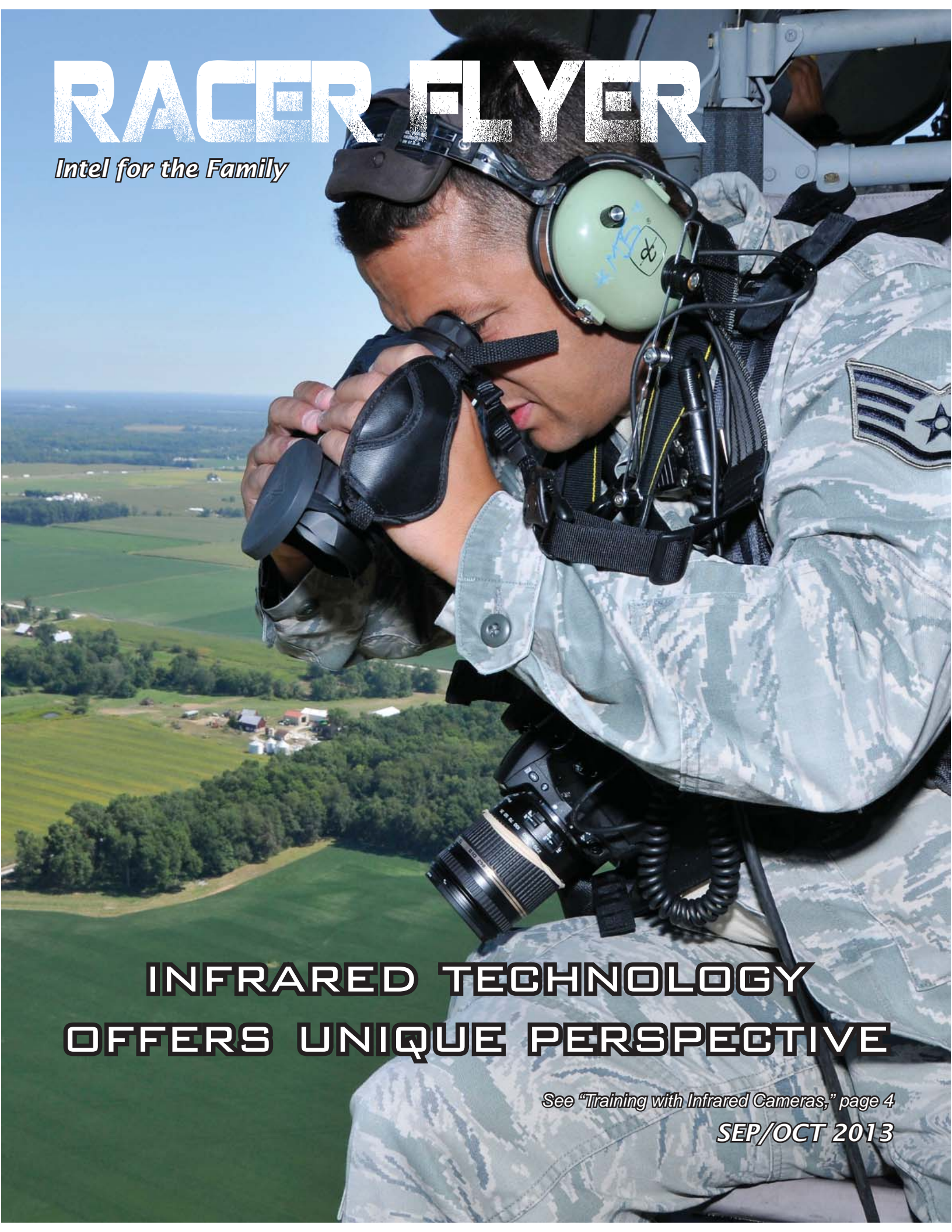


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Lt. Col. Matthew Brown
Commander, 181 IW/DGS

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I have recently been trying to read more since I have finally reached a point in my life where I can “read for pleasure” versus “required reading” for a class, course, or the dreaded PME reading! What I have discovered is I am a fan of Winston S. Churchill who was Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War II. Depending on what you read he was either a great statesman with incredible wit or a cantankerous cigar smoker who struggled with drinking a little too much. I believe the latter helped shape the former. Regardless, his thoughts are well published, and for me, relevant to much of what life (family, friends, careers, etc.) requires of us.

As I approach yet another birthday, I am comforted in the belief that I am continuing to grow each day. No, unfortunately, I am not getting any taller but rather growing in my understanding of how to measure success and what is important in life. I can finally concede life is not a sprint. As Mr. Churchill is credited for saying, “Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.” I think for many of us guardsmen we can credit our careers to this philosophy.

