

RACER FLYER

Intel for the Family

A photograph of Santa Claus and a baby elf sleeping together. Santa is on the left, wearing his traditional red suit with white fur trim and glasses. The baby elf is on the right, wearing a red suit with a white hat and a green headband. They are both resting their heads on a dark surface. In the background, a Christmas tree is decorated with lights and ornaments.

Deck the Hangar
with Fun and Smilies

See "Deck the Hangar with Fun and Smiles," page 4

JAN/FEB 2014



Col. Donald Bonte, Jr.
Commander, 181 IW

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Self-inspections provide an effective means of assessing mission performance and organizational effectiveness through internal review. The Self-Inspection Program (SIP), is designed to prepare our organization for mission readiness. On March 5, 2015, the 181st is scheduled to complete its first Unit Efficiency Inspection or UEI. From a drill status guardsmen perspective, that's only 30 UTA days from now.

Diligent completion of these checklists helps in identifying the critical things you need to correct in order to better accomplish the mission. You are assessing yourself on how well you are doing your job. It is crucial to be brutally honest in your answers to your checklists and provide proof that you have verified the answer and that you have had "eyes on." It is important that we exhibit the Air Force Core Values, especially "Excellence in All We Do," as we conduct our semi-annual self-inspections.

Here are some tips I can offer for a successful SIP:

Read your Air Force Instructions. The instructions tell us what to do and why we do it. The checklists used for self-inspection are only tools to help prepare your organization to be compliant with the Air Force Instructions that pertain to your organization.

Be honest. Rather than ignoring a problem, tell your supervisor of the problem and then fix it. It is easier and less painful to correct a self-identified problem rather than have someone outside your organization address it.

Enlist outside help. If you are unfamiliar with the SIP, contact your squadron's Self-Inspection Monitor. They can offer you guidance on how to run your checklist.

Trade self-inspectors. Allowing an outsider to run your checklist will help you identify things you have missed. For example, all squadrons have a Government Purchase Card holder who runs the same checklist as yours. Why not trade self-inspectors? Others are bound to see things you may have missed.

Explain your answers. It is easy to speed through checklists with yes or no answers, but it is important to take your time and provide proof for your answers. The justifications for yes responses and explanations of no responses are what provide the proof of your program's thoroughness.

Document the results. It is important following an exercise or self-inspection to input all discrepancies into the MICT database to insure proper tracking until they are closed. Also, monthly updates to actions taken need to be put in the database to show your continual efforts to get the problem corrected.

Use the information that is out there. There are resources out there to aid in your preparation for the Unit Efficiency Inspection. You can view articles on inspection preparation in the IG brief that is available on the Air Force Portal. You can also refer to AFI 90-201, which provides a clear picture of what the inspectors will be looking at.

Jan/Feb 2014 Vol 42, No. 1

The Racer Flyer is the official newsletter published by, and for, the members of the Indiana Air National Guard, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Indiana. The contents of The Racer Flyer are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the US Government, DoD, Department of the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, or the Indiana Air Guard.

Vision Statement of the 181st Intelligence Wing:

Recognized as a world-class Wing ready to serve State and Nation anytime ... anywhere

The Racer Flyer material: Articles and photographs are welcome and should be submitted prior to deadline (**the Mar/Apr deadline is Feb 11, 2014**). Send submissions by E-Mail to Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman (john.chapman.1@ang.af.mil).

Comm: 812-877-5471 FAX: 812-877-5371 DSN: 873-5471 DSN FAX: 873-5371

Col. Donald Bonte, Jr.	1st Lt. Brandy Fultz	Lt. Col. Francis Howard	Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman
Commander, 181 IW	Chief, Public Affairs	Wing Executive Staff Officer	PA Superintendent/Racer Flyer Coordinator

