th Annual Lyle P. Skaggs Golf Scramble. This year's scramble will be on Friday September 3rd at Oak Ridge golf course in Brazil, IN. There's no room for the form in the Racer Flyer this year, but the cost is \$55/person (\$220/team). POC's are: Joe Cuvelier and Moira Johanningsmeier.

You can email us at:

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jcuvelier1@yahoo.com or
moira.johanningsmeier@ang.af.mil .

The first 36 paid teams will be entered. You can pay with cash or a check written to 181st Golf League. If you have any questions feel free to ask one of us. We hope to see you there!

181st Mixed Bowling League

The 2010-2011 IN ANG Mixed Bowling League will start Sep 13th. To be eligible to bowl in this league you must:

1. be a members of the 181st IW
2. Retired from the 181st IW or 181st FW
3. State employee of the 181st IW
4. Spouse or dependent of a full-time member or retiree.

Also, Army personnel who are stationed at the 181st ANGB are eligible to bowl.

For more information on the Base Bowling League please call SMSgt John Chapman at 877-5471.

McGoff named IANG Chief of Staff and promoted to Brigadier General

By Major Jim Jensen, 181 IW/PA

Photographs taken by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman, 181 IW/PA

Brig. Gen. John P. McGoff has been named Chief of Staff of the Indiana Air National Guard. In his new assignment he will be an advisor to the Adjutant General on matters pertaining to the Indiana Air National Guard which consists of the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, the 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute, Atterbury Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range in Edinburg, Jefferson Air-to-Ground Range in Madison, and the 207th Weather Flight in Indianapolis.

McGoff was promoted to his current rank in a ceremony held on June 6, 2010 at the Indiana War Memorial. Pinning on his stars were Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana's Adjutant General, and his wife Karen.

Earlier in his career he was commissioned in 1982 through the Medical Service Corps, and re-commissioned in the Medical Corps in 1984 upon completion of medical training. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Air National



Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger shakes the hand of newly pinned Brig. Gen. John McGoff, while his wife Karen pins the other star.



Maj. Gen. (Ret) Herbert Spier administers Oath of Office to Brig. Gen. John McGoff.

Guard Assistant to the USAFE Surgeon General, serving as the liaison between the Air National Guard and Headquarters USAFE, advising the commander on Air National Guard medical capabilities.

His distinguished service included assignments as the OIC, Squadron Medical Element, 163rd Fighter Squadron, from 1984 to 1988. He then transferred to the 122nd TAC Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind., as the Chief of Flight/Missile Medicine. He assumed command of the 181st Medical Group, Terre Haute, Ind., in November of 1992. During his tenure as commander, the unit received "Excellent" ratings on their Health Services Inspections in 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2005. The unit won the Theodore Marris Award, which is the highest Air National Guard Medical Award, both in 1997 and 2006, as well as the prestigious Schaeffer Trophy in 2006 for best medical unit in all of the Air Reserve Components.

He has participated in many exercises and deployed to numerous locations around the world, including: Balekishir, Turkey; Azraq, Jordan; Camp Zama, Japan; Bahrain; Misawa AB, Japan; Red Flag, Nellis AFB, Nevada; Osan AB, Korea; Coban, Guatemala; McMurdo Bay, Antarctica; Ramstein AB, Germany; JTF Surgeon for Patriot Exercises 2004-2009, and most recently as the Emergency Department Medical Director at the 332nd Emergency Medical Group, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

McGoff is a Command Flight Surgeon with over 600 military flying hours in various aircraft, including the F-4, F-15, F-16, F-18, F-5, C-17, C-130, C-141, KC-135, C-131, C-26, C-12, UH-1, UH-60, and MH-53.



Brig. Gen. McGoff accepts general officer flag from Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, then Brig. Gen. McGoff gives flag to 181st Honor Guard member Tech. Sgt. Troy Nichols for posting.

'Big' Award Presented to MSgt Tina Pressey

By 2nd Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181st IW Public Affairs

Each year, Little Brothers and Little Sisters may submit an essay nominating their Big Brother or Big Sister for the prestigious "Big of the Year" award. This year, MSgt Tina Pressey received this honorable award. Through community-based and school-based mentoring, children ages six through eighteen are paired with a Big Brother or Big Sister to build one-on-one professional mentoring relationships.

