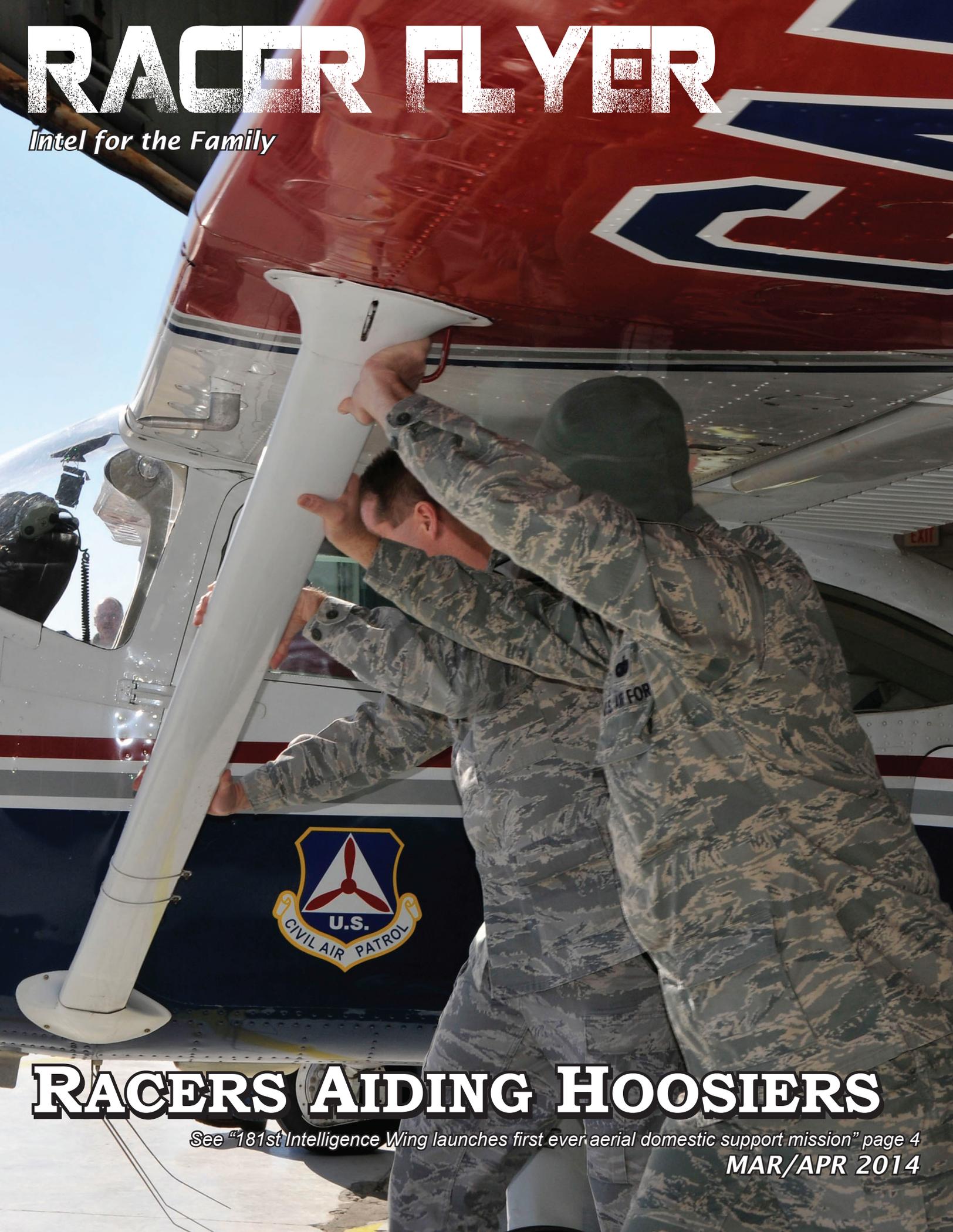


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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Lt. Col. Sean Stephens
Commander, 181 LRF

Greetings RACERS,

If you are, or once were, an enlisted member in the United States Air Force (USAF) you should know what the following items have in common: “Reveille” in the morning, the swishing noise from the arm swing and the heel beat of a passing formation, the distinctive command of “Road Guards Out!” and Jody Calls, the freezing of all movement at 1730 when “The Star Spangled Banner” is played over the giant voice, large groups of personnel performing physical fitness together and running in formation, and the playing of “Taps” in the evening. . . .ring any bells? Surely you are recalling that past experience that many of us hold in common. If not, this last clue should synch it: Lackland Lasers. Yes, you are correct, AF Basic Military Training (BMT) and the “Gateway to the Air Force,” Lackland Air Force Base (AFB). For the older crowd, yes, they still use Lackland Lasers, and they have not changed much through the years!

I am reminded of my days in BMT because I am writing this article from Lackland AFB as I complete the Logistics Readiness Officer (LRO) Basic Course. Being away from home and out of my normal day-to-day routine has provided some time for me to contemplate different topics. The environment I am in has steered a great deal of these thoughts to my time in the military. I would like to share one of those thoughts with you, that being the concept of TEAM.

The LRO course is my fourth Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) awarding experience. As an enlisted airman, I served as an aircraft fuel systems mechanic. As an officer, I have served as a personnel officer and an intelligence officer. My civilian career as a math and science teacher and school principal reflects the fact that I love learning, personally and helping others to do the same. The benefit of learning about four different AFSCs and their associated mission capabilities is the realization of how interconnected and interdependent all the specialties within the USAF are to each other. The USAF is truly a TEAM charged with the mission of applying airpower to “Fly, Fight, and Win in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.” Our doctrine reminds us that we can best achieve mission success if we apply the Tenets of Airpower: Centralized Control and Decentralized Execution, Flexibility and Versatility, Synergistic Effects, Persistence, Concentration, Priority, and Balance. To do this, we must be a TEAM.

