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Lt. Col. Clark Assumes Command

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

There has been a lot of talk about change in the past few years. Our mission, manning, and commanders have changed. Change seems to be the theme each month. By the time this article comes out, the latest round of change to the Air Force will have been announced: more base closures, mission changes, and downsizing. But let's look at change in terms of opportunities.

During the 28 years I have served, the military has changed for the better and there are more opportunities for the enlisted and officer force. When I joined the Air Guard most officer positions were restricted to rated officers. There were only four chief master sergeant positions on base, and retiring as an airman or buck sergeant was a reality. Today we have more opportunities than ever before. As an officer you can become the Wing Commander. As an enlisted member you can become a senior non-commission officer or an officer. With our missions, we have the opportunity to change the outcome of all current and future conflicts, possibly without leaving Terre Haute.



Lt. Col. Tamala Saylor
Commander, 181IW/FM

To take advantage of these great opportunities, all we have to do is prepare ourselves and accept the challenges that are presented on a daily basis. Take advantage of the Community College of the Air Force and obtain an associate degree. Pursue a bachelor's and master's degree. Professional military education is an important part of our career building process; complete it as soon as eligible whether we're in a position for promotion or not. Volunteer to attend PME in-residence; the knowledge and friendships forged will prove invaluable throughout our career. Seek opportunities to excel and show our chain of command what we have to offer. Volunteer at work and in the community. Serve as a mentor to a junior member, officer or enlisted. We have a responsibility to join professional organizations like National Guard Association of Indiana, National Guard Association of the United States, and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. These organizations serve to protect our rights and enable us to pursue greater opportunities as individuals and as a Wing.

With change comes opportunities; the only thing that can hold us back is not seizing the moment and setting ourselves up for success.

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COVER PHOTO: On March 3rd, 2012, Lt. Col. Larry Clark assumed command of the 181st Intelligence Group during a Change of Command Ceremony at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Education, how often have we heard that word in our lives and in our military career? I thought that I had heard the last of it when I graduated high school, then college, then technical school. Now, some 26 years later, I continue to hear about it. The truth is that as long as we are in the military, education, in one form or another, will be an ongoing requirement. Airman Leadership, Non-Commission Officer Academy, and Senior Non-Commission Officer Academy, most everyone can name these Air Force courses. Do you have yours completed? Do you know which ones are required for your next promotion? In today's joint operations environment, have you taken a joint professional military education course? Did you even know that they are available? How about signing up for a sister service in residence course?



Chief Master Sgt.
Kirt Flesher - 181st Intel Wing

Why the emphasis on education? Some of us can remember the days when you did your Air Force specialty code career development courses and were left alone after that. Those days are gone forever, and rightfully so. Today's airman must be more educated than ever before. Especially with the implementation of the enlisted grade review, and a round two on the way, chances of promotion to grades above technical sergeant will become fewer, harder to get, and definitely more competitive. Completion of your PME will not be the only factor in whether or not you get promoted. Things like a CCAF degree, joint operating experience, and accreditations from agencies outside of the Air Force will become even more important than they are today. In fact, it will soon be a requirement to have your CCAF if you want to be promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant. If you are not sure of what is required of you, get with your supervisor and/or training manager, don't wait until you are denied promotion to find out what the requirements of the next level are. From airman basic, all the way through to the rank of chief master sergeant, education, both professionally and academically is a never ending process.

181st Intelligence Wing Family Readiness Group

Like to travel? How about camping or maybe the beach? While at this writing it's evil cold outside, spring is just around the corner and there a lot of recreational opportunities for military members and their families just waiting for you to enjoy. Close to home we have Crane NAS in Southern Indiana. Lake Greenwood, which is on Crane, offers boating and fishing, campsites, cabins and RV sites. Crane also has a two lane bowling alley, a swimming pool and a golf course.

Looking a bit further south? McDill AFB (Tampa, FL), Patrick AFB (Space Coast), Tyndall AFB (Florida Panhandle) all offer similar activities along with access to some of the country's best beaches. While on base, don't forget to stop by their travel offices where you'll find information about military discounts at area attractions to include parks that are free (i.e., Bush Gardens and Sea World). If you get the chance, a stay at the Shades of Green military resort at Disney World is something that you and your kids will never forget.



In the upcoming issues I will highlight certain military bases, close and distance, with the intent on just informing you of the "hidden" benefits available to you and your families. I won't simply concentrate on travel though (heck, I didn't even mention Hale Koa on Waikiki beach or Naval Air Station Key West), I'll also touch on dependent education benefits, life and medical insurance and the opportunities to save on groceries and goods by shopping at one of our commissary case lot sales here at Hulman ANGB. If there's something in particular that you would like to see here, then by all means contact me at michael.huffman.2@ang.af.mil or 812-877-5545 with your suggestions.

