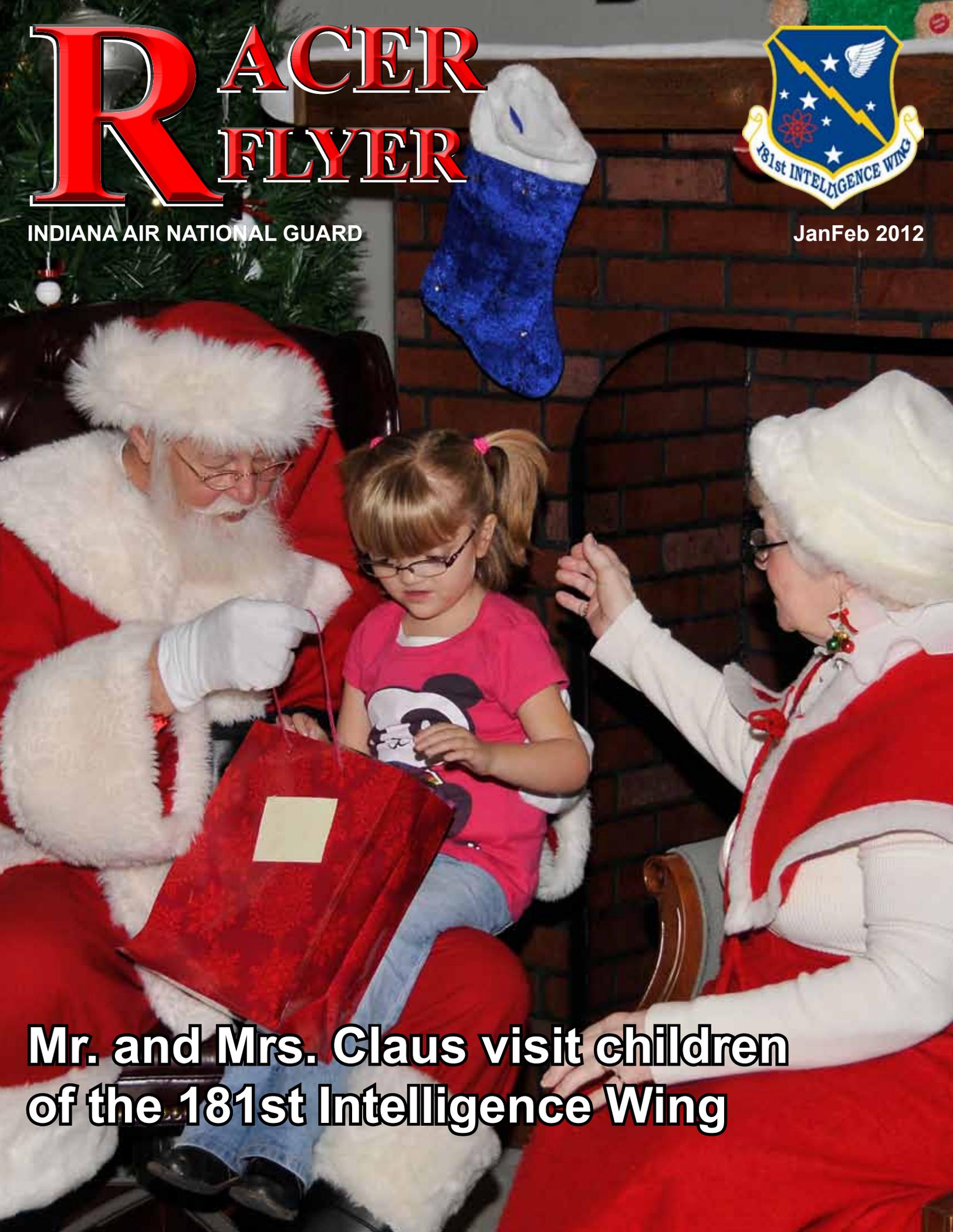


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**Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit children
of the 181st Intelligence Wing**

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

First, let me wish each of you and your families a Happy New Year, and may this New Year hold good health and prosperity for you and your family. As with previous years, 2011 was again a very busy year for the 181st Intelligence Wing. We dedicated a large portion of 2011 to preparing for and completing our Unit Compliance Inspection. We also continued to deploy 181st members in support of various operations. While U.S. forces have pulled out of Iraq, let's not forget about all those U.S. service personnel still deployed to Afghanistan, including members of the 181st who are not scheduled to return until next summer. Let's all keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

With the drawdown of combat operations in Iraq, and the programmed reduction of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, we should anticipate a decrease in the demand for members of the Air National Guard to deploy. I say "should" because if you watch the news regarding world events, that could very easily change. That is, however, the world we live in, and as members of the military we know that and must all remain prepared to deploy.

As members of the Air National Guard, it is each and every airman's personal responsibility to ensure you are ready to deploy regardless of your Air Force Specialty Code. Readiness requirements such as your required vaccinations, physical health assessment, dental exam, updated dependent care plan, completing and documenting AFSC training, and annual physical fitness test (just to name a few) exist for a reason. That reason is to ensure that the healthiest, fittest and best trained force is ready to deploy.

The military as a whole is smaller and future fiscal forecast appear to indicate we may get even smaller in force size. So, it will become even more critical that the maximum number of personnel stay deployment ready. This most certainly will not be easy, and it will create more challenges. However, since our wing is known for getting the job done regardless of the obstacles, I know that each and every one of you can and will meet those challenges in true Racer spirit.