Merriam-Webster defines a TEAM as: “a group of people who work together.” Several things unite us as a wing and put us on the same TEAM, one we like to call the RACERS. All have sworn to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Indiana,” thus making us members of the USAF and the Air National Guard (ANG). Each of us has completed initial military training, most BMT and for some, officer trainer as well. All have received specialized technical training in an AFSC. Each of which represents a career field that is vital to the accomplishment of the AF mission and helps us exercise the Tenets of Airpower. The value of each of us to the TEAM is summed up well by former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy when he was quoted as saying “Every Airman is important

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COVER PHOTO: U.S. Air Force airmen with the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard prepare a Civil Air Patrol aircraft for take-off for the Operation Blue Sky Incident Analysis and Assessment mission over central Indiana Feb. 21, 2014. The 181st IW deployed an Aerial Collections Team to conduct aerial assessment of flooding in Tippecanoe and Fulton Counties in order to provide Indiana Department of Homeland Security with an accurate assessment of flooding. The 181st Intelligence Wing is crucial to State domestic response. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

I was thinking about personal readiness the other day and the Chinese philosophy of yin and yang came to mind. Yin and yang is a philosophy based on opposites like hot and cold, light and dark, fire and water, black and white, or high and low. There are times when there is more yin than yang and there are times when there is more yang than yin. No matter the balance between the two, they are always part of the whole. Each of these things cannot exist without the other and they balance each other out. How is this related to personal readiness you ask? Let me explain my thoughts.

We are directed by regulations to “maintain the highest level of personal readiness to meet mission requirements.” When we have areas of our life that are out of balance we can become distracted and increasingly unable to focus on mission requirements. Those parts of our lives that are out of balance start consuming more and more of our attention to the exclusion of other parts of our life. You are our most valuable asset. Do not ignore problems in your life that are keeping you distracted. It is up to each of us to recognize areas in our lives, and those of our Wingmen, that are out of balance and do whatever it takes to improve them.

Fortunately we have an incredible amount of resources available to help us rebalance. Military One Source, Chaplain’s Office, Family Readiness Programs, Wing Director of Psychological Health and your leadership are just some of the resources you have to assist you. I encourage everyone to become familiar with all of these programs and what they have to offer so you know where to go when you or your wingman needs help rebalancing.

If we commit ourselves to “maintain the highest level of personal readiness to meet mission requirements” there is nothing that will stop us from winning the fight, strengthening the team and shaping the future.



Chief Master Sgt.
Mark Goodin, 181 CF



181st Intelligence Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

As a new Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for the 181 Intelligence Wing, I am honored to serve with Capt. Randi Brown and the dedicated team of Victim Advocates. I currently serve as the full-time Indiana CERFP Medical Plans and Operations Officer. My office is located in building 17, room 115. I can be reached at 812-264-4284.

I know what most of you are thinking. “This topic again...?” If it feels like we discuss this topic every month in meetings, training events, and roll calls, it’s because we’ve learned that the more we educate on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, the more likely someone will report that they have been a survivor of a sexual assault. It is important to remain a vigilant wingman and take care our airman.

You don’t have to be alone! An assault is not your fault. You did not cause this to happen, and no one has the right to assault another human being. Any sexual act initiated against another person without their consent is against the law.

1. People are here to help. We are committed to supporting you and your family members in the most sensitive and private way possible.
2. There is no “right way” in dealing with sexual assault. It is ok to be angry and it’s important to stand up for yourself when you are ready. Let the SARC/Victim Advocate put you in touch with all the resources and assistance available to you.
3. Take care of yourself and ask for any help you need. Remember, before washing or cleaning up, seek medical attention to preserve.

We are here to help! 24 HOUR DOD SAFE HOTLINE 1-877-995-5247

Coordinators: Randi Brown and Leanna Edwards

Victim Advocates: Robert Hackett, Jami Perusich, Jonelle Dippel, Julie Hayworth, Jessica Guess and Cesar Leal.



Capt. Leanna Edwards

to the mission, whatever that mission is. There is no one AFSC or person that is more important than another.” This quote appears in Air Force Doctrine Document 1-1, Leadership and Force Development, which describes how we are to grow leaders, Airman Basic to General, in the AF. The idea of TEAM is engrained in our doctrine.

Our challenge as RACERS is to recognize the variety of ways we have to contribute to the mission accomplishment of the USAF and ANG via the capabilities inherent in our Intelligence, Mission Support, and Medical Groups, Air Support Operations Squadron, Weather Flight, and Wing Headquarters and to “work together” as a TEAM. The diversity of our AFSCs and career fields is to be celebrated. We will contribute most effectively to our collective RACER mission if we remember a great motivational definition of the word TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More. Go TEAM RACERS!

181st Intelligence Wing launches first ever aerial domestic support mission

By Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW/WESO

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — The roar of the jets is long gone but Airmen from the 181st Intelligence Wing Indiana Air National Guard still stand watch for the Hoosiers of Indiana.

On February 21, 2014, the 181st IW was tasked to conduct aerial operations for Operation Blue Sky at the request of Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

“The ice dams were moving downstream with the size and potential strength to damage bridges and other key infrastructure in their paths due to the historically heavy icing on the river this season,” stated Jan Crider, IDHS. “Due to flooding in the area only an ‘air picture’ could provide this assessment.”