181st Intelligence Group Change of Command

By Lt. Col. John R. Puckett, 181st IW/CCE

“Sir, I accept command.” With these words, Lt. Col. Larry ‘Kip’ Clark took control of the 181st Intelligence Group’s guidon, receiving it from the hands of Colonel Don Bonte Jr., commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, at a ceremony held in the base hangar during the February UTA. Colonel Conrad ‘Rock’ Barchfeld had just ‘relinquished’ command of the Intelligence Group by handing the same guidon to Colonel Bonte. This straightforward ceremony of passing the guidon from one officer to another was simple and direct, and it signaled to all the airmen formed up at the base hangar that they’d just witnessed a change of command.

The significance of the 181st Intelligence Group’s change of command was heightened for Colonel Barchfeld, who was performing his last UTA before retirement from the military.

Colonel Barchfeld’s father, Skip Barchfeld Sr., witnessed the change of command ceremony, which was fitting because he’d also been present when his son joined the 181st Fighter Wing 21 years before, according to Colonel Barchfeld’s brother, Skip Barchfeld Jr.

Historians assert the change of command ceremony predates the Norman Conquest of England, and that it was an important ceremony during the Middle Ages because it was not uncommon for soldiers in the field to be unaware of who their commanders were or what they looked like. And while our modern military society no longer grapples with the issue of communicating who our commanders are, the ceremony continues to play an important role by marking the change as ‘official’ in the eyes of airmen.

181st Intelligence Wing Promotions

<p>Major Mitten, Darla D.</p> <p>Senior Master Sergeant Bowker, Thomas L. Summerlot, Carl R. Tabler, Chad A.</p> <p>Master Sergeant Headlee, Charles D. Jr. Marczak, Amberlee Wilkins, Lesly A.</p> <p>Technical Sergeant Bosse, Steven E. Jr. Criss, Branden J. Hopkins, David C.</p>	<p>Rector, Joshua C. Strole, Cory S. Tabler Meagan L.</p> <p>Staff Sergeant Martin, Michael S. Osborn, Jeffery A.</p> <p>Senior Airman Goodman, Derrick R. Kesner, Kaila M. Khensouri, Christopher L. Latta, Tanner M. Loscar, Spencer J.</p>
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2011 Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Graduates

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| <p>Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Allen
Aviation Maintenance Technology/
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Michael Archer
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Russell Black
Electronic Systems Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Roy Bock
Weather Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Jason Bonte
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Chief Master Sgt. James Brown
Information Systems Technology</p> <p>Senior Airman Thomas Burns
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Branden
Criminal Justice</p> <p>Master Sgt. Christine David-Wood
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Chief Master Sgt. Troy Davis
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Jerry Eaton
Maintenance Production Management</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Christopher English
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Brock Goodman
Logistics</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Eric Gruner
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Jessica Guess
Intelligence Studies & Technology/
Nondestructive Testing Technology</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Christopher Harris
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Joseph Harter
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Gregory Hrovat
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Staff Sgt. John Labo
Aviation Maintenance Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. John Lewllyn
Information Systems Technology/
Mechanical & Electrical Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Donald Loscar
Aviation Maintenance Technology/
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> | <p>Senior Master Sgt. Paul Lybarger
Construction Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Amberlee Marczak
Restaurant, Hotel & Fitness
Management</p> <p>Master Sgt. Michael May
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Senior Master Sgt. Philip Mesecar
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Master Sgt. Scott Mifflin
Information Systems Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Troy Nichols
Criminal Justice</p> <p>Master Sgt. Jennifer Norton
Social Services</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Sakawa Ogega
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. William Perryman
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Kevin Robertson
Aviation Maintenance Technology/
Information Systems Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Brian Roell
Weather Technology</p> <p>Senior Airman Austin Ross
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Nicholas Rudder
Electronic Systems Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Joshua Scherschel
Paralegal</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Michael Staggs
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Master Sgt. Mark Stringer
Aviation Management / Intelligence
Studies & Technology</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Gordon Sturgeon
Information Systems Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Barry Styles
Safety</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Derek Tarrh
Weather Technology</p> <p>Master Sgt. Laurie Weaver
Human Resource Management</p> <p>Tech. Sgt. Timothy Wolverton
Intelligence Studies & Technology</p> |
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Racers,

Thanks again for the outstanding effort that earned us our 4th Outstanding Unit Award. Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger sent the below letter of congratulations. Please take a moment to read this letter and share it with your families.

~Col. Donald Bonte Jr.



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Office of The Adjutant General

7 February 2012

181st Intelligence Wing
ATTN: Col Donald Bonte
800 Petercheff Street
Terre Haute IN 47803-5000

Dear Colonel Bonte,

Congratulations on your recent selection as an Air Force Outstanding Unit. Although excellence is something we expect of ourselves you have once again been recognized by the Air Force as "Outstanding". This selection was based on meritorious service when matched against other organizations nationwide.

The 181st Intelligence Wing continues to be impressive and has now added yet another significant accomplishment building on the rich history of the Wing. As responsible members of your community I commend you for also serving your nation with excellence placing service before self. I am thankful for the sacrifices of each man and women of the 181st.

