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Disturbance Control”*

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Lt. Col. Kyle Noel
Commander, 113 ASOS

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Welcome from the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron. When I was informed that it was my turn to write the Commander's Comments for the upcoming edition of the Racer Flyer, I was not sure what I wanted to write about. After thinking on it, I decided to write about individual responsibility and standards of behavior. More specifically, how each individual's personal actions contribute to or detract from the mission of the USAF and ANG. During my career as a pilot, I have been expected to memorize flying standards for each organization that I have been a member of. Flying standards are common to all military fighter pilots and dictate tactical execution and employment of your weapons system. At any given time, when employing a combat aircraft, be it an F-16 or an A-10, I knew in almost any situation what the man or woman in the other aircraft around me were going to do and what they expected of me based on the flying standards.

The knowledge of exactly what I expected from each pilot in the flight greatly decreased my work load and freed up time and brain bytes to concentrate on the things that were happening that were not "Standard." This in turn made myself and my flight more lethal, and increased our chances of successfully accomplishing the mission.

While I was intimately familiar with flying standards, when I came to the ASOS last year, I found the ASOS had a set of standards, as well. They were, however, different from what I was accustomed to. Rather than tactical execution standards, they had 113 ASOS TACP Standards of Behavior. This was something I had never seen before and was very impressed with the concept.

As a member of the military, we all subscribe to the Core Values of our service, but in the ASOS they went one step further to refine individual standards expected, which align with our Core Values. I have been humbled by the men and women of this fine organization and their individual commitments to the mission we execute. I believe that a big part of our success is that from day one each member is taught exactly what is expected from them to make the entire enterprise successful, and see that our mission is accomplished.

Based on this I thought I would share what our standards of behavior are in the ASOS, and what they mean to me as they are transferable to all organizations.

- 1. If you don't have a job or task, find one or help someone that does.** This simply quantifies your membership in the team. Just because you are not busy does not mean that there is not work to be done. Rather, seek out something to do to or help someone that is busy to further the accomplishment of the mission.
- 2. Expect to make mistakes, learn from them and drive on.** Don't be afraid to take the lead and make decisions. This is the only way that we learn, so push the envelope, but ensure that you and others learn from any failures that may result.
- 3. Maintain 100% accountability of your personnel and equipment.** In our mission, this quite frankly, is a life or death standard of behavior as loss of accountability of personnel or equipment can have catastrophic results; however, in any mission, this holds true. As members of the team, all have a job to do, and the equipment the tax payers entrust us with is necessary, or we would not have it. Thus, loss of accountability deteriorates the accomplishment of the mission.

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COVER PHOTO: 181st Security Forces Squadron participated in Disturbance Control training during the month of March. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

“Guardians of Freedom”

Our focus for the last several years has been on the transformation of the 181st Intelligence Wing and the skill-set that each and every member brings to the fight. For several years, the Air National Guard has been referred to as “Guardians of Freedom,” a theme that truly sets the National Guard apart.

On November 1, 2011, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy said “The Air National Guard is in the fight and it is up to each and every Guard member to tell their story to their families, employers and fellow service members.”

As Guardians of Freedom, we serve this great nation in such a way that most people cannot understand, nor comprehend the unique dual-mission roles we play. As Citizen Airmen we make sacrifices on a daily basis. Our ability to maintain dual skill-sets, commitments to both civilian employers and the Air National Guard; we provide this nation a great service. You should be proud to be part of the overall accomplishment of the mission. This year, as we roll into a fiscally trying economy, budget cuts, enlisted grade reviews, and continued mission requirements; take a moment and think about how you, as a member of the Indiana Air National Guard, have contributed to the global fight. It’s time to tell our story!

It is essential to remember that no matter what role you execute, every Guardsman plays an integral and vital part to the mission. An airman’s primary purpose is mission accomplishment. From sitting on the mission floor, to providing medical services, to ensuring all the communications are working. Commencing with Security Forces- providing force protection, Services- providing meals and other functions, and Finance-working pay issues and the like. To Civil Engineers who maintain our facilities, Recruiters- recruiting, and Personnel taking care of our human resources; to all our airmen that train to be in the fight down range. All of these components are linked together and necessary to ensure “Mission Accomplishment”.

While the Air National Guard continues to play a vital role in military affairs, our Airmen are the driving force behind the Citizen-Airmen component. The Air National Guard Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Muncy said, “I need Airmen to tell their story, who you are, and what you do. Tell our Air Guard story.”

When you get an opportunity to share your story, stand proud and tell your story. We ARE Guard, Citizen-Airman, and Americans!

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Guardsman, in the Air National Guard, for your service. You provide a valuable resource that is vital to the accomplishment of the mission. I salute each and every one of you as you continue to serve and provide a safe and secure home your families, for the State of Indiana, and our great Nation. You are, “Guardians of Freedom.”



Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Beasley, 181 IW/DGS

Family Readiness Group

The Annual Indiana National Guard Volunteer Workshop and Youth Symposium was held Saturday, March 9, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Indianapolis.

The focus on this workshop was to assist all FRG Volunteers and Military Youth in their role of supporting the Indiana National Guard Service Members and Families. Additionally, this was an opportunity for us to nominate those volunteers who have been outstanding FRG volunteers and youth as they continue to support our Racer Family. We had nominations in five categories and won three awards! Service Member Volunteer of the Year went to Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Ackerman; Family of the Year went to John and Connie Conway; and Youth of the Year to Nicole Goodin! A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers! It is your efforts that make the Racer Family Support Group successful in their efforts for service members and their families.

The Racer Family Support Group is in the planning stages for the 2013 Family Day to be held during the July UTA. Would you like more information about the Racer Family Support Group? You are welcome to join us at any FRG meeting which is held at 1:00 pm, Saturday of each UTA. To learn about your FRG or how you can become involved and offer your skills to your FRG and your Racer family, attend a meeting, or contact the Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager’s Office at 812-877-5545, by cell at 812-249-1662 or send an email to margaret.amos@ang.af.mil.

4. Be responsible for maintenance and accountability of your equipment. Again, we are stewards of funds that the tax payers of our great nation provide us. Be responsible for taking care of the tools they provide you to accomplish our missions. This also implies that we are all responsible for following through with maintenance of equipment even when the process is outside of our lane or handed off to another agency. None of us in the Wing can fall into the trap of using "the system" as an excuse for failing or not following through.

5. Trust your junior leaders and encourage their innovation. I have had the great pleasure of working for some fantastic leaders and commanders in my career. I am confident that they were not born that way. Rather they have been mentored by Senior NCOs and Officers to develop them to what they became. We all need to give responsibilities to, and place trust in, our young NCOs and Officers in order to develop them into great leaders. A senior NCO or Officer that has simply followed orders for their entire career, and suddenly finds themselves in a position where no one is telling them what to do will fail, and are a detriment to the mission. Management can be taught in a classroom, but making tough decisions and truly leading is a skill that must be learned through experience and continually honed.

6. Ensure all are trained, prepared, and have the correct equipment. This is a tenant of leadership. Take care of your people and ensure they have the training, and equipment required to do the mission. Again, this is an area where we cannot allow "the system" to be an excuse for failing to provide for our Airmen.

7. 1-up / 1-down cross training at all levels. Ensure those appointed over you and your subordinates are able to do your job. This mentors and prepares your subordinates and ensures no single points of failure to the mission. The problem that this standard addresses is more common to the ANG and AFRES than the Active Duty Air Force based on our limited full-time force, but the impact on our Airmen is the same. We cannot afford to bring the machine to a halt every time one key player is out of the office.

8. Rehearsals, back briefs and Pre Combat Inspections are mandatory. This may come across as specific to Battlefield Airmen, but has applicability to all career fields. Rehearsals are practice. Train like you fight, so when the fight comes you are prepared. No one should plan to rise to the occasion in a crisis. Rather, they should plan to default to their highest level of training and readiness since that is exactly what happens. Back briefs are simply making sure your leadership and subordinates are informed. Pre Combat Inspections means knowing the status of your equipment and resources at all times.

9. Identifying an issue or LimFac is only step 1 of 2, step 2 is fixing it. Don't be the guy or gal that simply points out what is wrong to your leaders and view that as doing the job. Rather identify issues before your leadership does, take ownership of the problem, and fix them at the lowest level practical. If you cannot fix the problem at your level, then do your best to give solutions or courses of action to consider as you elevate the problem.

10. Hold yourself accountable before anyone else needs to. Be your own biggest critic and constantly evaluate how you can do better. If you fail or make mistakes, take responsibility for your actions, and ensure you and others learn from them.

11. Morale is a resource, manage it effectively. In the profession of arms we are asked to do difficult things. Long hours, discomfort, and unpopular decisions are a source of consternation and can degrade morale. As leaders, evaluate your decisions to ensure that if you are placing a burden on your people that it is reasonable and necessary for the mission to be accomplished, rather than the easy solution or arbitrarily.

12. Be ready, always. As citizen soldiers we are to be prepared to answer our nation's call anywhere at any time. Stay fit, constantly improve your knowledge, and stay trained as you never know when you will be thrust into action and you must be prepared.

13. EVERYONE FIGHTS, NO ONE QUILTS. This line may come from Starship Trooper fame, but is meant literally. We are an instrument of power for our nation. Regardless of what drove your decision to serve, deep down inside you must have the fire to be prepared to fight and risk your life, if necessary, in service to our nation. No matter how difficult the task, never quit as long as you have breath in your lungs.