COVER PHOTO: Santa Claus takes a much needed break during the "have your photo taken with Santa" at the 2013 Holiday Party. Taking a nap with Santa is Carter Orman, granddaughter of Master Sgt. Ronald Thompson.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Are you a good Supervisor? Every year, airmen are selected for promotion into the ranks of non-commissioned officers (staff sergeants and technical sergeants). As staff sergeants, you are afforded the opportunity to supervise for the very first time. You may have already completed or will be completing Airman Leadership School (ALS). ALS is the first professional military education (PME) enlisted members encounter. ALS focuses on enhancing airmen by strengthening their ability to lead and become an effective first line supervisor. Do you remember your first chance at being a supervisor? I'm sure you had aspirations of being a good and effective supervisor. You wanted to employ what you learned in ALS. You were probably even thinking how your favorite supervisor treated you and that you would treat your subordinates in the same manner. You were fired up, excited, and nervous at the same time at your first supervisory opportunity. You certainly didn't want to fail and you wanted to ensure you were taking care of business at hand...you wanted to be a good supervisor to your subordinates.



Chief Master Sgt.
Gilbert Manalo, 181 IW

As you progress in your military career, you attain the rank of senior non-commissioned officer (SNCO). You would have completed Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) and/or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (SNCOA)...the other 2 levels of PME. As SNCOs, you are given more responsibilities and more is expected of you. Per AFI36-2618 section 5.1.1, "SNCOs must provide highly effective leadership. A SNCO's primary purpose is mission accomplishment. They must lead and manage teams while maintaining the highest level of readiness to ensure mission success." Due to the increased focus on mission accomplishment, supervisors sometimes lose track of maintaining the "good supervisor attitude"...the attitude they had on their first supervisory roles. Even the very best supervisor gets preoccupied with mission accomplishment. Remember, it is not just about mission accomplishment; it's also about the airmen who accomplish it.

All good supervisors are focused on personal and professional development of their airmen. They encourage higher learning, to include CCAF degrees, which are soon to be a requirement for promotion to E8 and E9. They promote professional military organizations such as National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) or Enlisted Association National Guard United States (EANGUS). With Congress in a wrestling match with budget and the economy, more military spending cuts are inevitable. However, we do have a voice through our legislators, and our voice can be amplified through the aforementioned professional military organizations.

With support of their airmen through good times or bad, success or failure, by focusing more on the development of their airmen than themselves, good supervisors are able to effectively develop their airmen in a manner that have a positive impact to their section, the Wing, and mission accomplishment.

Family Readiness Group

It's that time of year... Tax time!

In recognition of the complicated nature of filing taxes as a military service member, and in support of financial readiness, the Department of Defense offers tax consultation and e-filing services through Military OneSource at no cost to service members and their eligible family members. These valuable tools and resources are provided as part of the Family Readiness System.

Eligible service and family members have access to a no-cost tax preparation filing service, which allows users to complete and electronically file federal and up to three state tax returns with the support and experience of professional tax experts. The tax preparation software is easy to use, and filings are backed by a 100 percent accuracy guarantee.

In addition to filing services, Military OneSource tax consultants provide specialized support to help service members and their families understand the unique tax requirements related to military personnel. Consultations can also help service members maximize their refunds and get connected to additional resources and services of benefit to them, such as no-cost financial counseling services, which can include basic budgeting, money management, debt consolidation and housing issues (being behind on mortgage payments or facing potential foreclosure). Tax consultants are available to service members and their families at no cost by calling Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus visit with children during the 2013 Family Readiness Group Christmas Party Dec. 8, 2013 at the Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)

Deck the Hangar with Fun and Smiles

by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman, 181IW/PA

The Family Readiness Group hosted a Christmas party honoring service members and their families from the 181st Intelligence Wing and the Indiana Army National Guard, Dec. 8, 2013, at the main hangar.

Both Air National Guard and Army Guard families filled the hangar to celebrate in true holiday spirit! Also in attendance were the Cultural Inclusion Awareness Committee, the local NGAIA Committee, and representative from the American Legion Post 624.

“The 2013 Christmas Party was an opportunity for Army National Guard and Air National Guard families and service members to enjoy the snacks and activities that the Christmas Committee put together,” said Family Readiness Group Program Manager Margaret Amos.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance, passing out gifts and taking pictures with all the boys and girls.

Military members and their families were able to participate in many activities, to include ornament decorating, face painting, Wii and Euchre tournaments, and Bingo. Children were excited to jump in the Bounce House, and visit a live Reindeer.