The 181st has set the example for how a unit transitions to new missions. Not only has the Wing become Operationally Capable during this period in the DCGS, ASOS and CERFP, you also deployed military personnel to seven countries supporting three major operations. Standing up three new missions in a short period of time while continuing to do the nations business overseas makes your Wing "Outstanding".

I thank you for a job well done and look forward to more great things in the future

*Don,
Please extend my personal
congratulations to all our
great racers of CB 181st
Great job!
Bart Umstater,
Marty*

Martin Umbarger
R. MARTIN UMBARGER
Major General, INARNG
The Adjutant General

Online Resources and Smart Phone Apps for Airmen and Their Families

Resources are available to airman and their families to learn coping and stress management skills, become more resilient, and interact with other military personnel and families. Take an online assessment, discover an interactive website for military children and teens, or download a smart phone app which encourages coping skills development. These are free, easy to use and available when you need them.



Online Resources

T2 is the National Center for Telehealth & Technology, a Department of Defense agency developing web, mobile and virtual reality tools targeting post traumatic stress disorder, mild traumatic brain injuries and suicide prevention in the military community.

T2health.org

Learn about T2's work integrating technology and psychology.



AfterDeployment.org

The one-stop website that can help you deal with common deployment related problems.



MilitaryKidsConnect.org

Kids deploy too! Easing the strain of deployment on the homefront.



Virtual PTSD Experience

An interactive Second Life® environment focused on PTSD causes, symptoms, and support.



SuicideOutreach.org

Fast, free, anonymous help and information for servicemembers in crisis.



T2 and collaborators are always continuing to innovate and develop new apps. Check back at <http://t2health.org>.



Mobile Applications



T2 MoodTracker

Track what stresses you out to improve your mood.



PTSD Coach

Learn about and manage your PTSD symptoms to improve your life.



Breathe2Relax

Portable stress management tool that uses breathing techniques to reduce stress.



Tactical Breather

Learn the medically proven, go-anywhere technique for reducing stress.



mTBI Pocket Guide

The mild-TBI assessment and treatment guide for military healthcare professionals.



Co-occurring Conditions Toolkit

Guidelines for the management of Concussions, mTBI & PTSD.



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For additional mobile apps visit <http://t2health.org/apps>

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



**Airman 1st Class
Allen Deal**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st CES, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), 4 years

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Major Appliance Heating and Cooling

EDUCATION:

High School: West Vigo

College: Indiana State University

REASON FOR JOINING: Father, Tech. Sgt. Russell Deal, was a member of the 181st FW Loading shop for 19 years. Sergeant Deal explained to him that he would make life experiences and friendships.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Playing guitar and writing music, and spending quality time with 4-year-old son.



**Staff Sgt.
Dustin Devitt**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181 MSG/ Contracting, 8 years of service

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Crane operator for Dotlich Crane Service, Bloomington and Indianapolis, Ind.

EDUCATION:

High School: Bloomington North, Ind.

College: Indiana State University

REASON FOR JOINING: I was always interested in the military growing up. After talking to several different people, I decided the Air National Guard had the best benefits and opportunities available for me.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: I like hiking, running, cycling, riding four wheelers and boating!



**Airman 1st Class
Austin Rowland**

MILITARY SERVICE: 113th ASOS/TACP New Romad

REASON FOR JOINING: I wanted to do something that many people just can't do, also to be a part of something bigger than myself.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Family, football, physical activity and serving my country.



**Airman 1st Class
Stephaine Fouch**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st LRF, Base Fuels. One year with the IN ANG

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: Full-time Student

EDUCATION:

High School: Oldham County, Buckner, Ky.

College: University of Southern Indiana, Working on a B.S. in

Journalism

REASON FOR JOINING: Finish school and continue military career

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Fishing, riding ATVs and camping



**Tech. Sgt.
Amberlee Marczak**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st FSS/Installation Personnel Readiness. 11.5 years; 10.5 with Services and 1 year with Personnel.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: Full-time Technician

EDUCATION:

High School: North Knox, Bicknell, Ind.

College: ISU, VU and CCAF degree in Hotel, Fitness and Restaurant Management.

REASON FOR JOINING: I joined the ANG because my family has a history with the Guard. My dad and my uncle were here at HUF! I was also interested in all of the many benefits, enlistment bonus, health care and getting my college paid for!

HOBBIES/INTEREST: I enjoy running, wine, reading, cooking, and spending time with my fiancé and my dog, CoCo.



**Staff Sgt.
Josh Mills**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181 Security Forces Squadron/Flight Member, 13 years

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: Full-time SFS (AGR)

EDUCATION:

High School: Georgetown-Ridge Farm, Georgetown, Ill.

College: Lake Land Community College, Mattoon, IL (Associate

in Applied Science; Civil Engineering)

REASON FOR JOINING: Originally enlisted for the opportunities of college and training but after my first enlistment I felt the obligation of continuing to serve my country.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: My favorite hobby is camping with my kids and helping my kids in their sports activities.