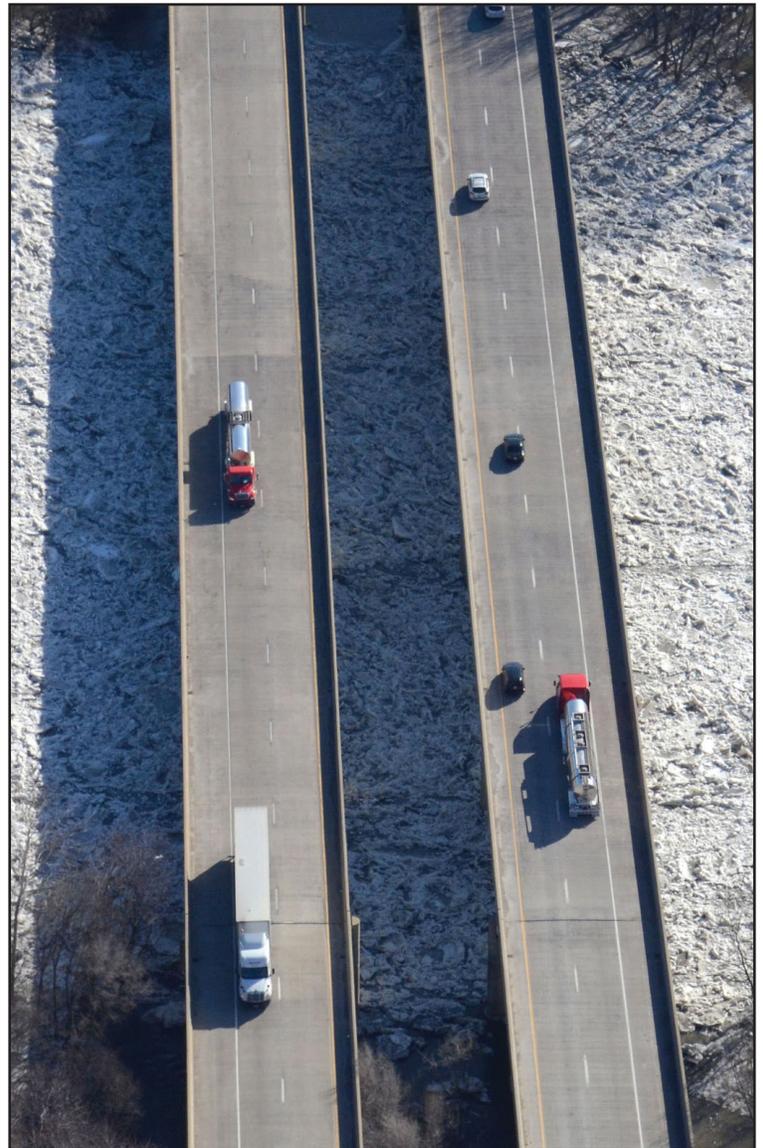
The 181st IW along with the Civil Air Patrol launched an Aerial Collections Team sortie to conduct aerial assessment of flooding in Tippecanoe and Fulton Counties to provide IDHS an accurate assessment of the flooding.

“I am proud of how our Airmen responded to this historic tasking,” stated Col. Patrick Renwick, 181st IW vice commander. “One of our primary missions is to assist the people of Indiana and this is just one of many ways we are prepared to support our community.”

While airborne the team surveyed the ice jam causing the flooding, observed and reported a sport utility vehicle stranded in flood water and provided analysis of areas affected by the flooding.

“Our close working partnership with the Civil Air Patrol and our Wing’s focus on disaster response can really make a difference when incident commanders respond to severe weather or disasters,” stated Renwick.

“The Racers are critical to domestic response and dedicated to supporting the people of Indiana in whatever way we are tasked,” stated Col. Donald Bonte, 181st IW commander. “While we hope disasters don’t happen, we are here and ready whenever the State of Indiana requires our assistance.”



Aerial photograph of the flooding in Tippecanoe and Fulton Counties provided Indiana Department of Homeland Security with an accurate assessment of flooding. The 181st Intelligence Wing is crucial to State domestic response. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Robert J. Webb/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Ben Knowles, 181st Intelligence Wing, and Mr. Doug Reinbold, Readjustment Counseling Technician, Veterans Center look at imagery sent down into the Mobile Vet Center; Feb 6, 2014, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. In a natural disaster these images are given to the incident commander to better prepare for recovery efforts. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

181st Intelligence Wing works with mobile veterans center

by 1st Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181st IW/Public Affairs Officer

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — The 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard Incident Awareness and Assessment (IAA) team, the Mobile Veterans Center, and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) teamed to conduct training Feb. 6, 2013, in support of the Indiana Air National Guard civil support mission.

Although the primary mission of the MVC is to provide Department of Veteran Affairs resources to remote veterans, alternative missions include utilizing their communication capabilities to assist federal and state first responders during a natural disaster.

“We’re able to take the pictures and send them to the Mobile Vet Center where we have people inside with the software to analyze the natural disaster, so we can give it to the incident commander to better prepare him for recovery efforts,” said Master Sgt. Ben Knowles, noncommissioned officer in charge of the IAA team.

Training included system testing and familiarization, as well as an IAA flight with the CAP to test the combined capabilities of the organizations.

The gift of life

by 1st Lt. Brandy Fultz, 181st IW/Public Affairs Officer

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. —The 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard Junior Enlisted Council partnered with the Indiana Blood Center, Feb. 8, 2013, to host a blood drive.

The Indiana Blood Center is charged with collecting 550 units every day to supply over 60 Indiana hospitals.

