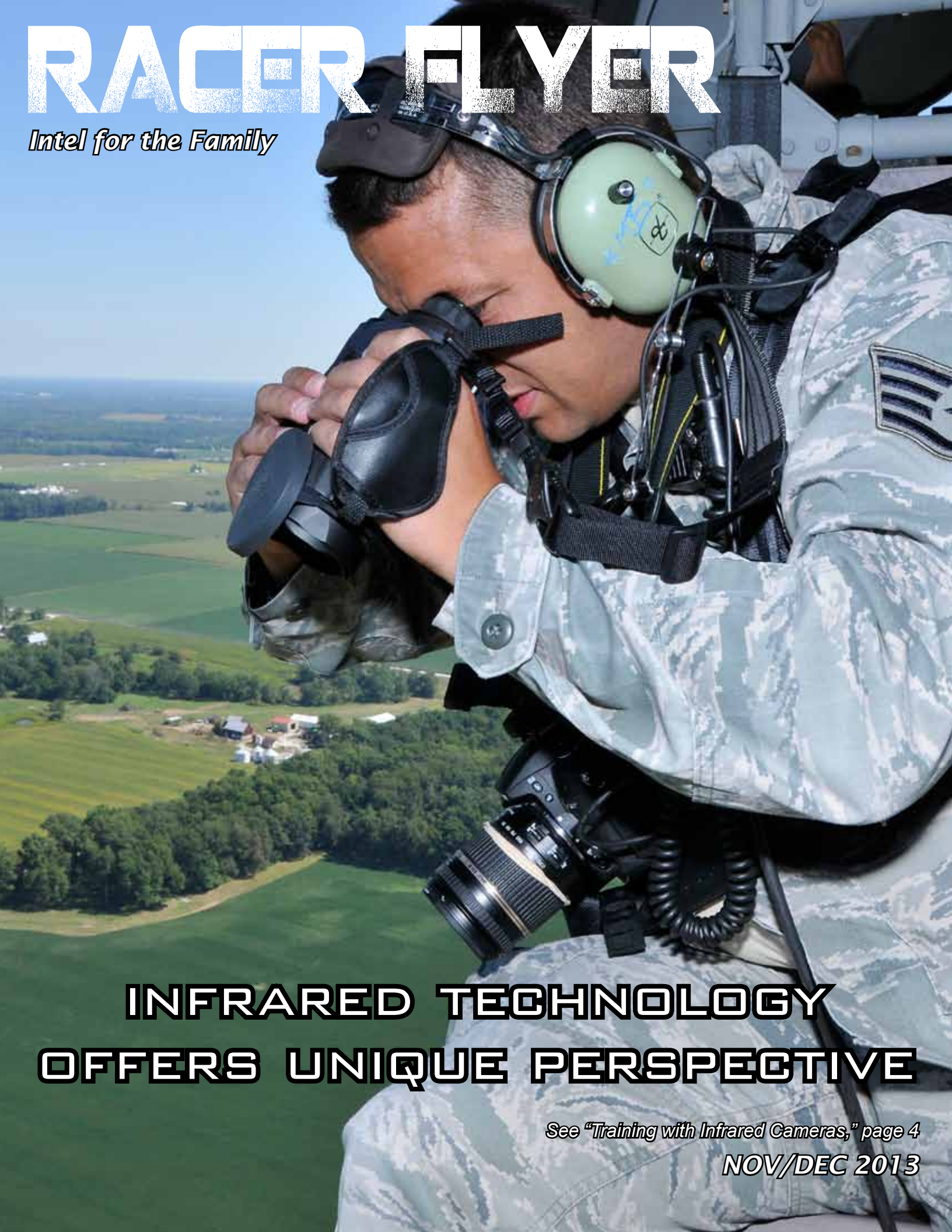


# RACER FLYER

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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Lt. Col. Ted Kuhn  
Commander, 181 IW/DGS

“Flexibility is the key to airpower.” We’ve all heard those words throughout our Air Force careers. Today, we must be more flexible than ever. We live in a very dynamic work environment. Situations and information are constantly changing and we must maintain the ability to quickly adjust to it. If you don’t, you will not survive.