On a separate subject, I would like to take a moment to say how sad I was to hear of the passing of Gloria Shipman. Gloria and Jack were heavily involved in the Airmen & Family Readiness program, and have 25 years of voluntary service. They are second in the amount of years to all the other volunteers in the entire state, for both Air and Army. Gloria set the standard for volunteerism and will be greatly missed by her Racer family.



Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr.
Commander, 181IW



Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr. holds newest member to the Bonte family. Grandson Easton Collins enjoys the company of grandpa during the 2011 FRG Christmas Party. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

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COVER PHOTO: 6 year old Olivia Petrowski, daughter of Capt John Petrowski, CF/CC, sits on Santa's lap during the 2011 Christmas party. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

\$700 BILLION! This is the approximate amount the U.S. government spends toward the defense of this country every year. With the American economy in its current financial situation, our nation's leaders have decided this large amount of money has become a financial drain on the taxpayer. Therefore, the Department of Defense has been required to reduce its cost over the next ten years. So far, billions have been cut and another \$487 billion is set to be cut over the next decade. There are even some lawmakers that want to make additional cuts. No one knows for sure what the actual amount will be, but one thing is for sure, it will affect our leaderships' decisions and your Air National Guard career. It is imperative we take action now in order to survive this budget crisis.

One way you can do your part is by using resources more wisely. Did you know here at the 181st we spent more than \$500,000 on electricity last year? This cost could be reduced if we made a conscious effort to conserve. Something as simple as turning off the lights or radio when you're not in the office could help reduce this expenditure. Another way to conserve our resources is by reducing the use of government property for personal projects. Using office paper to print off the rough draft of your 700 page novel is just one example. Although it may seem harmless, it adds up to a lot of money. These are just a couple examples, but I am sure you can think of many more ways we waste our resources and could do better towards conservation. If we all do a little, it will quickly add up to a large savings.

Another way to reduce our budget is by encouraging innovative ways to streamline processes. In layman's terms, this means working smarter not harder. Have you ever wondered why we do certain processes or steps that seem to be redundant or time consuming? Many times there is a legitimate reason for a process; however, if you don't ask "Why" or "How," we may never know if something can be run more efficiently. So speak up! I know many of you, especially our young troops, have ideas on how to do the job more efficiently. I encourage everyone to pass these types of ideas on to their leadership. Furthermore, I ask those in leadership positions to seriously consider these new ideas. Many successful companies today are at the top because of an idea created at the lowest level. If we want to survive during this time of financial strife, innovation must be encouraged.

Last but not least, give the Guard a voice! The best way to do this is by supporting a military/veterans advocacy group like National Guard Association of Indiana, National Guard Association of the U.S. and the Enlisted National Guard Association of the U.S. Have you ever heard the saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil?" Well, that's exactly what these groups do, they go to bat for us and speak directly to lawmakers in order to secure equipment, training, missions and personnel benefits. This includes benefits for your spouses, children, as well as retirees. If we did not have these groups the National Guard would not have a voice at the same budget table as other groups trying to take a piece of the pie. Therefore, it is of utmost importance you become a member and/or actively participate in local meetings to insure our needs are known.

The writing is on the wall and it's time to take notice. The budget is shrinking for the Air National Guard and no one knows the exact outcome. Therefore, we must do our part to cut down on waste, look for new ways to do our jobs and support our military interest groups. If we fail to meet this challenge our most important resource, PEOPLE, will ultimately pay the price through loss of personnel, benefits, and pay. I for one refuse to stand on the sidelines and watch it happen. I ask that you do your part so we can continue to have the most well equipped, well trained and smartest military force the world has ever known.



Chief Master Sgt.
Joshua D. Hall - 181 FSS

ENLISTED DINING OUT

The 2012 Enlisted Dining Out will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at Idle Creek Banquet Center. This year's theme is "Guardians of Freedom." The President of the Mess is Chief Master Sgt. Robert Beasley; his Vice is Master Sgt. Michael May. Tickets go on sale May 5, 2012, and may be purchased through any Chief (\$30 each for E-7 and above; \$25 each for E-6 and below).

IN National Guard and IN State University Form a Partnership

By Lt. Col. John R. Puckett, 181IW/Public Affairs

The Indiana National Guard recently teamed up with Indiana State University in Terre Haute by officially entering into agreement to share restricted airspace with the state school.

On December 5th, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, and ISU President, Dr. Daniel J. Bradley, signed a memorandum of understanding to allow ISU to use the restricted air space, runway and other resources at the Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations in southeastern Indiana.

In addition to allowing ISU to use CAMCCO's resources, the memorandum of understanding named ISU as the coordinating agency for nongovernmental organizations interested in using CAMCCO's restricted airspace.

"By signing this document today, it basically establishes Indiana State University as the single point-of-contact for businesses or organizations that want to work with us in an urban environment with restricted space and unmanned aerial systems," General Umbarger said.

The Indiana National Guard's 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute recently transformed from a flying unit to an intelligence unit doing real-world intelligence missions, and the



Terre Haute, Ind. – Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana, and Dr. Daniel J. Bradley, President, Indiana State University, sign a memorandum of understanding at Indiana State University on December 5, 2011. Photo by Senior Master Sergeant John S. Chapman

memorandum between the two institutions will benefit the 181st.