“This had to be the biggest turnout we’ve ever had. I’m so happy that more unit members are bringing their families out to events like this,” said Master Sgt. Laurie Weaver.

Sgt. Weaver extended a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped coordinate, setup and decorate for this year’s event.

Also, thank you to the many organizations and local vendors that made this year’s Christmas party a huge suc-

cess: “Operation Home Front/Dollar Tree Annual Toy-Drive” for donating toys; Indiana Pacers and Jakks Pacific by providing a stocking filled with candy and a gift; USO Indiana and the Spencer Exchange Club for providing door prizes; Cathleen's Gymnastics of Spencer Indiana for donating the use of the Bounce House; Bob Baeslar of Baselar's Market for creating the fabulous food trays; Spencer Exchange Club for donating the children’s bikes; American Legion Post 624 for the loan of Bingo equipment; First-Books.org for donating the children's books; 181 IW members for donating desserts; and, special thanks to Melissa Fagg for taking photographs with Santa.

To quote a line from the poem *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, “Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.”



Rudolph enjoys a petting from a couple young kids during 2013 Family Readiness Group Christmas party Dec. 8, 2013 at the Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Todd Bock, 207th Weather Flight, Indiana Air National Guard checks winds speeds and temperatures during 2014 winter storm, Jan. 6, 2014, Stout Field, Indiana. (U.S. Air National Guard photo submitted by Lt. Col. Joseph Marcello/Released)

WINTER STORM SLAMS INDIANA

By Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman, 181st IW/Public Affairs Superintendent

U.S. Air Force members from the 207th Weather Flight, Indiana Air National Guard were mobilized to Stout Field, Ind., in support of Arctic Tempest from Jan. 5-9, 2014.

Arctic tempest was titled by the Indiana National Guard for its emergency response to the havoc wreaked by the so-called “Polar Vortex” winter storm. The system dumped over a foot of snow to the northern two-thirds of the state, while dropping wind chills to minus 40 degrees. The system shut down much of “Hoosier land” for the better part of a week.

“Joint Headquarter leadership recognized the availability of a weather cadre in their own backyard specifically designed to address issues particular to the Hoosier state,” said 207th Weather Flight Commander Lt. Col. Joe Marcello. “Time and spatially prepared forecasts and weather information tailored to specific operations provided necessary intel to choose best course of action regarding timing, positioning, and safety of troops and civilians.”

“Having participated in several federally initiated unit deployments since 2001, it was refreshing to wear our state hat,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cope, who responded to

the call to mobilize within two hours of notification. Senior Master Sgt. Cope and Lt. Col. Marcello were joined by flight members Master Sgt. Brit King and Master Sgt. Todd Bock in providing weather support to the Stout Field Joint Operations Center Jan. 5-8, 2014.

“It was a great privilege to serve; that’s what we’re here for,” said Master Sgt. Bock.



An extreme winter storm dumped over a foot of snow across Indiana and made driving conditions nearly impossible. The Army and Air National Guard responded to help citizens in areas hit the worst, Jan 5-9, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo submitted by Lt. Col. Joseph Marcello/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Sean Fretwell, an Airman with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Medical Group, performs search and extraction for simulated disaster victims Apr. 16, 2013, during Exercise Vigilant Guard, at Camp Gruber Okla. Vigilant Guard is an exercise program sponsored by U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in conjunction with National Guard Bureau. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Frank Howard/Released)

ZOMBIES WALK THE EARTH?

by Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW/PA

Moans echo in the early morning air. Misshapen bodies litter the ground as vaguely human shapes shamble through the smoke covered debris. Screams, emergency sirens, and cries of pain resonate in the air. Moving towards the carnage from military style tents are people encased in plastic environmental suits.

Is it a video game or a scene from a zombie movie? Thankfully, no. Does it still seem horrifying? I hope so.

This is a typical exercise scenario conducted multiple times throughout the year for the 181st Intelligence Wing. Horrifying, staged exercises like this are how airmen in the Indiana Air National Guard train throughout the year to support their communities during times of natural and manmade disasters.

