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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Col. L. Kip Clark
Commander, 181st IW

Ready and Racer Ready!

Being ready is a given. The men and women of this Wing have always taken great pride in being personally responsible for taking care of their requirements so they would be ready for the call; the call to serve our Community, State, and Nation.

What does it mean to you to be ready? We have a multitude of requirements that come down for us to accomplish, and granted, sometimes it's overwhelming. However, we are serious about readiness so we get them done. At times, some of these requirements don't appear to be relative to operations or to our mission, however if they involve our personal well-being or the overall health and welfare of our Wing, then those requirements improve our Wing's readiness. Certainly, I'm committed to take those items off your plate that don't satisfy any

readiness requirement.

Therefore, fulfilling training and personal requirements will ensure we are ready - today. However, "Racer Ready" is another level of readiness. Racer Ready is being ready for tomorrow's fight; or the fight five years from now. Racers don't stand back and wait for others to find a better way of doing our mission. Racers are innovative, adaptive, agile and accessible. When we are called upon, we want to be out front in both action and thought.

Sixty years ago this base was built out of a cornfield and those that served here set a high standard, and along with the many generations that followed, left us a glorious legacy to carry on. They knew what it meant to be ready and they knew how to overcome obstacles and challenges. They recognized that every significant challenge presented would reveal spectacular opportunity and they certainly didn't wait for someone else to "figure it out." They set the example of what it meant to be Racer Ready!

The men and women of the Air National Guard and the 181st IW are the "First Choice" for Domestic Operations, the "Enduring Choice" for Partnerships, and the "Proven Choice" for Combat Operations. We, as airmen, have to continue to be Racer Ready so we can continue being "The Choice" our Community, State, and Nation relies upon today and years into the future.

Are you Racer Ready?

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Vision Statement of the 181st Intelligence Wing:
Recognized as a world-class Wing ready to serve State and Nation anytime ... anywhere

COVER PHOTO: Col. L. Kip Clark assumes command of the 181st IW as Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger passes the Wing guidon during a *Change of Command ceremony Oct 2014.*

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

“Communication is the key to success” –this phrase applies to any successful organization either military or civilian. Our ability to understand the goals and objectives of our leadership depends on effective “top down” communication. As Senior NCO’s it’s our responsibility to ensure the enlisted force not only hears the leadership message, but also understands it. We all depend on e-mail messages and texting to communicate in our everyday assignments; but how effective is that when we need to communicate clear and concise information that cannot be left to interpretation? There is still no better way to ensure clear understanding than “eyeball to eyeball” with our peers and subordinates. We should all make an effort to get out from behind our computers and communicate in the first person when possible. And especially if we’re communicating our leadership’s message. When e-mail is the option, remember that once you hit the send button, the toothpaste is out of the tube, so to speak. Trying to recall the message just tells the recipient that you didn’t really mean it, but they still receive the message. Read before sending... and it’s usually much easier to resolve issues in person.



Chief Master Sgt.
Darrell Newman, 181st CES

As fall approaches I’m usually thinking about tree stands and figuring out how many more times we can get on the lake before winter. That’s true again this year, but I’m also looking ahead to next spring. By now I’m sure everyone has heard of “MICT” and “UEI.” As we work towards our inspection it’s important that we have good “bottom up” communication through our chain of command as well. Our leadership won’t know about issues to correct, if we don’t tell them. Every airman in this organization is important to our mission and we need your input. The good news is that we can do anything if we work together and communicate—we’re the Racers.

As we welcome Colonel Clark as our Wing Commander, we also wish Colonel Bonte the very best in his retirement. “Boomer” started out as an Avionics guy (which is a plus in my book) and finished as the Wing Commander. Great career and thanks for everything. I hope each of you and your families enjoy the upcoming holidays.



Volunteering with the 181st Intelligence Wing Key Volunteer Team

The President and First Lady, and the Vice President and Dr. Biden are among many who believe that supporting our service members and strengthening our military families is both critical to the Nation’s national security and a national moral obligation.

Volunteers are the backbone of many organizations and institutions and here at the 181st Intelligence Wing Airman & Family Readiness Office we understand this need. Through the Key Volunteer Program you can support our service members and their families.

The goal of the Key Volunteer Team is to help the families of the 181st Intelligence Wing achieve and maintain family readiness. Key Volunteers are the communication link between the command, individual units and our families. What does the Key Volunteer provide? You provide information about the resources, programs and support available as a military family in the 181st Intelligence Wing. Do you have the time? How do you get involved? How do you help? You take the first step and call the Airman & Family Readiness Office at 812-877-5545 learn about the program and then come to a meeting.



U.S. Air Force Col. Larry Clark, 181st Intelligence Group commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, welcomes members and family of the 181st Intelligence Group during their open house Sept. 7, 2014.



Airman assigned to the 181st Intelligence Wing, Intelligence Group, lined-up with their family and friends for lunch during the 181st Intelligence Group open house Sept. 6, 2014. The event gave family and friends a chance to see what their Airmen do and to get a better understanding of their job.