"Myself, I've got a mother with a rare kidney disease, requires blood transfusions, and she's got a rare blood type, as well, so I feel at least if I can help other people, I feel a little better about myself," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Chesshir.

The next blood drive is currently scheduled during the May unit training assembly. If eligible, please consider donating. Every drop counts!



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brian Chesshir, 181st Intelligence Wing, answers questions before he donates the gift of life during the February 2014 Blood Drive, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Supporting the community is a key mission for the 181 IW as part of the Air National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)

American Red Cross **BLOOD DRIVE**



**DONATE
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10am-3pm**



Airmen from the 181st IW and 122nd FW, practice patrol maneuvers Mar. 1, 2014, during Operation Rogue Banshee at Muscatatuck. The focus of the joint training was Close Air Support incorporation into urban combat operations and other small unit scenarios. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Boals/Released)

181st Intelligence Wing airmen hone urban combat kills

By Lt. Col. Frank Howard, 181st IW/WESO

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. — Airmen from the 181st Intelligence Wing, 113th Air Support Operations Squadron, Indiana Air National Guard, will conduct Operation Rogue Banshee at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center March 1-3, 2014.

The focus of the training was Close Air Support incorporation into urban combat operations and other small unit scenarios.

“Calling in airstrikes on the right target at the right time can change the battle,” stated Maj. Ryan Harvey, 113th ASOS Air Liaison Officer.

Tactical Air Control Party members imbed with Special Forces, Army and Marine units to bring overwhelming firepower to the battlefield in the form of air strikes.

“We train heavily with the A-10 fighter aircraft from Ft. Wayne ANG at Muscatatuck,” stated Harvey. “The training with Apache helicopters this weekend will refresh our joint skills.”

113th ASOS airmen will be training on all communications equipment crucial to the job.

“The skills being honed this weekend proved invaluable in responding to and retrieving stranded motorists and medical personnel during Winter Storm Ion and getting them to shelters and hospitals,” stated Col. Patrick Renwick, vice commander, 181st IW and former 113th ASOS commander.

“Having the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Indiana gives my airmen the ability to conduct training that is not available anywhere else,” stated Harvey.

The 181st Intelligence Wing is dedicated to supporting the Nation and the people of Indiana.

Greetings from the IGI office

For all those who have been working hard on implementing the new Air Force Inspection System (AFIS), on behalf of the IG Inspection Division, we would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication. As October 1st approaches and all wings will be required to operate under the new system, we are confident that we will have our Commanders Inspection Program up and running. However, there is still much work to be done between now and then. But we know, in true Racer fashion, you will all rise to the occasion and produce an outstanding program true to the spirit in which it was designed. We would like to relate a few key points about the AFIS that are critical to the success of our implementation.

The newly designed AFIS represents a significant change in culture from the way the AF used to conduct inspections. I say ‘used’ to conduct inspections because those are the days of the PAST. Many of us progressed through the ranks with the legacy inspection system that promoted short-term surges intended to fool the inspectors into thinking that what they see is what happens all the time. The truth is that the inspectors were never really fooled at all. It was all just part of the dance between the unit and the inspectors that was inherent in the process. For years this has resulted in wasted man-hours and resources in preparing for inspections, with the end of the week going back to ‘business as usual’. We all need to strike this way of thinking from our mindset and embrace the new system for how it will benefit us. If we do this, we will never have to prepare for another inspection, ever, again.

The cornerstone of the AFIS is the Commanders Inspection Program (CCIP). This places the responsibility of readiness directly on each unit commander with the intent on continuous performance improvement. Unit assessments need to reinforce the concept that mission readiness equals inspection readiness. Through the use of self-assessment checklists, monitored in MICT, the primary software program used to track them, commanders can keep constant situational awareness on their unit’s performance with respect to the four major graded areas; Managing Resources, Leading People, Improving the Unit and Executing the Mission. I want to stress that the CCIP is not a ‘compliance’ program. The CCIP is not about accomplishing mini-UCIs at the wing level. The key to the CCIP is honest and accurate reporting with the idea that non-compliance is not always a bad thing. Sometimes non-compliance is not a choice. A commander cannot work on improving the challenges to the unit if he or she does not know about them. Honest and accurate self-assessment allows the commander to perform root cause analysis and develop actions plans that eventually lead to improvement. There are only three ways that a unit can reflect poorly with the AFIS; lying, cheating, and not looking (not working the system).

We, at the IG Inspection Division, are working hard to build a solid foundation on which to begin our CCIP. But we can’t do it without your help and cooperation. Should any of you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our office is now located in Bldg. 18, Room 127, directly across from the Wing Executive Conference Room.

With great respect,

Lt. Col. Joe Hinkle, Maj. Ryan Harvey, 1st Lt. Edward Shulman and Master Sgt. Frank James

NEW RECRUITS



Bonnie Barnhill



Brent Chastain



Briana Polter



Brittany Brown



Chase Haring



Jared Ulmer



Jerry Manley



Maeghan Pilman



Marlee Short



Dylan Phillips



Zach Bookout



Cody Helms



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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
AUSTIN P. BURROWS
JOHN D. SMITH
ALLEN J. WALLACE

RACER PIT STOP

✪ 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

✪ Strong Bonds Married Workshop Event, June 21, 2014. POC: clifford.r.pappe.mil@mail.mil

✪ In Their Shoes - 5K Mud Run, May 10, 2014, call 317-247-3300 ext. 85479

Congratulations to our Annual Winners



Master Sgt. Jami Perusich

181st Intelligence Wing's Base Honor Guard Member of the Year Award for 2013
State of Indiana Air National Guard Base Honor Guard Member of the Year Award