The stench of rotting flesh permeates the training areas to prepare airmen for the harsh realities they could encounter when responding to disasters. The 181st IW regularly participates in mass casualty exercises in the local community and throughout the country. The exercises simulate aircraft crashes with mangled casualties, devastating floods, and unsafe collapsed buildings...in a word, chaos.

“Our mission is to respond to disasters in the state of Indiana,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Gregory Russell, 181st Intelligence Wing Medical Group. “We are tasked to respond when local first responders can’t handle the situation.”

The 181st IW’s state mission involves disaster response to the Hoosiers of Indiana. Airmen routinely train and practice with state and federal first responders and incident commanders to patch up the most serious wounds. First line triage forces airmen to quickly care and stabilize victims with shattered bones, gushing wounds, mangled limbs and charred skin.

“As part of the search and extraction team we look for casualties,” said Russell. “We conduct triage, treat casualties as necessary, and save as many as we can in order to help them transition back to a normal environment.”

The demolished buildings shift and groan as rescuers search the debris. The dusty air smells of dirt and concrete.

“The exercises provide a realistic disaster environment for our members



U.S. Air Force members from the 181st Intelligence Wing, Security Forces Squadron, perform Special Patrol Infiltration Exfiltration System (SPIES) training on a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter at Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, Ind., on May 15, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

to train,” said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Jay McKee, 181st IW Fatalities Search and Recovery Team. “The FSRT assists in the extraction and proper care of fatalities. The collapsed buildings and rubble better prepare my team on what they can and cannot do, and forces integration with other units to accomplish the job.”

In addition to the traditional first responders, other wing organizations are leveraging combat skills learned over the last decade and applying them to disaster relief and domestic response.

In the distance, shadowy human shapes stalk through the hedgerows and fields surrounding the carnage. Tactical Air Control Party airmen traditionally trek long distances in grueling conditions to establish communications with aircraft and conduct air strikes against enemy combatants.

Today, TACPs are shifting their focus towards domestic operations and responding to disasters. TACPs

are elite forces trained to operate autonomously in austere environments. Rugged, physical men trained in satellite communications, aircraft control, and task management have easily transferable skills in the first critical hours and days during the confusion and chaos of any disaster situation.

“Except for actually assisting in dropping bombs, every other skill and mission we perform can easily be used when responding to a disaster,” said Air Force 1st Lt. Ed Shulman, 181st Intelligence Wing TACP. “While our equipment is not as good as a cellphone, if communications are down we have the ability to set-up a command post in any area and begin assisting in rescues, aircraft coordination, and command and control.”

Overhead, barely visible shapes, resembling the legendary thunderbird, circle the disaster and surrounding areas while shadowy figures from behind the “green door” shift their gaze.

Increasingly, the 181st IW will provide local first responders and incident commanders the benefit of their expertise in analysis and assessment. The Wing routinely trains with the Civil Air Patrol and other National Guard units conducting search and rescue training, as well as incident awareness and assessment.

“We have taken 12 years of combat operations and lessons learned and are applying those skills to assist the people of Indiana,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Greg Hrovat, 181st Intelligence Wing.

181st IW Airmen fly with the CAP to provide video and images for continuation training. As a by-product, they image key infrastructure, roads, bridges and rivers to provide historical documentation. These documents can be used after a disaster to analyze damage, flooding or road access.

“During exercise United Front we provided the incident commander

with a common operating picture and aerial assessments on road access into the exercise disaster area and information on damaged buildings,” said Air Force Maj. Craig Maschino, 181st Intelligence Wing. “We looked for debris, downed trees, flooding, or anything else that would prevent access by disaster response forces.”

Like the G.I. Joes, the training and skills found at the 181st provides the people and leadership of Indiana an increased capability to assist their neighbors when disaster strikes. The location and facilities at Hulman Field ANG Base make supplying that support easy.

“The Wing’s domestic operations training showcases the Racer’s continued readiness and reliability in providing disaster support to the state of Indiana during times of crisis,” said Col. Donald Bonte, 181st IW commander. “Our central location, infrastructure and runways provide a perfect staging area and rapidly deploying from Hulman Field demonstrates one of the many capabilities of the 181st IW.”

