



Kingsley Airman awarded Bronze Star

Story by

**2nd Lt. Heather Bashor,
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — A group of Airmen from the 173rd Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron recently returned from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan.

While in Afghanistan, the Security Forces members conducted a number of unique and dangerous outside the wire missions.

For their efforts, excellence, and success many of the Kingsley Airmen received accolades.

Master Sgt. Cody Pemberton highlighted this successful

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Master Sgt. Cody Pemberton receives the Bronze Star Medal, July 21, 2012, presented by Brig. Gen. Bruce Prunk, the Assistant Adjutant General, Air for the State of Oregon, for his leading role in a 173rd Security Forces deployment to Bagram, Afghanistan last winter. The deployment was unique for the Security Forces Airmen. They spent the majority of their time working outside the wire ensuring the security and safety of Coalition Forces—a first for Kingsley Field Security Forces. (Oregon Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

Kingsley mourns the untimely loss of Guardsman

By Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson,
173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Kingsley Field members honored Tech. Sgt. Casey W. Holler's passing at a memorial service Aug. 27, 2012 at Henley High School and following graveside service at Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens.

The base received the sad news from Capt. Michael Balzotti, 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron Commander, Tuesday,

Aug. 21, in a message explaining that Holler was pronounced deceased at Sky Lakes Medical Center, Aug. 18.

On behalf of the Oregon Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Bruce W. Prunk extended condolences from Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon, to Holler's surviving spouse Kimberly Holler and son Jacob Holler.

"He performed in an outstanding manner while serving here in Oregon

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Mrs. Kimberly Holler holds a ceremonially folded flag taken from the top of her husband's casket at a graveside service, Aug. 27, 2012. Tech. Sgt. Casey Holler died unexpectedly in his sleep, Aug. 18. (Oregon National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

Commander's Corner

Team Kingsley nears end of fiscal year

By Col. Jeffrey Silver, Commander 173rd Fighter Wing



Greetings No Slackers!

Welcome back for the September 2012 drill weekend. I'd like to start this message to you by congratulating all of us on another successful year of executing our mission. As we close out this fiscal year and assess our performance, I am impressed and extremely proud of what we accomplished. In a nutshell, we will have flown 4866 hrs and trained 67 students. That is an outstanding increase over last year of 116 hours and 25 butt-kicking F-15 pilots. Please keep in mind that this was

done without an increase in money or manpower. In fact, we did it with a loss of 75 positions off our manning document. Thanks to all of you for running a high tempo, safe, and efficient operation. As the guy with the overall big picture of what you do, I can see that every single function, and every one of you is vital to our business. I count on you to know your job, perform it with safety in mind, follow technical guidance and regulations, and be an honest steward of our country's resources. Any success we enjoy is a result of every squadron, unit, and shop on base pulling their weight, and the 173 FW continues to enjoy enormous success. Thanks for allowing me the pleasure of leading you while

you do such great work!

I don't have much to report concerning the mission increase that your wing leadership has been working on since last year.

Currently the decision on whether or not to award Kingsley field additional aircraft and some active duty personnel awaits approval of the President's Fiscal Year 2013 budget. That process is mired in political mud, maybe for as long as the next 6 months. However, I can tell you that I am very optimistic that when the budget logjam breaks open, the 173 FW will be asked to take on additional responsibilities. If it happens, we would likely see additional F-15s and our first active duty personnel in October of next year, so it will come at us pretty fast.

The last thing I'd like to point out this month is that our leadership at the very top of the food chain is changing. Gen Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) has retired and been replaced by Gen Mark Welsh. I listened to a speech by Gen Welsh while at the NGAUS conference this last week and was impressed by his intelligence and common sense approach to leadership. In particular, I believe he understands the value of the ANG much more completely than our previous

CSAF and we will see a more harmonious relationship with our active duty brethren going forward. In addition, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Gen Craig McKinley just retired and has been followed by Gen Frank Grass. Gen McKinley successfully led the fight to put a National Guard representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff board. It's a huge win for Guardsmen and women to have a voice in top level military decision making that will pay dividends not only for us in the Guard, but for the entire nation. Finally, LtGen Bud Wyatt, the Director of the Air National Guard, will be retiring in the next few months. Gen Wyatt stood toe to toe with Gen Schwartz to fight against drastic cuts to the ANG in this last year. His efforts will keep airplanes and manpower in the ANG where they can best serve America. You may not realize it, but we have been extremely fortunate to have strong Guard leadership at the top over the last few years, and with new USAF leadership, I am confident that the ANG will flourish.