Master Sgt. Melinda Tatman

2013 Air National Guard
Financial Management Senior NCO of the Year



U.S. Air Force airmen assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard and Lt. Col. Reginald H. Paul, Civil Air Patrol pilot, conduct pre-mission planning prior to the Operation Blue Sky Incident Analysis and Assessment mission over the central Indiana Feb. 21, 2014. The 181st IW deployed an Aerial Collections Team to conduct aerial assessment of flooding in Tippecanoe and Fulton Counties in order to provide Indiana Department of Homeland Security with an accurate assessment of flooding. The 181st Intelligence Wing is crucial to State domestic response. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Matthew Riggs and Lt. Col. Tamala Saylor of the 181st IW, attended a three day Technician Supervisor Training Course at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Feb. 25-27, 2014. Members receive this training to sharpen their supervisory skills and become more effective managers of personnel and assets. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt's Troy Ave, Moira Johanningsmeier and Master Sgt. Stephen Strange of the 181st IW, attended a three day Technician Supervisor Training Course at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Feb. 25-27, 2014. Members receive this training to sharpen their supervisory skills and become more effective managers of personnel and assets. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Maj. Glenn Mandeville, assigned to the 19th CERFP Medical and Fatality Recovery elements, 181st IW, assembled personal bags and equipment bags for an upcoming deployment to Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Edinburgh, Ind. Feb. 27, 2014. During the training airmen will conduct convoy operations, establish operations in the field and practice first-line medical triage and fatality recovery during a simulated weapons of mass destruction disaster. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Mollica Askren, assigned to the 19th CERFP Medical and Fatality Recovery elements, 181st IW, performs function check on helmet flashlight as she prepares for an upcoming deployment to Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Edinburgh, Ind. Feb. 27, 2014. During the training airmen will conduct convoy operations, establish operations in the field and practice first-line medical triage and fatality recovery during a simulated weapons of mass destruction disaster. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John S. Chapman/Released)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Scott McPhee, 181st IW, 113th Air Support Operations Squadron, observes Tech. Sgt. Stephen Walker, 122nd FW, 122nd Security Forces Sqd performing weapons familiarization during Operation Rogue Banshee Saturday, March 1st at Muscatatuk, Butlerville, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Boals/Released)



Senior Airman Raymond Felix, left, and Airman 1st Class Austin Rowlands, right, 181st IW, 113th Air Support operations Squadron, performing weapons familiarization on an M-240 Bravo March 1st during Operation Rogue Banshee at Muscatatuk, Butlerville, Ind. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Boals/Released)

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Intelligence Wing

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. John Chapman** for receiving third place in the National Guard Media Content, Picture Story category! His photo essay captured the Racers' Annual Training at Alpena CRTC, Mich. July 2013. Congratulations! The public affairs office sadly says goodbye to **Lt. Col. John Puckett**. Luckily, he isn't moving far since he is now in the safety office. Thank you for the mentorship! The public af-

fairs office also said goodbye to **Airman 1st Class Madeleine Richards**. She is off to Hollywood, as she was recently accepted to an acting class. She also joined the 146th Airlift Refueling Wing in California. Lastly, the public affairs office welcomes **Airman 1st Class Lonnie Wiram**, who is currently at photo-journalism school.
1st Lt. Brandy Fultz



Racers' Annual Training at Alpena CRTC, Mich. July 2013.

137th Intelligence Squadron

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

Racers, are you measuring up? Filling the squares? Have you completed your Professional Military Education (PME) requirements? It has come to the attention of squadron staff that there are enlisted personnel that are or will be eligible for promotion, but have yet to complete their PME. By the way, promotion to staff sergeant requires Airman Leadership School. Technical sergeants should be enrolled or have completed Noncommissioned Officer Academy; new master sergeants are eligible for Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Bring your completed PME certificates or notify **Master Sgt. Schlak**, our Unit Training Manager, that you are enrolled in a PME course. Another requirement to keep in mind is

physical fitness; testing will start again in March. These requirements are easy and are a deal breaker for promotions. Lastly, our squadron has had multiple incidents that have had a dramatic impact on people's lives. The squadron leadership is concerned about your welfare anytime day or night. The staff would like everyone to think about the wingman concept. To reach out for support or to lend a hand to someone is a true sign of strength and character. The wingman concept is alive and well 24/7/365 – in true Racer form, we are the Racer family!

Senior Master Sgt. Kelly

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Operation Support Squadron

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

With deployments, personnel changes and continued involvement in community activities, the last few months have been eventful for the members of the 181 OSS. As we move forward into 2014, the Airmen of the OSS anticipate and expect a continued high-level of engagement and excellence.

The men and women of the OSS had a lot to celebrate and be thankful for in 2013. The OSS family would like to congratulate **Airman 1st Class Matthew** and his wife on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia**, this past October. Congratulations are also in order for **Lt. Col. Brian**, who transitioned this past year to a new role with G.E. - Aviation as a Program Manager.

Members of the OSS continued to make the most of educational opportunities in 2013. **Tech. Sgt. Shaun** graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelorette of Science in Microbiology. **Master Sgt. Janice** completed her Bachelorette in Education from IUPUI. Finally, **Airman 1st Class Timothy** completed his 5 Level CDC's.

In true Racer fashion, several members of OSS supported community events in 2013. **Master Sgt's. Joe, Charles, Jerry, Tech. Sgt. Kelli** and **Staff Sgt. Rachel** assisted with the Terre Haute Boys Club Christmas gift drive. The drive turned out to be a great success and provided a positive impression of the 181st IW to the Terre Haute community.