Intelligence Group open house

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD, Ind. – The 181st Intelligence Group from the 181st Intelligence Wing hosted an open house Sept. 6, 2014, at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

The open house consisted of briefings about the IG, information about the support groups available for families, a free lunch, and a tour of the facility so the families could see what their Airmen do.

We bring in family members because generally we can't go home and talk to our families about what we do. They don't have any idea about our work because we can't talk about it, so we bring them out here to give them an idea about what we do on a daily basis at the unclassified level, said an Airmen with the 137th Intelligence Squadron.

Family support is crucial so that the 181st Intelligence Wing remains ready, reliable, and relevant.

Wing members step up to help out local blood center

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind. – The 181st Intelligence Wing and the Indiana Blood Center hosted a blood drive Sept. 6, 2014.

Many members of the 181st IW came out to donate.

Donors have different reasons why they donate, but the theme stays the same, "to save lives".

If you qualify, make an attempt to donate. You could save someone's life.

The Indiana Blood Center collects 500 to 600 units of blood per day.

181st Intelligence Wing is dedicated to supporting the community, supporting the community is a key mission for the 181st Intelligence Wing and the Air National Guard



An airman with the 181st Intelligence Wing, relaxes after donating blood to the Indiana Blood Center at Hulman Field Sept. 6, 2014.

Social Media can provide connections to old friends...and new ones



Social Media is a dynamic environment that can be helpful or detrimental. The Air Force encourages its Airmen to “tell the Air Force story,” but Airmen need to be careful about the information being posted. There is a fine line between telling the AF story and posting information that could jeopardize the mission.

You could make new “friends” that aren’t really friends. Here are some pointers to help guide you and your family through the minefield that is the social media:

Specific dates/times – Never post specific dates or times of arrivals and departures for any movements, family vacations or TDY. This information can be used by our adversaries or criminals.

Location – Never share your (or your service member’s) specific location. This can be unsafe for the service member or the family member(s) left at home. Remind the service member to turn off their mapping device on their phone while deployed.

Geotagging and location-based platforms - These services are a great way to make everyone aware of your location, but they can lead to the wrong people knowing where you are. Applications like Four Square and “Check in” with Facebook allow everyone on these sites to see where you are.

Photos and video – Seemingly harmless videos or photos can provide clues or reveal security measures. Also, when posting these ensure that GPS location is turned off in your privacy settings or the GPS location can be embedded.

“Tagging” in Social Media – Tagging in social media is a great way to share pictures across friends. But, if any of the people tagged security settings do not block strangers those pictures are open to the world. It is recommended that you change your privacy settings to require your approval to be tagged prior to the image being public. It is also recommended that you get permission from the person you are tagging if it is okay for you to share their information with others.

Third-Party Applications – Playing third-party games and using applications can lead to more information being shared than intended. Using your facebook account to login to website could be granting approval to collect your personal information and access to your account and friends. These can be turned off in your settings/privacy menus.

Friends – Ensure you really know that person that is sending you a friend request. Just because he/she has the same name as someone you went to high school with does not mean it is the same person.

Protect Your Personal Information – Ensure you are not sharing the following items on social media sites: phone number, address, schools, birthdays, passwords, financial information, social security or other identification numbers, daily travel times and patterns.

Even with the most stringent security settings within social Media sites your information is vulnerable to collection by old friends or those that intend to do harm to you or your family.

More info can be found in the Air Force Social Media Guide:
<http://1.usa.gov/Y79V9c> Or, contact your unit’s OPSEC Coordinator.

What is JEC?

Well, first of all, let’s start with what the acronym JEC stands for:

Junior Enlisted Council

Who are we? We are a group of airmen compiled from the ranks of Tech. Sgt. to Airman basic.

What is our purpose on base? The JEC meets each drill to discuss issues that effect the enlisted Airmen on base.

Our aim each year is to:

- Address concerns
- Inform the supervision so they can further help
- Organize at least one charitable event to enhance esprit de corpe.
- Finally, to create a higher morale and cohesiveness, not only within the JEC, but the entire enlisted structure by working with the First Shirts, Top Three and Chiefs councils

Who can participate? Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but we do have certain formalities in order to have an official stance in the council. All votes are considered, but the names that are listed on the letterheads for each section are counted as the official votes. In order to get your name on the letterhead we ask that you attend some meetings to make sure the JEC is something that will suit you. Once this has happened and you have let one of the officers know this is something you want to do, we will email your supervision to let them know.

We meet at 0700 in the LRF Conference Room Saturday morning of drill.

For more information or questions contact us at: 181 IW/CC JEC (Outlook) or juniorenlistedcouncil@gmail.com





Heavy equipment operators from the Prime BEEF units at Hulman Field, Pittsburgh, and St. Paul excavated 42,000 cubic yards of soil and rock to construct a retention pond and drainage ditches. This is the first phase of the construction of a 110 acre sports and recreation complex for the town of Chippewa Falls, Pa.