"We're proud of the air base in Terre Haute," Maj. Gen. Umbarger said. "For more than 54 years they flew aircraft here. But things change, and we had an opportunity to get a state-of-the-art mission and we grabbed on to that.

"It's important that Indiana State University is here to establish the correct curriculum to teach UAV systems," he said. "Indiana has more restricted airspace than any state east of the Mississippi."

Dr. Bradley said the university was very excited about the agreement and the possibilities it brings.

"The College of Technology folks are ready to go," Bradley said. "We announced this morning that we're funding an unmanned vehicle center for the university, and our partnership with the Indiana National Guard is a big part of that."

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Hauser, Assistant Adjutant General – Air for the Indiana Air National Guard, is also an assistant professor of aviation technology at ISU and the school's Director of Unmanned Systems. He said the memorandum of understanding creates a major opportunity for ISU to get involved with the unmanned systems program and be the coordinating agency.

"Unmanned aerial vehicles is a fast-growing field," General Hauser said. "I can see a lot of folks wanting to use that airspace, because not every organization is going to have airspace where they can fly their vehicles."

Before signing the agreement, Maj. Gen. Umbarger visited the 181st Intelligence Wing, where he was greeted by Wing Commander Colonel Don Bonte, and briefed on the wing's intelligence mission.

Joining the general for the 181st Intelligence Wing briefing were Indiana State Senators Thomas Wyss and Timothy Skinner.



Hulman Field, Ind. – (left to right) Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana; Thomas Wyss, Indiana State Senator; Col. Donald J. Bonte, 181st Intelligence Wing Commander; and Timothy Skinner, Indiana State Senator; listen during a mission in-brief at the 181st Intelligence Wing Dec. 5, 2011. Photo by Senior Master Sergeant John S. Chapman

181st IW/Family Readiness Grp

The year 2012 is now here and it's a "start over, do over" year for the Family Readiness Group. We are starting over with a new FRG Board, and I am the new President, Dodie Halter. Our Vice-President, Mike Snodgrass, remains as our treasurer, and our new secretary is yet to be announced.

We suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of Gloria Shipman. She was recently reelected as our FRG secretary. Gloria was a person who emulated the true spirit of the FRG. She gave her time and talent, not only at our wing, but at the state and national levels. She will be missed by the FRG Board and all who were touched by her enduring kindness.

Along with the need for another board member, we are in need of new faces at our meetings and events. Everyone possesses a unique talent, gift or idea that our FRG can certainly benefit from and utilize. All military spouses and significant others became a member of our FRG when their airman joined the wing. And just in case you don't have a family member in our wing, you can still join us, just because you want to give your support. In short, all are welcome. We meet every Saturday of drill weekend in Bldg. 18 at 10 am. When you enter the front of the building, just turn left and head down the hall to the FRG office. Mike Huffman, our FRG Program Manager, will know where we are meeting.

As far as a "do over," it's me, I have held this office before. I had the privilege of watching our FRG grow and become a viable asset of the wing. What is my history with the FRG? Glad you asked! I have been an active member since 2001. At that time, my husband deployed and I found the wealth of information the FRG had for me right here on base. I started attending meetings, and soon became an active participant of all the FRG activities I could attend.

I will say, with living in Jasper, Ind., it can be a challenge to travel to and from the base, but it was well worth the trip. Along with the valuable information that was provided to me, we had family days. One of the greatest activities was the phone conference set up for us to talk with our loved-one deployed overseas. During the holiday season, what a great gift that was! I was also kept up to date on plane arrival times when the deployment was drawing to an end. Being there to greet our returning airmen when the planes arrived was an experience I cannot even begin to describe.

There are so many benefits our FRG has to offer but we can only do it with your continued assistance and support.

I would also like to thank the Chief's Council for their active involvement in our FRG. They have changed the time of their meetings so they can join our FRG meetings to offer their support! It is truly appreciated!

Linda Ackerman, 181 IW/FRG President



Like Us! Follow Us!



You've seen the phrases "Like us on Facebook" and "Follow us on Twitter" on everything from websites to your local gym's window. What exactly do these phrases mean and why should members of the 181st Intelligence Wing care?

Companies and organizations can now make public pages on Facebook to promote their business or service. To "Like" a business, company or organization means you will start getting updates from those places on your News Feed, just like you would when Aunt Sue updates her Facebook Status.

Twitter has a similar concept, but the phrase is "Follow us on Twitter." To "Follow" a company, or even a person, means when they update, or "Tweet" a new status, you will be able to see it on your "Time Line." The big difference between the two social media sites is Twitter only allows 140 characters in a single status update, which means everything is short and to the point.

Facebook has over 16 million fan pages, and the 181st Intelligence Wing is one of them. The 181st IW has over 900 members on base, but so far we only have approximately 322 "Likes." On Twitter, the wing only has 13 Followers, and one of them is "Date Guru" from Texas.

According to Facebook statistics, one in every eight people on Earth is an active Facebook user. The United States represents the largest Facebook user base with 155 million people. With numbers like this, the 181st IW should have far more than 200 Likes.

Twitter is slowly making its way up to the top in social networking. In 2010, more than 100 million new accounts were registered. The 181st IW was one of those new accounts.

The 181st Intelligence Wing frequently updates both Facebook and Twitter with unclassified topics, such as, dates for commissary sales and information on the next Racer Run.