See you around this weekend! -Hiho

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-- Col. Silver,
173rd Fighter Wing Commander

270th ATCS: Outstanding Unit 7th consecutive year

Story by
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron (ATCS) of the Oregon Air National Guard received the 2011 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award presented by Brig. Gen. Steven D. Gregg, the Commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon, Aug. 4, 2012.

The award cited a range of accomplishments by the 270th ATCS, “from providing fixed base Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities for the only F-15 training site, to training and deploying air traffic controllers and maintenance personnel to every Area of Responsibility (AOR).”

The award also stated that, “The unit deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM,

serving as Ground Radar Systems Craftsman and significantly contributed to over 2,600 hours of successful operational surveillance, tracking more than 155,000 aircraft ... with zero mishaps.”

This is the seventh consecutive year the 270th has earned the AF Outstanding Unit Award.

“It is an honor to add another award to your list of accomplishments,” Gregg said. “We are proud you are a part of the Oregon Guard team.”

Lieutenant Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, Director, Air National Guard, passed along his personal congratulations writing, “The selection for this prestigious award reflects great credit upon the 270th ATCS, the State of Oregon, and the Air National Guard.”

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon, also extended his personal congratulations for a “job well done.”



Brig. Gen. Steven D. Gregg, commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, stands with Capt. Michael R. Balzotti, commander of the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron, during a ceremony to present the squadron with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for 2011, Aug. 4, 2012. The ceremony marks the seventh consecutive year that the 270th has earned the award. (Oregon Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Sad Farewell

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and during his multiple overseas deployments,” penned Rees. “Most of all, Casey will be missed by you and your son Jacob. As you and Jacob move forward without him, please make sure you keep in contact with your Guard family and ask for any assistance you may need.”

At the graveside service the 173rd Fighter Wing Honor Guard rendered military honors for a fallen comrade; taking the flag from the casket, carefully folding it and passing it to Capt. Balzotti who presented it to Mrs. Kimberly Holler—emotion clearly written on her face.

“Casey was a Title-32 Technician that worked diligently to keep our 50+year old MPN-14K Mobile Radar Approach Control equipment operational,” wrote Balzotti in his message for Kingsley Field. “Casey deployed multiple times to the AOR and went TDY in CONUS in support of the MPN-14K.”

His obituary gave more details on his life leading up to his service at Kingsley Field.

Casey William Holler was born Dec. 27, 1981, in Tucson, Ariz., to Delton C. Holler, Jr. and Lisa D. DeFrain. He was raised and educated in Klamath Falls, having graduated from Henley High School in June of 2000. He was active in football and track. He and his sister were very close as they grew up together, and continued that loving relationship well into adulthood. Casey attended college for a year before he joined the U.S. Air Force in 2002.

Bonanza to Bronze: Local sergeant receives Bronze Star



Senior Airman Zack Weitzel receives a quilt from Mrs. J. Marie Norris, Oregon State Regional Coordinator for Quilts of Valor, during a demobilization ceremony, Saturday, July 21, 2012. The ceremony recognized 26 Airmen from the 173 Fighter Wing Security Forces who recently deployed to Afghanistan for six months. (Oregon Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

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group, receiving the highest award of any enlisted member while assigned to Kingsley Field.

Pemberton, a native of Bonanza, Ore. was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the accomplishments of his unit during the deployment and for his competent leadership, proven ability, and his role as an ambassador for the United States as his squad conducted Counter Insurgency (COIN) Operations in Afghan villages.

As the squad leader and non-commissioned officer in charge, Pemberton took the lead on varied and multiple missions. The COIN

operations were the most memorable, Pemberton said.

"We would go to villages, seek out the leaders, and sit and have tea."

Pemberton was the voice and representative for his team.

With the assistance of a translator, Pemberton discovered the needs of the village and established a positive relationship with village leaders.

"I would always smile no matter what the villagers said" laughed Pemberton. "The villagers called me 'smiley eyes'."

"You could tell by walking into a village how the reception would be"

Pemberton said.

"You may have a great reception on one visit and later receive a very cold response from the same village."

After determining the needs of villages, the squad delivered a number of items to include jackets, boots, food, and fuel sources for heat.