Pressey has participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for seven years. She has mentored members of the Franklin family since 2007, which was the year she began mentoring Suzanne Franklin's daughter. In 2009, MSgt Pressey became a Big Sister to another member of the Franklin family, Anthony, age 10.

In the time that Pressey spent with Anthony, he became very close to her. So much, in fact, that he nominated her for the "Big of the Year" which is presented annually by the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. As part of the nomination, Anthony wrote a heartfelt essay about "My Big Tina".

Anthony's essay described Pressey as one of his best friends and listed the many activities they enjoy doing together. He explained the fact that she was like a second mom to him, and her children are like his brothers and sisters. "I am grateful to receive this award," said Pressey, "but it's my hope that more people learn about this program and are inspired to become involved."

Pressey's positive impact extends beyond her work with Anthony, as Ms. Franklin considers her a part of their family. According to Ms. Franklin, "There is nothing in this world that I could ever do or say to repay all that she has meant and done for my family."



(LtoR) Tina Pressey, Anthony Salazar, Suzanne Franklin



Cultural Leadership Lab

April 12th-14th 2010

Twenty six member of the Air National Guard attended the Cultural Leadership Lab at the beautiful Indiana War Memorial in downtown Indy. The three day workshop gave members the opportunity to learn and participate in group interaction and exercises. This gave members a better understanding on how to connect, influence change and build understanding with in our units.

When Cultural Leaders do their best they: **Connect, Lead, Influence, Change and Build.** When a good leader has creditability they can get their members to go over the wall for them. But, more importantly if a leader is also caring and shows concern, their members will go through the wall for them.

Anyone can strive to be a good leader. **"Leadership is not a position it is a mindset"**. My challenge to you is get out of your comfort zone. Get to know members in your unit and strive to be a great leader. **"We are Better Together!!"**

Members attending from HQ-IN: Chief Judi Tinnel, SMSgt Mark Emond, SMSgt Scott Kasmer, From 181 IW: Capt Rick Wood, Chief JD Brown, SMSgt Chris Durcholz, SMSgt Robert Hackett, SMSgt Clark Lohse, SMSgt Colleen Mason, SMSgt Kelly Nunn, MSgt Mike Fisher, TSgt James Moore and SSgt Ethan Turner. From 122 FW: Chief Dennis White, SMSgt Keith Albachten, SMSgt Nancy Buck, MSgt Kerry Ghent, TSgt Nathan Bechdolt, TSgt Dustin Groves, TSgt Brandon Monticue, SSgt Justin Scheumann, SSgt Kenneth Smithley, SSgt Chris Smith, SSgt Erica Nihiser. Chief Frazier, Region IV HRA representative from Virginia, and retired Col Bruce Stewart, instructor, ensured the lab was a success.

181st Intelligence Wing Hosts Hometown Heroes Salute Ceremony

By CMSgt Tracie Newman, 181st IW FSS

The 181st Intelligence Wing will hold its first *Hometown Heroes Salute* ceremony honoring Airmen and their families. The event will be held at the 181st Intelligence Wing on 8 August 2010 at 1000 hours in the hangar. Invitations were mailed to the award recipients for the ceremony. Airmen that were missed for this ceremony will be recognized at the next ceremony.

All members of the Wing, State Headquarters, 207th WF, Det 1, and Det 2 are all invited to attend the ceremony.

In August 2008, General Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the Air National Guard *Hometown Heroes Salute* recognition program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor the significant contribution of its Airmen, families and communities and those special supporters to the mission of the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

The Airmen recognized in this ceremony will include those who have deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since 9/11 through December 31, 2008.

The Airmen will receive a framed letter from General McKinley containing the *Hometown Heroes* salute coin. The Airman's spouse or significant other will receive a rosewood pen and pencil set with the Hometown Heroes Salute logo engraved. The children will also receive unique *Hometown Heroes Salute* dog tags.

Eligibility Update/Reminder:

One important change is the criteria for eligibility, effective 1 Jan 09. Eligible ANG members are those deployed away from home station and ***employed at home station***, CONUS/OCONUS on **CONTINGENCY ORDERS**. The number of consecutive days for each award category remains the same. An Airman may be eligible for each of the tiered awards in their career, but will only receive one. Example: members who received tier 1 during the catch-up period will not be eligible again for that tier.