To find the 181st IW on Facebook, type "181ST Intelligence Wing" in the search box. Don't forget to click Like!

On Twitter, search for "181IW" and click Follow.

We can't wait to see our fan base grow!
I'm Staff Sergeant Dianne Pirog. Tweet! Tweet!

Racer Writers Leave Their Mark

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

There is no question the 181st Intelligence Wing consist of some of the most talented members in the military. What you may not realize is the talents of our members extend beyond the work they do for the Indiana Air National Guard. Our Racer family includes singers, songwriters, authors, bowling champions, and a baseball player, just to name a few.

Writing is a passion shared by two of our members, Lt. Col. John Puckett and Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins, and they each recently published a book.



Colonel Puckett's book, "Killer Tail," is a thrilling, fast-paced story about Indiana ANG members protecting our nation from an enemy that strikes a little too close to home. Colonel Puckett describes his book as true, fast and real.

He was inspired by an event and location many members of the 181st IW should find familiar, an Operational Readiness Exercise during annual training at Alpena, Mich.

"'Killer Tail' is a big story with over-the-top action carried out by dedicated Air Guardsmen," Colonel Puckett says.

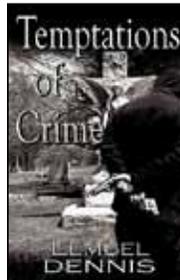
This is not Colonel Puckett's first book. His children inspired him to write, "The Magical Monster-Squirter."

"I wrote it to fill a need," he says. "My kids were small and they wanted a special tool to combat gremlins, monsters, and scary things hiding under their beds at night."

Sergeant Hawkins has been a writer since his senior year of high school.

"I first realized writing was something I wanted to do when I began to study acting," he says. "It started with playwriting and screenwriting, and then grew from there."

His book, "Temptations of Crime," is an action packed novel that delves into the criminal underworld of drug lords, arms deals, and hired assassins. The author describes his book as captivating, aggressive and wicked.



Sergeant Hawkins' writing is based on experiences and people within his own life.

"I find it easier to develop stories, characters and their traits based on life experiences of my own, people I know, and even things I see in everyday life," he says.

Both authors feel being a member of the Air Guard influenced their writing.

"Being a member of the Air National Guard opened up military opportunities that were closed to me during active-duty status. And being a Racer exposed me to quality leadership," Colonel Puckett says. "These advantages gave me insight, and consequently, helped refine my listening skills. Good listening can translate to good writing."

Sergeant Hawkins adds, "I feel I benefit from being surrounded by so many different people who are all doing different things in life. Being in the military has inspired and influenced several story concepts."

Sergeant Hawkins has some advice for those wishing to pursue a passion.

"Don't be afraid to fail. Fear of failing as a writer, or at anything, will hinder you," he says.

JEC and Wing Members Give Thanks

By Staff Sgt. Dianne Pirog, 181IW/Public Affairs

During November drill, members of the 181st Intelligence Wing's Junior Enlisted Council volunteered their time to visit nursing homes across Vigo and Clay counties.

JEC members visited the nursing homes to present certificates of appreciation to veterans, and excitement filled the air when wing members walked into the different homes.

Residents from each nursing home who served in any branch of the military for any amount of time were presented a framed certificate that showed the wing's appreciation for their service. Tears welled up in some of the veterans' eyes after certificates were presented, and many veterans still had the framed certificates from last year's presentation hanging in their rooms.

Some of the veterans said they could hardly remember the time in their lives in which they wore an Armed Forces uniform, while others could account for many details of their lives in uniform. They were all, however, very happy to share any bit of information they could remember while members of the wing listened closely.

Presenting certificates and seeing the joy and emotion of veterans is a very humbling experience, and the 181st Intelligence Wing's Junior Enlisted Council is proud of its efforts to make sure these vets were not forgotten on Veteran's Day.



Junior Enlisted Council members visited area nursing homes during the month of November and handed out appreciation certificate to retired members. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Faulkner

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st Medical Group-Ophthalmic Technician-3 years, 6.5 years Active
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Terre Haute Police Officer
EDUCATION:
High School: West Vigo HS
College: CCAF-Aerospace Science and Ophthalmic Technician. Currently

attending Columbia Southern University for degree in Criminal Sciences

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Working out, reading, and watching movies. Also volunteers her time with the Jr. Police Academy every year.



Staff Sgt. Rodney Strader

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st Comm Flt- CYBER SURETY ASST-23 years
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Sony DADC Global Information Security Officer Americas
EDUCATION:
High School: Greenville HS, Greenville PA
College: Rochester, Rochester MI.

REASON FOR JOINING: To pay for college serve my country and I always wanted to be in the Military since I was kid.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Hunting, fishing, boating and water skiing are some of my interests. My major interest is spending time with my two teenage girls.



Senior Airman Chelsey Medley

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st IW - 2 ½ years
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Temp AGR
EDUCATION:
High School: Terre Haute South HS,
College: Working towards CCF and BA with ISU

REASON FOR JOINING: To serve this nation, also because I wanted to serve in the Air Force since I was 10 years old

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Read books, Exercising, Refurbish Furniture, and the Outdoors. I enjoy working on my dad's farm during the summers.