Throughout my career I have always been told that people are our most important resource. I believe this to be absolutely true. No matter how advanced the technology is that we use to complete our mission, without highly trained and motivated personnel maintaining and operating these machines, they become useless.

Envision yourself as a cog on the wheel of the big machine we call the military. If you individually fail or don't give your all, the machine begins to break down and becomes that much less effective. Take the time to individually examine your "standards of behavior" to see if you are living out our core values, and being the best you can be. By continually evaluating ourselves in greater detail than we evaluate others, to make positive modifications to our own individual behavior, we can strengthen the machine as a whole and complete our mission to "Fly, Fight, and Win."



Members of the 181st Security Forces Squadron participate in Disturbance Control training. (LtoR): Master Sgt. Donald Grassick, Tech. Sgt. Curtis Gilbreath, Staff Sgt. Alan McCarter, Master Sgt. Andrew Van Ness, Senior Airmen Derek Allen, Senior Airmen Joshua Bennett, Staff Sgt. Christopher Lewis and Staff Sgt. Bryan Greene. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)



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Disturbance Control Training

By Senior Master Sgt. Danny Cook, 181st SFS, Superintendent

During the March Unit Training Assemble, approximately 40 Security Forces personnel went through Disturbance Control (DC), or in the old days referred to Riot Control.

DC is an area of operations for Air National Guard Security Forces Domestic Operations capabilities and skill sets. The training is driven by the Security Forces- Center of Training Excellence e-TTPG's on Confrontation Management.

Training was conducted in two parts, first the classroom, then the hands-on or practical portion. Tech. Sgt. Joshua Betts was the primary instructor who is also on a DCT team for his civilian employer.

Members received instruction on commands, individual and team tactics, and the application of force focusing on less than lethal application. Upon completion, the Security Forces members now have the working knowledge and abilities to put the training in action, if and when the time would come.



Senior Airman Tyler Crumpacker (left) and Tech. Sgt. Michael Wilkins (right) from the 181st Intelligence Wing provide weather briefings to departing Civil Air Patrol ground search and rescue teams during Exercise Restless Tomahawk." (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Frank Howard/Released)

Racers Train for Search and Rescue Operations

By Maj. Frank Howard, 181st IW Executive Staff Officer

From February 22-24, 2013, the 181st Intelligence Wing and the Civil Air Patrol partnered for the first time in a search and rescue exercise at Hulman Field in Terre Haute, Ind.

During this exercise, CAP and local first responders, supported by Air Guardsmen from the 181 IW, worked side-by-side, refining critical team-building skills in joint command settings.

Traditionally, the 181 IW provides logistical and facilities support to the CAP.

This year, Racers from the 181 IW Intelligence Group and Weather Flight volunteered to provide updates and analysis to both ground and air teams to increase safety and operational effectiveness.

"We have taken 12 years of combat operations and lessons learned and are applying those skills to assist the CAP in search and rescue operations," said Master Sgt. Greg Hrovat.

Exercise Restless Tomahawk is a yearly CAP exercise designed to train the CAP, 181 IW, and other city and

county first responders to successfully work together in the air, on the ground, and in the command center to conduct search and rescue operations. This year's multi-agency exercise included five CAP aircraft, multiple ground vehicles and canine search and rescue.

During the exercise, the efforts of all organizations resulted in the recovery of a lost civilian pilot and a missing hunter.

The aerial teams used airborne search grids, while ground teams utilized signal direction finding equipment, to search for and hone in on the missing individuals.

181 IW members used, "...open source information and systems to collect, plot and analyze the search teams' data to provide CAP commanders a single-source common operating picture," said Sergeant Hrovat.

Overall, around 140 people participated in Restless Tomahawk from agencies such as the Riley and Vigo County Emergency Management



Senior Airman Crumpacker (back), (LtoR) Tech. Sgt. Wilkins and Tech. Sgt. Petersen, 181st IW, prepare weather updates prior to CAP pilots stepping to their aircraft during Exercise Restless Tomahawk. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Frank Howard/Released)

Agency, the Wabash Valley Chapter of the Red Cross, the Riley and Seelyville Fire Departments, Vigo County Search & Rescue, the Hamilton Center and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services.

"It is these multi-agency exercises that allow the Wing to hone our domestic operations skills and enable the Racers to better serve the Wabash Valley and State in times of crisis," said 181 IW Commander Col. Donald Bonte.



A House Full of History

By Senior Airmen Alex Nyirendah, 207th Weather Flight, UPAR

To say that Master Sgt. Britt King likes military history is a bit of an understatement. Master Sgt. King owns what has to be one of the largest private collections of historic military uniforms and equipment in Indiana. And it all started with one World War II German helmet.