Those who are successful, however you choose to measure it, can probably attribute it to determination, perseverance, and giving themselves fully to the task at hand.

So what is the secret? What is the formula for success? “Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.” (Winston S. Churchill). I think this one is perfect to describe most of our efforts. Whether it is sustained physical fitness, quitting smoking, completing a degree, or finally finishing that PME, success requires passion. Positive people surround themselves with positive people who have positive energy. Those that succeed in life and at whatever they set out to accomplish do so because they have a passion. They have such a belief in themselves that nobody and nothing gets in their way.

For those who can stay positive and optimistic when it is hardest are the ones who come out on the other side winners. “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” (Yes, Winston again). Sometimes when leading meetings remember; “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Or, just as important, when you are attending meetings remember; “If you have an important point to make, don’t try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time – a tremendous whack.” (Winston S. Churchill)

My most favorite Churchill quote; “To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour.”

We are using this in our squadron to explain why we mentor, why we aggressively pursue professional development opportunities, why we care about our readiness requirements, and why we serve. So back to my opening comment, maybe there is always something I should be pursuing to better myself. I better get started on some PME readings!

For me, other notable quotes from Mr. Churchill include...

- “You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.”
- “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
- “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”
- “Never, never, never give up.”
- “My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.”

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COVER PHOTO: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Arnett, with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, looks through an Infrared Camera (IR) at burn piles in Clay County while on board a U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk from Shelbyville, Ind., Sep. 4, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

When Is It Time To Go?

My first two Chiefs Comments were entitled “Why am I here?” and “What do I do now?” In “Why am I here?” we reviewed the benefits of membership and some satisfactions a person could receive as a member of our Profession of Arms. In “What do I do now?” we looked at The Enlisted Force Structure’s mandate to maintain the highest level of personal readiness to meet mission requirements by being technically, physically, mentally, and spiritually ready to accomplish the mission. With those questions answered, and my own retirement soon approaching, my last question to you is “When is it time to go?”

That question will be answered differently by many, for some airmen, it will be after their first enlistment, whether they joined for travel, training opportunities, or educational benefits, their time in the military is over. That is a choice available to all who join, and I hope their time as a member of the Armed Forces was rewarding to them and their unit. Always take pride in the fact that you were ONE of the ONE PERCENT!

For others, two or three enlistments may pass before they decide it is time to go. Life happens, plans change, and you must make the best decision for you and your family. Remember, there may be opportunities later to join back up. We have members on base who have had a break in service and returned to finish their careers. Word to the wise... do a good job while you're here, treat everyone with respect, and don't burn any bridges... you never know, the staff sergeant of today could be the wing commander of tomorrow.

Some determined few make it to the end. Whether traditional, active guard reserve (AGR), or technician, the rewards of making it to retirement cannot be undervalued. Sacrifices are many over a 20 plus year career; deployments, missed holidays, not being there for life events (my daughter was born while I was in basic and graduated high school while I was in Baghdad, I was able to be there for her wedding this year, but my brother wasn't, he's an active duty Chief on deployment, funny story - he met some of our Civil Engineering guys over there, imagine their surprise running into another Chief Winegar halfway across the world, kudos to them for taking care of his issue - Racer Pride at its finest.) Despite the sacrifices, when you reach the end most will say “it was worth it.”

So, when is it time to go?

For me, it's when I can't answer “Why am I here?” and “What do I do now?” the way I should anymore. It has been my privilege and honor to be ONE of that ONE PERCENT who served, as active, traditional, technician, and lastly AGR, for 27 years. Thank you to all I have served with and best wishes to those that will continue to serve our great State and Nation. Go Racers!



Chief Master Sgt.
Scott Winegar, 181 IW/CF

Family Readiness Group

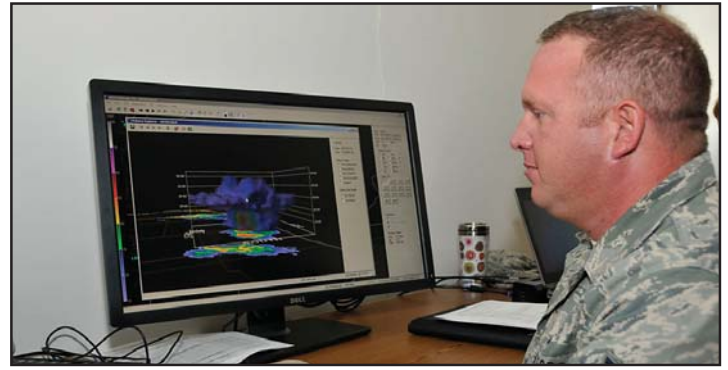
Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager Margaret L. Amos hopes that you will take advantage of resources available to support your families and friends when or if the needs are there. She is also extending an invitation to again serve as a volunteer and welcomes you to join an FRG meeting or event. Learn about your FRG and how you can become involved and offer your skills to our military members and their families. If you would like more information, or need resources, contact Margaret at 812-877-5545, cell: 812-249-1662 or email: margaret.amos@ang.af.mil.