The OSS continued to step up to the plate in support of ongoing operations overseas. Our thoughts are with **Master Sgt. Chad** and **Tech. Sgt. Kelly** during their deployment in support of OEF. There have additionally been notable changes to the First Sergeant position. **Master Sgt. Jeremy** was recently selected a First Sergeant for the 113th ASOS. This marked the first of several upcoming shifts in First Sergeant Assignments. In March,

Master Sgt. Jason will replace **Master Sgt. Brandy** as First Sergeant for the 137th IS and **Tech. Sgt. Dustin** will replace **Master Sgt. Jason** as First Sergeant for the OSS. Congratulations on this well-deserved selection to **Tech. Sgt. Dustin**.

The OSS would like to recognize the recent addition of **Lt. Col. Bryan, Master Sgt's. Jerry, Charles, Jay, Gerald, Tech. Sgt. Kelli** and **Senior Airman Tyler** as augmentees assisting with the workload within our back shops. We welcome your expertise and are grateful for all the assistance you bring.

The OSS would like to welcome the arrival of **Airman 1st Class Luke** to the Mission Management shop. We know you will do well in this assignment under the guidance and mentorship of **Senior Master Sgt. Don** and **Master Sgt. Jason**.

Sadly, some of our finest have departed the squadron or will be departing in short order. **Staff Sgt. Jennifer**, unit training manager, will be departing in April and **Staff Sgt. James** departed in December for civilian life. **Senior Airman Tannor** transferred to the Tennessee Air National in Nashville. We thank these individuals for their hard work and wish the best for them in future endeavors.

They say "Don't be sad because it's over; be glad it happened." With this in mind the OSS would like to congratulate **Senior Master Sgt. Don**, who will begin terminal leave in April and **Master Sgt. Brett**, both of whom will be retiring in the Spring. Your dedication to excellence has served as a standard for the airmen below you and a vital asset to the officers you served under. We thank you for your service to the OSS, the 181st IW, and your country. We wish you the best in retirement.

Master Sgt. Kelly

Atterbury Range (Det 1)

While Atterbury thaws out from the snow and ice, we would like to take a moment and congratulate **Senior Master Sgt. David T. Neukam** on his retirement. **Senior Master Sgt. Neukam's** military service at Atterbury spans more than 25 years. He is the expert when it comes to range operations. He is a leader, a mentor, and a friend to all of us at the range. For all of his dedication,

we would just like to say thank you **Dave** and good luck in your future endeavors.

We would also like to thank **Tech. Sgt. Derek "Archie" Phelps** for all of his support during these last six months. All of your time and expertise here at the range is greatly appreciated.

Tech. Sgt. Dustin Hofer

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Air Support Operations Squadron

Hello again from the ASOS. It has been a long, cold winter, but unfortunately for the entire Racer family, we must soldier on. This winter we were fortunate to get a chance to give back to the communities where we live and work. The Indiana National Guard was called out to help during one of this winter's worst storms. Operation Arctic Tempest was executed to provide assistance to stranded motorists and civilians. In true team fashion the Army extended the invitation to the ASOS to help them out using our tactical vehicles (not to mention they used us to help extricate some stuck Army vehicles from a snowbank). Due to our experience working with the Army, we fit right in and helped out by picking up the Putnamville area of operations. We had several trucks and numerous people working to assist the residents of this area, and were called out on some emergency assistance runs. We really got a good chance to flex our DOMOPS muscle and make some good friends on the Army side. Thanks to the Army for the opportunity and

Civil Engineer Squadron

It has been a long, long, LONG winter, yet despite Mother Nature's attempts to bring Alaska south of the 49th Parallel, we're finally beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Throughout the months of January and February numerous snowfall and temperature records have been broken across the Midwest forcing several Air Force installations to curtail activities to some degree and the 181st Intelligence Wing was no exception. Still, through the worst of these occurrences the State snow and ice teams stayed one step ahead of Old Man Winter and we truly appreciate their professionalism and dedication to the safety of base personnel.

Also, we want to congratulate **Tech. Sgt. Joshua Petrowski** on his selection as Wing NCO of the Quarter. One of several CES personnel recently returned from a six-month deployment, **Tech. Sgt. Petrowski** earned numerous accolades from the Civil Engineers command staff at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait for his professionalism and leadership. As the Water and Fuels Systems Maintenance supervisor, the day to day demands placed on he and his crew was daunting to say the least but **Josh** rose to the occasion in true Air National Guard fashion, exceeding the highest expectations.

thanks to all those who worked so hard to provide assistance and comfort to the people of Indiana.

We would like to congratulate some of our folks on a fine job with schools and certification. Congrats to **Tech. Sgt. Clarkson** and **Tech. Sgt. Cline**, two prior service guys who successfully navigated the difficult TACP tech school. We also want to welcome back **Capt. Grant** who finished up a battery of schools and qualification courses. Two new JTAC's at the 113th, congrats to **Senior Airman Bowlin** and **Senior Airman Dupler** on becoming full up JTAC's.

Finally we would like to say goodbye to **Tech. Sgt. Terry Samm**. **Terry** is moving on to bigger and better things as the First Sergeant over at the Med Group. We will surely miss you **Terry**, it has been a pleasure working with you. Med Group folks... our loss is definitely your gain in this case. Good luck **Terry**, don't be a stranger.

Well that's all for now, stay warm and safe!
Lt. Col. Charlie "FRAM" Iracondo

And speaking of overseas deployments; our final deployer, **Capt. Eric Wojak**, has returned safely home and is currently enjoying a well-deserved time of rest with his family. As a project manager for ongoing construction and maintenance, **Capt. Wojak** put his considerable civilian experience to good use at Ali Al Salem Air Base where he and his team of airmen from across the Air National Guard and active-duty performed flawlessly. Their combined efforts ensured a seamless operation in support of ongoing missions throughout the Middle East.