Col. Donald Bonte Jr. presents Meritorious Service Medal award to Col. Conrad Barchfeld for his many years of service during the Feb UTA. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Col. Donald Bonte Jr. presents Major Rick Wood with 2011 Non-rated Officer of the Year award during the Feb UTA. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Col. Donald Bonte Jr. presents Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gresham, Region 4, 2011 2nd Quarter Recruiter with the Most Accessions during the Feb UTA. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Col. Donald Bonte Jr. presents Senior Airman Chelsea Ellis with 2011 Airman of the Year award during the Feb UTA. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

Photo Gallery



Tech. Sgt. Jacob Layer, 181st CF, installs the latest operating system onto a Dell Toughbook laptop. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Members of the 181st perform retreat ceremony during the Feb UTA. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Airman 1st Class Derrick Goodman and Airman 1st Class Curtis Peters, 181st CES, uncover one of the Engineering Assistants benchmarks during a GPS training exercise. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins, 181st FSS, assist Senior Airman Michael Conway, 181st SFS, with the renewal of a military ID card. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day



Tech. Sgt. Doug Hadley, 181st FSS, may be a fitness expert, but he likes to show off his cooking skills too. Photo by Master John Day



Tech. Sgt. James Brown, 181st LRF, is reissuing a training bag with the new J-List Chemical Suit to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Gry, 181st IW/SE. Photo by Master Sgt. John Day

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Intelligence Wing/HQ

Spring is just around the corner! I can't wait, everything will soon be beautiful and blooming. **Col. Donald Bonte Jr.** and his wife **Pam** were blessed with another grandchild, their daughter **Ashley** and her husband **Don** had their first child. **Easton Collins** was born November 6, 2011. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Best wishes to the new proud parents and grandparents.

We would like to welcome home from the Chaplain's office **Tech. Sgt. Lesly Wilkins** who was deployed to Germany helping out with our wounded warriors, **Lesly** stated it was the most rewarding deployment she had ever experienced. **Lesly** even shared some German chocolate that she brought back home



Easton Collins

with everyone. I can honestly state it was some of the best chocolate I had ever tasted, please don't tell my boss since I work for a major chocolate company. We would like to thank **Lesly** for all her hard work, devotion, and dedication, and of course, the great German chocolate.

Lt. Col. John Newman is also home from a very long deployment and ready to get back to work in Terre Haute. **Lt. Col. Newman** works full time at Stout Field, but will be working back at Terre Haute on drill weekends in the Quality Office, glad to have you back in Terre Haute **Lt. Col. Newman**, it seems like old times. **Tech. Sgt. Gary Blinebury** returned in January from a three month tour in support of a contingency operation with the 745th Special Operations Squadron. **Tech. Sgt. Blinebury** started his deployment in Iraq where his squadron packed up their supplies and moved to Afghanistan. He was tasked with daily operation duties to support their flying missions, sending out weather updates and flying schedules. While **Gary** was in Afghanistan he stated the weather was cold and snowy with some mild temperatures. He was stationed at the foot of Hindu Kush where the mountains were gorgeous. He definitely preferred Afghanistan over the lunar landscape of Iraq. We would like to thank **Gary's** wife **Lucy** for the sacrifices she made while her husband was deployed. **Lucy** kept busy with her school work and attended IUPUI while **Gary** was gone. **Tech. Sgt. Blinebury** and **Lucy** reside in Speedway only two blocks from the track, which he states is a great wing hang-out on race weekends. We

are glad to have all our deployed members home safe and sound. Thank you all for jobs well done.

The Intelligence Wing would like to welcome the newest members to our team. **Staff Sgt. Gregory Sapp** is our new command post controller. **Gregory** is prior service and come from the 137th Intelligence Support Squadron from Oklahoma. Our new chapel assistant is **Senior Airman Chad Piriczky**. He is also prior service coming from 180th Fighter Wing which is in Toledo, Ohio. **Chad's** wife **Mary** and their two children **Claire** and **Charles** reside in Muncie, Ind. Our new Chaplain is **Capt. William Mesaeh**. Our new admin personnel is **Tech. Sgt. Jami Perusich**, she resides in Springfield, Ill with her husband **Michael** who recently retired from the Navy and works for the Federal Highway Administration. **Jami** and **Michael** have two sons **James**, 16, and **Michael**, 11. **Tech. Sgt. Perusich** works as a freelance writer and paralegal, she also attends college full-time at the American Military University finishing up her Bachelor's in Legal Studies. **Jami** keeps very busy volunteering at three animal shelters and volunteers with Bugles Across America, sounding TAPS at veteran's funerals. We would like to welcome all our new members and their loved ones to our Racer family.