As day breaks, and the smoke clears, it is apparent the carnage isn’t from a movie, or real life. The shambling figures and reeking bodies are training aides only, the people in plastic suits are 181st IW airmen, and the circling thunderbirds are response aircraft providing vital information to the incident commander. Thankfully, it is merely a well-crafted exercise showcasing Indiana Air National Guard airmen responding quickly and effectively to a crisis or disaster. Like saviors in a zombie movie, the 181st IW stands ready to react to the worst situations imaginable to support the Hoosier community, the state of Indiana and the Nation.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Zackary Eason, left, and Air Force Staff Sgt. Karl Ackerman, 181st Intelligence Wing, conduct mission planning prior to conducting command and control of airpower during Exercise Checkered Flag, Camp Atterbury Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Frank Howard/Released)



U.S. Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing board a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Columbus, Ohio, July 14, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

Congratulations to our Annual Winners



**1st Lt. Syllas Smith
Officer of the Year**



**Senior Master Sgt. Amberlee Helm
Senior NCO of the Year**



**Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins
NCO of the Year**



**Senior Airman Joseph Bowlin
Airman of the Year**



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jacob Buker, 113th Air Support Operation Squadron receives Airman of the Quarter for third quarter by Col. Donald Bonte and Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Manalo, Jan. 12, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bobby Horton and Airman 1st Class William Reece, 181st Intelligence Wing, talk with Staff Sgt. Nicholas Leis, 113th Air Support Operation Squadron on all the required training to be a TACP, Dec. 7, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Wilkins and Senior Airman Tyler Crumpacker, 113th Weather Flight, 181st Intelligence Wing, are preparing to unpack and set up a Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter (DRASH) tent during a tactical equipment self-inspection Nov. 2, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tiffany Fromm, 181st Intelligence Wing, displays her Letter of Appreciation during a Hometown Heroes Salute Ceremony given by Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr., commander 181st IW and Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Manalo, Command Chief of the 181st IW Dec. 8, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, set up a tent as part of their search and rescue exercise in Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 7, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt.'s of the 181st Intelligence Wing, take time out of their schedule and help dish out the Christmas meal to members of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Dec. 7, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)

NEW RECRUITS



Daniel Smith



Dylan Phillips



Garrett Marley



Glen Mandeville



Jason Jones



Mason O'Neal



Michael Fisher



Scott Wynn



Shayla Dunigan

WING PROMOTIONS



1ST. LT.
EMMA E. CHAPMAN
DARRICK T. HOOPINGARNER



MASTER SGT.
JONATHAN M. SCHLAK



TECH. SGT.
RYAN J. EARL



STAFF SGT.
TRENT A. MYERS



SENIOR AIRMAN
JACOB L. BUKER
JACOB E. HODGE
NATHAN D. HUTCHENS
JACOB W. KEITH
PAUL R. WILKES III

RACER PIT STOP

- ☞ 2013 W-2s available on MyPay
- ☞ 181st will celebrate its 60th year of service at Hulman Field, July 2014.
- ☞ Indiana National Guard Kids AT Youth Camp at Camp Atterbury is tentatively scheduled for July 5-12, 2014. Both male and female volunteers are needed to ensure a successful camp.
- ☞ Enlisted Dining Out - Sep. 6, 2014
- ☞ The Racer Chapel staff will be offering a Strong Bonds event in Indianapolis for couples the weekend of March 21-23. Learn new ways to communicate and strengthen your marriage! Send an email to SSgt Groll at bfouch13@gmail.com to reserve your spot or get more information. Lodging and meals included! Seats limited! Your relationship deserves a weekend of learning and fun!

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Intelligence Wing

Welcome back to **Lt. Col. John Puckett**! While deployed to Andrews AFB, D.C., **Lt. Col. Puckett** served as the Public Affairs Directorate for Air Force District of Washington for the past nine months. While deployed, **Lt. Col. Puckett** received the AF Superior Performer award by the IG during the AFDW first ever UEI Inspection. **Lt. Col. Puckett** still kept in touch with his troops from Indiana. In Aug 2013, **Lt. Col. Puckett** took the time to drive to Fort Meade, Maryland to watch the graduation ceremony of **Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman**

from the Public Affairs Qualification Course. Thank you **Lt. Col. Puckett** for your dedication and support of the troops!