There are many resources available for our military members and their families to take advantage of, here are just a few:

- Moving Forward: www.startmovingforward.org
- Military OneSource: www.militaryonesource.mil
- National Resource Directory (NRD): www.nrd.gov
- USA4 Military Families: www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil
- Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov
- eBenefits: www.ebenefits.va.gov



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Arnett, with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, looks through an Infrared Camera at burn piles in Clay County while on board a U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk from Shelbyville, Ind., Sept. 4, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brad Simon, 113th Weather Flight forecaster on duty analyzes weather conditions during annual training July 16, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

181st Intelligence Wing trains with infrared camera

By Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW Executive Staff Officer

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.— Airmen from the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard conducted multiple training missions over the past year to provide continuation training products and to train and test the capability to provide Incident Awareness and Assessment to civilian disaster first responders.

In September airmen flew with an Shelbyville Indiana Army Guard UH-60 Blackhawk on a training sortie to Clay County to test an Infrared Camera during a controlled burn with Cory and Posey Township fire departments.

“Out west, there are thousands of acres on fire,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Arnett. “If we are dropping fire retardant from an aircraft and the area is smoke covered, we don’t know if it’s hitting the right spot. So the point is to pinpoint where to drop it.”

The mission imaged the fire at 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, and 2500 ft. The images were utilized to keep airmen current on their analysis training requirements. In addition, images were downloaded after landing for delivery to the notional fire team in a notional Western state.

The training and testing will allow airmen in the 181st Intelligence Wing to maintain their currency and to begin assessing how capable the camera will be in providing Incident Analysis and Assessment to local first responders and incident commanders in the event of a disaster in Indiana.

We have a weather flight?

1st Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181st PAO

ALPENA, Mich. – “Are we flying? Is the evening softball game still on? Can we golf this weekend?”

Many may not be aware, but the 181st Intelligence Wing has a talented group of airmen, the 113th Weather Flight, who play a crucial role in predicting the weather and its outcome on the mission, morale and other activities.

During annual field training with the 181st IW in Alpena, Mich., members of the weather flight provided vital forecast information to the Michigan Civil Air Patrol, and intelligence wing members conducting domestic operations, incident awareness and assessment training.

The annual training focused on providing analysis and imagery to civilian first responders in the event of a natural disaster or catastrophe.

“We are providing weather briefings to the pilots as they do their missions, and also we are doing resource protection for the entire base,” said Tech. Sgt. Eric Moore, 113th Weather Flight meteorological technician. “We will issue observed watches, warnings, and advisories for lightning, tornadoes, and severe weather that may roll through.”

“People may not be aware, but we are primarily an Army support unit on the base, so this training gives us the opportunity to really come out with the Air Force and do some Air Force unique training with the aviation assets we normally would not have with an Army infantry brigade unit,” said Moore.

Utilizing highly-technical equipment similar to what is typically seen in movies or storm chasing videos, the weather flight has several tools to aid in forecasting weather. The forecaster on duty is able to watch a storm develop, predict where severe weather will hit the ground, and dissect a storm, to include the capability of viewing the storm in 3-D.



(top and bottom photos) U.S. Airmen with the Force Support Squadron take one step at a time during a fatality search and rescue exercise July 16, 2013, at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

Services: Serving more than chow

1st Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181st PAO

ALPENA, Mich. – There is no question the important role the 181st Intelligence Wing Services Flight plays in ensuring airmen stay well fed, but their duties include more than food services. The 181st Services Flight recently had an opportunity to train on those additional duties within their career field, during annual field training in July at Alpena, Mich.

In addition to managing food facilities, services is responsible for: lodging; mortuary affairs; fitness programs and facilities; morale, welfare and recreation programs and facilities; and search and recovery operations.

“In the past, all we have done when we have come up for our annual training is food service,” said Master Sgt. Amberlee. “Well, on a drill weekend, food service is our training.”

“The great thing about this annual training is we are not cooking, we are not doing food services. The rest of the base is seeing us do MWR, we are doing tournaments, we are sponsoring the Racer Retreat, we are putting up the SPEK, so we are doing things that are not normally highlighted,” said Helm.