Senior Airman Corey Fagg

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st IW - 2.5 years
EDUCATION:
High School: West Vigo HS.
College: Indiana State (currently a junior at Indiana State)

REASON FOR JOINING: To contribute in a family of military tradition.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Fishing, woodworking, and music.



Tech. Sgt. Janace Nester

MILITARY SERVICE: 140th Medical Group, CO. ANG-Medical Technician - 2 years, 181st Medical Group-Medical Technician - 2years, 181st IW - 4 years
EDUCATION:
High School: Monrovia Jr./Sr., Ind.

College: IUPUI, IUPUC

REASON FOR JOINING: To serve my country, to be challenged

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Spending time with family, travel, and reading



Staff Sgt. Donna Wiram

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st CPTF-Finance Technician-10 Years
EDUCATION:
High School: Greenway HS, Phoenix, Ariz.
College: Keller University, Master of Human Resource Mgmt

REASON FOR JOINING: Educational benefits, Family tradition

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Reading, Movies



Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General for Indiana, chats with Lt. Col. Renwick and Clark during a visit in November. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman



Maj. Joseph Hinkel assumes command of the 181st Logistic Readiness Squadron from Lt. Col. Wayne Booker. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Junior Enlisted Council members visited area nursing homes during the month of November and handed out appreciation certificates to retired members. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Senior Airmen Nicki Price, president JEC, and Command Chief Henry Mook, present certificates to veterans. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Col. Renwick's wife Rachel and daughter Keely pin on colonel rank. Congratulations Col. Renwick! Photo submitted by Col. Donald Bonte, Jr.



Officers of the 181st dish out the holiday meal. (LtoR) Lt. Col. Phillips, Lt. Col. English and Maj. Darwin. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

to Gallery



Capt. William Mansard and family enjoy the FRG Christmas Party 2011. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



It's all smiles for son of Senior Airman Michael Conway, SFS, the two of them enjoy the FRG Christmas Party 2011. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Tech. Sgt. Gary Murphy and family enjoy the FRG Christmas Party 2011. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Capt. Elvira Aarons with daughter Rachel talks with Staff Sgt. Hannah White from CES, during the 2011 FRG Christmas Party. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Lt. Col. Martin White helps grandson Harrison with boxing gloves, while mom, Staff Sgt. Hannah White, watches. Photo by Master John Day



Master Sgt. Randall Webster helps daughter Addyson sign tickets for door prizes and candy. Connie Conway of the FRG pulls off tickets. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

Meet your Unit Public Affairs Representative

The Racer Flyer is getting a makeover, and we have enlisted the help of unit members! You may begin to notice some changes over the next several months as we shift our focus and concentrate more on our Racer family. As such, Unit Public Affairs Representatives have been assigned to each unit. They are responsible for highlighting your accomplishments, milestones, life events, unit events, submitting photographs, etc. They are the point of contact for your unit, so please inform them of anything you would like to include in the Racer Flyer.

The list of all primary and alternate UPARs is below. We will also highlight each of the UPARs in the next several editions of the Racer Flyer.

181 INTELLIGENCE WING



Senior Master Sgt. Colleen Mason, Pri.



Senior Master Sgt. Roy Riggs, Alt.

181 MEDICAL GROUP



2nd Lt. Nicole Hall, Pri.



Master Sgt. Rhonda Howell, Alt.

181 INTELLIGENCE WING



Master Sgt. Jason Trittle, Pri.



Master Sgt. Paul McMinn, Alt.

181 INTELLIGENCE WING



Tech. Sgt. Robert Compton, Pri.



Tech. Sgt. James Boney, Alt.

181 MISSION GROUP



Master Sgt. Brandi Eason, Pri.



Major John Jensen, Alt.

181 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON



Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Wilson, Pri.



Master Sgt. Larry McBride, Alt.

181 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



Senior Master Sgt. Danny Cook, Pri.



Tech. Sgt. Bradley Coats, Alt.

181 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins, Pri.



Tech. Sgt. Valerie Deem, Alt.

181 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham, Pri.



Tech. Sgt. David Foy, Alt.

181 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



Tech. Sgt. Rebecca West, Pri.



Staff Sgt. Adam McCullough, Alt.

181 INTELLIGENCE WING



Chief Master Sgt. Robert Beasley, Pri.



Chief Master Sgt. Troy Davis, Alt.

181 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



Lt. Col. Charles Iracondo, Pri.



Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Manalo, Alt.

RACER UNIT REVIEW

MDG - We would like to thank the med group and family members who donated several toys and money for our military families in need. This year, with all the generous donations, we were able to adopt one Air Force family and two Army families.

Wow, what a whirlwind of a year the med group has had. Some highlights from the past year include the CERFP breaking the National Guard record for mobile hospital set up time...23 minutes. They not only beat the record, but shattered it by several minutes. **2nd Lt. Deakins** reflects on the mission by saying, "The past year has been a vast learning curve. We have made our unit our own. We started with uncertainty and now are working towards being a well oiled machine for our upcoming collective in April." **1st Lt. Edwards** states, "It was a miracle to beat the record. We pulled together, put feelings aside and knocked it out of the park. Through it all, we learned to function even better as a team."