Reminder, the 1st Tier award will be presented to all eligible ANG members for the "catch-up" period, regardless of tour length. All three tiered awards will be implemented in January 2010.

- * 1st Tier: Framed Letter of Appreciation (30-179 consecutive days)
- * 2nd Tier: Framed American Flag (180-365 consecutive days)
- * 3rd Tier: Eagle Statue (366+ consecutive days)

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Online Personnel Services and Total Force Center Support - ANG members

Do you want to avoid waiting in line at your Military Personnel office? Did you know that you can perform many personnel actions from your home using a variety of online services? For ANG members, the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR), the virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF), and the Personnel Record Display Application (PRDA) are all online services and available for your use 24/7. Some of the applications available in vPC-GR include, initiate and process decoration nominations; request corrections or changes to your federal awards and decorations; view your duty history and request a correction or change to your duty history; submit a voluntary separation discharge/resignation or retirement application; write, sign, and submit evaluation's including LOE's and request a copy of your EPR/OPR forms. Applications for your use in vMPF include view/print a visual display of your federal awards and decorations; view your data verification brief, access your record review and update some of the data; as well as update your emergency data information. The Personnel Record Display Application (PRDA) allows you to view and print forms from your official military personnel record.

You can access vPC-GR, vMPF and PRDA from the AF Portal, www.my.af.mil, under the Top Portal Links section. For an all inclusive view of what services are available, please refer to the Online Personnel Services Brochure. A copy can be obtained from your Military Personnel office or you can view/print a copy from the Air Force Portal, Life and Career Tab, ANG Page

The Total Force Service Center is available for customer support and provides processing for online services. Contact the Total Force Service Center (TFSC) at 1-800-525-0102 if assistance is needed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Awards and Decorations
Retirement/Voluntary Separations or Discharge
Proof of Service Letter/20 Year Letter
Evaluations, Evaluation's
Electronic Military Personnel Records
Duty History
EPR/ OPRs Records Copy
Updating your Personnel Information



FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Mr. Johnny Saylor, 181st IW/Airman Family Readiness Programs Manager



Summertime in the Wabash Valley

Warm temperatures, hard rain, and lots of thunderstorms, yes it is summertime. I have notice that the news releases have already started reporting summer activity related accidents. We all look forward to warmer weather so we can get outside and have fun; however, it is also a time when we must stay aware of what we are doing. Safety has to be our number one thought as we camp, swim, take evening bike rides and just enjoy good old family fun.

Speaking of Family Fun – we will have a special day planned for Sunday of August drill. The base is having a Hometown Hero Awards Ceremony at 1000 hours and afterwards we will have our base picnic. There will be games, play equipment for the kids, and music for all to enjoy. This is open to all base personnel and their families. We want to personally invite you to come and spend Sunday, 8 August with us as we celebrate the event together. The ceremony will be held in the hanger and the picnic right here on base.

In addition, Family Readiness will hold our Operation Kids Deploy event during September UTA. We are inviting all children in grades 1 thru 12 to come and spend a day on deployment with the 181st Intel Wing. The deployment will start with sign in and breakfast at 0730 on 11 September in the Dining Hall. After breakfast they will process through the deployment line to take on their new assignment. We will receive a couple of briefing and then prepare to board the busses to our Area



Members of the 2008 Operation Kids Deploy.

of Responsibility at Connor Prairie in Fishers, Ind. Kids will get the opportunity to experience what village life was like many years ago. We will return to the base by 1630 to end our Deployment. This event is free to all our children and they can invite one non military friend to come along. Parents you may come along to help chaperone!

You must have your child and their friend signed up no later than 8 August in order to attend the event. There will be a sign up table at the base picnic. We must have each child's name, age, t-shirt size, and a release form signed by their parent or legal guardian. Without the signed release form they cannot be permitted to attend the event. Please call 812-877-5545 or email Johnny.saylor@ang.af.mil if you need additional information.

Remember: THINK SAFETY FIRST!

- cont Hometown Heroes article -

Honorees:

- * Airman
- * Spouse/Significant Other
- * Children
- * Center of Influence (COI)

A suggestion for our single members, the Spouse/Significant other gift may be awarded to a parent or grandparent.