Congratulations to **Airmen 1st Class Jessica Boesflug** on her recent birth to **Canaan**, born Oct. 10, 2013. **Canaan** weighs in at 6lbs 1oz and 19in long. Best wishes for you and your family.

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)

Happy New Year! The squadron is starting out the New Year with a pat on the back. Our squadron members have done an excellent job on staying current and qualified in their crew position. Our members are also completing the annual Area of Responsibility (AOR) testing requirement, Semi Annual Examinations and the required Career Development Course material. It is essential that we develop our airmen with the required skills, knowledge and experience to lead and execute current and future mission capabilities. This year, we want to focus on the career path of our enlisted and officer force. Military

members need to be cognizant of their Professional Military Education requirements. The following website will take members to the Air National Guard Force Development SharePoint. <http://www.ang.af.mil/careers/forcedevelopment/index.asp> Good info for all! Lastly, the squadron leadership has expressed their gratitude for the sacrifices that are made and the endless actions taken to accomplish the mission of the 137th. *Airmen: Winning the Fight. Strengthening the force. Shaping the future.*
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)

I hope everyone had an awesome holiday season and got to spend much time with family and friends. We have been quite busy in the OSS doing what we do best: supporting the mission! **Master Sgt. Chad** will be soon deploying to Afghanistan. Thank you **Chad** for volunteering and for your continuing efforts to support the war fighter. Be safe! Congratulations to **Maj. Rick** for being awarded Officer of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter, 2013. We would also like to congratulate **Staff Sgt. Craig** for being awarded NCO of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter. In November **Maj. Rick**, and **Maj. Craig** (137IS) attended the Patriot 14 Initial Planning Meeting (IPM) at Volk Field CRTC. PATRIOT focuses on increasing the understanding of coordination, policies, and procedures required in conducting a joint inter-agency domestic response. There will be more to follow as the months progress on this topic, so stay tuned! We would also like to thank **Master Sgt. Jason** for his coordination efforts and tireless dedication to the planning and executing of the

thankless task of getting the tables, chairs, power cords, etc. from ISU to be used for the Wing Christmas Party. Also, thanks to the many volunteers, within our group, who stepped-up to give Jason a hand. It is much appreciated! Everyone really enjoyed themselves. While **Capt. Chris**, **Chief Kirt**, **Master Sgt. Joe**, and **Tech. Sgt. Dustin** attended the CBI course in Tennessee in November, rumor had it that there might have been an Indianapolis Colts sighting, or two, in their hotel. How awesome is that? Lastly, we would like to say farewell to some of our members and wish them well. **Airman 1st Class Troy** and **Staff Sgt. James** are leaving us and pursuing other military/civilian interests, and **Master Sgt. Jeremy** was selected to be a First Sgt in another organization on base. Congrats to you all, and good luck. Be safe in all your travels everyone, see you at drill in the new year!

Master Sgt. Jerry

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Air Support Operations Squadron

Happy Holidays from the ASOS! Winter is apparently here in full force and the bitter cold has caused us to shift gears and stay indoors to train (even the mighty TACP can't stand the cold). November saw us exercising our jump program with one of our aligned army units and December subjected us all to death by Powerpoint, knocking out a bunch of ancillary training (great stuff!). We did get to welcome a bunch of new faces to the unit and would like to give a great ASOS welcome to **Senior Airman Dupler** who comes to us as a qualified TACP from the 2d ASOS in Vilseck, Germany. He brings quite a bit of experience to our unit and we are looking forward to working with him. We would also like to welcome our new **1st Sgt. Jeremy Bales**. **Tech. Sgt. Bales** comes to us from the Intel Group and we are excited

to have him. We have high expectations for you **Tech. Sgt. Bales!** **Tech. Sgt. Clarkson** has successfully completed the difficult TACP tech school and now starts the equally challenging MQT portion of his training. Congrats **Tech. Sgt. Clarkson**. We are also getting ready to send off some recruits to tech school. **Staff Sgt. Ray** and **Airman Basic Braye** have successfully negotiated the 1 level program and are awaiting their turn at the TACP tech school. Good luck to both of them with the upcoming school. Finally we would like to thank **Master Sgt. Christine David-Wood**, our outgoing 1st Sergeant. We will miss you and want to wish you luck in your new assignment with CE. That's all for now. I hope each of you has a happy and blessed holiday and new year. Be safe and we will see you next year.