Modern technology has given us incredibly flexible equipment. Fighter aircraft can be switched from air-to-air to air-to-ground attack modes by a flip of the switch. Imagery sensors can be switched from a daylight TV imaging to infrared imaging in a second. Air Force equipment is some of the latest, most versatile and flexible kit available. Undoubtedly, the most flexible piece of gear in the Air Force is between our ears. Our brain’s ability to adjust to environmental factors is phenomenal. It’s so impressive that it can adapt at light speed such as the brain’s ability to signal the release of adrenaline in extreme situations. Unfortunately, inflexibility is a typical trait of getting older. Humans tend to become more rigid

and set in their ways. We must strive to maintain a flexible mindset. Don’t be adverse to change. The benefits are well worth it.

A more agile mindset allows us to evaluate and adjust to the different jobs, roles and responsibilities we have each day. Sometimes we are required to be more rigid, to follow specific rules, but sometimes it’s better to be more open-minded which spurs creativity, effective problem-solving, and instills a can-do attitude.

Mental agility is also related to our perceptions, emotions, actions and motivations. A change of environment, attitude or behavior will also influence how we think. When we’re feeling happy or optimistic, for example, we tend toward broad and inclusive thinking. Conversely, fear narrows our focus down to specific details. When we’re able to make that mental shift without remaining stuck in a particular mindset, we’re demonstrating mental flexibility.

A flexible mindset moves us away from limiting thought patterns to an attitude of optimism and possibility. If you are feeling stuck, worn out by the regular routine or caught in old habits and repetitive patterns, adapt your thinking and behavior in a way that will inspire you. The result will ultimately boost your resilience and your chance at succeeding in whatever you do. In some respect you can say “Flexibility is the key to brainpower.”



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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 I was hired as a technician, one of the very first things I had to do was to go to state headquarters for a retirement briefing. Being 20 years old, it seemed a little unnecessary, but it was a requirement. During the brief, it was mentioned that it is never too soon to start planning for retirement and that I should be putting a percentage of my income into a retirement fund. As time passed, some of the older guys I worked with encouraged me to invest in my future and put another percent or two of my pay check into my retirement account. Then occasionally thereafter, they would remind me I was getting older and that I needed to consider life after retirement.

Now that I am one of those older guys, I recently had an opportunity to attend another retirement seminar. The counselor spoke of things like income, taxes, insurance and life after retirement. I was really glad those older guys from my past encouraged me to invest in my future, especially when the counselor mentioned that in the US, 65 out of 100 people will live to be 75 and 21 out of 100 people will live to be 90. Seeing how I plan on being in that 90+ category the extra money will definitely come in handy. But then, the counselor went in a different direction and started talking about the 'Quality' of life after retirement. He ask, if we would be satisfied sitting on a couch watching TV or maybe going out to the front porch for a real adventure and sit in that favorite rocker. Those options, sounded good for a few minutes, but not for long, because everyone agreed they would prefer spending quality time with family and friends, fishing, hunting, dancing, traveling and any number of other things. This brings me to the other real topic of this article, that of personal physical fitness. Whether it is an old work buddy, other friend or a family member, I've seen too many people limit their activities after retirement because of their physical fitness abilities and as I look around today, I see too many of our young airmen already struggling with fitness and wonder what their future will be like. Don't get me wrong, I know of many outstanding young men and women in our unit that take pride in their fitness and could compete with the best, but the fact is, there are way too many that are struggling with this issue. A simple thing like completing the AF Fitness test once or twice a year has proven very difficult for many. It is true, everyone must make their own decisions, but we as and Wingmen must continue to encourage our younger airmen on a regular bases and remind them again and again to invest what they can in their future, both financially and physically.



Chief Master Sgt.  
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## Family Readiness Group

### Relieve your Holiday Stress

Every year as the holiday season approaches do you have a sense of dread mixed in with all the excitement? I know we all love the holidays, but sometimes this time of year, we can find ourselves frazzled by the end of December. How can you find relief from holiday stress and still enjoy the season?

The holiday season can find that we are baking, entertaining, shopping, wrapping presents, visiting with relatives we don't often see and getting to the post office with the holiday cards and packages add to your already busy schedule of our daily activities and responsibilities. There are those of us who have high expectations for this holiday season and that may be carried on for a few months with some debt. All this is a recipe for "STRESS" that may have a few of us starting the New Year off already wishing for a break and in need of some serious holiday stress relief.