Many of the items were for the children who did not have the necessary clothing for the cold weather climate.

The Security Forces members were deployed to Afghanistan during the high profile riots in reaction to the Koran burning incident.

A quick response team

(QRT) made up of 173rd FW Security Forces members, led by Pemberton, responded to the riots on the front line.

The Airmen stood the line for two days of the main force of the riots with riot shields.

"The rioters threw rocks, burning tires, Molotov cocktails, sling shots, and anything else they could think of without using firearms," said Pemberton. "They tore down concrete walls, penetrated a metal gate, and burned down gate shacks."

Despite this violence, the Airmen achieved significant accomplishments.

They maintained the security and safety of all people inside the base.

They used non-lethal force to deter the rioters resulting in no casualties and no further escalation of events.

Incredibly, no Air Force Security Forces members lost their lives in the violence.

Overall, Pemberton rated this deployment as the most noteworthy occupational experience in his life.

He attributed his success to his team.

"My whole team deserves just as much credit as me" expressed Pemberton. "When I have so many good troops get recognized, it reflects on me."

Logistics Readiness Squadron stands ready to "git'r done"

**Commentary by
Senior Master Sgt. Michael Loomis,
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The Logistic Readiness Squadron has many sections that "git'r done" and the Distribution Section located at the south end of Bld. 223 is no exception!

This shop is comprised of two career fields: Traffic Management and Vehicle Operations—with five full-time and nine drill status guardsmen. Senior Master Sgt. Mike Loomis serves as the distribution flight superintendent.

The Traffic Management Office's mission is diverse and covers three elements. The first, passenger travel, coordinates travel for domestic and overseas

passengers and reserves rental cars and hotel rooms.

The second, Household Goods, provides assistance with household moves, unaccompanied baggage, non-temporary and temporary storage, and do-it-yourself moves.

This year alone the distribution section moved 138 households and procured 522 airline tickets.

Master Sgt. Jason Witts leads these first two areas.

The third, Outbound Freight, processes outbound cargo.

Senior Airman Daniel Bowman takes care of Outbound Freight along with three outstanding DSGs: Staff

Sgt. Joanna Rhoades, Staff Sgt. Jaime Nealy, and Airman 1st Class Mary Davis.

Outbound Freight has processed 6,025 outbound shipments this year including classified material, hazardous material, and explosives.

New to this Flight is a process called the Integrated Receipt Process (IRP).

IRP is an Air Force mandated initiative that combines the receipt

supply warehouse in support of the F-15 training mission and the 270th ATCS.

Vehicle Operations also supports all mission requirements that require a military mode of transportation to include tractor trailer support.

Also, if you need forklift training or support or a government driver's license they can do that, too.

You can sign-out a vehicle for TDYs or if your vehicle is in for

maintenance. These guys are the military's version of the DMV, Hertz rent-a-car and UPS all rolled up into one.

Master Sgt. Paul Simpson is the Vehicle Operations Supervisor with six drill status guardsmen: Airman

1st Class Ashley Hendrick, Airman 1st Class Loretta Meserve, Airman 1st Class Maria "Sara" Rodriguez, Airman Basic Saxton Riendeau, Airman Basic Kailie Powell and Airman Basic Shahaylie Huntley.

This year vehicle operations delivered 13,294 packages, processed 460 government driver's licenses, and dispatched 336 vehicles to base customers this year.

If you need services provided by the Distribution Flight please call 885-6524 for airline and household goods, 885-6136 for outbound freight, 885-6203 for inbound freight, or 885-6375 for vehicle operations.



The 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron stands for a group photo April 14, 2012. (Oregon Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Penny Hamilton, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

process of supply with the Inbound process of TMO.

This streamlines the movement of property by reducing the number of airmen needed to process it. If you visit the back office you will find Tech. Sgt. Dave Millard who just moved over from supply.

He is responsible for inbound receiving and computer operations. Because this requirement came with no additional manning, Millard still maintains all the computers and computer systems in the LRS!

Vehicle Operations is the last area in this outstanding team. Their primary mission is to deliver parts from the

Kingsley supports MS 150 for 17th consecutive year

*Story by Tech. Sgt.
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MONMOUTH, Ore. --

Members and friends of the 173rd Fighter Wing mashed the pedals in an effort to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis, during the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour Aug. 4 & 5.