"I'm not sure what really started my interest in military history," says King. "I have memories of watching North Vietnamese tanks roaming around Saigon on television in 1975, and my favorite television show as a child was Black Sheep Squadron. Any time a war movie, like Patton or A Bridge Too Far came on, I was glued to the TV. All I wanted for Christmas or birthdays was usually military books. I remember thinking, as I was either watching on screen or looking at photos in books, how cool it would actually be to own the helmets, uniforms, equipment, and weapons that I was seeing."

In December 1978, King asked his parents for a German World War II helmet.

"Up to that time, I don't ever remember being as excited about a Christmas gift as I was about that helmet," says King.

That German helmet, painted to represent the German Army in North Africa from 1941-43, was the beginning of a collection that now encompasses over 200 full uniform sets, including equipment and weaponry.

King's basement has the appearance of a museum storeroom, with clothing racks of uniforms, shelves full of helmets and headgear, and plastic tubs full of belts, ammunition pouches, and all the other litany of equipment that would be used to outfit soldiers through the ages. There are even a few mannequins thrown in for display purposes.

Two more rooms in his home contain an extensive military history library with several thousand books and even more helmets and uniforms.

"I'm glad my wife is understanding," smiles King. "I don't think too many women would like having that much of their home dedicated to their husband's hobby."

The first question one might ask is what to do with all this stuff?

"I ask myself that all the time," laughs King. "I love educating people about military history. I attend historic reenactments when I can, and set up numerous displays during the year around Indiana, where I can talk with the public about the items."

King has also taken his mobile museum into schools to help bring history to new generations, and he has posed for artists while wearing any number of "impressions," which is the term reenactors use to describe a particular uniform set.

He has even appeared as an extra on two History Channel documentaries.

King's impressions cover centuries of warfare. He can outfit himself as everything from a Roman Legionary of the 2nd Century to, more recently, a Soviet paratrooper from the Soviet-Afghan War.

"I can't say I have a particularly favorite period of time," says King "but I guess for the sheer numbers of uniforms I have, World War II would take the prize, with World War I coming a distant second. I have multiple uniforms of all the major players in the wars; German, American, Russian, British. Some years back I decided that all the other smaller nations kind of got the short shrift from the reenacting community, so I also started focusing on other impressions like Canada, Australia, France, Italy and even more obscure countries, like Poland, Finland, Romania, and Hungary."

When asked if there would ever come a time when he decided that his collection was complete, King said, "Well, I tell myself I need to stop all the time, mostly because of financial constraints. I have scaled way back over the last few years, but if I see something that's affordable on eBay, and with the wife's permission, I may pick up more items here and there."

181st Photo Gallery

(U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)



*2012 Officer of the Year
2nd Lt. Matthew Riggs*



*2012 Senior Non Commissioned Officer of the Year
Master Sgt. Monty LeBrun*



*2012 Non Commissioned Officer of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Keith White*



*2012 First Sergeant of the Year
Master Sgt. Brandi Eason*

What's Happening at the 181st



Members of the 181st SFS participate in Shoot, Move, Communicate training exercises, March 2013, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)



113th ASOS Conducts HMMWV Tactical Driving Training at Redbird State Riding Area. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Dianne Pirog/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Isadore Gurnell and Senior Airman Cody Eslick perform a Rapid Trauma Assessment on Tech. Sgt. Jonelle Dippel, during the Indiana CERFP Search/Extraction Readiness exercise in preparation for Vigilant Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)



Col. Donald Bonte Jr., presents Senior Master Sgt. Roy Riggs with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander in Chief, Barack Obama during a retirement ceremony March 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Derek, 181st Civil Engineering Squadron, gets refresher crane operations at Ft. Indiantown GAP, PA last February. Photo submitted by Master Sgt. Larry McBride



2012 Community College of the Air Force graduates are presented their individual Associate Degrees conferred by Col. Bonte during Commanders Call on March UTA. Several airman received multiple degrees, for their current and prior AFSCs. The 181 IW had 48 airman complete their Associates Degree in 2012, placing the Wing with the second highest graduation ratio in the ANG for the second consecutive year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. John Day/Released)

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Medical Group

The Medical Group has many members who deserve to be congratulated. First is **Colonel Lisa Snyder**, who was promoted to the rank of Colonel effective Jan. 1, 2013. She is the second female to be promoted to O-6 in the Indiana Air National Guard. The entire unit is very proud of her outstanding accomplishment and proud to be able to serve her. Congratulations **Colonel Snyder!** **Master Sgt. April Simmons** was promoted effective Jan. 15, 2013. Congratulations **Master Sgt. Simmons!**

Staff Sgt. Tyrone Fisher recently completed 4N (Aerospace Medical Technician) school. The school is not an easy one and we are happy to have him back! Finally, congratulations are in order for **Senior Airman Cody Eslick** who is the Airman of the Year for the State of Indiana. **Senior Airman Eslick** will be nominated for Airman of the Year at the National level. Congratulations **Cody** and good luck!