And with **Capt. Wojak's** return the 181st Civil Engineers Squadron is once again complete. We offer our thanks and congratulations to each of our deployed Engineers and their family members for the sacrifices they've endured to ensure a successful mission. For CE, it isn't unusual to have our folks deployed or TDY but in the end it's always good to have the family back together again.

In the meantime, stay safe and here's to the hope of an early spring. Roll your eyes if you must, but when it comes to Indiana weather anything's possible, right? Right...?

Master Sgt. Bradley Butrum

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Medical Group

The 181 Medical Group would like to thank ALL the members of the 181st Intelligence Wing. The 181IW ranked 8th in the nation in Medical Readiness, thank you for your support and cooperation and making this possible.

Congratulations to **Master Sgt. Jennifer Faulkner** for winning SNCO of the quarter and **1st Lt. Syllas Smith** for winning Officer of the Year.

Good luck to **Master Sgt. Frank Johnson** in his new position as 1st Sergeant in CE, thank you for all your hard work and years of service in the MDG.

The MDG wishes well to **2nd Lt. Nikki Eslick** and **Tech. Sgt. Zachary Fluhr** as they leave National Guard, thank you for your service and good luck in your future endeavors.

The Medical Group also would like to thank **Maj. Darla Mitten** and **1st Lt. Kent Robertson** for their

years of service. Thank you for your service and congratulations on your retirement.

The 181MDG would like to Congratulate **Dallas Reese** on the birth of a baby boy, **Connor Reese**.

Congratulations to **Capt. Travis Newman** on his promotion.

Job Well Done: **Staff Sgt. Tyrone Fisher**, **Senior Airman Michael Atchison**, **Master Sgt. Sean Fretwell**, **Senior Airman Chad Bacholl**, and **Tech. Sgt. James Hammock** for graduating from FEMA's Emergency Medical Operations Course. **Capt. Bryan Mathieson**, **Maj. Laura Flood**, **1st Lt. Kelli Marietta**, **Capt. Nicole Hall** completed and graduated C-STARS. **1st Lt. Landon Hinman** completed and graduated Health Service Administration Course. **Staff Sgt. Tyrone Fisher** and **Tech. Sgt. Isadore Gurnell** re-enlisted for another 6 years.

1st Lt. Syllas Smith

207th Weather Flight

The 207th WF goes operational this winter! January's snowfall of 27 inches and temperatures as low as minus 16F prompted Guard Headquarters to mobilize the flight for four days in an emergency weather response dubbed, "Arctic Tempest." Two Joint Operational Center (JOC) "WARNOs" put the flight on alert for two additional severe weather threats. Says **Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cope**, "This year's winter weather in comparison to previous seasons (which I have seen plenty) was unusual in that big snows were followed by Arctic blasts of cold."

The flight continued to prove its versatility as **Tech. Sgt. Roell** led a three man team that included **Senior Airman Hoppus** and **Senior Airman Norris** to Shelbyville to support the 38th Aviation Brigade. **Tech. Sgt. Brian Roell** commented that, "flexibility is key to the success of our mission." Support included the standard flight weather briefs and meteorological watch but added a different twist: a "Muskeg" situation. A "muskeg" is essentially a bog in which a shallow hard surface masks soft underlying waterlogged soil. The situation can present

problems for landing rotary wing aircraft. Says, Indiana Ground Safety Manager, **Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert Carella** concerning the support he received from the team, "Their sense of urgency guidance on what resources were available and professionalism were the bright spots of the investigation". **Roell's** team also briefed a weather seminar for aviators concerning winter weather regimes, heavy precipitation, and radar fundamentals.

Personnel on the move included **Lt. Col. Marcello** who attended the Intermediate Development Course at Andrews AFB and **Master Sgt. Bock** who deployed to Ft. Campbell, KY. "I'm looking forward to a good experience gained from working with a different unit, and I am excited about the prospect of bring that experience back to the flight", says **Master Sgt. Bock**. Additionally, the 207th welcomed **Airman 1st Class Bowers** from HUF's Student Flight. **Bowers** is a recent graduate of New Haven High School in northeast Indiana. **Bowers** is awaiting BMT and follow-on technical school training at Keesler AFB, MS.

Senior Airman Alex Nyirendah

RACER UNIT REVIEW

Force Support Squadron

Greetings from the 181st Force Support Squadron. We would first like to recognize a few of our members who have recently returned from Basic Military Training. **Airman First Class Brittany Van Buren** and **Airman First Class Audrey Fisher** have successfully completed BMT. We wish them well as they continue on to their Technical Training and career progression thereafter. Congratulations to three of our Force Support Squadron members who recently attended Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. **Tech. Sgt. Angela Shaw**, **Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins** and **Tech. Sgt. Michael Staggs** suc-

cessfully completed the Satellite NCOA course and continue their hard work as their careers progress. The Force Support Squadron would like to send support and good luck to **Senior Airman Brian Stanfield** and **Airman 1st Class Dominic Cammarata** as they attend Services Technical Training. Last but not least, FSS is sad to announce the upcoming departure of **Senior Master Sergeant Dave Sanders** due to retirement. We thank him for his long years of service. Good luck to our fellow airman!

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hawkins

Communications Flight

181st Communications Flight has been pretty busy the last few months and we have had many changes throughout the Flight.