After traveling to Western Oregon University nine riders wearing bright red jerseys featuring Kingsley Field F-15s rode bicycles over 1,000 miles cumulatively through the Oregon countryside including picturesque Silver Falls State Park and Willamette Valley Vineyards.

"Thanks for riding the 2012 MS150 charity bicycle event at Monmouth, Ore.," said Vic Ford, MS 150 Team Captain. "You raised over \$3,458 for the cure of Multiple Sclerosis."

The ride is personal for many of



This year's riders from left are Brent Asay, Robert Mitchell, Anthony Morehead, Bob Morehead, John Carter, Bob Hall, Vic Ford, Scott Hoglund and Jennifer Hall in front. (Photo courtesy CMSgt Vic Ford)

the 173rd Fighter Wing members who lost one of their own to MS. Master Sgt. Bob Miller, a former weapons troop, passed away in 2000 from the effects of the disease.

"This is the Oregon Air Guard's 17th consecutive year participating in the MS150 raising over \$70,000," said Ford. "This ride was the hottest in Oregon history with a temperature of 104 F at the finish. A special thanks to Oregon Air Guard leadership for

their continued support of this event."

This year Brent Asay, Robert Mitchell, Anthony Morehead, Bob Morehead, John Carter, Bob Hall, Vic Ford, Scott Hoglund and Jennifer Hall rode to cure multiple sclerosis.

For more information on participating with the Kingsley Field Bicycle Team and joining the fight against multiple sclerosis contact, Chief Master Sgt. Vic Ford at (541) 885-6620.



Fire safety for Cub Scouts at Moore Park

Jim Court, 173rd Fighter Wing Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, and Craig Andresen (background), present fire safety training to Cub Scouts at Moore Park, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 20, 2012. Court poured water on an actual fire to demonstrate how to put a campfire "dead out", ensuring no embers linger and cause re-ignition. (Photo courtesy Master Sgt. Kenneth Banks, 173rd Fighter Wing Communications Flight.)

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse: Preventing the Loss of our Resources

By Lt. Col. Stephanie Baenen, Kingsley Inspector General



Last year, the Department of Defense (DoD) Inspector General (IG) reported a rise in Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) cases when they identified \$193 million in waste which lead to 140 convictions, 87 suspensions, and 99 debarments. Additionally, criminal convictions, civil and administrative settlements resulted in the return of \$1.4 billion to the U.S. government. Recently in the media you may remember the investigation into the 2010 General Service Administration (GSA) Western Regions Conference expenditures; the conference was deemed excessive and wasteful costing the taxpayer \$823,000. In the Oregon National Guard, we have even had a couple FWA investigations within the past six months. That is why it is so important to have a robust FWA prevention and detection program in our wing.

Program success lies with each individual. Support by both military and civilian members is crucial in preventing and eliminating FWA. Any individual aware of FWA or lack of controls that could permit resources to be wasted or diverted must report it. Try to resolve FWA issues in the command channels (supervisor/commander) first before elevating them to the next higher level. FWA allegations may be documented on an Air Force Form 102 and sent to your local IG office at stephanie.baenen@ang.af.mil, (541) 885-6668. Or you can call the AETC FWA HOT LINE at (210) 652-4460.

FWA defined and examples:

FRAUD - Intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive any of the armed forces of resources for an individual benefit. Examples: Filing a false travel claim for a TDY; offering or accepting bribes; making false statements; falsifying records and books of account; deceit either by suppressing the truth or misrepresenting material fact; arranging for secret profits, kickbacks, or commissions, etc.

WASTE - The extravagant, careless, consumption of military resources resulting from deficient practices, decisions, or internal controls, etc. Examples: Mismanagement of resources; inappropriate actions; and inadequate oversight.

ABUSE - Intentional, wrongful, or improper use of military resources. Examples: Misuse of rank, position, or authority that cause the misuse of resources such as tools, vehicles, computers, or copy machines.

FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE

AFI 90-301 states that we should:

- Use all means available to prevent, detect, and correct instances of FWA
- Appropriately discipline perpetrators involved in FWA activities
- Recoup, if possible, losses of cash, property, and services resulting from FWA

TYPICAL COMPLAINT

- Member uses government property, equipment, or time for personal use
- What goes wrong: Members of the chain of command stating it was an unwritten policy to use the unit's government equipment for personal use; for example, building personal projects at work or taking equipment home to complete the project. This is stealing government time and resources.