The Medical Unit is proud of its members and their great accomplishments. The whole unit has done a great job keeping up with training while making sure that patients are taken care of and preparing for the OSAT in Hawaii in April. The CERFP has been busy getting their new building set up and preparing for their March inspection.

2nd Lt. Niki Price

207th Weather Flight

There are “seasons of sowing and reaping” for units. Some members of the 207th are benefiting from “seasons of sowing”. **Airman 1st Class Alex Nyirendah** was promoted to Senior Airman early in January, **Master Sgt. Britt King** completed the requirements to graduate from CCAF, and kudos to **Master Sgt. Todd Bock** for being selected to serve at Joint Forces HR on his civilian side. **Senior Airman Ross Hoppus** is one of the airmen featured on the National Guard’s 2013 calendar. **Senior Airman Hoppus** is pictured donning an M-4 Carbine while taking a weather observation using the tactical “Kestrel” meteorological instrument. Recent recruit Dominic Cammarata left for BMT Feb. 4, 2013. Meanwhile other members were assisting with weather safety briefings across the state; **Lt. Col. Marcello** and **Master Sgt. King** participated in the 38th Aviation Brigade safety stand-down Mar. 2, 2013, while **Master Sgt. King** and **Master Sgt. Hoppus** led weather training for ATC personnel at the Johnson County Armory, as well as the Indy Aero Club.

Senior Airman Alexander Nyirendah

Intelligence Wing

The Wing would like to welcome our new Wing First Sergeant – **Master Sgt. Michael May**. **Master Sgt. May** comes to us from the 137 IS, and brings with him almost 21 years of military service. We also would like to say a fond farewell to **Senior Master Sgt. Roy Riggs**, our outgoing Wing First Sergeant. **Senior Master Sgt. Riggs** retired March 4, 2013, after over 31 years of distinguished military service, both active duty and Guard. **Senior Master Sgt. Riggs’s** wife, **Senior Master Sgt. Sheri Riggs**, also retired from the Air National Guard last month – she was a member of the Illinois ANG at Springfield, Ill. We wish both of them the best in their retirement. We would also like to welcome **Colonel Thomas Sims**, who will be filling in as Vice Commander during the temporary absence of **Colonel Renwick**. **Colonel Sims** has already proven himself to be an outstanding replacement – he has been cleaning his new office, much to the delight of his Admin NCO. We also would like to wish **Colonel Renwick** the best of luck on his new temporary assignment – he is already very much missed, but we know he will make the Wing proud! Good luck to **Lt. Col. John Puckett** during his six-month detail to Joint Base Andrews. **Lt. Col. Puckett** is back-filling as the Public Affairs Officer at Air Force District of Washington (AFDW), which provides HQ support to AF Band, Honor Guard and 11th Wing. Looks like you have your hands full, good luck! We will miss you, especially the Public Affairs Office.

Our best wishes go out to **Airmen 1st Class Jessica Alexander**. The next time we see **Airmen Alexander** she will be **Airmen Boespflug**. We want to wish **Jessica** and her husband a happy life together.

Master Sgt. Jami Perusich

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Civil Engineering Squadron

Now that winter is coming to an end, be thankful and cheerful that new life will be “springing up” all around us. Flowers will be budding; leaves on trees will be returning; kids will be playing outside with loads of laughter; warmer weather outside for us fitness fanatics to enjoy; and the ability to train outside more often for our military jobs. On that note, all of us in the 181st Civil Engineer Squadron need to prepare for our upcoming RTS/Silver Flag training by finishing up any outside training and/or any other training such as computer based training. There are many training blocks that need to be completed by the time we leave, so please be aware of those.

Speaking of training, two individuals in the squadron, **Staff Sgt. Kyle McLeish** and **Master Sgt. Larry McBride**, have recently completed upgrade training. **Staff Sgt. McLeish** graduated Feb. 15, 2013, from Airmen Leadership School down at McGee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. **Master Sgt. McBride** completed his 5-level Career Development Course in the Production Management career field in early February. Congratulations to both of you and keep up the good work!

Master Sgt. McBride has something else recently to be proud of. His daughter **Hannah** was recognized as a member of the National Honor Society Feb. 28, 2013, at Terre Town Elementary School in Terre Haute. Her efforts of being a straight A student, Student Council member, and involvement in her community has finally come to fruition. Good job **Hannah!**

Lastly, don't forget to watch out for darting children and two wheeled vehicles in your neighborhoods, around town, or wherever. Once spring is here with its warmer temperatures, kids will be out playing more, bicyclists will be travelling through our communities, motorcyclists will be out for weekend joy rides, etc., etc. This means to always try to drive defensively and not offensively. One way of doing this is by giving oneself plenty of time to get to appointments whatever they may be. A few minutes extra of preparedness could be the difference between life and death.