During annual field training, service flight members received training in mortuary affairs, search and recovery operations, fitness and recreation, Fuel Fired Equipment, ServSafe, and Single Palletized Expeditionary Kitchen (SPEK) training.

ServSafe is a food and beverage safety course mandated by National Guard Bureau for anyone in food services, and administered by the National Restaurant Association. Master Sgt. Helm and Senior Master Sgt. Jay McKee are both certified instructors and proctors for the course.

During annual training, the services flight taught a ServSafe course to the 181st Services Flight, as well as

members of the Vermont Air National Guard 158th Fighter Wing, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

By becoming a certified instructor and proctor, we are able to cut the cost of members attending the course by approximately half, said Helm.

The SPEK training allowed members the opportunity to train on a kitchen used in a bare base situation or domestic operation. It has the capability to serve up to 550 people, three hot meals per day, with rations known as Unitized Group Rations.

“When we deploy, it is a package that goes on a single pallet, so we can set-up a meal and feed up to 550 people from the SPEK,” said Helm.

The morale, welfare and recreations activities provided by the services flight included sponsoring the Racer Retreat. A facility open to Racers only, the Racer Retreat served as a place to visit after work to socialize, play games, and meet new Racers. Additionally, the services flight hosted many tournaments, to include, softball, Eucre, basketball, golf, corn hole and a volleyball tournament.

“A lot of the (services flight members) were really nervous about coming to Alpena because they have never been on a TDY, or they have never been to Alpena and they didn’t know what to expect, so we spent a couple months getting them jazzed so they would be excited about it,” said Helm.

“They are having a great time, they are getting a lot of training, they are all doing an excellent job, and I am just proud of them,” said Helm. “It is nice to see them growing and becoming better airmen for the Guard.”

Airman 1st Class Dalton Hatcher is a traditional guardsman within the services flight. Annual field training was his first deployment, and he was impressed with the training and leadership.

“We have great leadership with Sgt. McKee and Sergeant Helm. They did a great job getting everything together,” said Hatcher.

Hatcher feels becoming a member of the Air National Guard has provided him valuable skills beyond the technical training received for his position in the services flight.

“I’m more disciplined, I can do more, and I’m a better leader,” said Hatcher.





Members of the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron deployed in support of Northern Strike August 13, 2013. A portion of the training accomplished during Northern Strike was qualification on numerous weapons systems to include the M240B, M249, M2, MK-19, and M320. (LtoR): 1st Lt. Edward Shulman acts as a spotter for Master Sgt. Damon Girton as he qualifies with the M240B, 7.62mm Crew Served Weapon.

181st Intelligence Wing participates in Exercise Northern Strike

By Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW Executive Staff Officer

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – Three members of the Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Intelligence Wing, 113th Air Support Operations Squadron returned in early September from Exercise Northern Strike at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and at the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, Mich.

“It is rare to have a Close Air Support specific joint combined live fire exercise with multiple coalition allies and representation from all five branches of service like those that were available at Northern Strike,” said Master Sgt. Damon Girton, 113th ASOS Tactical Air Control Party member. “We can accomplish more in 11 days at an exercise like Northern Strike than during a typical quarterly training cycle due to the tactical level focus and support of all agencies involved.”

113th ASOS TACP members controlled CAS missions employing live weapons from both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft, live surface-to-surface mortar Call-For-Fire missions with

60mm and 120mm systems and had the rare opportunity to qualify on most of the crew-served weapons in the US Army inventory.

“We were able to integrate with fire support specialists and JTACs from other ANG ASOS’, Army National Guard, active duty Army, and active duty Marine Corps organizations to share tactics, techniques and procedures as we formed into multiple small-unit combat teams,” said Girton. “This training venue is an opportunity to see how the rest of the ANG ASOS’ do business and share training lessons as well as integrate directly with Fire Support elements to produce combined effects on the battlefield.”

The exercise also featured an international flavor with a half-dozen Joint Terminal Attack Controllers from Lithuania and Canada participating in the exercise. In all, 29 different units from 16 states, plus the two international partners, participated in the exercise.

“We planned and executed ‘war time’ missions that resulted in air-assaults into target areas from UH-60 Black Hawk

helicopters to control air strikes,” said Girton. “We were also able to cross-train with the U.S. Coast Guard on Lake Huron and discuss interoperability of capabilities to support search and rescue operations in the U.S.”

“As computer based simulation becomes a larger portion of military training each year, exercises like Northern Strike provide the real world, face-to-face interaction and realistic tactical level scenarios and stress necessary to continue to ensure effective Joint/Combined combat operations in the future.” said LT Ed Shulman, 113th ASOS Tactical Air Control Party member. “The value and necessity of live fire-support training in dynamic venues cannot be overstated.”