**Note - one gift per Airman.

The Center of Influence gift may be awarded to, but not limited to, an employer, clergy, teacher, another family member, etc. This is the Airman's choice. **Note - one COI per Airman.

Drill Pay Dates

Jul UTA will pay on Jul 30

Aug UTA will pay on Aug 20

QUESTIONS?

Call Military Pay at (812) 877-5248
or (812) 877-5336

"RACERS on the job"



Capt Derek Melton, 181 MDG, performs eye exam on SMSgt John Chapman, 181 PA, during the May 2010 UTA.

Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams



Maj Jack Rusch, 181 MDG, performs dental exam on 181st member during the May 2010 UTA.

Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams



SrA Jeff Osborn, 181 LRS, replaces brakes on a 10K 463L forklift during the May 2010 UTA.

Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams



SSgt Richard Gaddie, 181 LRS, pulls inventory out to issue to customer during the May 2010 UTA.

Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams



Members of the 181 CES build a storage barn for Family Readiness. (LtoR) SSgt George Reedy, A1C Anthony Gossett and MSgt Mark Taylor. *Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman*



LRS promotion ceremony for MSgt was held for Mary Galloway (center). SMSgt Moira Johanningsmeier(left) and LTC Robert English (right), Mary was pinned during the June 2010 UTA. *Photo by SMSgt John S. Chapman*



2nd Lt Brandy Fultz, 181 PA, administers Oath of Enlistment to MSgt Morgan Elmore, 181 ISS, during his re-enlistment ceremony, June 2010 UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



TSgt Kassie Monroe of the 181 MDG accepts her NCO Academy diploma from CMSgt Brye McMillon, AU/CCC and CMSgt David Kendall, Mathies NCO Academy Commandant. Monroe was one of three ANG TSgt's to graduate from the Keesler AFB NCOA.



TSgt William "Gunny" Curtis, 181 CF, identifies and traces down cat 5 cable during the May 2010 UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*



A1C Amber Davis, 181 SVF, delivers a warm plate lunch to SSgt Dianne Pirog, 181 PA, during the June 2010 UTA. *Photo by TSgt Michael Kellams*

Air Force Academy/AFROTC opportunities

I would like to inform our enlisted members about unique opportunities for Airmen to obtain an undergraduate bachelor's degree and commission as an officer in the US Air Force. The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development (LEADS) Program allows Airmen to compete for an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship or one of the 135 Air Force Academy appointments made available those in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Those not selected for direct entry into USAFA may still be selected to attend the USAFA preparatory schools for one year as a transition from enlisted service to entry into the Cadet Wing.



These are very competitive programs and candidates must meet strict academic, physical, and moral standards. In order to qualify for consideration members must be no older than 23 years of age on July 1st the year he or she would enter the Academy, and no older than 31 years of age as of December 1 of the year the student will be commissioned through the ROTC program.

USAF Academy graduates will incur a five year active duty service obligation upon graduation. Longer commitments are dependent on career field choice and specialized training such as pilot training. AFROTC graduates will have an obligation of four years and like the academy can be longer based on career field.

The admissions process to both the Academy and AFROTC must be completed by the spring of the year of desired entry. It is highly recommended that candidates start this process as early as possible to avoid missed deadlines and navigate unforeseen obstacles and required waivers. Those interested can visit academyadmissions.com or afrotc.com.