Master Sgt. Larry McBride

Air Support Operations Squadron

Hello again fellow Racer's! It has been a long time since I had the privilege of writing for the Racer Flyer. Our **First Sergeant Christine David-Wood** was doing a great job, but the opportunity to deploy presented itself, and she was selected to be the First Sergeant for the 504th EASOG. She has been on a whirlwind the last few weeks getting ready to head out the door. She is now on her way to do the Nation's business. Good luck **Christine!** I know you will make us proud. It seems like with a loss there always comes some sort of gain, and the Wing was gracious enough to “lend” us some temporary help. We are proud to welcome **Master Sgt. John Pournier** who comes to us from Services. He will fill in for **Christine** while she is deployed. **Master Sgt. Pournier** is well versed in the duties of the First Sergeant, and we are all looking forward to working with him. Welcome aboard **Master Sgt. Pournier**. Since we are in a welcoming mood we would like to announce a few more new additions. **Tech. Sgt. Joshua Cline** comes to us from Security Forces (we stole him from another State). He will be entering into the difficult 1C4 career field, good luck **Joshua**, we would also like to welcome **Senior Airman Jonathan Ritter** to our vehicle maintenance team, and finally we would like to welcome back **Staff Sgt. Robert Clugh**. **Staff Sgt. Clugh** was previously a member of our unit and found his way home to us as a new radio maintainer. Welcome aboard guys!

The ASOS has been extremely busy with moving into the new building, recovering deployed members, sending out new deployers, and with our busy training schedule. We just concluded our latest adventure, an overnight training evolution at the Redbird State Riding Area. This is a state facility which provides technical driving training, land navigation, and numerous other field training opportunities. Our troops were able to put their Humvees through a series of technical driving courses, both day and night, allowing us to explore the full capabilities of our fighting vehicles. A very busy two days (cold and wet too) of excellent training. Well that's it for now.

Negotium De Bellum!

Lt. Col. Charlie “Fram” Iracondo

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Operations Support Squadron

(In accordance with current Air Force guidance, the last name of OSS members have been omitted due to operational security)

As the squadron's full-time enlisted and officer force maintains our focus on providing world class back shop support to our analysts on the operations floor, several of our squadron members have either recently returned from or are in theatre. Sgt. Craig, is one of those aforementioned deployed members who has recently returned home. During his time in Afghanistan, Sgt. Craig leveraged his training and experiences gained here to provide invaluable analysis to numerous operations. The words following him home from those he supported and worked with are in line with the highest RACER traditions and expectations. Welcome home Sgt. Craig!

In addition to deployments, a number of our members went off station to complete some high level courses. Master Sgt. Gregory is one of those members. He completed the J2 Defense Support to Civil Authority (DCSA) course, held in Washington D.C. Master Sgt. Gregory was one of several senior military officers, senior NCO's, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, and their staff to attend the academics. The focus was to ensure the DoD's readiness to support Homeland Defense and Civil Support missions. Additionally, the course introduced participants to National, State, Local, and DoD statutes, directives, plans, command and control relationships, and capabilities with regard to disaster and emergency response.

Master Sgt. Gregory wasn't the only member to complete a high level course. Lt. Col. Matthew completed the Reserve Components National Security Course (RCNSC), in Washington DC. The RCNSC is designed to lay a foundation for joint command management and staff responsibilities in a multi-national, intergovernmental, or joint national security setting. Just another example of RACERs leading the way!

The OSS also had one of our Airman get promoted! Airman First Class Aaron was promoted to Senior Airman! Congrats Senior Airman Aaron.

Bitter-sweetly, one of our members was selected for a full time position. It's bitter, because the loss of her hard work and leadership will be missed. But that is tempered with the joy of knowing that she will take the lessons learned in OSS taking care of the 50+ personnel over to FSS. Congratulations to Senior Airman Nina.

As always, RACERS lead the way.

Capt. Chris

Intelligence Squadron

(In accordance with current Air Force guidance, the last name of ISS members have been omitted due to operational security)

As a squadron we have been very fortunate to have such a strong volunteer force. These guardsmen continue to stand ready to step in and serve at any time. The ability to remain mission ready and proficient can be overwhelming at times when civilian life comes on full force, but our members strive to answer the call should the need arise. While we miss the day to day interaction, we have formed strong bonds that have brought us closer as a squadron and brothers in arms.

Exciting developments are happening on the horizon as we transition to a training model that will ensure we stay Ready, Relevant, and Reliable. Stand by to hear more in coming issues of the Racer Flyer.