We would like to congratulate **Senior Airman Chelsea Ellis** on being awarded Airman of the Quarter (3rd). **Senior Airman Ellis** is a true asset to the medical group. She often volunteers to be in charge of wing activities, such as the Christmas Party and Change of Command reception. **Senior Airman Ellis** is Vice President of Junior Enlisted Council and NGA/EANGUS representative for the Medical Group. On the civilian side, she functions as the president for the Student Veterans Organization. She is employed with the Veterans Office at Indiana State University working with student veterans to utilize their educational benefits. In her down time, she enjoys working out, shopping, and most importantly, spending time with new niece **Kinsley Grace**.

Our military families have grown this year, as well. Several of our members have become parents and some even grandparents. **Tech. Sgt. Jody Matson** and her husband **Mark**, along with the rest of the **Ellis** family: **Capt. Brian Ellis**, **2nd Lt. Jessica Ellis**, and **Senior Airman Chelsea Ellis**, welcomed **Kinsley Grace Chironna**, born May 30, 2011, to their family. Parents of this beautiful child are **Katie** and **Lance Cpl. Brad Chironna**. **Lance Pl. Chironna** is a Marine stationed at Cherry Point Naval Station, Havelock, N.C.



Kinsley, Tech. Sgt. Matson, and Senior Airman Ellis

We would also like to congratulate **Tech. Sgt. Jen-**

nifer Faulkner on being a Distinguished Graduate at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA). **Tech. Sgt. Faulkner** says, "It was a rewarding experience to be a part of the in-residence NCOA. The training and networking opportunity was invaluable. It was an honor to receive the Distinguished Graduate award. I highly recommend the in-residence program for all those upcoming and future Master Sergeants." **Tech. Sgt. Faulkner** is our spotlight Airman for this issue.



Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Faulkner

We had several college graduates this year: **Staff Sgt. Misty Baumann BSN**; **Tech. Sgt. Brandi Larson BSN**; and **2nd Lt. Nicole Hall FNP**. Congratulations to **1st Lt. Heald** for being accepted into the Certified Nurse Anesthetist Program at Murry State University, Madisonville, Ky.

As the bioenvironmental engineering office personnel accomplish ancillary training, **Master Sgt. Kristina Steward** is pictured here attired in a Level A Response suit. Inside the suit, **Master Sgt. Steward** also has an oxygen tank on her back that feeds oxygen into her respirator. The Level A suit is part of the package that belongs to the BEEs 976H Home Station Medical Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Events. The Bioenvironmental Engineering and Public Health Offices were part of the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Inspection in August. Congratulations to both offices for getting through the assessment with minimal write-ups. Great Job!



Master Sgt. Kristina Steward

Thanks to all Guard Members and family members for the continued support and patience as the medical group continues to augment the CERFP, as well as improve upon patient flow. Just as a reminder, web health assessments and dental examination forms are due yearly. The dental clinic would like to remind members that the AF Form 2813 can be found on the Air Force portal for your convenience. Also, dental insurance is available for guard members at a very reasonable cost. For more information, contact the dental office.

2nd Lt. Nicole Hall

RACER UNIT REVIEW

CF - Members of the 181st Communications Flight participated in the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign NFL Fridays from Sept. 16 – 16 December, 2011. For every week they donated \$5.00 to the CFC, they were able to wear their favorite NFL team apparel on that Friday. The flight was able to raise \$180.00.



Members of the Flight who participated: back row from left: Capt. John Petrowski, Tech. Sgt. William Curtis, Tech. Sgt. Cindy Poole, Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham, front row from left: Master Sgt. Monty Lebrun, Master Sgt. Mark McDaniel, Tech. Sgt. Jake Layer.

Comm Flt. would like to congratulate **Chief Master Sgt. Scott Winegar's** brother, **Senior Master Sgt. Jason Winegar**, stationed at Charleston AFB, S.C., who was selected for Chief Master Sgt. on active-duty.

Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham

LRS - 'Tis the season to be jolly! The Logistics Readiness Flight has a good reason to be jolly. We put yet another Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection behind us. We would like to thank everyone for the support that was provided during our preparation. Thank you to the Tiger Team for all of the motivation and assistance. A special thanks to the following individuals who worked exceptionally hard during the past few months: **Senior Master Sgt. Troy Ave, Senior Master Sgt. Moira Johanningsmeier, Senior Master Sgt. James Mellinger, Master Sgt. Gregory Dunham, Master Sgt. Edward Fox, Master Sgt. Mary Galloway, Master Sgt. Lawrence Muldoon, Master Sgt. Rhiannon Presnell, Master Sgt. Tina Pressey, Master Sgt. Stephen Strange, Master Sgt.**

Timothy Tanner, Tech. Sgt. James Brown, Tech. Sgt. Mark Ford, Tech. Sgt. Brock Goodman, Tech. Sgt. Julie Hayworth, Tech. Sgt. Bobby Horton, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Keiser, Tech. Sgt. Sean Metcalf, Tech. Sgt. Robert Snow, Tech. Sgt. Rebecca West, Staff Sgt. Alycia Broda, Staff Sgt. Richard Gaddie, Staff Sgt. Brandin Grant, Staff Sgt. Shannon Hunter, Staff Sgt. Adam McCullough, Senior Airman Dayne Goodman, Senior Airman Jeff Osborn, Senior Airman William Zigler, and Airman 1st Class Stephanie Fouch.

Welcome to the newest employee of the Munitions Storage Area! **Tech. Sgt. Bobby Horton** has joined us from the 188th Fighter Wing in Arkansas.