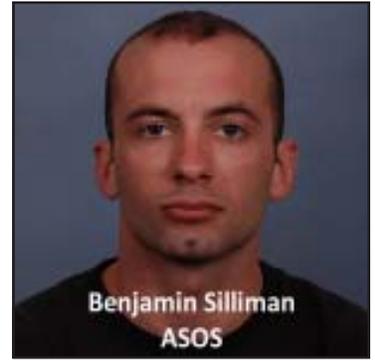
To obtain more information or get an application started, please contact me at brianweitz@yahoo.com or the USAF Admissions Liaison Officer Director in Indiana at IndianaLOD@live.com.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.
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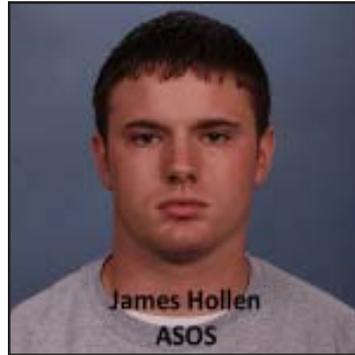
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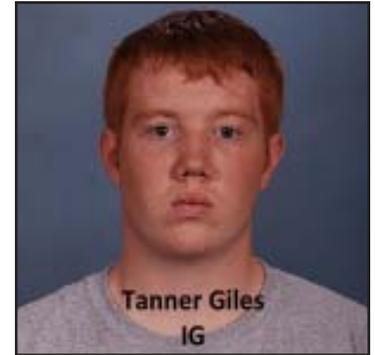
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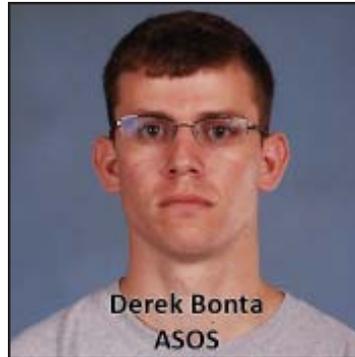
Tanner Giles
IG



Anthony Flores
Finance



Christopher Gresham
Recruiter



Derek Bonta
ASOS



Kiersten Watkins
CES



Sherri Brown
MDG

"AIRMEN SPOTLIGHT"

1st Lt. Alan Dunbar

Hometown: Lafayette, Ind.

Military Service: 181st Staff Judge Advocate; 1yr total service time

Civilian Employment: Deputy Prosecutor (Tippecanoe County) Lafayette, Ind.

Reason for joining: Service to Country, Base close to family.

Education: Terre Haute North,

Indiana University/Indiana University of Indianapolis (LAW)

Hobbies/Interests: Run, working out, Ultimate Frisbee



Senior Master Sgt. Roy Riggs (1st Sgt)

Hometown: Covington, Ind.

Military Service: 10 yrs Active Duty (Security)

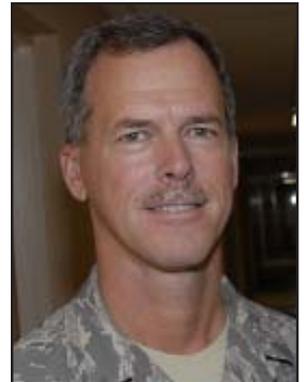
20 yrs Guard (Dental Tech, 1st Sgt)

Civilian Employment: Crawfordsville postal letter carrier

Reason for joining: Family/Camaraderie/Support/Structure/ get out and see the world.

Education: Blackford HS

Hobbies/Interests: Farming/Livestock/Hunting and Fishing



Tech. Sgt. David Foy

Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.

Military Service: 181st Comm Flt, IT Specialist; 7yrs total service time

Civilian Employment: 181st Technican

Reason for joining: Service to Country/Family tradition

Education: South Putnam HS (Greencastle); CCAF

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with family



Airman 1st Class Brooke Carnahan

Hometown: Martinsville, Ind.

Military Service: 181st Medical Group, Health Service Mgmt.; 1yr total service time

Civilian Employment: Lowes, (Lawn and Garden)

Reason for joining: Pay foer College, challenge self

Education: Martinsville HS

Hobbies/Interests: Painting/Murals



INFORMATION ASSURANCE

Creating a Strong Password

Strong passwords offer each user the protection they need to securely operate. Keys to password strength are both length and complexity!

- * Whenever possible, use at least 14 characters or more.
- * The greater the variety of characters in your password, the better.
- * Use the entire keyboard, not just the letters and characters you use or see most often.

Avoid creating passwords using:

- * Dictionary words in any language.
- * Words spelled backwards, common misspellings, and abbreviations.
- * Sequences or repeated characters.
- * Personal information.

Test your password with a password checker. A password checker evaluates your password's strength automatically. Try using Microsoft's secure password checker

Create a strong password you can remember!