Northern Strike 2013 is an Air National Guard sponsored, two week long training exercise emphasizing joint and coalition air-to-ground missions, preparing personnel to conduct direct combat operations. The exercise allowed the various units to train on joint operations between air, land and sea organizations.



A Black Hawk helicopter prepares for take off on Aug. 19, 2013 during Red Flag – Alaska at Eielson AFB. Red Flag – Alaska is joint base air combat exercise where participating U.S. and coalition forces refine combat skills in a realistic threat environment. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roberta A. Thompson/Released)

181st Intelligence Wing participates in Exercise Red Flag Alaska

By Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW Executive Staff Officer

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – Fourteen members of the 181st Intelligence Wing’s 113th Air Support Operations Squadron recently returned from a ten-day exercise, Red Flag Alaska 13-3, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska Aug. 1, 2013.

“Exposing our airmen to the amount of planning and situational awareness needed to conduct close air support during major combat operations was great,” said Maj. Ryan Harvey, 113 ASOS Brigade Air Liaison Officer. “Most of our guys have only had experience in the counter-insurgency arena and the exposure to a high threat scenario was eye-opening.”

The mission of a Tactical Air Control Party airman is to call in air strikes on the enemy in support of friendly forces.

These air strikes are done in close proximity to friendly forces with the TACP often under enemy fire.

“Red Flag provided me a real-world experience to integrate with the Army and teach the Army what the Air Force and TACPs bring to the fight,” said Staff Sgt. Karl Ackerman 113th ASOS Tactical Air Control Party member.

Red Flag Alaska provides field training exercises for U.S. and allied forces, to conduct air-to-air combat training, bomb dropping and large force employment training in a simulated combat environment.

“We had the opportunity to control three missions with the Ft. Wayne A-10s and conduct integrated ground movements with the Army,” said Ackerman. “We were forced to build plans on the fly

and I was able to train and integrate with the Army for the first time.”

“Our airmen were able to adapt to a number of factors beyond their control and still showcase their technical skills,” said Harvey. “Their flexibility resulted in some great airborne jump training, army maneuver training, and opposed close air support training.”

While there the unit took part in exercises containing a total of 60 aircraft and 2,600 personnel, including Air Force, Air National Guard, Navy and Marines as well as forces from Australia and the Republics of South Korea and Japan. States represented from the U.S. military included Alaska, California, Washington, Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Images from Alpena, Mich. July 2013



U.S. Airmen with the Security Forces Squadron, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, perform clearing and exit training at Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 20, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Amberlee D. Helm, NCOIC of Services Flight, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, teaches a class on "Servesafe" to other members of the 181st and Alpena CRTC workers, Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 17, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Ford, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, checks for blown fuses and makes sure relays are working correctly on a Ford F150 truck, Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 16, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bobby J. Horton, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, performs trailer maintenance on a munitions trailer, Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 17, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, unload baggage from a KC-135 Stratotanker at Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 14, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, perform a search and recovery exercise at Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 16, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lenny D. Wheeler, Services Flight, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, handles food pouch for the Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen, Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 18, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Schlak, Tech. Sgt. Branden J. Criss, Tech. Sgt. Robert S. Snow and Master Sgt. Jason E. Jackson, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, team up in the Annual Field Training/MWR scramble, Alpena, Mich., July 17, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, compete in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament put on by the 181st MWR, Alpena CRTC, Mich., July 19, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

NEW RECRUITS



Alek Schafer

Audrey Fisher

Dillon Dunn



Eric Kasberg

Jacob Stradling

James Bray



James Cervone

James Wright

Jeffrey Putka



Jennifer Barton

Kyle Reeves

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RACER UNIT REVIEW

Air Support Operations Squadron

Greetings from the ASOS. I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe summer. As usual we have been extremely busy, a fully loaded schedule that we could not have executed without a lot of help from our fellow Racers. The ASOS was fortunate to piggy back on the 122 FW's trip to Alaska to participate in a Red Flag Exercise. Our airmen deployed to the field in support of the CAS portion of the exercise. This exercise was a fantastic opportunity to do what we do. It was loaded with live ordnance CAS controls, helicopter assault missions, and even some airborne jump missions. We were also able to work with some of our coalition partners, in particular the Japanese Air Force and their C-130s. **Master Sgt.**

113th Weather Flight

Members of the 113th Weather Flight attended Annual Training in Alpena, Mich. They provided support to Civil Air Patrol, 181st DOM Ops, and Base Resource Protection. Members were particularly excited to use the GR2 radar program, allowing them to view sectors of a storm in 3-D. This new ability allowed them to see hail spikes in a storm, visually see the level at which lightning is produced, and also allows the user a 3-D view of a tornado as it forms. **Staff Sgt. Brad Simon** demonstrated the program during August AT for members of the unit that were unable to attend AT in Alpena.