We'd like to welcome back from training Staff Sgt. Dustin and Airman 1st Class Jacob. We are looking forward to getting to know them and helping them on their journey to become mission operational. A big congratulation goes out to Maj. John, Maj. Eric, Maj. Richard, Tech. Sgt. Carl, Staff Sgt. Todd, Senior Airman Petersen, and Senior Airman Madason on their recent promotions. We are sure they will all continue to grow in their new rank and increase in their professional development.

2nd Lt. Emma

RACER UNIT REVIEW

113th Weather Flight

Members of the 113th Weather Flight recently supported the Civil Air Patrol during Operation Restless Tomahawk. The exercise scenario involved finding a downed civilian aircraft along a flight path that stretched from Lafayette to Sullivan, Ind. Air and ground teams worked together to search for simulated wreckage, debris, and a working transponder over approximately 1500 square miles. Approximately 90 Civil Air Patrol and support personnel participated in the three day long statewide winter emergency exercise, which included nine aircraft and ground search teams with search dogs. The weather team set-up in the improvised tactical operations center and provided aviation and general planning weather forecasts. Weather was a critical part in the planning phase with flights cancelled the first day due to low ceilings and poor visibilities. Members of the 113th Weather Flight that participated in the exercise were **Tech. Sgt. Sara Petersen, Tech. Sgt. Michael Wilkins, Staff Sgt. Shannon Ramer, Senior Airman Tyler Crumpacker** and **Tech. Sgt. Eric Moore**.

Also, congratulations are in order for **Staff Sgt. Brad Simon** on his new position as a DOD Department of the Air Force civilian employee and Meteorological Technician with the 96th Weather Flight at Eglin AFB, Fl. **Staff Sgt. Simon** supports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and the National Hurricane Center by releasing weather balloons to gather data during hurricanes. He also supports multiple units and aircraft by taking manual observations and providing forecasts for multiple testing sites, refueling ranges and flight routes. However, he says his favorite part of his position is being able to support the new F-35 program. **Staff Sgt. Simon** will also be graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Science and Aeronautics degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

In addition, we would also like to congratulate **Tech. Sgt. Mike Wilkins** on his new position as a Network Consultant at Abstract Technology in Lafayette, Ind. **Tech. Sgt. Wilkins** says that the most rewarding aspect of his new job is helping to shape and grow recently established businesses.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Ramer is on a successful track towards becoming a Certified Professional Controller with Air Traffic Control. She has passed certification for two radar sectors and is looking forward to completing the next five tests. She says that it is demanding work but that she enjoys the challenge. **Staff Sgt. Ramer** also welcomed a new puppy into her home, a 4-month old chorkie named **Joey**.

Congratulations **Staff Sgt. Simon, Tech. Sgt. Wilkins, and Staff Sgt. Ramer** on your new careers and latest achievements!

Senior Airman Heather Emerson has been smoke free since 2013 began! She says quitting smoking was part of her New Year's Resolution and she is proud to have successfully stuck with it. Way to go **Senior Airman Emerson!**

Tech. Sgt. Sara Petersen is proud to say that her daughter, **Mackenzie**, has made the 4th Grade "A" Honor Roll. The A Honor Roll recognizes students that have worked hard and made all A's during the school semester. Congratulations and keep up the good work **Mackenzie!**

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley

Force Support Squadron

Greetings from the 181st Force Support Squadron. To FSS members and fellow guardsmen, keep up the good work and continue to lead the way at home and abroad. FSS would like to welcome our newest member of the FSS/MPF team. **Senior Airman Nina Nuttall** is now our new customer service representative in base personnel. We congratulate you on your new endeavors and thank you for joining the team. We would also like to congratulate **Master Sgt. Valarie Deem, Senior Airman Liu Macias** and **Tech. Sgt. Staggs** on their recent promotions.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



**Master Sgt.
Johanna Siebenthal**

MILITARY SERVICE: US Navy Loadmaster/Jet Engine Mechanic (7 years), Indiana Army National Guard Motor Transport Operator (2 years), Jefferson Range Scheduler (DET 2, 10 years).

EDUCATION: *High School:* Shawe Memorial, Madison, Ind. (1984); *COLLEGE:* Oakland City University

King's Daughters Hospital School of Radiologic Technology (Registered X-Ray Technician), Madison, Ind. Bachelor's Human Resource Mgmt/Organization Mgmt.

REASON FOR JOINING: On April 3, 1974, a tornado struck my home town of Madison, Ind. With the power out and such widespread damage, the National Guard was activated to prevent looting and help injured people. One of my neighbors was in the National Guard and was assigned to our neighborhood to prevent looting and escort families from their destroyed homes to places where they could safely spend the night. I'm not sure why an eight year old knew why it was so important, but I have never forgotten the feeling of having somebody from my neighborhood protecting the people of their own neighborhood. This is why I joined the National Guard.