On a sad note, **Lt. Col. English** is officially retired as of Dec. 4, 2011. Thank you for your 40 years and 9 months of service and dedication! Also, **Tech. Sgt. Sean Metcalf** retires January 2012. Thank you, Sean for your hard work and service. Good luck to both of you!

If you see **Maj. Joseph Hinkel**, please congratulate him, as he is the new commander of the 181 LRF!

We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to what the New Year brings!

Tech. Sgt. Rebecca West

FSS - Congratulations are in order! We would like to take a moment to recognize our 181st IW recruiters and retention personnel. On Nov. 5, 2011, our recruiting and retention staff attended the Annual Recruiting Awards Banquet at Camp Atterbury. Members of the Indiana Air and Army National Guard were in attendance, as well as **Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger** who presented members with awards. We are proud to say that our 181st IW recruiters and retention officers were the recipients of five out of the six awards given out at the event. They were acknowledged as: The Wing with the Most Accessions (87 total), Wing with the Highest Retention Rate (91 percent), Rookie Production Recruiter of the Year (**Tech. Sgt. Chris Gresham** with 48 Accessions), Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year (**Master Sgt. John Mehringer**) and Retention Office Manager of the Year (**Master Sgt. Randy Webster**) all for fiscal year 2011. The next time you're in Bldg. 18, feel free to stop by and congratulate them on their hard work and efforts in keeping our Air National Guard family full and going strong.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins

RACER UNIT REVIEW

MSG - As 2011 draws to a close, I cannot help but look



back on all that has changed for the mission support group. We have said goodbye to the MSG Commander, **Colonel Donald Bonte**, now serving as our wing commander. We will welcome **Col. Shane Halbrook**, who will take over as the 181st Mission Support Group Commander pending the completion of a deployment. In the meantime, we have had the pleasure to be under the command of **Lt. Col. Wayne Booker**. And in the spirit of changing commands, we have seen the change over from **Lt. Col. Robert English** to **Maj. Joseph Hinkel** in LRF, from **Maj. Robert Wellum** to **Maj. Brian Debshaw** in FSS, and last but not least from **Lt. Col. Terry Mullins** to **1st Lt John Mutnansky** in SFS.

We have said goodbye to **Capt Brian Ellis** who left the Racer family to continue serving the ANG in Savannah, Ga., and welcomed his replacement, **Capt. Randi Brown**, as the new director of FSS. This year has brought many accomplishments and successes for the wing and mission support group. As we welcome the New Year we look forward to new opportunities to train and support the missions of the 181st IW and the Air National Guard.

Master Sgt. Brandi Eason



(Top pictures LtoR: Staff Sgt. Chris Blanton, Airman 1st Class Tanner Latta and AIC Kodie Egenolf. Bottom pictures LtoR: Maj. John Jensen and Staff Sgt. Adam McCullough)



SFS - **1st Lt. John Mutnansky** leaves for security officer school. We had three promotions to **Tech. Sgt., Curtis Gilbreath, Rick Tryon, and Jerad Coburn**. The SF family has several birthdays in January: **John Asher, Michael Conway, Cameron Cooper, Kevin Johnson, and Darren Phelps**. We have had several young Airmen get back from Tech school the past couple months and we want to welcome them back. **Ethan Chesser, Aaron Hoogenboom, Jarod Houser, Brody Jones, and Alex Nance**.

Master Sgt. Andrew Vanness

CES - Happy New Year Everyone! Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and a safe New Year's night! Looking forward to 2012!

Tech. Sgt. Dan Measuer was presented with a Letter of Appreciation from the Kentucky Air National Guard, 123rd CES, for working with their engineers, especially two young airmen. It is always good when our Engineers are called on to help other units.

Congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Mark Reed** for being a Basic Training Honor Graduate along with receiving Academic Achievement from the Heavy Equipment Technical School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. **Airman 1st Class Isaac Cross II** also received Academic Achievement from the same Technical School. We also had **Staff Sgt. Michael Haraway** graduate Honor Grad from the Structures Technical School. Great job! Also congratulations to **Eric Wojak** on his promotion to 1st Lieutenant.

We would like to welcome our two new members to the unit: **Airman 1st Class Patrick Brown** to our Utilities Section and **Senior Airman Alan Deal** to the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Section. Yes, there is more than computer based training, you will get your "hands dirty!"

On the personal side, we had two weddings in the engineering section in October. Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Dan Meuser** who got married on Oct. 1, 2011, and to **Airman 1st Class Derrick Goodman** who got married Oct. 8, 2011. Wishing you long, happy marriages!

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. In the year to come I am sure there will be many new faces and some retirements. As always, looking forward to another year with the Air National Guard.

Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Wilson

RACER UNIT REVIEW

181IW - Racers celebrated a number of weddings this year. **Tech. Sgt. Bob Compton** and his wife **Jessica Compton** were married Sept. 10, 2011. **Airman 1st Class Corey Fagg** and wife **Sarah Fagg** were married Aug. 27, 2011. Finally, **Airman 1st Class Caleb Koval** and his wife **Arianna** were married Aug. 6, 2011.



Bob and Jessica Compton

Corey and Sarah Fagg

Caleb and Arianna Koval

We also celebrated a new edition to the Racers family in 2011. **Tech. Sgt. James Platten** and his wife **Gina** welcomed a son, Sebastian, Aug. 12, 2011. Also, congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Robert Hahn** and family. They are expecting a baby this spring!