Lt. Col. Charlie Iracondo

Medical Group

During the December drill weekend the MDG said goodbye to two members for reasons that are bitter-sweet! **Maj. Darla Mitten**, after over 25 years of service, performed her last UTA period before retirement. It is sad that we are losing her expertise and willingness to always volunteer, but we are happy for her as she engages in a challenging educational program to advance her civilian career and we wish her the absolute best. **Master Sgt. Frank Johnson** has been selected for a First Sergeant's position at another squadron. We will miss him very much as his professional and kind demeanor are always apparent, but applaud his courage to

step into the new challenging position of being a "Shirt" and know he will succeed!

CERFP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tech. Sgt. Dipple was awarded Army Achievement Medal on Sunday, Dec 8, 2013. Farewell to **Capt. Holman** who is transferring to the Virginia CERFP. Will be missed and good luck. **Staff Sgt. Hammock** promoted to Tech. Sgt. Warm welcome to **Maj. Mandeville** who will be a new flight surgeon for the CERFP. **Maj. Mandeville** is married with one son and works in general surgery practice for past 20 years in Terre Haute.

Senior Airman Farrah Arnett

Communications Flight

Once again we are losing "one of the good ones" from Comm. **Chief Master Sgt. Scott Winegar**, and his leadership will be sorely missed. **Chief**, you have always been there for either the hug or the kick in the butt that was needed that day. Your common sense approach to leadership cannot be replaced. We all appreciate every safety meeting that you held and organized. You were never an E-9, but always a Chief. It has been an honor and privilege to work with you. To a friend and supervisor, have a great retirement and we hope to see you soon and often.

Tech. Sgt. Dave Foy



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards/Released)

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Civil Engineer Squadron

The holidays are in full swing, and many of CE's deployed personnel have been able to return for the season to spend time with their families. It has been an eventful year full of real world missions, training deployments, and the new personnel stepping up to take the reins that are being passed down from the retirements over the last few years. It says a lot about the training that they've received and their dedication to excel, and set the standard, that we've become accustomed to within the squadron.

The electric shop is keeping its nose to the grindstone with **Master Sgt. Wolf** and **Staff Sgt. Large** returning from the AOR. **Staff Sgt. Wildman** is preparing to go to Shepard AFB in Wichita Falls, Tx for his schooling and joining **Staff Sgt. Forsythe**, who is already attending school.

207th Weather Flight

The 207th WF shifted its Field Training Exercise (FTX) to November from October (due to October's government shut-down). This annual exercise is designed to familiarize flight members in Army tactical operations. Training included specifics regarding perimeter defense tactics, the Military Grid Reference System (MGRS), camouflage techniques, tactical site selection procedures, tactical shelter operations and etc. With Autumn colors serving as a scenic backdrop at Ft. Ben Harrison, members were tasked with perfecting setup of tactical meteorological equipment such as the TMQ-53. The Defense advanced GPS receiver (DAGR) allowed three sets of teams to participate in a two mile land navigation exercise. Kudos to **Master Sgt. Todd Bock**, **Master Sgt. Britt King** and **Senior Master Sgt. Cope** for their ef-

The engineering shop has been busy training as of late with **Senior Airman Goodman** and **Senior Airman Peters** preparing to take their Airman Leadership test.

Emergency Management has bid farewell to **Senior Master Sgt. Shattuck** in his retirement with **Master Sgt. Ashby** taking over the fulltime Emergency Management position.

The Heavy Equipment shop has received a lot of new equipment to train on. They received a new loader, backhoe, and a pair of new skid steers. The writing was on the wall as with new equipment, there comes new work. They are out using this new equipment for snow removal as we speak.

From all of us in Civil Engineering we hope all of you have a safe New Year!

Tech. Sgt. Dan Meuser

forts in making this year's FTX a success.