First, we would like to welcome our new Communications Focal Point (CFP) NCOIC **Tech. Sgt. Cindy Poole**, not only does she know how to keep the flight on its toes by inputting countless help-desk tickets for communications, the Wing, and GSU's, but she always makes sure the NCC is supplied with plenty of sugar and chocolate so we have the energy to complete the never-ending list of job requests.

Congratulations to **Master Sgt. Mike Fisher** on his recent move from Plans Flight as he steps up to **Chief Master Sgt. (ret) Scott Winegar's** position as the new SCX NCOIC. Congratulations **Mike**, you will do a great job!!!

If you see **Senior Master Sgt. Mark "Mac" McDaniel** doing cartwheels, this is an indication that he has help when it comes to being the Wing MICT administrator. **Master Sgt. Frank James** is now working with the 181 IGI office and will be assisting with the MICT and IGEMS programs.

We would also like to welcome aboard **Tech. Sgt.**

Brian Chesshir. He came to us from SFS. He has already proven himself to be a dedicated hard worker. He also brings some great humor to the table, but most importantly, we are just happy he knows how to do math. He will be a great mentor for **Master Sgt. Lebrun**.

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. James Moore** and his fiancée Crystal on the birth of their new son Keaton James.

Good luck to **Tech. Sgt. Jacob Layer** as he moves from the Communications Flight to the Wing Safety Office. Thanks, **Jake** for everything you did for the 181CF, and good luck with the new job!!

Also, congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Dave Foy** on receiving the Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Indiana OCONUS medal. Thank You, **Dave**, and to your family for the sacrifices you endured while you were deployed.

Next time you see **Staff Sgt. Jon Ellinger**, please congratulate him on reaching over 40 billion isk in damage done in the game, Eve Online. He was also accepted into Sniggwaffe, a feeder corporation for Pandemic Legion within the game. This just goes to prove that we are, truly, a bunch of nerds.

Capt. John Petrowski

113th Weather Flight

With the start of the New Year some members of the 113th Weather Flight also began fresh starts...

Staff Sgt. Zachary Wampler has popped the question his girlfriend, Congratulations **Zach**!

Also, **Tech. Sgt. Mike Wilkins** started his new job as a System Administrator for Adkev Inc. near Lafayette,

Indiana. Congratulations **Mike**!

Staff Sgt. Barley will be celebrating her youngest daughters first birthday on April 12th.

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Barley



AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Happe

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

It has given me a much better perspective of the world and allowed me to develop a more driven and focused path for me and my family.

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 am an ukulele aficionado.
- (B) I spent six months studying zoology in Australia.
- (C) I have a strong desire to hike the Appalachian Trail.

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 help the men and women of our military get home safely.

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

Probably Field & Stream since I'd probably be hunting or fishing in the process.



Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Lewis

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

Being a member of the ANG has allowed me to see a different side of the military. In contrast to active duty Air Force, the ANG has given me great flexibility. I have completed three college degrees serving as a part-time member. Additionally, I was afforded more time to focus on my family and personal life. The ANG has changed me, by allowing me to advance my personal goals, but maintain my professional affiliation.

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.)

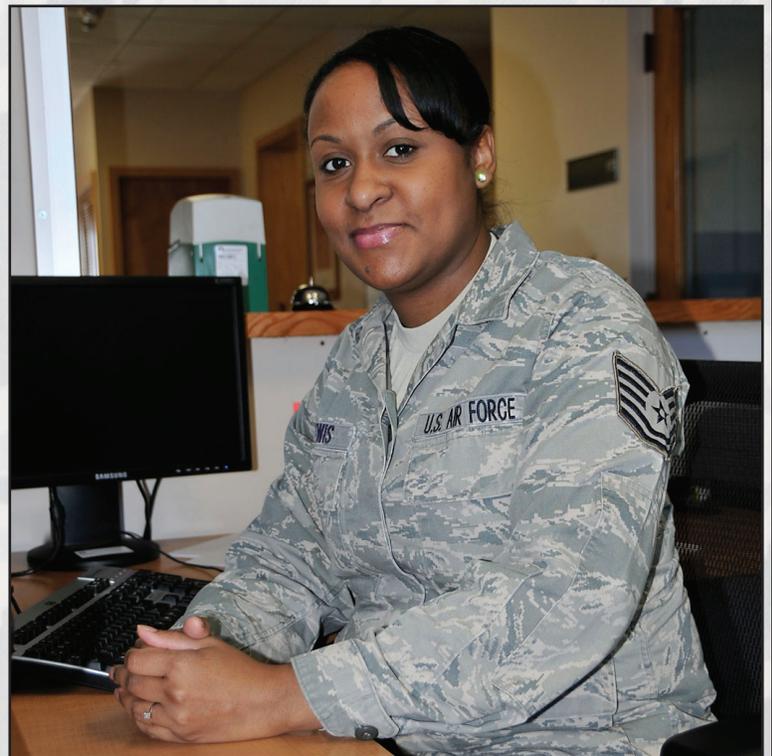
- (A) I am proud to be an American.
- (B) I am proud to be an Airman.
- (C) I have not gained anything from my sacrifices.

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

In the finance career field, we aim to provide critical financial support to units, missions, and members. Our job can range from clarifying an item on a LES to creating budget plans for special operations.

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

I would be on the cover of People Magazine, because I feel like I lead an interesting life. I have a military career, children, husband, pets, and many other responsibilities. I feel like my story may inspire some, and entertain others!



(Happe: A; Lewis: C)

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In some cases though, social media can ruin personal reputations or careers, and create an open window for criminals to access personal information.

According to the Air Force's top social media expert, safe use of social-media outlets is simple -- use common sense. (Read more at: <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123356804>)



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