WARNING SIGNS OF FRAUD

- Inadequate or weak internal controls
- Management override of internal controls
- Individual/small group control mgt. decisions
- Excessive number of accounting errors
- Reluctance to provide information to auditors
- No written policies or procedures
- Significant personal debt and credit problems
- High employee turnover rate with low morale

Suspect criminal activity?:

Contact the Security Forces (BDOC) who will in turn contact the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at Beale AFB, California. Failure to contact them could jeopardize an investigation and in the long run hurt the organization. The AFOSI will determine if the allegation is deemed criminal or meets the monetary standards.

Senate Confirms New Guard Bureau Chief, Vice

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill, National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate confirmed Army Lt. Gen. Frank J. Grass as the next chief of the National Guard Bureau and Air Force Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel as the bureau's vice chief, July 26, 2012.

Grass, who also will be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be promoted to four-star general. Lengyel will add his third star, with his promotion to lieutenant general.

The Senate's action followed Grass' July 19 hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Grass will succeed Air Force Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the National Guard's first four-star general and first to be appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Lengyel, the senior U.S. defense official in Egypt, will be the first three-star vice chief of the National Guard Bureau. The position of vice chief was

re-established and elevated to the three-star level by the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act.

Lengyel is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, mostly in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. His 30-year career has included extensive service with the Texas Air National Guard and key assignments as commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group; Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; commander of the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland; and vice commander, First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Lengyel was promoted to lieutenant general, effective Aug. 18, 2012. ~Ed.



Top Right: Army Lt. Gen. Frank Grass before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee during a July 19, 2012, confirmation hearing for his appointment to the grade of general and nomination as chief of the National Guard Bureau. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill)
Far Right: Lt. Gen. Joseph Lengyel (Photo courtesy National Guard Bureau)

Fishing poles donated to children of deployed servicemembers

From left Alyssa and Katharine Michaelis fish the Klamath River with brand-new fishing rods and reels donated by The Two Thousand Rods and Reels program for Military Families. Tami Narramore of the Airman Family and Readiness Center submitted a request to the program and as a result military families at Kingsley received 100 fishing rods free of charge. Those rods and reels were distributed to children of deployed members who were 12 and under and then to those who submitted their names to be in the drawing for the remaining poles. (Photo courtesy Maj. Alaric Michaelis)



DOD, VA release mobile app targeting post-traumatic Stress

From a National Center for Telehealth and Technology News Release

The app is called PE Coach; PE stands for "prolonged exposure."

Psychologists at the Defense Department's National Center for Telehealth and Technology, known as T2, and the VA National Center for PTSD developed the mobile app to help patients with their therapy. Both departments use prolonged exposure therapy as an effective treatment for PTSD.

"PE Coach is a helpful tool that assists our service members and veterans who are between visits and in treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder," said Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We have shared this app with our military health care providers as well, and hope that many individuals who are receiving PE

therapy will find it useful."

Prolonged exposure therapy helps a patient process a trauma memory to reduce the distress and avoidance caused by the trauma. The patient revisits the memory with a therapist, and as he or she emotionally processes the memory, anxiety decreases. The therapy also helps the patient confront situations that trigger memories of the trauma.

Brian Sullivan, a veteran who has been using PE Coach in its testing phase during his VA therapy, said in an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service that he finds the application helpful.

"It allows you to keep track of your therapy sessions as they're going on," he said. "It allows you to record the whole session. It allows you to take notes after the session, and ... it allows you to do homework ... before your next session." Sullivan said the

app also offers breathing exercises to help in managing anxiety.

"You have to have a positive attitude going into the therapy using the application. ... [The app] will allow you to go back over the session yourself, and listen to it again, and ... help jog your memory ... in case you forgot something that happened," he said.

"We worked with a broad and diverse group of

psychologists in the DOD and VA who are treating PTSD patients with prolonged exposure therapy," said Dr. Greg Reger, clinical psychologist in T2's innovative technology applications division. We wanted to help our patients in the therapy and make it easier for providers to deliver this treatment. PE Coach does both."

Patients install PE Coach on their smartphones and can record therapy sessions for playback between the sessions. The app also provides an explanation of exposure therapy, assignments, explanations of PTSD and its symptoms, and a convenient way to write notes about typically avoided locations, situations and events for later discussions with the therapist.

Reger said writing in a notebook in public places makes many people feel uncomfortable, but tapping out a note on a smartphone makes it easier to capture in-the-moment feelings.