We have had some recent promotions and it is an honor to recognize **Maj. Steve Kirkland** from the legal office on his promotion to **Lt. Col. Kirkland**, also **Airman 1st Class Rayna Defoor** from Command Post to **Senior Airman Defoor**. In January our base Vice Commander **Lt. Col. Renwick** aka *Rudedog* became a full bird colonel. Did you know pilot call signs originated in 1930? It was common for pilots to have nicknames based on their flying styles, such as "Squash," "Country," and "Stiffy." According to an article on the Air Force website, the first call signs were used by ground controllers to communicate with pilots during World War I. It was faster and easier to call a pilot by his nickname, and it would have confused the enemy in case they were listening. I was very curious to find out the history of **Col. Renwick's** call sign *Rudedog*. **Col. Renwick** stated back in 1989, during pilot training, he refused to tell anyone his middle name, so one day his buddies tackled him to the ground and took possession of his driver's license. **Col Renwick's** full name is **Patrick Rood Renwick**, he stated **Rood** it is a very old family name. His friends added dog (probably because they had to hound his middle name out of him) and that's how **Col. Ren-**

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wick's call sign became *Rudedog*. Congratulations to everyone on their well deserved promotions.

Staff Sgt. William Connerly from the finance office successfully passed the seven level course for finance. Great Job, **William!**

I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter. April 22nd is Earth Day; I challenge everyone to plant a tree in memory of a loved one. My family and I will be celebrating Earth Day in Florida. It will be my grandson's first trip to Disney World. I think I am more excited than he is. I have not been to Florida in over 30 years, wish us luck with a 2 two year old, we are going to need it.

Please keep all our members who are still deployed and their families in your thoughts, hearts and prayers.
Senior Master Sgt. Colleen Mason

Atterbury Range

Spring is here, everything is thawing out at Camp Atterbury, and things are beginning to pick up again. With the warm weather, you will see **Master Sgt. Terry Abel** out on our new A-arm mower around the range. Construction on our new maintenance facility has completed allowing storage of our equipment as well as a new carpenter room to provide target maintenance. We would like to say congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. James Taylor III** in receiving an achievement medal for his hard work and dedication during Bold Quest 2011. Great job! Atterbury Range is planning for Bold Quest 2012, a multi-national exercise involving military guests from 13 countries in June. **Lt. Col. Craig "Merle" Haggard**, **Master Sgt. Bobby Norton**, and **Tech. Sgt. James Taylor III** attended the planning stages for Bold Quest in Virginia Beach, Va. The purpose of Bold Quest is to provide the tools and skills necessary by ground and air sources that, when implemented, will increase the accuracy of war fighters while minimizing the risk of so-called "friendly fire". Crane Naval Weapons Center has been working closely with us in testing the New Image Surrogate Seeker here on the range. **Lt. Col. Chris "Beech" Snider** was deployed with the 122nd Fighter Wing to Tucson, Ariz. for Advance Guard Exercise, which supported the 24th Task Force Special Ops. in training with night close air support. **Master Sgt. Jason Coldiron**, **Master Sgt. Kevin Aders**, and **Tech. Sgt. James Taylor** attended a "Contracting Claims Management" course in Las Vegas, Nev., which will benefit the

range with any future construction projects. Atterbury Range was very sad to see **Senior Master Sgt. David "Cutter" Wood** retire. We would like to extend our utmost thanks for all of your hard work that you have given the range. Good luck in *your future endeavors*.

Tech. Sgt. Dustin P. Hofer

Communications Flight

Welcome home **Senior Airman Jonathon Bose** from your deployment! We heard nothing but great things about you while you were deployed. Like how you pulled 5000 feet of Cat 6 cable, assisted in the installation of approximately 300 analog phones, created over 100 user accounts while working the Help Desk, and ran a 10K! Great Job, thanks for representing the 181 CF in such an outstanding manner.

A big congratulations from the entire 181 CF to **Nikki Price** on receiving her officer commission, **Chief Master Sgt. Winegar** says it's a waste of a good enlisted troop. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication Lt., we will all miss you!

Congratulations **Senior Airman Jon Ellinger** on receiving the Academic Achievement Award while at Airman Leadership School at Sheppard AFB, Texas. You have set the standard for all of us to follow.

Congratulations **Master Sgt. Charles Headlee** on your recent promotion.

Welcome home while on leave **Master Sgt. Tony Poole**. Enjoy your time with your family!

Congratulations **Faith Petrowski** on winning the Mitchell's Monarchs 2012 Reading Super Bowl All-Star Team, **Faith** won with 150 hours of reading. Also congrats on coming in second place at the Clay Community Schools Science Fair.

Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham

Mission Support Group

January UTA was a bitter sweet drill weekend for the logistics readiness flight and the mission support group. **Lt. Col. Robert English** has finished a long and distinguished career with the 181st Intelligence Wing. He has been a staple at the 181st longer than most people can remember . . . he has touched the lives of countless airmen and has provided endless support and guidance to members of this wing. His dedication and commitment to this wing will be truly missed. Now that **Colonel English** has retired, **Major Joseph**

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Hinkel has assumed command of the 181st Logistics Readiness Flight. **Lt. Col. English** has left the flight in good hands. We are looking forward to all of the great and wonderful things **Major Hinkel** will bring to the LRF as flight commander.