This year can be different if you try a combination of cutting back on activities, taking shortcuts and adjusting your own expectations for the season. These few tricks can have you enjoying the holiday to the fullest without maxing your energy, schedule and credit cards. Here are those tips that you can use to provide holiday stress relief:

1. Make a plan to handle those things that has caused you stress in past years to handle those situations. An example is make a spending plan and sticking to it to eliminate that holiday shopping stress.
2. Just say no to those unnecessary activities. That means if there's not an emotional payoff for you that outweighs the hassle, cross it off your calendar.
3. Simplify by remembering to make the season special, do the activities that you enjoy, the fun ones, those that you really would miss if you didn't include them.

These are just a few guidelines to find some relief from holiday stress. Remember there are services here on the base that can help you. Visit Kim Salsman, 181IW DPH or stop in the Airman & Family Readiness Program Office for the resources you may be needing to get your through the holidays.





*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)*



*(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)*

## 181st Intelligence Wing trains with infrared camera

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

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, 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.

## 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.

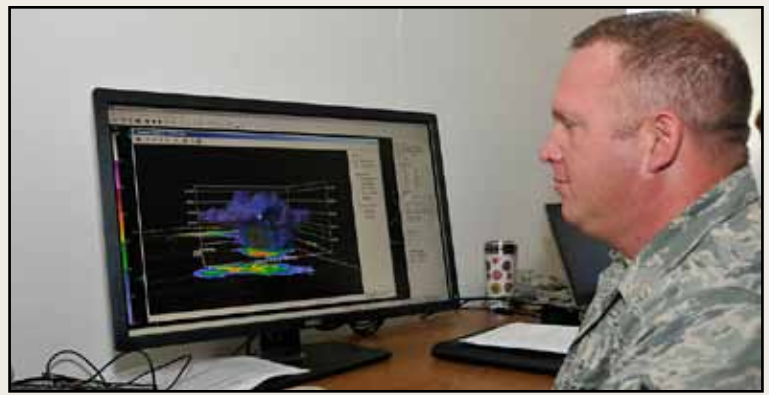
“They are having a great time, they are getting a lot of training, they are all doing an excellent job, and I am just proud of them,” said Helm. “It is nice to see them growing and becoming better airmen for the Guard.”

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.



*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)*

## 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.



*U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Ed Shulman spots the targets while Master Sgt. Damon Girton from the 113th Air Support Operations Squadron, Terre Haute, IN shoots the M240B machine gun for qualification during Exercise Northern Strike 2013 at Grayling Air Gunnery Range, Grayling, MI, Aug. 5, 2013. Exercise Northern Strike 2013 is a joint multi-national combined arms training exercise conducted in Michigan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Scott Thompson/released)*

## 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 1st 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



Bradley Buck



David Ellinger



Drake McKee



Dylan Turpin



Holly Keck



James Mitchell



James Perusich



Jessica Anderson



Kylie Bothwell



Lauren Anderson



Lindsay Chapman



Morgan Squire



Sean Turner



Sloan McDaniel



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# RACER UNIT REVIEW

## Intelligence Wing

We would like to welcome **Colonel Renwick** back from his recent deployment - he was very much missed by all the Wing! We would also like to bid a fond farewell to **Colonel Sims**. He did a great job and we are sad to see him go. We would like to welcome **Chief Paul Lybarger** to the HRA Office. **Chief Lybarger** recently transferred over from CE and will be helping out with HRA duties, so make sure you stop by and say hello. We also welcome **Senior Airman Rayna Defoor** back from technical school. She is in charge of the Wing Orderly Room and we are excited to have her on board. Congratulations are in order for **Lt. Col. Howard** on his recent

promotion - much deserved! We would also like to congratulate **Senior Master Sgt. Chapman's** daughter, **1st Lt. Lindsay Chapman**, on her recent commissioning – she is assigned to Medical Group. We have two new members of the Wing to welcome – **Master Sgt. Perusich's** son **James Perusich** and friend **Shayla Dunigan** just enlisted and will be going to basic and tech school in the spring. Congratulations to **Master Sgt. Perusich** on her recent appointment as NCOIC of the Base Honor Guard. And on a somber note, we would like to wish **Tech. Sgt. Gary Murphy** the best on his retirement.