PE Coach is designed to help users stick to prolonged exposure treatment, which could improve the treatment's effectiveness, Reger said. It was not designed to be used as a self-help tool, he added, and should not replace professional counseling.

The Defense Department and VA released a similar mobile application last year. Called PTSD Coach, it's a reference tool for education, tracking symptoms, self-assessments and connections to support individuals with PTSD.

The National Center for Telehealth and Technology at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., serves as the primary Defense Department office for cutting-edge approaches in applying technology to psychological health.

Karen Parrish of American Forces Press Service contributed to this report.

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Ross Ragland Theater provides creative outlet for two

*Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson,
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- Two members of the 173rd Fighter Wing practice their talents far from the roar of the aircraft and the smell of JP-8.

Nicole Wallenburn and Justin Love both won roles in the Ross Ragland Theater's production of *Footloose* which ran for seven performances late in August.

Love explained that he's participated in a number of plays at the theater and was excited that in this production he received a major part.

"I found out when they posted the cast sheet after four days of auditions," Love said. "I was very surprised to get the role of Wes Warnicker."

Love explains that Ren McCormack, the antagonist and main character leaves Chicago for the small town of Bomont. There he fails to fit in to a town reeling from the loss of five teenagers killed after a night out. In response the town banned loud music and dancing in a misguided attempt to forestall further accidents.

Ren brings with him a love of both loud music and dancing thus providing the central tension of the story; a story Love characterizes as a community regaining its joy.

"The core of the story is taking a community that's lost its sense of joy and injecting it back in," he said.

Ironically, that joyful injection resulted in him punching out the main character at one point.

"[the audience] let out an audible 'gasps' and the room dropped into this eerie silence because it was so emotionally charged, and no one saw it coming," said Love. "It definitely made the production more fun."

And after four hours-a-night rehearsals and time on the weekends, those moments make all the hard work worth it, say Love and Wallenburn.

Wallenburn says entertaining the community and, "being able to bring that energy are an awesome experience." Her road from Kingsley drill status guardsman to the Ross Ragland began 20 years ago, when her mother enrolled her in a dance class at the age of three. Now she looks forward to practicing her craft in front of an audience, but she



Above: Justin Love, a Kingsley Field Guardmember, moonlights as an angry "Wes Warnicker" who punches out the main character in a production of *Footloose* at the Ross Ragland Theater in Klamath Falls, Ore., Aug. 8, 2012.

Right: *Footloose* ran for seven performances and featured two Kingsley members, Love and Nicole Wallenburn, who dedicated nights and weekends for rehearsals since casting began in early June.

still confesses to a touch of nerves before taking the stage.

"What everyone will tell you is that if you make a mistake, 'just go with it and don't fall out of character,' so that's what I do when I'm up there," said Wallenburn. The production featured seven performances and ran through Aug. 19. For more information about upcoming productions, visit: www.rrtheater.org/home



Announcements



Recent Promotions!

SMSgt Cody H. Pemberton II	SrA Nathan S. Gifford
MSgt Robert M. Anderson	SrA David N. Ingerson
MSgt Brian L. Brown	SrA Shasta L. Petersen
MSgt Paul J. Simpson	SrA Paden T. Wickersham
TSgt Jonathan L. Cornelius	A1C Daniel K. Hart
TSgt Kyle G. Hood	A1C Michael D. Richardson
TSgt Jeffrey F. Price	A1C Alexander D. Robertson
TSgt John E. Walling	A1C Logan C. Shipley
SSgt Zachary P. Weitzel	Ab Saxon B. Riendeau

Welcome to Kingsley Field

Maj Ryan J. McClain	A1C Michael D. Richardson
Maj William J. Wilkinson	A1C Alexander Robertson
SSgt Jill Kim Vorgang	A1C Logan C. Shipley
A1C Daniel K. Hart	AB Saxon B. Riendeau

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THE WALL THAT HEALS



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THE JUNGLE... IT WON'T
WASH OFF.

— THE SOUNDS
— THE SMELLS

LIKE THE WAVES THAT COME + GO
ON THE OCEAN IN MY MIND,
THE MEMORIES REMAIN.

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The 149th Fighter Wing parked their flagship on the ramp at Kingsley Field during a visit to fly Dissimilar Aircraft Combat Training, Aug. 2, 2012. (Oregon National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson/Not Released)

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