Congratulations are in order for **Senior Airman Brian Norris** for completing the Weather Technical course at Keesler AFB (MS) and follow-on training at Camp Blanding (FL). **Norris** will begin his four month "seasoning" days at Stout Field in January. The 207th welcomes two additional members. Evansville native, **Airman 1st Class Michael Sutherby**, has been preparing for Weather Technical training scheduled for January while Fort Wayne native **Airman 1st Class Bowers** is awaiting his school date serving as a member of the 181st Student Flight. Congrats also goes to **Senior Airman Riley Fitzpatrick** for receiving the 181st Airman of the Quarter Award for the last quarter of 2013.

Senior Airman Alex Nyirendah

How Secure is Social Media?

In today's society, the Internet dominates a majority of our lives. Computers have enhanced our lives, and at times crippled it. Most everywhere you travel today, to or through the world has connectivity. And when it's free, we like it even more. For our adversaries and those wanting to scavenge for personal or military data, this is a "virtual" smorgasbord of information.

Some people feel when they are on the internet they are anonymous, so protecting themselves, their family, business or military operations are not on the forefront of their mind. Some do not understand that when posting/blogging/emailing friends and family that they could possibly be sharing their sensitive personal or military information with an unintentional audience. People don't think identity theft will ever happen to them. As the old saying goes, "there are those that have and those that will". If your personal information hasn't been compromised yet, it will. It's just a matter of time.

Data miners are working hard to get your information. The following video provides an example of how little bits of information we provide on the internet can easily be collect. Be the hard target.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/F7pYHN9iC9I?rel=0>



OPSEC COUNTERMEASURES to Live by:



- Understand that a common technique of those that intent on gathering information is to simply watch what you're doing on your computer in public areas such as coffee shops, airports, hotel lobbies, etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Assume that others are reading what you're writing.
- Be aware of the security settings for each web site you use & ensure they are set properly to protect your information, but more importantly you.
- Ensure that the information posted has no significant value to anyone other than your intended audience.
- Avoid public (online or real life) speculation about future plans/missions.
- Don't use personally identifiable information as your password
- Never, leave your computer unattended in a public place.
- Never, share your password with others.

If you have any questions related to OPSEC talk to your unit OPSEC coordinator or the 181 IW OPSEC Program Manager - Capt. Matt Hollowell at 877-5299, or alternate Program Manager - Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Ennen at 877-5207.





AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



Tech. Sgt. Stephen M. Baldwin

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

I have been a full-time Contract Specialist since September 2004. The Contracting career field has been very good to me as a civilian as I have been able to be promoted three times. I have worked for DFAS since March 2010.

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 been married to my wife Suzie for 19 years and we have three children: AJ – 17, Dane – 16, and daughter Reilley – 13.
- (B) I am a five time table tennis state champion from my teenage years.
- (C) I am the best swimmer in my house.

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

I describe being a member of the Air National Guard as an opportunity to serve my country on a part-time basis. I explain to them that if it was not for the Air National Guard I would not have my civilian job that I have today.

If you were on the cover of a magazine, which one would it be and why? GQ. I like to look nice when I go to work at my civilian job.



Tech. Sgt. Stephen F. Morris

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

I'll be able to completely retire at age 60 due to the pension plan and health benefits that the Guard offers..

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 work at United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic.
- (B) Was a rodie for James Brown during the "Living in America Tour".
- (C) I was active duty for eight years under the Strategic Air Command.

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

I enjoy working with my co-workers serving this great country.

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

Aviation Weekly. I enjoy working on aircraft electronic devices.



(Baldwin: C (I do not know how to swim.) Morris: B

THE RACER FLYER

181st Intelligence Wing
Indiana Air National Guard
800 S. Petercheff St.
Terre Haute, IN 47803-5001

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PRSRT STD

U.S. Postage Paid
Terre Haute, IN.
Permit No. 66

OFFICIAL



Flashback to the late 60's

The year 1967, the place unknown. The man on right with sunglasses is Col. Richard Petercheff. Most of you only know the name Petercheff Street, now you have a face to go with the name.



Like us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/181IW

Racer Website:
www.181iw.ang.af.mil

Follow us on YouTube at:
www.youtube.com/181IW