*Master Sgt. Jami Perusich*

## 137th Intelligence Squadron

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

As many of you know, the 181st Intelligence Group underwent a mobilization for fiscal year 2014. The 137th IS mobilized approximately 70 airmen in support of worldwide Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operations. The 137th has supported ISR Operations since March 2009. As reported in the *Global Vigilance, Global Power for America*, U.S. intelligence specialist, “in 2012 alone, ISR Airmen shaped combat plans for 33 named operations, enabled the removal of 700 enemy combatants from the fight, provided critical adversary awareness and targeting intelligence to U.S. and coalition forces in over 250 troops-in-contact engagements, enhanced battle space awareness through 540,000 hours of sustained over watch of tactical forces and communication lines, and identified over 100 weapons caches and explosive devices that would have otherwise targeted American and partner forces.” Fiscal year 2014, appears to be another dynamic and challenging

year for our ISR airmen.

Lastly, we want to extend a tremendous thank you to the, FSS personnel, Finance personnel, Medical Group, Family Readiness Group and Margaret Amos. Although the DoD was “sequestered” (minimally manned) due to the budgetary constraints, each airmen was vetted and mobilized. The Intelligence Wing worked together with squadron senior leadership to ensure our airmen were in the proper status to support operations down range. They were able to work through issues that would stop an airman from mobilizing; like physical fitness, reenlistments, medical and dental disputes. The contributions of the entire Wing was instrumental in the preparation for the in-brief and provided our airmen the necessary information to be mentally and physically prepare them for a 365 day mobilization in support of the world’s greatest Air Force. Powered by airmen and fueled by innovation!

*Senior Master Sgt. Kelly*

## Operation Support Squadron

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

We would like to thank the 137th IS for allowing us to utilize the talents of **Lt. Col. Bryan**, **Master Sgt. Jerry**, **Master Sgt. Bret**, and **Tech. Sgt. Kelli**. We look forward to working with these highly experienced and dedicated individuals and their added attributes to the back shops!

Please join us in congratulating **Staff Sgt. Joe** and **Staff Sgt. Kate** on their promotions to technical sergeants!

Welcome back **Master Sgt. Chad** from Langley

AFB. **DGS 1** was in need of assistance and the OSS, once again, was able to provide a highly qualified individual. We also congratulate him on his most recent achievement, the Indiana Commendation Medal.

For all units, don’t forget to hit up your NGAI/EAN-GUS/NGAUS point of contact to get your membership up-to-date. Have a great and safe holiday season.

*Airman 1st Class Tonya*

# RACER UNIT REVIEW

## 113th Weather Flight

**Master Sgt. Laurel Tincher** celebrated her last day in the 113th Weather Flight and as a Racer October 30, 2013. **Master Sgt. Tincher** served an impressive combination of 31 years as Active Duty Air Force, Reserve, Guard and Army Guard. **Master Sgt. Tincher** has left a lasting impact on the 113th Weather Flight and will be greatly missed. Congratulations **Master Sgt. Tincher** on a well-deserved retirement and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Say car Ramrod!...the 113th Weather Flight would like to congratulate **Tech. Sgt. Sara Petersen** who experienced her first day as a police officer with the Bartlett Police Department in Tennessee November 1, 2013. She will be sworn in November 8, 2013, and looks forward to attending the academy.

## Jefferson Range (Det 2)

Hello from Jefferson Range, JFAC-IN-Det2. Quite a bit has been happening at the range to include Operation Bold Quest 13-2. The event was hosted by the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex from Sept. 9-19. The exercise is a "multi-national capabilities integration assessment event" sponsored by the Joint Staff with participation from the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, SOCOM, STRATCOM and Air/Army National Guard. The NATO partner nations included AUS, BEL, CAN, DEU, DNK, FIN, FRA, GBR, ITA, NLD, NOR and SWE. The exercise allowed partner nations to test technologies, including combat identification systems and cyber events. It also evaluated emerging technologies that communicate information between ground forces and aircrews. Jefferson Range was the primary range used for the event and had approximately 200 sorties during the two week exercise. The range also recently hosted the 2/147th Aviation Regiment from Frankfort, KY. Range personnel provided threat simulation for UH-

Congratulations are also in order for **Staff Sgt. Shannon Ramer**. On August 23, 2013, she successfully completed 3 ½ years of Air Traffic Control Training and is now a Certified Professional Controller at Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Congratulations **Tech. Sgt. Petersen** and **Staff Sgt. Ramer** on your new and exciting careers!

**Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley** will be celebrating her daughter, Emma's, 2nd birthday November 28. **Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley** also took on the job of Payroll/Human Resources for her family's restaurant, Pizza Hog, in Shelburn. **Staff Sgt. Barley** says that if you're hungry there is no better place to get a delicious, traditional stone-cooked, thin crust pizza. So if you are ever down that way stop in and say hello!

*Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley*

60 aircraft survivability equipment training. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and also Atterbury Range for the use of their threat emitter. We'd also like to thank **Senior Master Sgt. David Neukam, Master Sgt. Jason Coldiron, Master Sgt. Terry Abel, Tech. Sgt. Jason Monroe, Tech. Sgt. Derek Phelps** and **Airman 1st Class Zach Morgan** for their assistance building an access road at the range. Thanks to all of you!

The Jefferson Range WISS (Weapons Impact Scoring Set) upgrade is finally complete. Engineers from Corona, CA came and installed new cameras as well as other components to finalize the system upgrade. This final upgrade was desperately needed and has greatly enhanced the viewing capability of our scoring system.

Finally, I want to wish **Major Josh 'Deuce' Waggoner** all the best as he transitions to a new position at Atterbury Range. It was a pleasure working for you and we wish you all the best.

*Master Sgt. Danny Thomas*

## Medical Group

We would like to congratulate the following individuals on promotions and direct commissioning: **Farah Arnett** and **Krystal Johanningsmeier** to Senior Airman,

**James Hammock** to Tech. Sgt., and **Lindsay Chapman** to 1st Lt. A special shout out to 2nd Lt. **Nikki Price** and Senior Airman **Cody Eslick** on their marriage.

*1st Lt. Sylas Smith*

# RACER UNIT REVIEW

## *Logistic Readiness Flight*

On Nov. 3, 2013, we celebrated the retirement of **Master Sgt. Edward Fox**. **Ed** enlisted in the Active Duty Air Force March 9, 1973. Most of us weren't even born at that time. For those of you who can think back to that year, you may remember that **Richard Nixon** was the president, a ceasefire was signed ending involvement of American ground troops in the Vietnam War, and the Federal Debt was \$466.3 billion. Among the top news stories covered that year were, the Watergate Scandal, the release of POW **John McCain**, and the Energy Crisis.

**Ed's** first duty station was Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio where he spent his first four years in the Air-

craft Maintenance career field. He then transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas where he finished his first enlistment in the Traffic Management career field. In 1979, **Ed** joined the Indiana Air National Guard in the Traffic Management Office where he remained the rest of his military career. When you ask **Ed** to recall some of his fond memories, he will tell you stories about his co-workers and his deployments. **Ed** always has a smile on his face and a go-with-the-flow personality. He does light up a bit more when he shows off pictures of his grandkids. Congratulations, **Ed**, on a 40 year and 7 month career. That is quite an achievement. You will be missed!

*Tech. Sgt. Rebecca West*

## *Force Support Squadron*

Greetings from the 181st Force Support Squadron. We would first like to recognize a few of our members who have been recently promoted. **Senior Airman Nina Nuttall** has now been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Also, **Captain Robert McMahon** has been promoted to Major. Congratulations to the two of you for all of your hard work. A new addition to the Services flight family tree has arrived. Congratulations to **Senior Airman Earl Moody** and his wife, as they welcomed a new baby girl. Well wishes to you and your family. We are happy to announce that FSS has two new members. Coming by way

of the 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines Iowa, **Tech. Sgt. Kylie Bothwell** has transferred to the 181st to join our recruiting force. **Airman 1st Class Dominic Cammarata** has made a short trip from the 207th Weather Flight to the 181st Services Flight. We welcome them both and wish them well on their new career paths. Last but not least, Personnel is sad to announce the departure of **Master Sgt. Craig Rudisel** due to retirement. We thank him for his long years of service not only to the Indiana Air National Guard but to the United States Marine Corps as well. Good luck to our fellow airman!

*Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins*



*U.S. Air Force Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, participate in a semiannual Racer Run in Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 3, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)*



Part three in a series of articles from  
Chief Master Sgt. Scott Winegar, 181 IW/CF

### 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!

To read Chief Master Sgt. Winegar’s previous articles please go to:

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Why Am I Here?



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# 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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