HOBBIES/INTEREST: Cooking is my number one hobby. I am the designated cook whether it is holidays with family, late night snacks at the race track, or Dutch oven cooking at the campground. We have a fire pit in the back yard, and soon as the hickory smoke starts rolling, the neighbors start showing up! I am also a self-confessed word nerd, therefore Scrabble and the daily newspaper word scrambles stay easily within reach.



**Tech. Sgt.
Jamie Renehan**

MILITARY SERVICE: Entered the Active Duty Air Force Feb. 12, 1997, and got my first choice of jobs: Security Police. After completing an active tour and a short stint as an IMA, I had a short break in service and then joined the Air National Guard as a traditional in July 2004. I took an AGR position and picked back up on Oct. 15, 2008. The plan is to retire from AGR when I hit 20 years of active service.

EDUCATION: *HIGH SCHOOL:* TH South; *College:* Ivy Tech Community College

I have an AS Degree in Business (Management-2006) and an AS Degree in Medical Assisting (Massage Therapy-2008). I hope to have my CCAF Degree completed soon.

REASON FOR JOINING: Growing up, I always knew I wanted to be in the military. It was never a question... only which branch. That part was basically decided by my mother, THANKS MOM!

HOBBIES/INTEREST: When the weather is nice, I just like to be out in it with the kiddos. I enjoy reading, exercise, and occasionally karaoke.



**Tech. Sgt.
Shannon Briggs**

MILITARY SERVICE: 181st CES, Logistics/Prime BEEF Manager, 2 years on the job, 20 in the AF

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Fulltime, 181st CES

EDUCATION: *High School:* South Vermillion, 1991

College: Oakland City University, Masters in Organizational Management, 2005

REASON FOR JOINING: For the love of jet noise!
HOBBIES/INTEREST: I enjoy loud music, fast toys, hard work, the great outdoors, my awesome family, and this great Air Force!



**Staff Sgt.
Bradley Simon**

MILITARY SERVICE: 113th Weather Flight Combat Meteorologist, 11 years

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Meteorological Technician: DOD-Department of the Air Force at Eglin AFB

EDUCATION: *High School:* TH South
College: Vincennes University – Associates Degree in Broadcasting
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – B.S. in Aeronautics

REASON FOR JOINING: Father worked on a military base and growing up with that memory, knew at an early age that I wanted to join the military.
HOBBIES/INTEREST: playing guitar, learning new languages, wood working and architecture. Also enjoy playing volleyball and going to the beach.



**Master Sgt.
Todd Bock**

MILITARY SERVICE: 207th Weather Flight, 15 yrs

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE: Flight dispatcher for Republic Airways

EDUCATION: Completed CCAF, and completing a degree in HR Development at Indiana State University

REASON FOR JOINING: I have always enjoyed aviation so the prospect of joining the Air Force seemed right and the education benefits were a plus
HOBBIES/INTEREST: Flying, kayaking, running, and spending time with my family

WING PROMOTIONS



Major
Eric M. Hancock
John F. Null



2nd. Lieutenant
Kelli J. Marietta



Chief Master Sgt.
Scott C. Kasmer
Anna M. Snyder



Senior Master Sgt.
Robert E. Gilmore II
Jay A. McKee



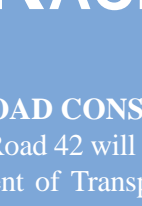
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Edward Dammann III
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Robert A. Fout
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Derek A. Phelps
Joshua J. Mills



Senior Airman
Aaron T. York



Airman 1st Class
Taylor P. Morgen
Andrew G. Nolan
Madeleine E. Richards

NEW RECRUITS



Hunter Barnes



Griffin Wells



Lauren Lester



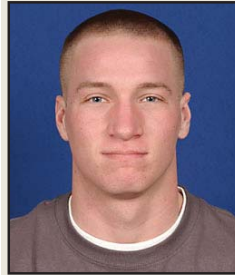
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Abigail Powell



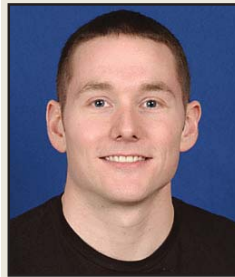
Austin Wetnight



Bryce Dickerson



Darian Anderson



Ian Ashland



Josh Cline



Justin McCullough



Kolter Sokeland



Kyle Hill



Ricki Bowker

RACER PIT STOP

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

State Road 42 will close around May 6, 2013. Indiana Department of Transportation states access to the base will remain open. Chamberlin Road may close, so for those drivers who travel to work via Chamberlin Road, you may need to find an alternate entrance road to the base.

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