Robert Hahn Family

Welcome back to the following individuals returning from technical school in 2011: **Senior Airman Julie O'Neil**, **Staff Sgt. Sam Carnes** and **Airman 1st Class Victoria Puckett**. In addition to the aforementioned technical school graduates, **Tech. Sgt. James Platten** graduated from Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI. He received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Technology – network tracking. He earned a GPA of 3.6. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Capt. Matt Hollowell presented the Terre Haute Light House Mission with \$200 from proceeds raised from a raffle. The raffle was for a custom lamp/night light, which

was won by **Chief Master Sgt. James Brown**.



Capt. Matthew Hollowell of the 181st Racers presenting the Terre Haute Light House Mission with \$200 from proceeds raised from a raffle.

Lastly, we are very proud of **Airman 1st Class Corey Fagg** and **Senior Master Sgt. Arlen Eiteljorge**. They earned the title of Enlisted Airman of the Year and Senior Enlisted Airman of the Year, respectively.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Compton

181st IW Promotions

Colonel

Patrick Renwick - IW

Curtis Gilbreath - SFS

Robert Hahn - IW

Alexander Honigford - MDG

Lieutenant Colonel

Steven Kirkman - IW

Joshua Kelley - IW

Brandi Larson - MDG

Nathanial Romig - IW

First Lieutenant

Eric Wojak - CES

Richard Tryon - SFS

Staff Sergeant

Nicholas Leis - ASOS

Wayne May - SFS

Master Sergeant

Mollica Askren - MDG

Bradley Coats - SFS

Charles Natt - IW

Senior Airman

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Rayna Defoor - IW

Dayne Goodman - LRS

Jacob Rich - IW

William Witt - IW

Technical Sergeant

Jerad Coburn - SFS

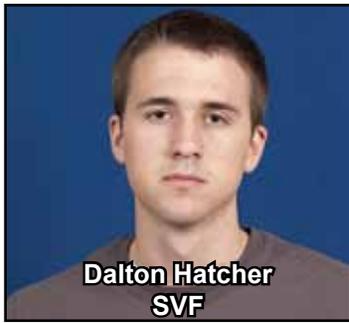
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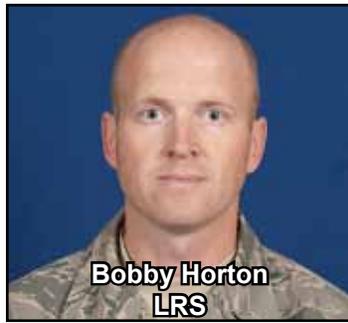
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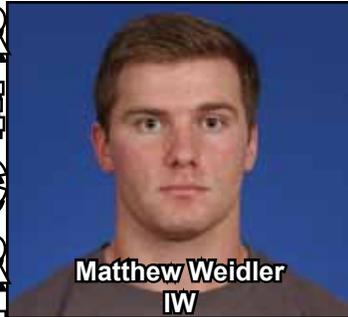
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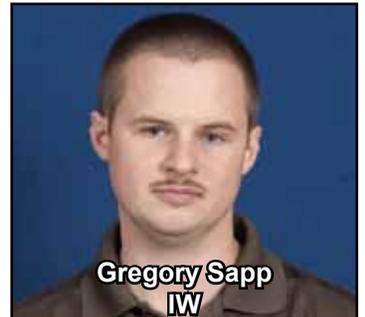
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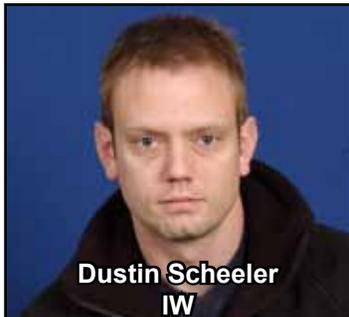
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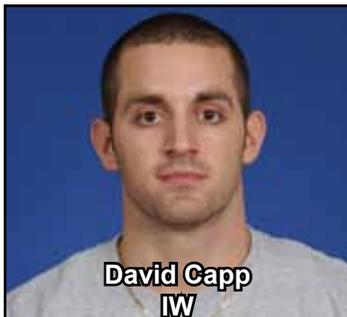
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Legal Assistance Available to Racer Members

Capt. Alan Dunbar, 181st Legal Office, is also a full-time Judge Advocate General at Joint Force Headquarters Indianapolis. He, as well as other JAGs at JFHQ, is available to provide legal assistance to wing members during the week, as well as during drill weekends. As a reminder, the 181st Legal Office is available during drill weekends for legal assistance, to include notary services. Capt. Dunbar may be reached directly at (317)247-3300 ext 5538, by email at Alan.P.Dunbar@NG.Army.mil or you may contact any member of the JFHQ JAG at (317) 247-3449. During drill weekend, you may contact the 181st Legal Office at (812) 877-5385

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3rd Quarter Award Winners



Maj. William Oxley
Officer of the Quarter



Master Sgt. Joseph Pearison
Senior NCO of the Quarter



Senior Airman Chelsea Ellis
Airman of the Quarter

4th Quarter Award Winners



Senior Master Sgt. Arlen Eiteljorge
Senior NCO of the Quarter



Tech. Sgt. Marshal Gaskins
NCO of the Quarter



Airman 1st Class Corey Fagg
Airman of the Quarter