- * Think of something meaningful to you
- * Use the first letter of each word
- * Make only the letters in the first half of the alphabet uppercase
- * Put two numbers that are meaningful to you between the two sentences.
- * Put a punctuation mark at the beginning
- * Put a symbol at the end

For more information on cyber threat awareness, please go to <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=s6925EC133A7A0FB5E044080020E329A9>. Or Contact the 181st Cyber Surety Office @ 812-877-5439



Academy of Military Science

Maxwell AFB, AL.

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Mar – 23 Apr 2010

(from left to right) 2nd Lt
Macro Arredondo, 2nd Lt
Larry Waggle, Maj Bryan
Debshaw and 2nd Lt Brandy
Fultz.

Servicemember's Group Life Insurance and Minor Beneficiaries *By Maj Steven Kirkman, 181 IW, Staff Judge Advocate*

For many military members, SGLI is the largest asset in their estate. Often, service members will want these insurance proceeds to go to their minor children in the event of their death. This raises a number of potential legal issues, particularly for single parents with minor children and those with minor children from prior marriages.

The first important point to remember about SGLI, regardless of whether or not minor children are involved, is that SGLI is an insurance contract and, as such, does not pass through a Last Will and Testament unless it is made to. SGLI is distributed based solely upon who is listed as beneficiary on the SGLI beneficiary designation, no matter who is listed as beneficiary under the Will. Thus, it is imperative for military members to keep the SGLI beneficiary information up to date and ensure that it works in conjunction with any Will that has been executed to affect the member's wishes.

Second, if minor children are involved, those children should not be listed as direct beneficiaries of SGLI in most, if not all, instances. SGLI will not pay proceeds directly to a minor. A former spouse and biological parent of a minor child will likely obtain custody of the child in the event of the military member's death and may then petition the court for guardianship of the property of the child. Especially, if that property might include \$400K of SGLI proceeds. A biological parent completely missing for years will show up on the courthouse steps, petition in hand, given a little knowledge and sufficient inducement.

One solution to this problem is, of course, to establish a trust fund. But trusts can sometimes become expensive and burdensome. A second, and often simpler solution is to name an SGLI beneficiary as custodian for minor children under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act (UGMA) or Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (UTMA) of the state of legal residence of the military member. This can be entered on the SGLI designation as follows;

[Name of custodian], as custodian for each of my minor children, under the UGMA/UTMA of the State of [Name of State of Legal Residence], with distribution to each minor when that minor reaches age [Desired age, usually 18 or maximum 21]

Of course, it must be confirmed that a given state of legal residence has enacted either UGMA or UTMA or both. (Indiana has) Typically, the person named as SGLI custodian will be the same person named as executor and guardian under the Will. (A guardian should always be named in a Will in case a biological parent cannot or will not assume custody)

The benefits of this designation are twofold. It will generally prevent the evil ex-spouse from getting control of the SGLI money by gaining custody of the minor children and it will create a fiduciary relationship of the named custodian to the minor children. The custodian must keep the minor's property separate and may pay reasonable expenses for the child(ren) such as education, healthcare, etc. but has a legal obligation not to waste the money. The custodian may be held liable for any breach of duty and a minor of at least 14 years of age or any legal representative or adult family member of the minor can demand an accounting from the custodian. The custodian may also invest money and may be entitled to a reasonable fee for their time and reimbursement of their expenses.

Consult the base legal office with specifics of a particular situation or if you have questions.

181st IW Promotions

Brigadier General
John McGoff

Major
William Oxley, Craig Maschino

First Lieutenant
Christopher Good, Kelly McArthur, Patrick Mitchell, John Mutnansky, Brian Weitz

Master Sergeant
Mary Galloway

Technical Sergeant
Jason Gaudard

Staff Sergeant
Charles Davis

Senior Airman
*Jonathon Ellinger
Nicholas Long, Trent Myers*

Airman First Class
*Kyle Alderson, Joseph Bowlin,
Jordan Chatman, Taylor Colbert, Devun Pressey,
Kiersten Watkins, Zachary Toney, Aaron Hoogenboom*

Enlisted Dining Out

The 2010 Enlisted Dining Out will be held on Saturday, 6 Nov 2010 at St Mary of the Woods College/'Shaughnessy Hall. The President of the Mess for this year's event is Chief Jeff Ennen and Madam Vice is Master Sgt. Brandi Wallace. Tickets go on sale 7 Aug 2010 and can be purchased thru any 181st Chief. More info to come.