Civil Engineer personnel deploy to Chippewa Falls, Pa. for training

The 181st CE recently participated in a Deployment for Training project for the Chippewa Falls, Pennsylvania, Recreation Department to begin work on Veteran’s Park. When completed, the Park will feature multiple soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, age-appropriate playgrounds, concession stands, dugouts, and other facilities. The initial tasking was to construct a retention pond, necessary for environmental protection, which had to be in place before other construction could happen.

Approximately 42,000 cubic yards of soils and rock were moved to create the pond. Topsoil was stripped and stockpiled for future use. Subsoil was excavated, and several feet of sandstone was broken out and removed. Soil was placed, compacted, and graded to form the pond. Disturbed areas were hydroseeded to prevent erosion and protect the environment. Over 1,000 foot of silt fence was also installed for environmental protection.

Personnel used heavy equipment that is not available to them on the base. Tracked excavators, including a rock breaker, loaders, dozers, skidsteer loaders, mini-excavators, dump trucks, rollers, compactors, and a water truck were all used on the job. Total value of the equipment used was nearly \$4 Million. For some operators, this was their first stick time on the equipment outside of technical school – the first time to operate the equipment for a “real purpose.”

This DFT was possible due to the ANG’s Innovative Readiness Training program. The IRT program provides opportunity for CE craftsman to gain hands on training and real experience by accomplishing actual work for a deserving customer. CE personnel benefit by their training and use of equipment not available on Base. The customer benefits by having work accomplished at a greatly reduced cost to them.

A total of 14 181st CE personnel deployed to Chippewa Falls, a semirural community about 30 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. Personnel from the 133rd CES, St. Paul, Minnesota, and 171st CES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, also participated.



Airman from the 181st CES and 131st CES, St Paul, MN, enlarge a drainage structure opening to accept a larger drainage pipe. The structure was used in the drainage system at the Chippewa Falls sports and recreation complex.

Col. Bonte retires from the 181st IW



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General for the state of Indiana, presented U.S. Air Force Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr., the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding meritorious service. The presentation was made during a change of command ceremony at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 4, 2014.



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General for the state of Indiana, presented the Sagamore of the Wabash award to U.S. Air Force Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr., during Bonte's retirement ceremony at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 4, 2014. Col. Bonte served over 32 years of military service.



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Hauser, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Indiana National Guard, presented U.S. Air Force Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr., a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Commander in Chief Barack Obama during a retirement ceremony.



U.S. Air Force Col. Donald J. Bonte, Jr., accepts a shadow box from U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. John Pournier, 181st Intelligence Wing, during Col. Bonte's retirement ceremony at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 4, 2014. The shadow box was custom made by Master Sgt. Pournier.



U.S. Air Force Col. Donald Bonte presents U.S. Air Force Col. Patti Mook with her retirement shadow box during a Retirement Ceremony held at the 181st Intelligence Wing, Oct 2014. Col. Mook retired serving 27 years to the Wing.



U.S. Air Force airmen from the 181st Intelligence Wing perform sit-ups during their physical fitness test at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 4, 2014. Staying physically fit ensures the wing remains ready, reliable, and relevant.



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush, National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor, talks with members of the 181st Intelligence Wing during a home town venue on July 12, 2014, at the Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. Chief Master Sgt. Brush talked about issues that concern our enlisted forces.

Changes are coming...

HULMAN FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ind.

– With progress comes destruction: the demolition of the main gate on Petercheff Street that stood for over 30 plus years.

“In the near future, we’ll still be using the current main gate, but will be modifying it a little to allow traffic to come in on Swalls Road from the roundabout”, said Asst. Base Civil Engineer.



The current access to the base via State Road 342 will be closed when we start using Swalls Road, so if SR342 is closed, drive east to the roundabout.

The new base entrance has you driving through a roundabout. Drive safe, watch out for detours, take your time and let’s arrive to work safely.





Indiana has a few new deputies

Vigo County Sheriff swears in members of the Wing as newly appointed Special Deputies on Oct. 30, 2014 at Hulman Field, Air National Guard Base, Terre Haute, Ind.





181st Intelligence Wing has three primary missions: intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR); disaster response (medical element and FSRT of CERFP); and air support operations.

The 181st Intelligence Group provides full spectrum intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities to coalition, joint and Air Force war fighters and national decision makers. This mission is a total force concept, involving active duty, guard, reserves, and civilians; all contributing to the Air Force mission.

The 181st Medical Group provides the medical element to the 19th CERFP. During disasters the medical element provides first line triage to victims. The Mission Support Group provides the Fatalities Search and Recovery Team (FSRT) to the 19th CERFP. This team ensures the proper care and dignity of casualties during a disaster.

The 113th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) consists of Battlefield Airmen and staff who deploy to forward locations with Joint Forces troops on the ground to relay information regarding air support assets to forward deployed commanders. The tactical air control party Airmen, also called TACPs, face rigorous mental and physical training to become a member of the unit.

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