The 113th Weather Flight welcomes two new members of the Patriot Flight: **Rebecca Phillips** and **Matthew Dunn**. The Weather Flight is excited to have fresh faces in the unit. Welcome to the unit **Rebecca & Matthew!**

Members received refresher training on putting up the DRASH tent. (See 2 attached pictures) Members pictured are **Tech. Sgt. Michael Wilkins** and **Senior Airman Tyler Crumpacker**.

Staff Sgt. Brad Simon graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science and Aeronautics degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on June 8, 2013. He is also excited to currently be working on his Masters in Aeronautics. Congratulations on your achievement **Staff Sgt. Simon!**

Mission Support Group

Congratulations **Master Sgt. Keith White** on your recent selection to the 181st MSG First Sergeant position and on your recent promotion to Master Sgt. **Master**

McPhee and his crew did a great job coordinating this mission which provided invaluable training to the unit. Lots of new faces on the horizon, it seems like the secret is out and recruits are banging down the door (thanks to the hard work of **John Mehringer** and his crew). We would like to welcome home our **1st Sergeant Christine David-Wood**. She finished up her tour as the 504th EASOG 1st Shirt, and is home from deployment. She did an excellent job in a high visibility position overseeing all TACP deployed ISO OEF. Nice work **Master Sgt. David-Wood!**

Well that's enough for now, see you around the base!
Lt. Col. Charlie "FRAM" Iracondo

Members of the 113th Weather Flight attended the Racer Family Day events in July. All members of the unit enjoyed the delicious BBQ lunch that was provided and gained useful information from the information booths in the hangar.

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley brought her two daughters, **Emma** (19 months) and **Lilly** (3 months). **Staff Sgt. Barley** said that **Emma** enjoyed petting the goats, sheep, miniature donkeys and camel. **Staff Sgt. Barley** said that **Emma's** favorite activity was riding the ponies and that after each turn she would immediately point and ask to go again. Her youngest daughter, **Lilly**, slept through most of the social event, only waking up to laugh, giggle and "talk" to friends of her mom.

Congratulations also go to **Staff Sgt. Barley** on her new job at First Financial Bank. **Staff Sgt. Barley** is a Post-Closing Auditor in the Commercial Loan Department. **Staff Sgt. Barley** says that she enjoys her new job because it keeps her busy throughout the day.

Congratulations are in order for Meteorological Technician **Eric Moore** on his promotion to Master Sergeant! Please join us in congratulating **Master Sgt. Moore** when you see him around base!

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley

Sgt. White comes to us from the Intelligence Squadron. Let's all welcome **Keith** to the support side of the house.
Master Sgt. Julie Vanlandingham

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Communications Flight

Well, the Comm Flight has a lot of activity over the summer! We wish to welcome back **Tech. Sgt. Dave Foy** from deployment to Afghanistan. He returned to technician duty in August. The boys in the NCC are glad to see him - especially **Tech. Sgt. James Moore** and **Staff Sgt. Nick Rudder**, who covered **Tech. Sgt. Foy's** position while he was gone. **Dave** is very grateful, guys! Thank you for stepping up to the plate.

Tech. Sgt. James Moore has big news! He and girlfriend, **Crystal**, are expecting a child! We're hoping to see the new little Comm troop come Spring 2014.

We are very excited to welcome **Senior Airman Anjali Smith** to Comm! We are so glad that you have crossed the fence! I know you will enjoy working with us.

Congratulations also go to **Staff Sgt. Curtis Peterson** on his upcoming retirement! We will miss you, **Pete!**

Intelligence Wing

Shayla Dunigan just joined the unit and will be headed down to Intel after she completes her training. **Shayla** is a senior in high school this year and is a special member of the **Perusich** family. Congratulations, **Shayla** and welcome aboard!