Senior Airman Jonathan El-linger (181 CF), receiving the Top Graduate award during his ALS graduation. Taken by Sheppard AFB, PA.



Senior Airman Dillion R. Hatcher (181 FSS), saluting Lt. Col. Wayne Booker after receiving a certificate of appreciation. Taken by Master Sgt. Brandi Eason

Sometimes it may be hard to notice all of the awesome things that mission support group personnel do to support this wing. Some might say that they are “just doing their job.” However, it must be said that the mission support group is full of amazing airmen who go above and beyond every day to answer the call. During February UTA alone, three people from three different flights/squadrons received recognition for excellence. **Senior Airman Dillion Hatcher** (FSS) received a certificate of appreciation for a job well done during the 2011 UCI activities. **Senior Airman Jonathan El-linger** (CF) not only graduated from Airman Leadership School, but he graduated at the top of his class. And **Tech. Sgt. Teri Winegar** was presented an Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for all of her service to the mission support group. The contributions that these airmen make do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your support to the mission support group and to the 181st Intelligence Wing.

Master Sgt. Brandi Eason, 1st Sgt. MSG

137 Intelligence Squadron

As we head into spring, our organization is taking on a new landscape. We would like to congratulate **Lt. Col. Kip Clark** on his promotion to IG Commander. He replaces **Col. Conrad Barchfeld** who is now enjoy-

ing retirement.

We have also awarded decorations to our deserving Airmen that have worked hard for DGS-Indiana over the course of the past three years. Receiving the Air Force Achievement Medal: **Staff Sgt. Christopher, Staff Sgt. James, Staff Sgt. Kevin, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey**; Our Air Force Commendation Medal recipients were: **Master Sgt. Martin, Staff Sgt. Michael, Staff Sgt. Eric, Senior Master Sgt. Kelly, Maj. Mark, Master Sgt. Bret, Tech. Sgt. Josh, Senior Master Sgt. Chad, Capt. Andrew, Master Sgt. Frank, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey, Tech. Sgt. Joshua**; Recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal: **Senior Master Sgt. Chad and Maj. Mark**. Congratulations to all of the named recipients and thank you for your ongoing contributions and tireless service to our state and country.

Our squadron family continues to grow with marriages and births. Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Nathaniel** and his wife **Jamie** on their marriage. Also marrying were **Master Sgt. Mike** and his wife **Margie**. We’ve also had some baby boys join the fold; **Jacob** and **Elizabeth** have welcomed **Isaac**, **Chris** and **Kaila** welcomed **Aiden**, and **John** and **Jesse** welcomed **Carter**.

Finally, In addition to our mission here at the 137th IS, we also have airmen deployed. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Staff Sgt. Monica** and **Staff Sgt. Todd** as they continue to serve the mission downrange. We remain vigilant and resolute in our continual mission support and execution. We have learned a lot during the past three years and continue to stay steadfast in remaining flexible to accomplish the mission of our state and of the Air Force. This Title 10 mission has proven the strength of our unit and reinforced its’ tradition. We are proud to recognize that it is our outstanding and resilient airmen that are at the heart of it.

2nd Lt. Emma/2nd Lt. Darrick

Medical Group

Hello from your 181st Medical Group. We would like to announce that the medical group will be going through some construction in the next several months. We are reorganizing the clinic to better serve our Wing customers. Please be patient with us through this exciting construction project. We would like to offer congratulations to **Capt. Steve Martin** and his family. They brought a beautiful baby girl into their family this past January. Her name is **Molly Sue**. She weighed 7 pounds

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13 ounces. We also would like to congratulate **Senior Airman Chelsea Ellis** for winning Outstanding Airmen of the Year for Indiana. **Airman Ellis** has also been nominated at the national level for Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Congratulations also go out to **Airman 1st Class Cody Eslic** for winning Airman of the Quarter, as well as **1st Lt. Leanna Edwards** for winning Officer of the Quarter. We would like to extend a warm welcome to **2nd Lt. Nikki Price** who has joined our med group as our newest MSC. **2nd Lt. Prices's** parents **Catherine** and **Robert Price** attended her pinning. **Mrs. Price** states, "She has always been a live wire since the day she was born. We are very proud of her!" We have had a few members retire recently. **Master Sgt. Jay Cot-tom** has retired after 20 plus years of service. **Jay**, we will miss you and your exceptional sense of humor, as well as your wealth of computer knowledge! **Tech. Sgt. Wanita Samm** has also retired after 20 years as a Bio-



Capt. Martin and daughter Molly



Abigail Costelecky

medical Repair Technician. **Tech. Sgt. Samm** was an integral part in the validation process for the CERFP and was honored as a top performer in 2011. **Wanita** you will be greatly missed! We would also like to congratulate **Maj. Darla Mitten** on her recent promotion. Additional congratulations go out to **2nd Lt. Kristin Walters**, **2nd Lt. Megan Rost**, and **2nd Lt. Travis Newman** for successfully completing Reserve Commission Officer Training! On the home front, **Tech. Sgt. Kassie Monroe** would like to recognize her daughter **Abigail Costelecky** for an excellent job as a lead role in the play *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza!*