Public Affairs section had three individuals graduate from Defense Information School at Ft. George Meade, Md. In mid-August **Maj. Francis Howard** completed the 10 week Public Affairs Qualification Course. Then on August 23, 2013 **Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards** scored a 94.4% after 16 weeks in the Basic Still Photography course which earned her the "Honor Gradu-

Force Support Squadron

Hello from the 181st IW Force Support Squadron. We would like to start by saying thank you to all those who participated in the MWR events in Alpena Michigan. It was a first for us to organize such elaborate and enjoyable events for everyone, and due to much positive feedback, we look forward to providing those services to the base next time. Special thanks to **Master Sgt. Amberlee Helm**, with the help of our fellow services members, for taking the reins on those tasks and ensuring our TDY members had entertaining downtime available. Thank you to two individuals who have been a part of our work efforts here in MPF. To **Tech. Sgt. Megan Tabler**,

Praise and Congratulations also go to **Tech. Sgt. Darryl Yancy**, **Staff Sgt. Jonathon Bose**, and **Staff Sgt. Jonathon Ellinger** on passing your 7 level courses this summer. Good job!

I am sure I speak for all the golfers when I say a huge thank you to **Tech. Sgt. Jake Layer** for organizing this year's Lyle Skaggs' Golf Tournament. From all accounts it went very well, even though a few people melted in the heat. I have heard a rumor that my husband, soon-to-retire-from Comm **Chief Master Sgt. Scott Winegar**, **Chief Master Sgt. Scott Kasmer** (JFHQ), **Senior Master Sgt. Bill Baker** (MSG), and our very own **Tech. Sgt. James Moore** were spotted in full on Duck Dynasty regalia; I have yet to see the photographic evidence, but I'm sure it will be a treat. I also must mention that a Comm guy won the Longest Drive Competition, way to go **Tech. Sgt. Dave "Long Ball" Foy!**

Master Sgt. Teri Winegar

ate" certificate. Also on August 23, 2013 **Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman** completed his 26 weeks Public Affairs Qualification Course, this course was made up of 24 weeks in non-resident status and two weeks of final training. Congratulations to all three of you for doing an outstanding job at school.

Airman Basic Lonnie Wiram will be leaving soon, as well. **Airman Basic Wiram** will attend Basic Training and then off to Defense Information School at Ft. George Meade, Md. for Basic Combat Correspondent. Good luck **Lonnie**, we wish you well.

Master Sgt. Jami Perusich

who is assisting in customer service, and **Senior Airman Rebecca Martindale** and her assistance in Recruiting, we say thank you both for your support and hard work. Another special thanks to **Tech. Sgt. Chris Gresham** for his time and service as a recruiter. **Tech. Sgt. Gresham** has returned to the Security Forces Squadron and we are happy to announce his recent employment as an Assistant Professor of Law Enforcement at Vincennes University. Everyone wishes him well in all of his new endeavors. Last but not least, FSS will be saying goodbye to one our most illustrious and sought after members. We are saddened to announce that **Master Sgt. Craig**

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Rudisel will be retiring in October of 2013. He came to the 181st by way of the United States Marine Corps after serving eight years. After a hiatus of almost 2 years, he then dedicated the next 15 plus years to the Indiana Air

National Guard. The 181st MPF thanks him for all of his hard work and expresses the fact that he will be missed.
Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins

137th Intelligence Squadron

(In accordance with current Air Force guidance, the last name of 137th IS members have been omitted due to operational security)

Greetings from the 137th Intelligence Squadron! We hope everyone had a great summer. The squadron wants to thank everyone for their participation and making our first summer camp (as an Intelligence Wing) to Alpena, Mich. a great success! During the deployment our squadron won first place in the euchre tournament, basketball, softball tournament and the volleyball tournament. The 137th welcomes the following airmen back from technical school: **Airman 1st Class Jonathan**, **Airman 1st Class Carla**, **Airman 1st Class Brian**, **Airman 1st**

Class Jacob and **Airman 1st Class Micah**. Great Job! Congratulations **2nd Lt. Joe** and **Staff Sgt. Dalton** on their new wedded bliss. Congratulations **First Sergeant Brandy**, **Airman 1st Class Jessica**, **1st Lt. Larry** and **Airman 1st Class Brian** with the new babies in their families. The following individuals were promoted in July, **Master Sgt. Pat** and **Tech. Sgt. Kevin**; great job guys! Finally, congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Matthew** and **Staff Sgt. Meagan** and their new positions in the squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. Kelly

Civil Engineer Squadron

Fall is upon us, which means many area festivals, weddings, football parties, and change of color. With all this change, the 181 Civil Engineer Squadron is forever changing as well.

One positive change we have seen in the last month was two new promotions. Two airmen were promoted to the rank of Senior Airman: **Gary Girton** and **Jordan Chatman**. Awesome job and keep up the good work!

Speaking of an awesome job, congratulations goes out to **Staff Sgt. Jason Large** and Senior Airman. **Walter Corales** on being part of the winning team. These deployed members were part of the 386th ECES basketball team that won the overall championship for base

level teams at their deployed location.