2nd Lt. Nicole Hall

Jefferson Proving Grounds

Hello from Jefferson Range, JFAC-IN-Det2. It has been a while since we've submitted information for the

Racer Flyer, so I'd like to get everyone caught up on everything. First, we have a project currently going on to bring in water, new power and fiber to our facilities. As the project stands, we now have potable water to our buildings and once it's dry enough, or if the ground ever freezes, we'll have new power to the rest of our facilities. This was a project desperately needed at Jefferson Range, so thanks to everyone involved. In addition to this project, the range recently had the new Improved Remote Strafe Scoring System (IRSSS) installed. This equipment will greatly enhance our capability to score strafe at the range. Last but certainly not least, the range also had a new control tower and administrative building constructed. For years, we worked out of a 1940s vintage building and control tower that we out-grew years prior. Thanks to **Senior Master Sgt. Todd Bass** and the several others involved getting us these very needed facility upgrades.

We have some new personnel at Jefferson Range as well. **Staff Sgt. David Tackett** is our new Computer Systems Administrator and **Staff Sgt. James Berger** was hired as our new Communications Cable and Antenna System Specialist. **Major Joshua 'Deuce' Waggoner** also joined us as the new Range Control Officer after the retirement of our Commander, **Lt. Col. Matthew Sweeney** - happy retirement Sir. **Master Sgt. Kerry Brinson** also retired last year as our Range Maintenance NCOIC. Between **Lt. Col. Sweeney** and **Master Sgt. Brinson**, the range lost over 40 years of experience. Both of these individuals will be greatly missed but, congratulations on both of your retirements.

Lastly, congratulations to **Staff Sgt. David Tackett** on his recent promotion, and congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Joe Deaton** who will be replacing **Master Sgt. Brinson** as the new Range Maintenance NCOIC when he returns from technical school the end of March.

Master Sgt. Danny Thomas

Force Support Squadron

Greetings from the 181st FSS. First we would like to say thank you to all our troops at home and abroad for their service. We also would like to thank our fellow 181st members for their consistent patience as we work hard to provide the best service we can for our troops who are deploying and performing military duties state-side. Congratulations to **Master Sgt. Amberlee Marc-zak** on her promotion as well as her recent engagement.

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We wish her the best in all of her endeavours and thank her for her outstanding work as our NCOIC of Readiness. In addition to that, we would like to recognize **Tech. Sgt. Eric Gresham** who received the Region IV 2nd Quarter Award from the National Guard Bureau for the most accessions. The region is based on eight states. Last, but not least, congratulations **Master Sgt. Craig Rudisel** on his recent engagement as well.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins

Civil Engineering Squadron

It doesn't feel like we had much of a winter, and already spring is upon us. Once again, the year is already starting to fly by!

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Paul Lybarger** for completing his Community College of the Air Force degree in Equipment Operations.

We would like to welcome our two new members to the unit: **Airman 1st Class Gary Girton** to the Pavements and Grounds Section, **Airman 1st Class Jordan Chatman** to the Power Production Section, and **Airman 1st Class Keegan Foltz** to the Operation Section. Also, congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Chatman** for being an Honor Graduate.

In March, several Engineers will be performing their annual training at Camp Morena and LaPosta, Calif. They will be doing some roofing, siding, concrete, and electrical work. They are all anxious to go and do what Civil Engineers are meant to do! This will be great hands on training, especially for the newer members of the unit. And, as always, the teamwork will stand out.

In January we also said goodbye to a member who, although has been in the unit a little less than I have, is retiring with 36 years in the military. Wishing you lots of luck in your future **Senior Master Sgt. David Wood**. As a personal friend, you will be missed. But I am sure we will see each other out on the lake or at some casino!

Wishing luck also to **Staff Sgt. Hannah White** as she is transferring to LRS. I am sure you will enjoy your new position.

Over the years, 23 ½ years to be exact, I have come to know several people on base. At February's base commander's call as I looked around, I remembered when the hanger used to be full of people. People that I knew. Some that have changed to the new mission, and others that have moved on. And with saying that,

it has also become my time to move on. Like missing the sound of the jets, I will really miss the people I knew and especially the ones that changed my life. Guard members that you become close to, are truly like family. You know that you can rely on them, lean on them, and know that they are there to support you. I will never forget the day that my uncle, **Tim Jabaay**, called me from technical school in Denver and told me that I needed to join. And so I did. I spent many drills back then with the Loading Shop airmen – the Jenson brothers, “Beaver,” Gary, Vanetti, “Rolo,” and the list goes on. The first sergeants that I have known since we were airmen, along with many other people on base (**Shelly, Tracy**) that I was always ready to get a hug from and to chat with. And mostly the people in Civil Engineering. My “posse” (as I called them) that I was the closet to – **Kuhnlein, Scott, Paul, and Judy**. Thank you guys for ALWAYS being by my side as I will miss you the most! And thank you to my family for supporting me all these years.