On another note, we would like to welcome **Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Newman** to the squadron. He is now in the Facility Manager position and will be a vital asset to the base. We are excited as to the many years of experience that you have and will contribute to us. We all wish you the best and look forward to working with you!

Finally, we don't want anyone to forget our CE deployed members. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers regularly. We hope all of you a safe TDY and return!!!

Master Sgt. Larry "Ice Man" McBride

207th Weather Flight

The 207th ended the summer with a flurry of activity. Having just completed a vigorous "split" AT at Atterbury and at the Shelbyville Armory in June, the unit split again in order to provide weather support to the Combat Aviation Brigade in Shelbyville 12-14 July. **Master Sgt's. Britt King** and **Todd Bock** provided forecasts for personnel drops on 12 July. **Master Sgt. Bock**, **Senior Airman's Alex Nyirendah** and **Riley Fitzpatrick** provided weather on the 13th and 14th supporting check rides and surveillance missions across the state. Kudos to **Tech. Sgt. Brian Roell** who volunteered to provide weather support to Counter-drug aviation through the

month of August. Unit strength moved in a very positive direction in September as the 207th gained weather technicians **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Barton** from Ft Wayne and **Senior Airman Alek Schaffer** from Bloomington. Both were prior active duty and bring valuable weather experience to the unit. **Barton** has served at the Scott Operational Weather Squadron and for fixed wing fighter jets at Hill AFB. **Schaffer** has also served at an OWS (Sembach, Germany), Bagram AB in Afghanistan, as well as an Army support in Ft Campbell. Hats off to **Senior Airman Alex Nyirendah** who recently accepted a sales position at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Senior Airman Alexander S. Nyirendah

Local guardsmen support Patriot Exercise at Volk Field, Wisconsin



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Gregory Dunham, with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, gets down to business refueling a C-5 Galaxy aircraft on the ramp at Volk Field, Combat Readiness Training Center, Wis. July 16, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Joe Garber, 193rd SOW Harrisburg, Pa./Released)

Master Sgt. Gregory Dunham, Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Intelligence Wing, provided fuel support as the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (POL) during the 2013 Patriot Exercise held at Volk Field, Wis. July 2013. Master Sgt. Dunham and his team of individuals successfully supported C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-130 Hercules, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-16 Falcon, C-38 Gulfstream and C-21's Learjet during deployment, sustainment and redeployment operations. Their support enabled the movement of 1,134 passengers and 763.5 short tons of cargo and allowed flying units to accomplish 167 sorties and 455.9 flying hours. They also provided 24-hour ground fuel operations to support generators and light carts used for medical facilities, search and rescue operations, mobile kitchens, and the quality of life for exercise participants.



AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



Tech. Sgt. Sara Petersen

How has being a member of the Air National Guard enriched your civilian life?

Being a member of the military has given me a sense of pride that not many other people in my life have experienced. My children admire it, and it has helped me begin a career in law enforcement with my local police department.

Fact or Fiction: Provide two things about yourself that are true and one that is false. (Find out which item is fiction at the bottom of the page.)

A) I have two children. B) I live in Tennessee. C) I have never been overseas.

How would you describe your job in the Air National Guard and/or being a member of the Air National Guard to a stranger?

As a weather forecaster/observer in the Air National Guard, I provide weather support for Army and Air Force missions. I provide detailed forecasts for flight and ground operations. Also, I continue to monitor the current weather in case of any hazardous weather that may impact the safety of assets. In the case of hazardous weather approaching, I would issue the appropriate watch, warning, or advisory.

If you were on the cover of a magazine, which one would it be and why?

People, because I want to be famous!



Senior Airman Riley Fitzpatrick III

How has being a member of the Air National Guard enriched your civilian life?

Being a member of the INANG has brought an enhanced level of discipline and structure to my life, and it has helped me view my life as a civilian differently. The experience I've gained through the Air National Guard has prepared me for a career as a Patrol Officer for the City of Charlestown.

Fact or Fiction: Provide two things about yourself that are true and one that is false. (Find out which item is fiction at the bottom of the page.)

A) I was Senior Class President. B) I enjoy running mini marathons. C) I fly airplanes.

How would you describe your job in the Air National Guard and/or being a member of the Air National Guard to a stranger?

As a Battle Field Weather Forecaster, I work hand in hand with Army Aviators and I am responsible for mission success and asset protection by providing detailed and accurate weather forecasts.

If you were on the cover of a magazine, which one would it be and why?

Time - The world's most influential people have been on the cover of Time, and as a Charlestown Police Officer, I like to think of myself as a positive influence to my community and to those around me.



(Petersen: C; Fitzpatrick: B)

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