Good luck to the best 181st Civil Engineer Squadron and to the 181st Intel Wing. Thank you.

Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer (Oosterhoff) Wilson

Air Support Operation Squadron

Hang in there fellow Racers, spring is just around the corner. Pretty soon it will be time for the annual spring breakers tradition of migrating south to soak in some fun and sun. Speaking of heading south, we have an early migratory officer that came to us earlier this year from Minot, N.D. Please extend a warm welcome to **Major Ryan Harvey**. He will assume the role of traditional Air Liaison Officer for the 113th ASOS.

In case you haven't been in the ASOS building lately, there's a civilian person in the front office to greet you as you enter the building. The civilian is recently “Retired” **Master Sgt. Julie Carithers**. We are very fortunate **Julie** will remain with us as the admin personnel for the 113th ASOS. We truly appreciate her continued service and dedication to the 181st IW and 113th ASOS. Congratulations to **Julie** on her military retirement. Congratulations go out to **Senior Airman William “Shooter” Camp** on the birth of his BEAUTIFUL baby girl and to **Nicholas Leis** on his recent promotion to **Staff Sgt. Staff Sgt. Leis** is also getting ready for the rigors of Joint Terminal Attack Controller Qualification Course. We welcome back JTAC **Tech. Sgt. Anthony “Boy Scout” Hobson** from Airborne

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School. **Tech. Sgt. Hobson** successfully completed the course requirements and is now the first certified static line jumper for the 113th ASOS. Learning the skills to parachute as a means of combat deployment is yet another discipline in the TACP repertoire...well done "Boy Scout". Then there are TACP Candidates **Tech. Sgt. Ryan Monahan**, **Tech. Sgt. James Moore**, and **Staff Sgt. Karl Ackerman** all currently in technical school. We wish all these gentlemen the best as they go through the physically challenging and academically demanding TACP schools....good luck guys!

As the 113th ASOS training schedule remains fast and furious, there are a few who have taken that next step and will put their training to the ultimate test. Earlier this year, the 113th ASOS deployed six personnel downrange and three additional personnel soon to follow. We wish them all a speedy and safe return.

Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Manalo

Logistic Resources Flight

There are mixed emotions in the Logistics Readiness Flight. We are very pleased to welcome **Staff Sgt. Hannah White** to the Plans and Readiness section. **Hannah** has transferred to us from the Civil Engineering Squadron. Also joining us, or I should say rejoining, is **Tech. Sgt. Tyler Shields**. **Tyler** transferred to the 123rd Airlift Wing during BRAC. We are happy that he has found his way back to us! The two of them are great additions to the flight. On a sad note, we are losing **Maj. Ronald Padgett** to Joint Forces Headquarters. This is an outstanding opportunity for **Maj. Padgett**, but a great loss to us. He is leaving behind some tough shoes to fill. JFHQ has made an outstanding selection!

If you see **Staff Sgt. Jeff Osborn**, be sure to congratulate him on his recent promotion. We are very proud of **Jeff**. It is a promotion that is well deserved!

Our Base Fuels personnel: **Master Sgt. Gregory Dunham**, **Tech. Sgt. Brock Goodman**, **Senior Airman Dayne Goodman**, and **Airman 1st Class Stephanie Fouch** will be heading down to Louisville, Ky. to provide support for their Air Show, Thunder over Louisville. This will also provide training to our personnel on various aircraft.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work and contributions! Have a wonderful spring.

Tech. Sgt. Rebecca West

NEW RECRUITS



Cesar Leal



John Morgan



Keith Lages



Keith Risley



Lawerance Knight



Lucas Humphrey



Mark Prichard



Ryan Harvey



Tyler Brown

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☞ Save the Date: Families are welcome the Saturday of July UTA. Events scheduled during the day and evening. More information to follow.

☞ Moving? To ensure you continue to receive the Racer Flyer, submit changes of address to Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham, Julie.Vanlandingham@ang.af.mil

☞ Honor Guard is looking to select 10 new members to join the team. Enthusiastic airmen should send completed applications to Randi.Brown@ang.af.mil or Rhiannon.Presnell@ang.af.mil by Sunday, April 15, 2012. Boards will be conducted the week before and during May UTA. Service dress is required.

☞ Volunteers are still needed for the National Guard Association of Indiana annual conference in French Lick, Ind., from April 19-21, 2012. Please contact Capt. John Petrowski if you are interested in volunteering, John.Petrowski@ang.af.mil.

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Members of the 181st Communications Flight welcome home Master Sgt. Tony Poole from his overseas deployment. (LtoR) Chief Master Sgt. Scott Winegar, Master Sgt. Monty LeBrun, Master Sgt. Tony Poole, Tech. Sgt. Dave Foy and Capt. John Petrowski. *Photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman*